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The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum

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

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

SMVRR Dinner Train

On November 9, 2006, barely over a month since ownership of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad changed hands, the SMVRR held the first-ever dinner train excursion, and aboard the Silver Lariat no less. It was sold out in a matter of days.



The view above from the Silver Lariat rolling along on the SMVRR makes the "Strawberry Special" seem all the more possible!



SMVRR's GE 70-tonner No. 70 pulled the Silver Lariat for the Dinner Train, pictured here next to SMVRR Caboose No. 180, recently restored by the Museum.



The dinner excursion aboard the Silver Lariat was nothing but first cabin, from the hors d'oeuvres to dessert (branded apple and pear cobbler a la mode).



Meetings

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

Museum Development: Thursdays (except first Thursday of the month) at the Museum, 6:00pm

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

Rail Bosses

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

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4th Annual Lionel Holiday Open House at the Museum, December 9, 2006

Lionel trains and the holidays have been going hand-in-hand since the founding of Lionel in 1900.

Come take a train ride to the past, see the new Museum space setup, and enjoy a cookie or two!

The fun starts at 1:00pm.

Here's a picture from last year's event:



SMVRR Open House same day

Earlier this same day, December 9, 2006, the Santa Maria Valley Railroad (SMVRR) will hold an Open House of their own. The SMVRR Open House will be at the freight depot building (628 S. McClelland) in downtown Santa Maria from 11am until 3pm. While there, visit Caboose No. 180 sitting right next to the depot. This caboose was recently restored by the Museum.

The Santa Maria Valley Railroad (SMVRR) is a for-profit company that operates a standard gauge shortline railroad connecting Santa Maria Valley with the Union Pacific Railroad mainline at Guadalupe.

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) is a separate nonprofit charitable organization established to preserve the railroad heritage of California, the Central Coast, and the Santa Maria Valley. 🚂

Handmade PCRY E3 model donated to the Museum

Bill and Betty Everett recently donated a handmade Pacific Coast Railway (PCRY) E3 trolley to the Museum (pictured above).

Bill has been modeling trolleys for many years, and has many on display at a museum in Paris, CA. He has scratch built every trolley made/used West of the Mississippi River.

He has made three PCRY E3s, one is now in the Paris Museum, one has just been donated to the SMVRHM (home of the E3), and he retains one. His donation resides in the glass case at the museum.



Pictured above is a section of Bill Everett's trolley layout. 🚂

Nominations for the Board of Directors

Nominations to fill open seats on the SMVRHM Board of Directors will be taken at both the December and January Board meetings. Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at the Santa Maria Inn.

Members of the Museum interested in serving on the Board are invited to contact the Museum for further information. 🚂