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Railroad Safety Poster Contest — And the Winners are.....

By Donna Johnson

For the 20th year the SCRPA has presented an opportunity for students to become more aware of the need for safe behaviors around trains and the many tracks that cut across the city.

The 2018 Railroad Safety Poster Contest has completed its competition for Fullerton School District students in kindergarten through the sixth grade -- and all the entries will be displayed on May 5 at the Fullerton Train Museum, in the city's depot.

The contest was again open to more than 10,000 local students who were invited to choose a railroad safety theme to depict in their drawings. Each elementary school was invited to submit entries by students in upper- and lower-grade divisions.

They submitted more than 75 posters, which were judged by Southern California Railway Plaza Association members during their spring Quarterly Dinner meeting, said contest co-chairs Kathy Norris and Mary Proctor.

The judges chose six citywide winners, in first-place, second-place and third-place categories for each division.

Winners will be announced and awards presented to those six citywide winners during the May 5 poster contest festivities at the museum. They will each receive passes for round-trip tickets on the train and cash prizes of \$100, \$75 or \$50, respectively, based on placement.

Special Event at the Museum

May 5th

We are turning the Museum into an Art Gallery.

Come see the more than 75 posters entered into the contest on display at the museum on May 5.

Hours: 9 am—noon

Winners Presentation: 10:30 am

The Fullerton School District's Board of Trustees will recognize these top winners at their May 8 meeting in the district board room.

In addition, all of the posters submitted will be displayed at the Fullerton Public Library Children's Room beginning May 8.

A special thank you to our sponsors Polly's Pies, Old Spaghetti Factory, Hero's Restaurant, CoastRail and Bridgemasters for their support.



President's message

Spring has arrived and we are moving forward at the Fullerton Train Museum.

The window project is ongoing, the crew has completed the South side windows in UP6101 and has started on the North side.

The Museum has held several events, starting with Halloween, Santa Claus for Christmas and the latest was the Spring Fling. Thanks to all who prepared the Museum with decorations, goodies and the handouts and all the volunteers for their help.



Our next event will be on May 5, 2018 from 9 AM to Noon and will feature the SCRPA's Railroad Safety Poster Contest for students in the Fullerton School District. Come out and join us for the display and presentations to the winning entries. All the posters will be on display.

And just a reminder, there will be no Railroad Days this year due to the ongoing construction of the new pedestrian bridge over the tracks at the depot.

We are also excited to announce that we have a new Secretary, Alan Wiles, and that Mary Proctor will be taking over the role as SCRPA Treasurer.

In closing is a reminder that if you have not renewed your 2018 dues, they are due. Send them to the P.O. Box 5195, Fullerton, CA 92838-5195. Thanking you in advance and all those that are current.

Harold Benash, President

Southern California Railway Plaza Assn.

Mission

To become the premier nonprofit group in Southern California that preserves the history, the present and the future of Class One railroads in Southern California.

Vision

Create a venue where people can visit and take "a walk through time" to experience traveling by train in the early 20th century.

Fullerton Train Museum

Mission

Founded by the SCRPA, the **Fullerton Train Museum** will be the region's destination attraction that serves as a center for gathering, preserving and interpreting significant railroad artifacts -- including railcars, photos, charts, plats, maps, books and such dioramas as depots and model trains.

Vision

To provide an educational atmosphere that vividly brings to life the cultural and historical importance of rail transportation through the preservation, conservation and display of historic railcars and memorabilia.

SCRPA has a New Recording Secretary

Longtime SCRPA member Alan Wiles is our new Recording Secretary. The Board of Directors and the membership thank you for volunteering!

In addition to volunteering with the SCRPA, Alan is currently employed by Mercury Insurance and also volunteers with the Boy Scouts and is involved with the American Legion, as a result of his service in the Air Force.

Alan is an integral part of the Railroad Operations Committee work team and has become an expert on our passenger car window repair and replacement project.

We also want to thank Mary Proctor for her many years as the Recording Secretary and want to congratulate her on her new role as SCRPA Treasurer. Thank you both!

Movie Night Returns on **Saturday, July 14, 2018** At the Fullerton Museum at 301 N. Pomona Avenue

Movie Night Presents **OKLAHOMA!**

SCRPA's movie night will begin at 6 PM and the movie will start when we run out of wine, which is sponsored by Lee and Edith Culp.

Oklahoma! is the first musical written by the team of composer Richard Rodgers and librettist Oscar Hammerstein II. The musical is based on Lynn Riggs' 1931 play, *Green Grow the Lilacs*. Set in Oklahoma Territory outside the town of Claremore in 1906, it tells the story of cowboy Curly McLain and his romance with farm girl Laurey Williams. A secondary romance concerns cowboy Will Parker and his flirtatious fiancée, Ado Annie.

The 1955 film adaptation starred Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones (in her film debut), Rod Steiger, Charlotte Greenwood, Gloria Grahame, Gene Nelson, James Whitmore and Eddie Albert. It was the only musical film directed by Fred Zinnemann, and Agnes de Mille choreographed. It was the first feature film photographed in the Todd-AO 70 mm widescreen process.

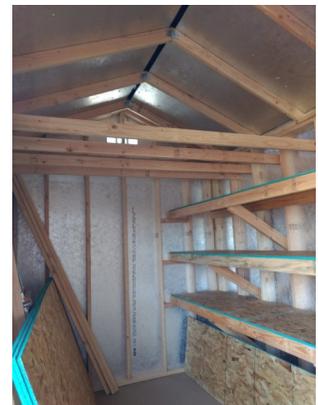
Starring in the "Kansas City" sequence is a Southern Pacific 1673, a standard gauge 2-6-0 M-4 Mogul built in 1900 by Schenectady Locomotive Works for SP. The locomotive is slightly spruced up for the movie but retains its Southern Pacific style. SP 1673 still exists, resting in the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum in Tucson, Arizona.

Oklahoma! was filmed mainly in Arizona's San Rafael Valley, a vast area along the Mexican border about 30 miles from Rancho Grande, near the town of Nogales.



SCRPA Sheds a New Light on an Old Storage Problem

We are excited to share that we have a new storage shed at the museum compound. With rising costs at our existing storage facility it was decided by the Board of Directors to purchase our own storage shed and move out of the monthly storage and save in the long-term on rent monies. We now have no storage costs and will be out of our rented storage unit by April 30.



Keep up-to-date at www.fullertontrainmuseum.org or visit us on Facebook—Fullerton Train Museum

Cub Scout Troop 1223, Bear Den 2 Visits the Museum — And Help Clean!

Cub Scout Troop 1223, Bear Den 2 showed up on a Saturday and spent the morning cleaning the railcars and the grounds around the museum. What a great group of kids who were enthusiastic to help out!

We appreciate the support and look forward to seeing you again. Thank you!



History & Modeling Committee Update

The History & Modeling Committee is excited to share what they have been working on for the last 12 months — it is the **HO Scale model for the La Habra Boys and Girls Club**. It will be presented to the B&G Club the first week of May. The model is an 8' x 4' operating layout that kids can operate and run the trains with the hopes that kids will get excited about modeling and want to learn more about trains and modeling in the future. The H&MC team is comprised of Harold Benash, Wendell Hanks, Ted Johnson, Marty Kluck, Stu Proctor, Eric Shishima, and

George Stiles. Call us at 714-268-0746 if you want to be involved on the next project. We want to give a special thank you to Stu Proctor for coordinating with the Boys & Girls Club.



Spring Fling at the Museum

The museum welcomed over 400 guests to our first Spring Fling on March 17. Guests enjoyed touring the spring decorated railcars, face painting and games. Thank you to Stu & Mary Proctor, Karen Sibrel, Vanessa Sanchez for organizing the event and to Lauri Schulze for dressing as our Bunny! And more “thank you’s” for the docents and volunteers who made this day a success.



Knott's Berry Farm Excursion

40 SCRPA members and guests visited Knott's Berry Farm on February 21 for a private, behind-the-scenes tour of the grounds and ended with a wonderful lunch at Mrs. Knott's Chicken Dinner Restaurant. They enjoyed a tour of the Roundhouse, the Galloping Goose narrow gauge passenger train, a tour of a vintage private railcar and a lot more. A special thank you to Harold and Peggy Benash for coordinating the event.



Window Project Update — Volunteers Needed

By Wendell Hanks

Q: What is this window project all about?

Answer: It's about removing and replacing the old leaking widow gasket, and reassembling and installing the refurbished window. Really simple.

Q: So what's there to report?

Answer: The removal, gasket replacement process is taking far too long.

Q: Why? SCRPA members and friends don't understand the restoration process sequence and are reluctant to help out. We only work 9:00 - 12:00 on Saturday. That's so home activities are not jeopardized. The result is just only one window per two Saturdays is being removed, cleaned, and gasket replaced. It takes two Saturdays to get one done. In short, with three more helpers, we could restore more than just one every second Saturday

Here's what is involved:

1. The window is removed from the car by unscrewing the inside window frame and then brought to the outside restoration table.
2. The frame that holds both the rubber gasket and the outside frame are now unscrewed from each other revealing the glass with the defective rubber gasket. It holds both the interior and exterior glass pieces – one for the interior, the other for the exterior. The outside glass is thankfully impact-resistant.
3. Now, the rubber gasket is slid off the two glass pieces and the glass is placed on a separate table to be carefully cleaned.
4. Meanwhile, helpers use putty knives and wire brushes to clean both the interior and exterior frames of any glue or debris. The interior frame is then polished for appearance.
5. To prevent any unwanted compression of the gasket and glass, new 1/2 inch thick spacers are cut to fit the frames. Screw holes are drilled and then we are ready for the installation of the new gasket and cleaned glass.
6. With the class and the frames cleaned and ready, the glass and gasket are now fitted into the frames for their assembly.
7. The assembly is the use of electric screwdrivers (we have plenty) to secure both frames together good 'n tight – the refurbished window is now ready for installation.



Come out and volunteer. Learn a new skill or brush up on an old one, make new friends and be a part of helping to refurbish the Fullerton Train Museum. Contact us at 714-268-0746.



Railroad Operations Committee Update, 1st Quarter 2018

I've compiled a list of our current, unfinished and future projects to help keep you updated with the ROC work projects at the museum:

Currently in-work projects:

- Replacing windows in the lounge cars.
- Interior of the UP caboose (to and including walls, benches, ceiling, grab irons, mattresses, lamp fixtures, air valves, plumbing, gauges and replacement window safety glass.
- Empty, then refurbish old shed and move it a few feet towards the station.
- Empty rented storage unit, discarding unneeded items and moving items to be kept into the storage sheds at the museum.

Older, unfinished projects:

- Finish paint job on SP 4049.
- Paint ATSF 999110.
- Find and install door weather stripping for both cars.
- Find source of water leak in small window on

track-side of SP 4049.

- Replace window with bullet hole on north side of ATSF 999110.
- Finish solar panel charging system to maintain caboose batteries.

Future projects:

- Install air conditioning in both lounge cars (as funds permit).
- Construct a sturdy metal walkway bridge between UP 3752 and ATSF 999110.
- Install wrought iron fencing alongside the south side of the finger dock.
- Replace gate locks on both the western gate and the northern (parking lot) gate.
- Run underground conduit beneath the ballast alongside the northern rail of track one (lounge cars).

Stu Proctor, Chairman, ROC

Mystery Solved!

Q: At our UP Lounge Car, What Goes Back In?

Ans: On Saturdays, 9 am – 12 noon, SCRPA volunteers carrying a newly cleaned and leak-proof window into the car.

The Story:

Our regular Saturday workers really need your help with you using only three common tools: a putty knife, a wire brush, and a screwdriver. We supply the tools for three hours on a Saturday morning and you supply the labor. Nothing complicated here.

That's using the screw driver to help undo the window frame, cleaning the frame, and help install a new gasket. That's it. Just three hours on a Saturday with some dedicated people who want to get the windows repaired ASAP.

For some reason potential volunteers don't offer their help because they think it's too complicated a job – that's still only three tools you use at your house. That's still only three hours of your time. No gimmicks. No bait 'n switch. No contracts to come back. Just find out we are fun to be with and get things done!

The Ending:

Give Harold Benash a call and offer your time and try us out! We are a group of very encouraging and friendly people to be with. Besides, you can have a part in making this museum one we are proud of. Contact Harold Benash at (714) 268-0746

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors Meetings at 7:00 p.m.
Second Monday of every Month

Quarterly Membership Dinners
Sizzler Restaurant in Fullerton on Harbor Blvd.
at 6 p.m.
Second Wednesday of
January, April, July, October

**Railroad Operations Committee Work Days and
Fullerton Train Museum Hours
Free Tours**
9 a.m. – noon at the rail cars
1st and 3rd Saturday of every month

Movie Night — Saturday, July 14

History & Modeling Committee
Come join the committee to work on HO layouts
Contact Harold Benash for location
Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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