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The Museum Hosts the First-Ever Amtrak-Operation Lifesaver Education and Community Outreach Program

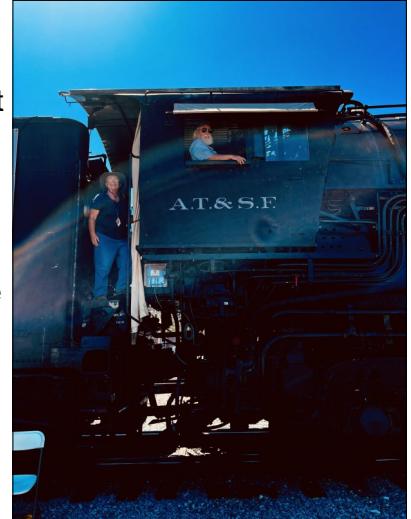
On September 20, 2022 an ominous site came rolling into the Fullerton Train Station. Led by an Amtrak Cab car, with an Amtrak Coach along with a P42 Diesel Locomotive — decorated in Operation Lifesaver Livery — and the ATSF 3751 Steam Locomotive, all four railcars arrived for Amtrak's Pilot Program for rail safety and a two-day community event.

On September 21 & 22, Amtrak held training sessions for area fire, police, public safety and emergency personnel. On Saturday & Sunday the event was open to the public as a way to spread the news about rail safety through its Operation Lifesaver program.

The four-day event was greeted with great enthusiasm by all. Our museum was viewed by several thousand visitors, including first responders and the public. Merchandise sales, donations and new memberships were greatly appreciated by the museum staff.

A big thank you to the 48 volunteers who participated on the four-day event. Also, a big thank you to Amtrak and its staff for choosing the Fullerton Train Museum and the City of Fullerton for their event. Who knows, it may turn out to be an annual event for them at our museum.

On behalf of the FTM BOD, thank you to Amtrak and all who participated in a successful event.



Dave and Kathy Norris aboard
3751!

SCRPA DBA Fullerton Train Museum wants you!

The Southern California Railway Plaza Association, Inc. DBA Fullerton Train Museum, has an immediate need for a recording secretary.

The recording secretary attends all Board of Directors meetings, creating a transcript utilizing two tape recorders and hand written notes. Typed minutes are prepared and presented at the following month's board meeting. Typically, the job requires three hours a month, including transcribing, typing, printing and collating the minutes. Familiarity with Roberts Rules of Order is a plus, but not required.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit a CV to Harold Benash, President to info@fullertontrainmuseum.org.



ATSF 3751 Arrives at the Station!

President's message

Wow, another year is winding down, and I am proud to say that it has been very successful so far for the museum, but there are many things yet to accomplish. And with your help they will be accomplished.

First of all, we have several positions that need leadership, we are looking for individuals for the following positions: Recording Secretary, Railroad Operations Chairman (ROC), Membership Chairman and Board of Director positions. If you have an interest in serving in any of these positions, please contact me or other board members regarding these openings.

At this month's BOD meeting the nominating committee will be selected for the upcoming BOD elections in November.

Secondly, a "BIG" thank you goes out to everyone who helped make the Amtrak event a huge success for the museum — too many to name, but you know who you are. It wouldn't have happened without all the generous support and the many hours put in preparing for such a big event. I might be letting the "cat-out-of-the-bag" a little early, but we are in talks and the early planning stages with Amtrak to present Railroad Days in May of 2023!!!

Lastly, our Annual Membership drive is kicking off. See page three for information. Thank you again to everyone for a great year so far. See you at our Spooky Halloween Train this month and our Visit from Santa day in December!

Harold
President
Fullerton Train Museum



Banner acknowledging the Fullerton Train Museum at the Amtrak event at the station.

Amazon Donates Money to the Museum EVERY Time YOU Shop if You Use the Amazon Smile Program

Much appreciation to all of you who are shopping on Amazon Smile. That means you, our members, are telling your family and friends how they can help us raise money to continue in our restoration of the cars and cabooses.

Just a reminder on how easy it to use AMAZON SMILE: **Step 1**-Type in Smile.Amazon.com **Step 2**-Type in Southern Calif. Railway Plaza Assoc. as the name of the group they will support. **Step 3**: Bookmark the Smile.Amazon page. **Step 4**: Use that bookmark when going to AmazonSmile. Remember, for each Amazon Smile purchase you make, Amazon will donate a percentage to our organization.

Think of it as a sustaining membership. Thank you and keep shopping Amazon Smile and supporting the Fullerton Train Museum.

Quarterly Dinner Meeting

October 12 - Sizzler Restaurant in Fullerton Corner of Harbor Blvd and Brea Blvd
6 pm no host dinner then 7 pm meeting

Fullerton Train Museum

Mission: 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.

Railroad Operations Committee Update — ROC

The work projects at the museum have been progressing throughout the year, electrical, equipment installations, painting, window replacement, general maintenance, site upgrades, and Eagle Scout Projects.

Things to do looking forward include cafe' bar stool installations, ATSF exterior painting, repairing of UP 5001/6101 damaged walls, buffing of their exterior surfaces, upgrading of our RailStream camera site equipment, shade/venetian blind replacement in UP 5001, site improvements, along with the addition of the display car at the museum.

The long-awaited return of our Fairmont Speeder is in the near future, its return is anticipated, sometime after November 15. It will be a great addition to our museum. Let the rides begin, soon.

Your continued support and dedication to your museum will be needed going forward to produce a Museum we can all be proud of. Thank you for all of your past support and we look forward to having you work with us in the future.

Also, we have met with City staff and discussions with them have had favorable responses, more to come.

Volunteers Needed for Many Opportunities

Come out and volunteer your time at the museum. Do you like to help with:

- event planning and organization
- working on vintage railcars or learning how to work on vintage railcars
- becoming knowledgeable about history and teaching others
- fundraising and public relations and marketing

Contact us at 714-278-0648 and let us know what your interests are..we can find a place for you!

Membership — New and Renewal

It is time for our Annual Membership Drive. Your membership supports the Fullerton Train Museum in so many ways. We thank you in advance and ask you to continue your needed support by renewing or joining today.

Your financial support continues our growth and development. We are proud to say that 2021 has been a successful year. Visitors came back in force, and volunteers are back and working **harder** than ever.

As with most non-profits, our expenses continue to rise. Your tax-deductible membership is vital to the success of the Fullerton Train Museum. Your membership also allows you to volunteer – to become a docent or work on the cars and grow the museum.

Enclosed is our membership application for renewals and new members. You can also renew and join on our website and pay via credit card. Click on the "The SCRPA" tab, then click on "Membership" to pay by credit card.

Visit www.fullertontrainmuseum.org to join and learn more. Again, thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions, please call us at 714-278-0648.

Do you have a student that needs community service hours? We need YOU!

Please help us make these events successful!

Volunteers needed to:

- Help decorate the cars a week before the event
- Pass out candy the day of the event
- Crowd control

Contact the SCRPA Hotline at 714-278-0648 to volunteer.

California Operation Lifesaver “Red Out” for Rail Safety

California Operation Lifesaver (CAOL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising rail safety awareness to change dangerous behaviors near tracks and trains that cause preventable injuries and loss of life.

Their participation in the Amtrak Community event helped them to create more awareness and inform the public of their mission through their “See Tracks? Think Train! Engine and dressing our FTM volunteers in their “Red Out” for Rail Safety t-shirts.

You can learn more about CAOL by visiting their website at www.caoperationlifesaver.com.



Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendars

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN TRAIN

**Saturday, October 29
9am to noon**

Bring your little goblins and ghouls for a fun morning at the museum as we celebrate Halloween.

Trick or Treat through the railcars and keep an eye out for the scary things lurking around the corner.



SANTA and MRS. CLAUS are coming to town!

**December 17
9 am to noon**

Reserve the date. Come and celebrate the holidays with the Fullerton Train Museum.



When is a Northern, not a Northern?

By Dennis White

Last month, ATSF steam locomotive 3751 visited our Fullerton Train Museum and was on display for 4 days. During that time, almost everyone referred to the giant 4-8-4 as a "Northern," but that's not what the Santa Fe called them. The Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe referred to the type as a "Heavy Mountain."

To explain, we must back up a little to the creation of the first 4-8-4.

The first 4-8-4's were "stretched" versions of the 4-8-2 Mountain type built for the Northern Pacific Railroad, replacing the Mountains' two-wheel trailing truck with a more robust four-wheel version to support the extra weight of a larger boiler and firebox. The first engines were called "Northern Pacific's" after the NP who ordered the first of the type, but was later shortened to "Northern" by railroaders. ATSF's erection drawings from Baldwin refer to the engine as a Heavy Mountain. ATSF later called the engine "*Heavy Mountain – Four-wheel trailer.*"

But not all railroads called the 4-8-4 a Northern.

Southern railroads refused to call them Northern because that was a Yankee term, and no self-respecting southern railroader would stoop to that level.

The Central of Georgia called them "The Big Apple;" Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, "Dixie;" Chesapeake and Ohio, "Greenbrier;" Norfolk and Western called theirs simply, "J;" and Western Maryland liked "Potomac."

Canadian National, called the 4-8-4

"Confederation" in honor of Canada becoming a confederated country with the UK. Southern Pacific called the 4-8-4 a "Golden State" until WWII and then claimed it stood for General Service. Later it became "Daylight" or just "The 'Light." Western Pacific, "GS" (after the SP "Golden State," since they were nearly identical to the Espee GS-6 war baby); Union Pacific, "FEF" (for **Four Eight Four**) and New York Central had their beautiful "Niagara." The Lackawanna called theirs, "Pocono;" and the Lehigh Valley used "Wyoming."

ATSF 3751 was built by Baldwin Locomotive Works, but others were built by ALCO and Lima. These high-speed engines, sometimes equipped with 80" drivers, were used on crack passenger trains and high-speed priority freights, sometimes reaching a top speed of 108 MPH.

In addition to ATSF 3751, 4-8-4 locomotives ATSF 2926, NW 611, SP 4449, SP&S 700 (currently undergoing its 1,472-day inspection as mandated by the Federal Railroad Administration), and UP 844, are operable and occasionally see fan trip service.



FRIENDS OF SCRPA – Vice President Wendell Hanks Resigns

Valuable longtime member and SCRPA Vice President Wendell Hanks is relocating to Georgia to be close to one of his daughters, a healthcare professional, due to his lingering health issues; he notified the Board of Directors at its September meeting that he must step down from his duties as Vice President and a Director.

In addition to his executive duties, Wendell led a team of volunteers in the restoration to operation of the Fullerton train Museums two Fairmont "speeders," and was very active with the Railroad Operating Committee working many Saturdays on all of our equipment and has penned articles for The Hot Rail newsletter. He was 2017's recipient of the prestigious Ridenour Service Award.

Wendell was a longtime professor of Speech Communications at Cerritos College before retiring and becoming involved with SCRPA and the Fullerton Train Museum.

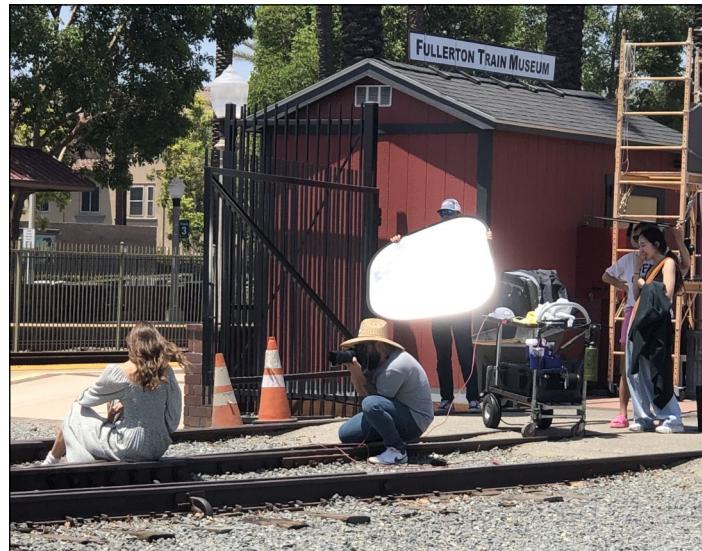
Wendell's many friends at the Museum wish him well as he works to pick up a proper southern accent.

Museum is Open for Photo and Movie Shoots By Mary Proctor

On June 15, 2022, the Fullerton Train Museum was the backdrop for Promesa Clothing's photo shoot.

The models, photographers and crew were at the museum for over 10 hours. The company representative indicated they were going for an industrial look. This is exactly what they got when a freight train went through the station. I never saw non-foamers get so excited to watch a train go through the station.

Need a location for a photo or movie shoot? Contact the museum for rates and information.



2022 Ridenour Award Presented to Tommy Reminiskey

Each year, SCRPA presents the prestigious Ridenour Service Award in recognition of dedication to furthering the goals of SCRPA and the Fullerton Train Museum. The award, originated by the leadership of the *Southern California Scenic Railway Association* was embraced by the SCRPA with the merger of the two rail groups several years ago and is now administered by SCRPA.

Tommy Reminiskey has supported SCRPA, its *Railroad Operating Committee* and the *Fullerton Train Museum*, for many years, and before that, with Southern California Scenic Railway Association. Tommy is a faithful and hardworking team player who continues to put extra effort into volunteerism and is an inspiration to all of us.

(This is Mr. Reminiskey's second Ridenour Award, having been honored in 2010.)

Fullerton Train Museum Speeder Restoration Almost Complete

By R. Dennis White

Wendell Hanks and his crew of volunteers are almost finished with the restoration of **MW 1** and **MW 2** Fairmont speeders and they anticipate having them operating sometime this fall.

MW 1, a Fairmont MT-19 E 4-man Inspection car donated to SCRPA by Bob Bennett and family along with a truckload of extra parts including two complete engine and transmission assemblies, was built sometime before 1954. Sadly, its serial number plate is missing so an exact date of manufacture and original railroad owner can't be determined. While it already looks complete, it still needs work to finish the project.

MW 2, a Fairmont Model MT-14 E Section Gang car donated to SCRPA several years ago by Mr. Gordon Bachlund dates to sometime between 1968 and 1987, (we are awaiting word from the Martin County Historical Society in Fairmont, MN for information on this unit based on its serial number). The MT-14 is a much stronger and more capable railcar and will pull its older sibling as a trailer until the engine for **MW 1** is rebuilt and installed. The engine for **MW 2** has been rebuilt and run on an engine stand and "purrs like a kitten." **MW 2** is certified for 6 passengers with a total weight of 1,200 pounds and can easily pull a trailer.



Both speeders have benefited from significant donations of labor from local industrial business owners, who are very supportive of SCRPA/FTM.

Come down any Saturday morning from 9 'til noon

and have a look at our two newest additions to the Fullerton Train Museum. Better yet, wear work clothes and lend a hand. I'm sure the crew will welcome the help.



Speeders!!

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Address correction requested

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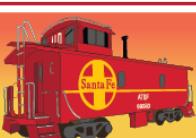
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors Meetings at 9:00 a.m.
Second Saturday of every Month

Quarterly Membership Dinners
Location tbd
at 6 p.m.
Second Wednesday of
January, April, July, October

Railroad Operations Committee Work Days
9 am – noon at the rail cars
Every Saturday

Fullerton Train Museum Hours
Free Tours
1st and 3rd Saturday of every month

Movie Night —
TBD