



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.

Annual Member Dinner Meeting at the Santa Maria Inn January 6, 2005

This year's annual member meeting will be a dinner event at the Historic Santa Maria Inn on Thursday, January 6, 2005.

The only Museum business to be conducted at this meeting will be the election of some Board members; 1/3 of the Board is elected each year.

The fun begins with a no-host bar in the Tap Room at 5:30pm. Dinner follows, with the following choices:

Salmon, \$27

Chicken Cordon Bleu, \$30

Prime Rib, \$34

Prices are all inclusive (except for the bar).

A special guest speaker will follow dinner.

RSVP by December 30th to: Hal Madson, PO Box 6512, Santa Maria, CA 93456. Please include a list of the people for whom you are RSVPing, their dinner selections, and payment for the meals. Please make checks out to the SMVRHM. 🚂



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.

Caboose Crew: Saturdays at the caboose, 8-11am. 🚂

Rail Bosses

Gary Van Aken, President, gary.vanaken@verizon.net

Dick Mininger, Vice President, BoothR8@aol.com

Phil Goble, Treasurer, "CaBoss", Phil.Pam@Prodigy.net

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



We made it!

Thank you! We made it!

\$850 in matching funds was raised in September to finalize the purchase of a computer to run a train simulator at the Museum. The Santa Barbara Foundation provided a matching grant, bringing the project budget to \$1700.

The simulator is up and running at the Museum; stop by and check it out as soon as possible.

As indicated in the solicitation materials, we will recognize those who donated \$50 or more to the project:

Ken Kelley

Ginnie Sterling

Phil and Pam Goble

Gary Van Aken

Ed Couch

Dick Mininger

Doris Lehr

Marcus and Mary Riese

Bill Foster

Dan Alves

Jamie and Lynn Foster

Matt and Tracy Kuhns

Train Simulator™ is a trademark of the Microsoft Corporation. 🚂

Lionel Open House set for December 11

Your Museum will host its third annual Lionel Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 11, 2004 from 1:00pm to 4:30pm at the Museum. 🚂



Tehachapi Loop field trip lots of fun!

Many thanks to Gary Van Aken for organizing and executing a fantastic field trip to the Tehachapi Loop on October 16, 2004.



This photo opp was just east of the cement plant (background left), which is just east of Tehachapi. The train is headed for Mojave.



The head (above) is about to "bite the tail" coming out of the tunnel below. From top-of-rail above the tunnel to top-of-rail in the tunnel, trains gain or lose 77 feet while traversing the Tehachapi Loop. 🚂

SMVRHM email list

An email list has been established for members and friends of the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM). If you'd like to subscribe (it's free), go to this web page:

<http://smvrhm.org/mailman/listinfo> 🚂

2005 Dues

Please submit your 2005 dues to the Museum at your earliest convenience. The rates are unchanged at: \$30/individual, \$50/family, and \$20/associate (no vote) 🚂

Model Railroad Exhibition set for February 26-27, 2005

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) will be hosting the 2nd Annual Model Railroad Exhibition February 26-27, 2005 in the Santa Maria Town Center Mall. In this year's "Centennial Exhibition", participants from three California Freemo groups (San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles and Northern California) will assemble what is hoped to be the largest "Freemo" layout ever assembled in California. The two-day event is again expected to be held in conjunction with the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Maria Town Center Mall. 🚂

Caboose No. 180 Open House October 2, 2004

Our cabooses's coming out party was in conjunction with the Santa Maria Valley Grapes and Grains Festival held around the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center on McClelland in downtown Santa Maria. During these festivities, Caboose No. 180 held its first Open House from 10am to 4pm right next to the depot which was just a short stone's throw from the festival. 🚂

