



TRAIN ORDERS

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The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum

P.O. Box 264, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264; (805) 714-4927

The Museum: Santa Maria Town Center Mall, Sat./Sun. 1-4:30pm

<http://www.smvrhm.org/> School/Club groups by appointment.

11th Choo Chew Sunday a wonderful success

About 200 people braved rather brisk weather to enjoy the 11th Choo Chew Sunday held at the Bitter Creek Western Railroad (BCWRR) on Sunday, March 30, 2008. Many thanks to Karl and all the fine railroaders at the BCWRR for supporting this fundraising event!



Above, Phil leads tours of the steaming bay areas.



Meetings

General: first Thursday of the month, 6:00pm, at the Santa Maria Inn.

Museum Development: Thursdays (except first Thursdays) at the Museum, email Dan for info

HO Modelers: Thursdays at the Museum, 7:00pm.

Rail Bosses

(Reverse emails to use - sorry, it's a spambot thing.)

Dan Alves, President, juno.com@aiim

Dick Mininger, Vice President, aol.com@boothr8

Pam Goble, Treasurer

Jamie Foster, Secretary, "Train Orders" Editor, Webman, jf2.com@pbjrr

Santa Maria Safari

The SMVRHM participated in the April 6th Santa Maria Safari II where kids and their families visited five local museums:

- Natural History Museum
- Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum
- Historical Society Museum
- Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum
- Santa Maria Museum of Flight

The safari started at Base Camp, also known as the the upper level of the Library Parking Structure along South McClelland Street. The Library gave each child a passport to be stamped at each museum, and the Chamber provided other goodies and information. Upon return to Base Camp, Altrusa International of the Central Coast gave each explorer a copy of Zoobooks magazine.

Thanks to Wayne Peterson for handling the SMVRHM portion of the planning and execution.

No more space in the Town Center Mall


The Museum has enjoyed the use of space at a greatly reduced rate in the Santa Maria Town Center Mall since 2001. And for that we are very grateful. But alas, the new owners are not interested in a practically-free rate deal for the Museum, so out we go.

This just came about at the end of June, so we have not yet had time to find a new location. If you have any ideas, please let us know.



Pictured at left is the Museum's 2001 ribbon cutting ceremony held at its first location in the Town Center Mall. From left to right are Dan Alves, President then and now, Ginnie Sterling, and the late Phil Goble, Treasurer, shaking hands with Jim Colegrove, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce.



One of the first displays in that earliest of locations was an HO train of "oil cans" lead by a mikado-style locomotive not unlike those used by the Santa Maria Valley Railroad. 

Bring back Union Sugar No. 1



You or Your Business Can Help!

- Brakeman - \$100
- Fireman - \$500
- Engineer - \$1,000
- Other - \$ _____

Make payable to "USNo1 Fund" and send to:
 Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum
 PO Box 264
 Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264

All financial supporters at \$100 and above will be memorialized on a plaque at the point of display, initially envisioned to be in the historic district in downtown Santa Maria along McClelland Street.

We're getting close! Enough money has already been raised to pay for the locomotive. Now we just have to pay for getting it here and setting it up...

Election results

Congratulations to Dan Alves and Pam Goble who were re-elected to the SMVRHM Board of Directors during the recent election process. Below is the SMVRHM Board roster. Each Director will serve through the year indicated.

Alves	Dan	2010	President
Couch	Ed	2008	
Foster	Jamie	2008	Secretary
Goble	Pam	2010	Treasurer
Hearn	Hardy		ex officio
Mininger	Dick	2009	Vice President
O'Hern	Chuck	2009	
Petersen	Wayne	2008	
Riese	Mark	2009	
Smith	Barron	2008	