

HOT RAIL!

NEWS & EVENTS



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Eagle Scouts Become Leaders at the Museum

The Fullerton Train Museum has again been the site for two more Eagle Scout service projects. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process.

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.

Diego Gutierrez, Troop 97 of Fullerton, brought together a talented team to design and build an observation deck at the west end of the Union Pacific Caboose. The 10' x 10' deck enables visitors to view and watch the passing trains.

We appreciate the team's effort — we've already had our first 9-year old birthday party on it!! Diego's leadership will help the museum continue to grow for years!



Ryan Bordner, Troop 1292 of Fullerton, and his talented crew battled the heights to sand and repaint the top trim and lettering of both the kitchen/diner/lounge car and the dormitory/lounge car—both Union Pacific cars built in the 1940's. The cars were in need of some rehabbing and new paint.

Ryan and his team did an outstanding job and we are forever grateful for Ryan's leadership to bring the team together to help our museum tackle this tough job. That's Ryan and his crew in the photos below.



Docent Training Class

By Jim Hoffmann, Docent Committee Chair

It's been quite a while since we held a training class for our Docents. Since then we have several new members who have expressed an interest in becoming Docents. I have tentatively scheduled a new class for Saturday, October 9 at 9:00 AM in the Cafe-Lounge car. The class is required for all Docents, new or otherwise. All current Docents are invited to attend, as a few things have changed in recent months.

The class should last about 2 hours. The first hour will be spent in the classroom going over the documents and procedures. We will take a break after that and then finish up by walking through the cars.

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail me at scsra118@ca.rr.com to "sign up" and receive training documents.

President's message

The Museum has not been dormant during the last year and a half. Great progress has been made with normal maintenance, work projects and Boy Scout Projects. They are included inside of the Hot Rail issue for you to read and learn about.

We have been holding Open House weekends, which began in April. Attendance has been very good and donations keep rolling in.

Tours are self-guided with Docents located in the equipment to answer any questions that you may have. We will continue to be open the first and third Saturday of every month from 9am to noon.



I want to thank the workers and docents for their efforts that keep improving your Museum and keep it moving forward so we can provide the experience of what rail travel is all about.

Also check the calendar of events for dates of upcoming functions for our organization, October Quarterly Dinner, Halloween and Christmas days at the Museum and our Monthly Open House Weekends.

Thank you all for your support. And a special “thank you” to the Eagle Scouts, their parents and the crews that are helping to make the museum a better place for all our visitors and volunteers.

Harold
President, Fullerton Train Museum

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.

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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 **October 13 —Sizzler Restaurant in Fullerton** **Corner of Harbor Blvd and Brea Blvd** **6 pm no host dinner then 7 pm meeting**

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 Committee Update — ROC

Your Railroad Operations Committee has been busy over these past months with major improvements to the site and equipment.

The UP Caboose has undergone a complete interior renovation, including new floor, new paint, new markings and overhead lighting. The window refurbishing project, gasket material and cleaning of frames and openings continue, we have eight window to finish, which will complete the project for the UP Passenger Cars.

We are cataloging and displaying railroad related books and photographs which have been donated to the Museum.

A new storage building has been built and currently being painted for equipment storage. Thank you Stu and Mary Proctor for your generous donation.

Site improvements include an observation deck attached to the UP Caboose on the west end, the painting of the letter boards and number locations on the Passenger Cars and the cross over platform from the UP Caboose to the Palm Leaf, which provides easy access between the equipment during Open Houses.

These three projects are the result of Eagle Scout Candidates Project's from local Boy Scout Troops in Fullerton and Orange County.

Thank you to all the volunteers that have participated in these projects, it could not have been done without you.



Fullerton Train Museum SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TRAIN

October 16, 2021, 9AM-Noon
Costumes Welcomed!

Come see if the old, very old rail conductor
Is lurking behind a door or closet!
There will be treats, games and photo



SANTA CLAUS is COMING

He is making a SPECIAL APPEARANCE at the Museum on
DECEMBER 18, 2021, 9AM-Noon

The rail cars will be decked out in their holiday finery
There will be treats, games and photo opportunities



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 a candy the day of the event
- Crowd control

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

**Fullerton Train Museum
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Address correction requested

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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 —

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