



## April 2012 Depot NEWS

We began another exciting year at the Dunsmuir Depot with the Railroad Display Room reopening in March; it will continue to be open the third Saturday monthly from 10 am to 2 pm and for town events. Please call me to volunteer as a docent. The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society has agreed to house equipment to provide a trackside video camera to view passing trains. Working with an internet provider and [trainorders.com](http://trainorders.com), the Dunsmuir site is up and running. Go to [trainorders.com](http://trainorders.com), click on "video camera Dunsmuir" for still images of recorded video clips. The Dunsmuir Depot is featured in member Hugh Van Dusen's book "America's Great Railroad Stations." Copies are available at Dunsmuir Hardware. Depot improvements included a new security video system, bathroom repainted, new toilet and soap dispenser. The City repaired the Depot roof leaks. Depot ticket revenue for 2011 was \$357,867 with 5,370 in ridership.

## 2012 EVENTS

May 12<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL TRAIN DAY – The Railroad Display Room will be open on this day 10am to 4pm. Featured are large photographs of trains that have passed through Dunsmuir over the years plus railroad memorabilia and artifacts. Share our love of trains. There will be a special exhibit highlighting one of AMTRAK's long distance trains, the California Zephyr. Historical advertising showing the benefits of traveling by train with the Zephyr will be shown as we encourage train travel for families. A special recognition of Bryce Loudon's contributions in meeting AMTRAK'S requirements to save our AMTRAK stop will be presented to his family on this occasion. Paper Conductor Hats and Junior Conductor Guides will be given FREE to all children attending.

May 26<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL during Dunsmuir's Dogwood Daze. Last year was another successful fund-raiser with 129 pies donated! We had 51 Pie Bakers donate their favorite Pies. Pies will be sold from 10am until they're all gone! Call Phyllis Skalko at 530-235-0839 to donate your favorite pie(s) - let's aim for 150 PIES this year!

June 8-10 RAILROAD DAYS – The Display room will be open Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm. Come by to see the our town's railroad history, the WWII North Platte, Nebraska Canteen photographs, the California Zephyr exhibit and purchase raffle tickets for our July AMTRAK ticket and quilt drawings. Take a peek at our efforts to re-establish the Dunsmuir Museum too.



July 21<sup>st</sup> DEPOT RAFFLES – For our fund-raiser, AMTRAK has once again donated two Coast Starlight tickets. Enclosed you'll find 12 blue AMTRAK raffle tickets for a donation of \$1 each or 6 for \$5; also enclosed are 6 Red raffle tickets for quilt "Bed of Roses and Ohio Star" and 6 white raffle tickets for the quilt "The Train" both for a donation of \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Winners need not be present to win. Donation proceeds are used for the maintenance and continued improvements to the AMTRAK waiting room and the Railroad Display Room and for the continued process of re-establishing the Dunsmuir Museum. Please send your donations plus ticket stubs marked with your name and phone number to P. O. Box 324, Dunsmuir CA 96025. Thank you for your continued support.

## DUNSMUIR MUSEUM

Work continues on re-establishing the Museum. New Museum lighting has been installed and the archive room prepared with new shelving. The first settlers and the naming of Dunsmuir panels have been completed. Early Train history panel telling the story of the coming of the railroad in 1886 and a 4 X 6 Photo Mural showing the engine houses as viewed from the original Depot waiting room are being prepared. Also being restored is one of the original waiting room benches that will be put on display. Additional display panels will tell the story of the railroad and its influence on the town through to present day. Member Griff Bloodhart has been donating his time and materials as he is enhancing the Dunsmuir Rail yard model display on loan from the Jamie Carlberg family.

MEMBERSHIP – If your envelope does not have "12" or an "M" on it, your \$10 Depot membership and/or \$10 Museum membership is due for renewal. All donations are welcome. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Rita Green, President

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Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society Will Present its 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL

On Sat, May 26<sup>th</sup> During DUNSMUIR DOGWOOD DAZE 10 am UNTIL SOLD OUT

At the AMTRAK DEPOT PARKING LOT - Taste your neighbor's pie-wares! Homemade Pies!

Last year we had 37 different Varieties of Pies baked by 52 Bakers! Come and enjoy a sweet and savory event.

JUST COME READY TO EAT! Free Coffee, Tea and Water

All proceeds are for the maintenance of the Depot and Railroad Display Room and to re-establish the Dunsmuir Museum.