



# **Santa Maria Valley Railway**

## **Historical Museum**

### **July, 2002**

**Presentation to:**

**Recreation and Parks Commission**  
**City of Santa Maria**

# Today's Itinerary



**Introduction and Background**  
**About the SMVRHM**  
**SMVRHM Activities and Successes**  
**SMVRHM Plans and Projects**  
**A Joint Future...**

# On the Right Track



**An opportunity to add Santa  
Maria's railroad heritage to the city  
cultural center on S. McClelland...**

# In the Right Place



- **Recreation and Parks Buildings**  
– 626 S. McClelland
- **Next to Abel Maldonado Youth Center**
- **Contiguous to the Santa Maria Valley Railroad Downtown Yard**
- **In the City's Cultural Center**

# At the Right Time



- **Recreation and Parks is moving**
- **Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) moving ahead full steam!**

# In the Beginning



- **A couple of Railfans**
- **A Vision**
  - **Museum**
  - **Excursions**
- **An old Caboose**



# From the Strategic Plan



## Vision

To operate a museum depicting and preserving the railroad heritage of the Central Coast of California, specifically, the Santa Maria Valley including operation of a short-line rail system.

## Mission

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum is dedicated to the preservation of American railroad heritage with specific emphasis on California, the Central Coast and the Santa Maria Valley, by collecting, restoring, displaying and operating historic railroad equipment, models and memorabilia for its recreational and educational value.

# En route Since 1999



- **Gathered 60+ Members**
- **Established an Interim Museum**
- **Acquired Rolling Stock**
- **Modelers**
- **Events**
- **Supporters**





# En route: Museum



- In the Mall
- Artifacts
- Model Trains
- Gift Shop
- Rent free, 2-week notice



# En route: Museum Visitors



**School Classes**

**Leadership  
Santa Maria**

**Cub Scouts**



**Open to the  
public weekends  
1-4:30pm**

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# En route: Rolling Stock



- Restoring Caboose No. 180
- Sacramento Northern Boxcar
- D&RGW passenger car at Betteravia



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# En route: A Goal...



## Acquire SMVRR Railbus No. 9



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# En route: A Goal...



## Acquire an SMVRR Steam Locomotive



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# En route: Events



## People love trains.

**Choo Chew  
Saturdays**  
at the  
**Bitter Creek Western  
Railroad**

**October 27, 2001  
June 8, 2002**



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# En route: Events



## Book Signing: Hal Madson's book about the Santa Maria Valley Railroads



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# En route: Displays



**The artifact collection is growing...**



# En route: Models



**And we do Scouting merit badges...**

# En route: SMVRR Model



**Under  
construction...**

**SMVRR Yard, downtown Santa Maria**



**Eventually model the entire Santa Maria Valley and all its railroads...**

# En route: Web Site



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#### TRAIN ORDERS

June Elections

First "Official" Classroom Visit to the Museum, Jan 25

Dates to Track

Meetings

"Rail Bosses"

# En route: Supporters



- **Santa Barbara Foundation**
- **Visitor and Convention Bureau**
- **Dozens of Local Businesses and Organizations**
- **Individuals**
- **Central Coast Cultural Group**



# Around the Next Turn



Artist's conception of the railroad museum at 626 S. McClelland

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# Around the Next Turn



**Ultimately, preserve the downtown railroad yard and depot. This is right next door to the Rec & Parks location! A rail siding could connect...**



**As did Goleta...**



# Around the Next Turn



- **Excursions**
- **Fan Trips**
- **Speeder Runs**
- **Tourist Trains**

# Pulling into the Station



The SMVRHM desires the use of the present warehouse facility at 626 S. McClelland as well as the two small buildings between it and the street, if available, and the use of adjacent land, to use as the location of the expanded museum, to include parking and the relocating of the Museum's rolling stock to use as exhibits. The SMVRHM will pay a rent as mutually agreed to by the City and the Museum.





# All Aboard!



## On the right track!

## At the right time!

## In the right place!

– 626 S. McClelland...

Proceed...