# SEVILLE SNAP Shots Special Issue - Relocation of the mighty 2252 Locomotive! Roseville and the second control of the mighty 2252 Locomotive!

Locomotive 2252 now resides at Vernon & Atlantic Streets in Central Roseville

# **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **November 8**

7:00 pm

Central Roseville **Revitalization Committee** Civic Center Mtg Rm 1 & 2 311 Vernon St.

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Mark Wolinski 916.774.5179 mwolinski@roseville.ca.us railroad town with the moving of the Historic 2252 Steam Locomotive to Downtown Roseville on Oct. 13. A special "bon voyage" christening ceremony by the City Council and the Roseville Historical Society, plus a rousing train whistle salute by the third-grade classes from Woodbridge Elementary School, helped to send the "Mighty 2252" to its new home at Vernon and Atlantic streets.

About 120 residents, train lovers and city staff were also present along with officials from the Placer County Fair Board of Directors to see the 142,000pound steam locomotive gently roll away from the fairgrounds by truck under special escort by the Roseville Police Department. A special, 108foot-long flatbed moving truck was used to evenly distribute the weight of the 71-ton, 33-foot-long, 13-foot-tall locomotive for a safe journey on its 6.5-mile route over city streets. The moving day event was covered by all of the region's major television news station, including channels 3, 10, 13, 31 and 40, plus our own team from COR TV 14/73. Good Day Sacramento did several live on location broadcasts with council members and both the Bee and the Press-Tribune provided extensive print coverage.

Southern Pacific No. 2252 is one of the oldest SP 4-6-0 locomotives in existence. It was built by the Cooke Locomotive & Machine Works in



Mark Wolinski, City of Roseville, was the emcee for the Locomotive Send-off Ceremony. Council members (seated in the front row) Richard Rocucci, John Allard, Gina Garbolino, Jim Gray and Mayor F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm all spoke at the



News cameras got close-ups of dignitaries christening the locomotive before it's voyage to the new location at Vernon & Atlantic.



The mighty 2252 was pulled in to Downtown Roseville following the send-off ceremony.



March 1897. In the early years the engine pulled first class passenger trains throughout the SP system. Superceded by more modern locomotives in later years, No. 2252 was outfitted for fire protection of the wooden snow sheds on Donner Pass in 1929, and remained in that service until it was retired in 1956. It was then donated to the City of Roseville, and moved to a display at the Fair Grounds.



"We brought the Mighty 2252 Locomotive back home to Downtown Roseville," said Roseville Mayor F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm. "Celebrating the move was also a great way for us to recognize Roseville's important heritage as a rail road town. I believe it's very fitting that the 2252 is now displayed in a prominent location overlooking the same rail yard that for decades was the 2252's home base."



The locomotive relocation received tremendous TV news coverage with about 35 different spots/airings on the market's five main TV stations!

Here's what others had to say about the Relocation of 2252:

Del Stehpenson, Roseville Historical Society- "Although it took longer than we anticipated, it was a determined cooperative effort that kept the 2252 where it belongs."

Donna Chapman, lived across the street from the train and now owns Treasure Hunt on Vernon Street"We lived right across the street from the locomotive when my kids were small and they used to crawl on it all the time. We watched it fall into disrepair over time and are so pleased that it has been restored to its original beauty. I love that it stayed here and that the community got together to make it happen, but that's how Roseville people are."

Phoebe Astill, President Roseville Historical Society – "The Roseville Historical Society was excited when the offer of the locomotive was made. We were happy to spearhead the fundraising and know that the locomotive in its new home will help to spark new interest in the history of Roseville."

Keith Martinelli, President of Jr. Chamber when 2252 was moved to Fairgrounds 48 years ago - "This move, although much more costly than the original move to the fairgrounds (\$1,000.00 compared to \$120,000.00), was much more successful and I am very happy about that."

Richard Fancher, President Placer County Fair Board - "We're happy that the train has moved to a location that many more people in Roseville can see it every day and enjoy a piece Roseville's history."

### SUPPORT THE CAUSE!

Help the 2252 go the last mile!

Although Locomotive 2252 has a new home and a new paint job there is still more work to be done including sidewalk, lighting, lanscaping and plaques. Help the Roseville Historical Society complete the new display site and establish a lasting monument to our railroad heritage.

Total Project Cost: \$135,136 Funds raised to date: \$118,505 Funding still needed: \$16,631

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and special thanks to
everyone who purchased the
commemorative spikes!

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Roseville Historical Society between 12pm and 5pm at 916-773-3003.

Woodbridge Elementary School Students blow train whistles at the senf-off ceremony.



# **Behind the Scenes**

How do you move a 100-ton steam locomotive? Well, now that the relocation has been successfully completed, we'll tell you!

More than 100 people to planned, coordinated, raised funds, scheduled, and moved the locomotive.

The Roseville Historical Society, and the Community Coalition for the Relocation of the 2252, fought valiantly to retain the historic piece here in Roseville. It was the financial support of the Roseville business and development community and the commitment by DSMI, the project general contractor, that truly laid the track for this project!

In order to preserve the 2252, extensive work was performed prior to moving it. Bay Equipment and Repair (BEAR) sandblasted the train to bare metal, patched all rusted and worn spots, and applied primer and shiny new paint.

When Southern Pacific donated the 2252 to Roseville in 1956 they provided both the locomotive and a tender. Disconnecting the tender, a railcar that trails the engine and stores oil and water, allowed DSMI and their subs. Montgomery Moving Company and Murray Haulers to transport each piece on a separate trailer (reducing the travel weight from 200,000 lbs. to 142,000 lbs.) This allowed for a shorter truck length and an easier travel route. Even so, the engine required a 108-foot long transport trailer with nine axles.

Once the engine and tender were separated, Al DiPaolo of the California Railroad Museum restoration staff provided advice on activities that needed to be addressed prior to the move. To even consider the possibility of moving a 107-year old steam locomotive that had sat idle for forty-eight years, the entire undercarriage of pistons, cylinders, valves, and bearings had to be cleaned, lubricated and sanded. Each day one week prior to the move, penetrating oil was sprayed on every moving part of the undercarriage. Other prep work the volunteer crew completed included cleaning out the eight bearing boxes





on the tender. Each "journal" box was jacked up, two large plates were removed, cotton waste that held the oil was pulled, bearings were lightly sanded, then everything was cleaned, oiled, and put back in place. The cotton waste was placed in gym socks that were soaked in journal box oil and then set under the bearings. Consequently, project coordinator Bill Aiken now has his personal gym socks as part of this historical display.



Bill Aiken's gym socks helped prep the 2252 to

Railroad track was laid from the current location onto a transport trailer so that the engine and tender could be winched into place. Given the everyone's effort (and those well oiled socks) the tender, rolled nicely along the track and into place.

Moving day arrives!

The route had been established, clearance issues addressed, five bridges confirmed to bear the load, police escort arranged, and a celebration scheduled! The only question that remained was whether or not all of the rods and cylinders and wheels were going to move when the engine was pulled along the track. Fortunately they did and SP's No. 2252 rolled as well on October 11, 2004 as she ever had in the past! By the end of the day on October 12th the mighty 2252 was resting again at her new home.



Bill Aiken & Mark Wolinski from the City of Roseville "engineered" the relocation in partnership with the Rosivlle Historical Society and others!

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