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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/>



SMVRHM explores an interesting siding...

On July 9, 2002, the Museum took its first public step towards finding a new and permanent home. SMVRHM made a preliminary presentation to the Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Commission proposing to occupy some combination of the buildings at 626 S. McClelland that the Rec

and Parks Department is in the process of leaving. The property anchors one end of what is fast becoming a cultural center of the City, and provides the potential of easy access to the rails of the downtown railroad yard that the property adjoins. Pictured above is an artist's rendering of how the renovation for the SMVRHM at that location might appear. The proposal was well received by the Commission who directed that the Recreation and Parks staff continue discussions with the SMVRHM about this project. Pictured below/left is the property as it looks today. ✕



Guadalupe yard construction progresses on the HO model

Track is being placed at a rapid rate now on the

Guadalupe exchange yard section of the HO model. The Guadalupe exchange is where the Santa Maria Valley Railroad (SMVRR)

picks up railroad cars from and places cars for Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) freight trains. ✕



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: Saturday mornings at the caboose.

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Second annual "Choo Chew" Saturday" draws even bigger crowd

On Saturday, June 8, 2002 over 200 train lovers visited the Bitter Creek Western Live Steam Railroad, a 7.5-inch gauge private railroad on the Nipomo Mesa, for the Museum's second annual Choo Chew Saturday! And in so doing, supported the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum!

Guests enjoyed unlimited train rides and BBQ!

Many thanks to Karl Hovanitz at the Bitter Creek Western Railroad for making this event possible! 🚂

Wednesday meetings change to Thursdays

The monthly general meeting of the SMVRHM has been moved to first Thursdays (from first Wednesdays) at the Santa Maria Inn, 6:00pm. The next meeting will be on August 1st. Likewise, the Museum Development meetings have moved to Thursdays, 6:00pm at the Museum.

The recent voting by the membership sustained the following **SMVRHM Board of Directors**: Daniel F. Alves (President), Dick Minninger (Vice President), Phillip Goble (Treasurer), Ginnie L. Sterling, Dwight E. Couch, Jr., Hal Madson, Kenneth T. Rosene, Esq., Hardy Hearn, and David D. Jennings. 🚂

Become a docent

It's easy, it's fun, you meet lots of people, and you get to run trains as much as you'd like! The Saturday or Sunday afternoon really does fly by. Contact Dan to express your excitement to serve in this capacity! 🚂

Elks Rodeo Parade, June 1, boasts a train float by the SMVRHM

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) was entry No. 66 in the annual Elks Rodeo Pa-



rade on June 1, 2002. A 30-foot trailer carried a 1/8 scale Pacific Coast Railway (PCRY) train headed by a Pacific Coast electric locomotive. The consist included a PCRy boxcar and a passenger coach. Riding on the float were Cub Scouts from Pack 93, Den 3 that had visited the Museum last Fall.

Thanks to Grekka Energy for the trailer, the SMVRR for a dozen ties, and to the BCWRR for 30 feet of 7.5-



gauge rail and the train itself.

Pictured above, the SMVRHM crew prepares the grade on the flatbed truck the day before the parade, building it up using railroad ties from the SMVRR. The track was then placed on top of the railroad ties. 🚂

Caboose update

The Caboose crew is fast approaching a finished product. Furniture has been moved in: the conductor's chair, the cupola chair, and the bench seat. The cushions are off to clean and paint the frames. Phil is sewing up the arm of the cupola chair. 🚂

