



# 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.

## Holiday Lionel layout a hit at Open House



The 5th Annual SMVRHM Holiday Lionel Open House was held on December 9, 2006. Two of the pictures at left are of the Lionel layout. The middle picture catches a portion of the Guadalupe yard on the HO layout of Santa Maria Valley railways. 🚂

## Choo Chew Saturdays 2007:

**April 21 and September 22**

Mark your calendars now to attend both of these amazingly fun events, and support the Museum at the same time! Ride trains at the Bitter Creek Western Railroad from 10:00am to 4:00pm (BBQ served Noon-2pm). \$12/adult; \$6/child 4-10; 3 and under are free. Make checks payable to "SMVRHM" and mail to: SMVRHM, PO Box 264, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264.



Choo Chew Saturday 9/30/06 🚂

## 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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## UPRR steel gang

A Union Pacific Railroad steel gang train showed up in Guadalupe in December. This equipment for a 150-person gang will be based out of the Guadalupe exchange until March 2007 (approx.). They'll be working northward.



These two mechanics are part of an 8-person team that have been preparing the equipment. The gang crew arrived in early January. Behind them is a piece of equipment that plugs empty spike holes with epoxy. 🚂

## Caboose/Depot open last Saturdays

The Museum will have SMVRR Caboose No. 180 open to the public on the last Saturday of each month from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. At the same time, the SMVRR will have the freight/depot building (adjacent to the caboose) open as well, including the railroad's gift shop.



## Last revenue run on SMVRR's Miller Yard

January 2, 2007 marked the last revenue run in the Miller Street yard, ending a 95-year history on that part of the SMVRR. The Miller Street yard was not part of the recent purchase of the SMVRR. This was once a bustling yard with packing sheds, warehouses and the La Brea Ice Company. The SMVRR is reconfiguring the McClelland Street yard so there will not be a need to cross Miller Street. Thanks to the SMVRR for these pictures and the story. See more at [smvrhm.org](http://smvrhm.org).



## 2007 dues are due

Please remit your 2007 dues at your earliest convenience. Member, \$30; Family, \$50; Associate (no vote), \$20. 🚂

## Docents needed

It's fun! Contact the Museum if you'd like to join the team of docents that handle the Museum on weekend afternoons.

