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NEWS & EVENTS



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Open for Tours!

We are open for tours! The Fullerton Train Museum is open for self-guided tours the first and third Saturday of every month from 9 am to noon. Come on down, bring a friend and enjoy the **“Walk Through Time”** that the historic railcars provide. You can also enjoy the area – have a bite to eat at the Santa Fe Café and watch the trains go by. It’s a great way to spend the day.

Your Railroad Operations Committee hasn’t been resting. Check out this picture of Harold Benash, your President, looking over the work that has been accomplished in the UP Caboose — new floor, new paint. Great job team!

Now that we are open for business, it also means that we are open for other things:

- * If you are an **Eagle Scout**, we have many projects available and you can join the three other Eagle Scouts who decided to earn their award by helping the museum.
- * We are open for **Photo and Movie Shoots**. Do you need a location with vintage trains?
- * **Kids Birthday Parties** – enjoy a party in a caboose and serve food on the patio.
- * **Private Tours** – contact us to schedule a private tour for your group.

Please contact us at 714-278-0648 for details. (Fees may apply.)

Thank you for your continued support of the Fullerton Train Museum.



Railcar Fundraising Rolls On!

With your support, we can save a part of history.

Help us keep this historic 1949 railcar together and not allow it to be destroyed. If we do nothing it will be stripped down and sold for scrap metal.

We have a new home waiting for it at the Fullerton Train Museum and need your help to get it there before it’s too late.

Your donations will help us **collect** the funds to move the railcar onto our railroad tracks where it will join other historic railcars at the museum.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 so we can move it, then rehab and install displays, build a Rail Library,

create model train displays, and be open for tours by December 2021.

Donate today online at www.fullertontrainmuseum.org, click on SCRPA, then click on membership and dues to make a special donation.



President's message

The Museum has reopened and the response from visitors has been great. A big thank you to our Docents — Kathy, Dave, Mary, Stu, Lauri, Rudy, Stephan, and Zack that have made the Open House events successful.

We recently received a Crossing Signal, as a donation to the Museum, it is currently being refurbished by Wendell and will be wired and made operable by the skillful hands of Rudy and Tommy. Thank you to the Organization from Pasadena that made the donation and also to George, Denis, Tommy & Harold for getting it to the Museum.

Railroad Days will not be held this year, but there are plans in the works that will make for a special day at the Museum. More to follow.

Your Museum needs your support and donations, as well as your membership and participation, if you have some free time and skills, (painting, carpentry, cleaning, handy with tools), come and join us on a Saturday morning and join the group for some work, fun and accomplishment at your Museum.

Thank you all for your support.

Harold

President, Fullerton Train Museum



Inside view of the 1949 Display Car. Your donations will make it possible for this car to come to the museum to be restored and open for tours.

Make a Donation EVERY time you shop at Amazon via 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 Meetings and Movie Nights

April — Postponed

July — To Be Determined

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.

Railroad Operations Update

The Railroad Operations Committee (ROC) is committed to preserving and restoring the museum railcars so that visitors of all ages can enjoy and learn. Here is what we have been working on:

The UP Caboose was opened for visitors in March, the floor is completed and the trim molding and cabinet doors have been rehung. The frames for the cupola windows have been painted and are ready for installation.

Windows and blinds are being worked on in the UP Cars, some carpet cleaning will be required in both cars when these items are completed. There are some roof areas on several of the cars that require some caulking and patching. All of this, along with the general maintenance keeps your Museum in top shape for our visitors.

Thank you to Stu, Ted, Bob, Tommy, Roco, Rudy, Stephan, Denis, George for their effort with the UP Caboose restoration.

We have a long list of projects at the Museum, so if you have some time on a Saturday morning, come down and be a part of the crew.

As always, if you want to **volunteer** and help us out — let us know and call the museum at 714-278-0648. We are always looking for more help — experienced with fixing things or want to learn a new trade — all are welcome (must become a member for insurance purposes).

Do You Know What is At the Museum? Here's a Photo Tour with Preservation Updates

The Fullerton Train Museum is proud to be the first train museum in Orange County. The museum is open the first and third Saturday of each month. Admission is free. Come explore our railcar collection. Self-guided tours are available.

The railcar collection consists of three historically significant cabooses, representing the three railroads that served Orange County in its early days, and two 1940s lounge cars in period décor and one 1951 lounge car. Following is a list of projects and a photo of each railcar.

1951 Santa Fe 85 foot Streamlined Sleeping Car

The 1951 Palm Leaf sleeper car is one of 13 ever built and the last one left, and due to private-car rail-related restrictions, she was decommissioned and found a new home at the Fullerton Train Museum.

Proposed projects:

Clean and reorganize kitchen, bathroom and storage areas. Remove and replace plywood section on west end with refurbished door panel, replace upper panel with window glass. Build and install a lighted Santa Fe Drum head on exterior side of door.

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Do You Know What is At the Museum? Here's a Photo Tour, continued....

1929 Santa Fe Cupola Steel Way Car/Caboose

Proposed projects:

Scrape and paint exterior, reapply all markings, lettering and servicing information.

Steam clean and paint truck side frames.

Build and install step devices to proper stair height for safe ingress & egress (two required).



1942 Union Pacific Tall Cupola Steel Caboose

Proposed projects:

Paint exterior window frames, apply rubbing compound and buff the exterior sides and cupola, re-install fire extinguishers, repaint exterior car numbers and lettering.

Install interior safety lighting on ceiling and related electrical equipment. Build and install step devices to proper height for safe ingress & egress (two required).

Re-stencil interior lettering per sketches (color-white). Paint roof (UP Red).



1961 Southern Pacific Bay Window Steel Caboose

Proposed projects:

Repaint exterior car number in the correct font (two locations).

Build and install step devices for safe ingress & egress (one required).

Locate and repair roof leaks.

Repaint roof (SP Brown).



Story continued...

1949 Union Pacific 5001 Lunch Counter/Diner/Lounge Car

Proposed projects:

Remove and repair window gasket material and glass as required (ten Windows).

Find and install sliding door seal (west end).

Paint letter boards and install lettering and the car numbers.



1949 Union Pacific 6101 Dormitory-Lounge

Proposed projects:

Remove, restore and reinstall window blinds (fifteen).

Find and repair roof leaks.

Remove and reinstall new wall panels below windows, several locations, both sides of the car.

Reinstall table (one) and bench seats (2) on south side of car.

Repair depressed floor area under carpet.

Repair window curtains as needed (multiple windows).

Paint letter boards and install lettering and the car numbers.



General Maintenance and Future Projects

Proposed projects:

Maintenance and general upkeep are an ongoing process which includes, vacuuming of carpeted floors, cleaning of windows, dusting and general cleaning for all the Museum's equipment (currently six cars).

Also included, is the upkeep of the site and restoration and installation of our donated artifacts.

We also plan to build a library for the donated materials we have in storage. All materials relate to local railroad history and its impact on the City of Fullerton and surrounding areas.

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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

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