



# TRAIN ORDERS

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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.smvrhm.org/> School/Club groups by appointment.

## Tehachapi Loop field trip date: TBD

Weather has been wreaking havoc on this trip. Two April dates were cancelled because of weather. Watch the web site for an announcement of the next attempt, as soon as possible after the museum move is complete.

Those that went last Fall had a great time - don't miss it again. Contact Gary Van Aken with your interest.



The group will stop at a number of great spots for getting train photographs, including the one pictured above just east of Tehachapi. 🚦



## 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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## Choo Chew Saturday

April 30, 2005 was a super railroading day for about 200 people once again. Many thanks to the Bitter Creek Western Railroad for the use of the facilities!



## SMVRR No. 30 & 40

Thanks to William Martin, we know the following about SMVRR's No. 30 and No. 40 GE 70-ton locos.

Modesto & Empire Traction Company recently acquired Nevada Northern's 012 and 013, which were SMVRR's No. 40 and 30, respectively. 012 will be numbered M&ET 611, and 30 will be 610.

According to M&ET's Vice President, Mr. Beard, "The 012 (to be numbered 611) does have a broken crankshaft but many usable parts. I do not plan on putting either locomotive back on the rails as they came from the factory, but instead have further plans for them both. I expect that within the next two years both will be repainted to match our other ones and once again will be working their hearts out, although with different power sources."

Thanks, William! 🚦

# Pacific Coast Railroad Roundup

On May 7-8, 2005, the SMVRHM participated in a fundraising event for the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum held at the Pacific Coast Railroad in Santa Margarita. We set up a table with SMVRHM gift shop goodies for sale, and made available brochures and fliers about our activities.



That's Treasurer Phil standing behind the engineer.



And that's Store Manager Rob at the far end of the bench getting "in the cab" instructions.



Here's Pam minding the store as someone looks at Hal's book, Railroads of the Santa Maria Valley. 🐞

# The Museum is moving

The Museum is moving to a new, larger space in the Mall. We were out of the old space by the end of May, and hope to be open again in the new space by early July.



Pictured above is much of the Museum contents already in the new space. This view is to the back.



This view is also in the new space, but looks toward the front of the space. The large mirrored display cases in the background used to be in Melby's Jewelers. 🐞

# Spare a hot plate?

Can you spare a hot plate for the Museum? Wayne would like to be able to make some steam for class visits... 🐞

# Class visit

A third grade class from Pacific Christian visits the Museum. We take groups and classes by appointment. 🐞

