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Jeff Schulze Remembered

By Harold Benash

I am saddened to say we lost a dear friend and board member of the SCRPA recently.

I met Jeff through the Fullerton Railway Plaza Association group. We grew and nurtured a friendship that was a part of our lives for the better part of eighteen years. Through those years we became extremely involved with the organization. We both served as members and officers on the BOD.

Jeff assumed the duties of Chairman of the Railroad Days Committee, eventually he convinced several of us to assist him with his newly acquired duties, which we gladly accepted. Jeff had a way with words. Needless to say, with his personality and persuasion, the event blossomed under his direction.

Working with him over all those years, the many lunches at Santa Fe Café, which was a ritual to say the least, and the tireless efforts of those in attendance, many friendships were developed that drew a number of other train groups together and were included in our Railroad Days event. Jeff also had many contacts within the Model Railroad family that helped with our success of

the Railroad Day event.

Jeff was also a success with his own business, Bridgemasters. He provided product to the Garden Railroad portion of the model railroad hobby. He also enjoyed buying and selling model railroad collections and his greatest passion was his warehouse. This was his world. He had an extensive train collection, that was in a class of its own and that he shared with all his friends.

Jeff loved his wife Lauri, family, grand kids, friends, and last but not least trains.

Jeff will be missed by all of us that knew him. Rest in peace, my friend.

Harold



Jeff receiving the Ridenour Award for outstanding service to the SCRPA.

Railroad Days 2019 Update

Railroad Days needs help. First of all, we are looking for a volunteer to sign up and become the Chairperson for the event, tentatively scheduled for May 4-5. Secondly, the construction of the new elevator still continues and the equipment and storage containers are on-site impeding space for rail car exhibits, etc.

Please contact Harold Benash at 714-278-0648 to discuss the role of Railroad Days Committee Chair if you have an interest in learning more.

President's message

The Board of Directors wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year for 2019. By the time you read this the Holidays will have been enjoyed by all and we are working to fulfill our New Year's Resolutions.

A warm welcome to our newly elected board members, Beth Barlow, Martin Kluck & Eric Shishima. We look forward to your added expertise, vigor and participation that each of you bring to the Board and Organization.

To all of our members, we look forward to your continued support to the SCRPA and FTM, through your membership renewal to the Organization. If you have renewed your membership, thank you; if not, a Membership Application is included in this mailing. Please take time to fill it out and return it to the SCRPA.

The BOD & I thank you in advance and look forward to your participation with us in the upcoming, exciting year.

Also, I extend my gratitude and thank you to all of you that have volunteered your time and effort to all of the Open Houses, Events and Projects that are a part of the Fullerton Train Museum's Annual Programs. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our very successful year.

Harold Benash,
President, SCRPA

Fullerton Train Museum

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

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.

2019 Goals:

For the upcoming year, our main goal is to focus on fundraising.

We have several Big projects that we would like to see happen in 2019.

1. The acquisition and transportation of the old "Carney's Deli" railcar from Anaheim to the Fullerton Train Museum Site. We will use this to house displays and keep it from going to the scrap yard.
2. The movement of our recently acquired Palm Leaf Sleeper Car to our Museum, by rail.
3. Monies will also be applied to improvements of the Museum Site, restoration of existing rail equipment and railroad-related equipment owned by the Museum, including signal equipment, a speeder and other related items.



Newly acquired artifacts at the Fullerton Train Museum.

Membership News & Updates

Membership Chairperson Report

Hi, George here, the recently assigned SCRPA Membership Chairperson. While my primary job is keeping our membership data base accurate and up-to-date, my biggest "membership" goals are the recruitment of new members to help keep our Fullerton Train Museum functioning well and in its best public viewers condition.

My ideas are to find ways to let the greater North Orange County school systems become more aware of the Fullerton Train Museum. Also to try and spark interest in model railroading in the younger population of NOC.

I have a lot of work to do, starting of course with talking to the school district Superintendents to get their ideas and their permissions to talk to the individual elementary, middle school and maybe high school principals.

I am looking forward to an exciting 2019 to help grow the SCRPA and keeping the Fullerton Train Museum alive and well.

Regards,
George Stiles

We are having our annual membership drive and have enclosed the application or you can go to our website and pay by credit card under the SCRPA tab.

Quarterly Dinner Meeting — January 16 at 7:00 pm Sizzler Restaurant, Fullerton

ALL are invited to Attend! These no-hosted meetings at the Sizzler Restaurant on Harbor Blvd. in Fullerton, give our members the opportunity to get together to learn about updates from the SCRPA and the Fullerton Train Museum, hear from train experts and historians, meet new members and learn about volunteer opportunities.

Our next Quarterly Meeting is Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm. Come early, place your dinner order starting at 6 p.m. (no-host).

January's Program:

Our speaker is Rolland Graham. He played a crucial role in the acquisition of rail cars 5001 and 6101 from Union Pacific for the Pacific Railroad Society. He will also share his experiences running the "Mountain Outin'" excursions through the Tehachapi's in the wildflower season and other trips for PRS.

RAFFLE ITEM — Come to the Quarterly Dinner and get in on the raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the drawing will be held at the meeting.

You can also buy tickets at the museum on Jan. 5.

This beautiful quilt was donated by Peggy Benash and decorated with train images by Kathy Norris. Thank you ladies.



Santa at the Cabooses

By Mary Proctor

Santa at the Cabooses event was held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 and about 500 adults and children came by to talk to Santa and give him their lists but also to see the Rail Cars all decked in their holiday finery. Pictures were taken with the jolly man in Red, AKA Ron Goodman, but he had help by Mrs. Claus, AKA Jimmie Goodman, and their elf helper, AKA Lauri Schulze.



Volunteers helped at the coloring tables, the games, passing out Christmas treats and helping our visitors in and out of the cars. Our visitors expressed great enthusiasm for finding the Fullerton Train Museum on Facebook and said they would be back again when it is a little less busy for a more informative tour. Many also expressed in interest in joining our merry group of rail enthusiasts. A big thanks to all who helped, these mini events can't happen without your help.



Halloween at the Museum

On October 20, 2018, the Fullerton Train Museum held its 2nd annual Halloween Spooky Train event. Over 1,600 children and adults visited the rail cars to get some treats and a few tricks. This was, by far, the museums highest attended mini event to date. This was due in part to some last minute free online advertising by O.C. Weekly.

An event of this size could not have happened without the help of the museums volunteers who helped pass out candy, work the games and coloring tables, assist our visitors getting on and off the railcars and provide a little spookiness in all the cars. It looks like the very old conductor will be back again next year, as he did not find anyone willing to help.



Most of the kids and a few adults were dressed in their Halloween costumes, which made the event more festive. A big thanks to Susie Nikac, of Polly's Pies, for bringing her prize wheel. This not only provided entertainment to our visitors but, also provided some additional donations to the museum. All our visitors had a great time.

Amazon Will Donate \$\$ to the Fullerton Train Museum!

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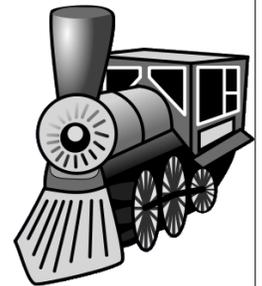
Group Tours!

On Saturday, December 1, 2018, a group of 23 rail fans came up from San Diego on Amtrak Surfliner to visit the Fullerton Train Museum. The tour was arranged by **Day Tripper Tours**.

Four docents took groups of 5-6 enthusiastic rail fans through the cars. A few people in the group indicated they belong to rail groups in San Diego.

At the conclusion of the tour, a few indicated enthusiastically that they would be returning for a longer visit. After a couple of hours spent in Downtown Fullerton, the group headed, by bus, to the MUZEO in Anaheim to view the model rail exhibit before heading back to San Diego.

We want to thank Day Tripper Tours and hope they will arrange more tours to the Fullerton Train Museum.



More Fun Photos



Railroad Operations Committee (ROC) Update

Hey! If you live in the north Orange County /southeast LA area and get the opportunity, stop by and pay us a visit!

You will see our almost-completed new museum work area and storage sheds, located just east of the Pullman cars.

Harold and the board decided that paying on-going monthly rent to an off-site storage location was not a wise expenditure, so the SCRPA bought a locally built Tuff-Shed (8' by 16' in size) and had it placed in a very appropriate spot. For the various events we host yearly, we have a lot of 'display things' that we need to safely store.

The Railroad Operations Committee (ROC) was then able to create a 12' x 12' workspace between the existing and new sheds by moving the old 'white shed' to a slightly better location.

The moving of the old white shed was quite a chore. The task started with Denis Hergenreter and George Engelage cleaning it out, then Marty jacked it up, and using pipes as rollers and 2x8s as rails, rolled it seven feet to the west. The shed weighs about 1,000 pounds, yet rolled easily. Harold, Marty, Eric, Wendell, Rocco, Koz, and Roger all worked on this effort.

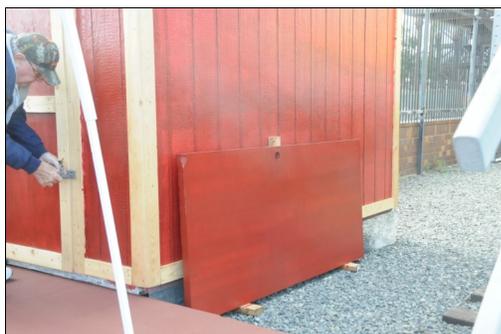
Harold and Stu then managed to get materials, some free (thanks Eric!) to create a very well built rail-height platform between the two sheds. A great workspace for the FTM maintenance needs. Special thanks to Harold, Marty, Eric and Wendell for the construction activities and thanks to Marty and Wendell, who coated the new deck and Rocco, Koz and Roger for painting the old 'white shed' which is now the 'little red shed'.

Considerable work has been performed repairing the old shed and a new door was installed. Marty also modified an old heavy-duty door into a fold-down work table, which will be hinged to the side of the new Tuff-Shed. Great job guys!

Being clearly visible to visitors entering from the east gate, it all really enhances our look to visitors.

Yes, we have more museum projects to do! Anyone want to help paint a caboose? We want to get the two new railcars inside and appropriately incorporated into the museum. Of course the biggest problem there is funds!

We're always looking for donations and grants.



Future Plans — Donation Request

The Fullerton Train Museum has grand expansion plans! It all started with a vision...

In 1991, a group of train enthusiasts from Fullerton had a dream to build a train-related attraction at the Fullerton depot. Their vision was to create a place for adults and children of all ages that would capture the history and tell the stories that only the railroads can about their role in the area's growth and development.

Over the years, through recessions and changes in leadership, the group has never lost sight of the dream for an attraction.

The dream is coming true and the **Fullerton Train Museum** now gives adults and children that window into history. "*A Walk Through Time*", our slogan, is appropriate for what is being created to provide an educational opportunity for children and to hopefully inspire some to a lifelong dedication to history and trains.

With your help we can continue to grow the **Fullerton Train Museum**.

By growing, we mean adding more railcars. But that costs money.

There are currently two railcars available for the museum: **Railcar 4552** is a 1949 Union Pacific that was most recently used as a restaurant for the famed Carney's Restaurant in Glendale --similar to the Carney's on Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles. A perfect car for displays and layouts.

The **1951 Palm Leaf sleeper car**. It is one of 13 ever built and the last one left, and due to private-car rail-related restrictions, she is being decommissioned and needs a new home.

With your generous donation we can acquire and transport the cars. Your funding will help create interactive and static displays, create a library, and showcase some of the Lionel and HO model trains that have been donated to the museum and are currently in storage. Imagine children pushing buttons and becoming wide-eyed when they see a train for the first time – large and small.

Your tax-deductible donation can help us reach our goal of \$40,000 by December 31, 2019.

Here are the ways you can make a donation and become a part of making this happen:

Make a donation online at <http://www.fullertontrainmuseum.org/scrpa/membership>

Or send a check to SCRPA, P.O. Box 5195, Fullerton, CA 92838-5195

Thank you in advance for your contribution. Your donation will help the **Fullerton Train Museum** become even bigger and better.



Railcar 4552—Union Pacific

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

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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
1401 N. Harbor Blvd.
No-Host Dinner at 6 p.m.
Program starts at 7 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 — TBD

History & Modeling Committee
Come join the committee to work on HO layouts
Contact Harold Benash for location

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