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February 6 SoCal Chapter Meet Will Include Family Outing On the Fillmore & Western Railroad and Tour of Oil Museum

Feb. 6 is the date for the SoCal Chapter's Family Outing on the Fillmore & Western Railroad. Motor to Fillmore, Board the train and travel to Santa Paula and visit the town. Return to Fillmore by train and motor home. Here's the schedule:

- 10:30 AM Meet at Vallarta Mexican Restaurant. Highway 126 go almost thru Fillmore 2nd stop light; its across the street from Vons Shopping Mall
- 11:30 - 11:45 meet at Fillmore Railway Co., 351 Santa Clara Street in Fillmore.
- Train departs at 12:00pm and returns at 3:00 pm.

Once the train arrives in Santa Paula we have about 90 minutes of free time to explore the quaint, renovated downtown district.

For those interested, we have arranged a docent-led tour of Santa Paula's California Oil Museum. The world-class museum showcases the growth of California's oil industry from the early 1900's. Collections of drilling tools through gasoline marketing equipment are on display.

The museum is housed in the original headquarters of the Union Oil Company. This building was constructed in 1890 and was continuously used for Union Oil's offices until 1989, when it was restored to its present beauty. As a bonus, we'll get to tour the restored upstairs offices where Union Oil conducted its early business. Admission will be about \$4.00.

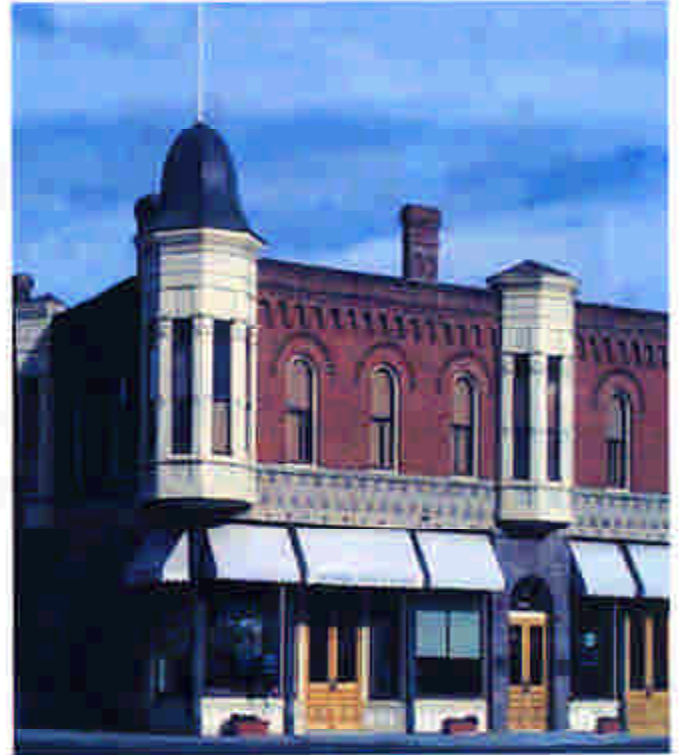
Make Reservations for the train ride in advance at 805-524-2546. \$20 per person, \$18 for Seniors over 60. Tickets for children from 4 to 12 years are \$10 each. Tickets for children from 4 on down are \$6 each.



A reliable diesel engine powers the Fillmore & Western excursion train (top). Open-air seating on a tented flat car provides a good view (middle). An enclosed passenger coach offers the height of comfort (bottom).

The Oil Museum

From fossils to "fill 'er up," the California Oil Museum tells the story of the "black bonanza" that created wealth, work, and prosperity for generations of Californians. Operated by the City of Santa Paula, the Museum highlights the inner workings of the state's "black gold" industry through interactive displays, videos, working models, games, photographs, restored gas station memorabilia, and an authentic turn-of-the-century cable-tool drilling rig. Visitors can see how the Indians used natural oil seeps, watch a miniature drilling rig bore into the earth, and experience the excitement of "wildcatting" for petroleum. The Lundgren and Bennett Collections of gas station memorabilia are one of the largest displays of vintage gas pumps in California. In addition to the permanent petroleum exhibits, the Museum presents new exhibits of science, technology, history, and art throughout the year. Lundgren Park is located on the Museum grounds and is available for picnics. The Museum is operated by the City of Santa Paula. Funding is provided from multiple sources including Museum memberships, admissions, the gift store, the Museum Endowment, annual fundraisers, the California oil industry, Unocal Corporation, and the City of Santa Paula.



The Museum building is the original home of Union Oil Company and was built in 1890 for \$38,000 by oil pioneers Thomas Bard, Lyman Stewart, and Wallace Hardison. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a California Historic Landmark.



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