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Santa Maria Railroad Museum to Re-Open September 10, 1:00pm

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) in the Santa Maria Town Center Mall will re-open in its new and bigger space on Saturday, September 10th, starting at 1:00pm.

The new location is on the second floor, three doors north from the main escalators, on the right as one heads toward Sears.

“We’ve spent the summer getting our new location ready for Santa Maria’s Centennial Celebration weekend, and we made it!” said Dick Mininger, President.

Officers, Directors, and Members of the SMVRHM will be available to guide people through the Museum and answer questions.

Enjoy some refreshments, and see what the all-new Museum has in store.

Projects of the SMVRHM include the recently completed restoration of Caboose No. 180 from the Santa Maria Valley Railroad. It is currently on display next to the old railroad depot building at the intersection of Jones and McClelland streets, just a short walk south from the Museum and Mall.

Another major project of the SMVRHM is the creation of an HO model train layout of the Santa Maria Valley railroads. Depending on construction schedules, sections of the HO layout are on display and operating at the Museum.

The SMVRHM is a non-profit, educational museum, dedicated to the preservation of the railroad heritage of California, the Central Coast, and the Santa Maria Valley. Regular Museum hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00pm until 4:30pm. For more information, please visit the SMVRHM web site at <www.smvrhm.org> or call the Museum at 805-714-4927.