



# 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.

## Choo Chew Saturday, May 17, 10am-4pm

Here's the scoop on this year's Choo Chew Saturday, May 17, 2003 at the Bitter Creek Western Railroad...

**Saturday, May 17, 2003**

**10:00am to 4:00pm**

(BBQ served Noon-2pm)

**Tickets:**

\$12/adult and \$6/child under 10

Make checks

payable to "SMVRHM" and mail to: SMVRHM, P.O. Box 264, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264. Tickets may also be purchased at the Museum Gift Shop.

Your tickets and a map to the location will be sent to you via the USPS, so please allow sufficient time.

**Enjoy Unlimited Train Rides, and BBQ!**

What's new, you ask! How about Kevin's brand spankin' new 7.5" gauge model of No. 1801, Santa Maria Valley Railroad's low-nose GP-9! It's pictured above. 🐞



## 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

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## SMVRHM crew lays patio at BCWRR

Quite a crew of SMVRHM members showed up on April 19th at the Bitter Creek Western Railroad (BCWRR) to put down a brick patio in the picnic table area. It's a Thank You! for the tremendous support that the BCWRR lends to the SMVRHM. About 3300 patio bricks were laid this day! Check it out at the upcoming Choo Chew Saturday on May 17, 2003 at the Bitter Creek Western Railroad! 🐞



## Caboose update

Phil and Kevin work this 5th day of April on trimming the "mulehide" in preparation for the KEYT-TV film crew that's scheduled to show up in a week or so (see article page 2). 🐞

## No. 21 on the web

The story and status of the restoration of SMVRR No. 21 steam locomotive by the Astoria Railroad Preservation Society can be found at this web page:

<http://www.astoriarr.org/steam/Baldwin.html> 🐞



## A Velocipede visits the Museum

The San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum has made the velocipede pictured here available to the Museum for a time. The sign that came with it reads:

"In 1883, George S. Sheffield of Three Rivers, Michigan invented the Sheffield Velocipede handcar, a 140-pound wood and iron bicycle with a third wheel for balance. The car is powered by both hand and foot levers. He soon formed the Sheffield Velocipede Car Company and produced about 4,000 cars. The velocipede was used throughout the nation and Europe for railroad signal inspection and maintenance. This particular handcar was used locally in San Luis Obispo on Southern Pacific rails in the early 1900s."

"Phil Gould, a member of the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum, has lovingly restored this velocipede from its original condition over the course of about 7 months. We thank both Phil and Vera, his wife, for their outstanding effort in reconstructing this historic rail vehicle." 🐞

## 2003 dues are due

Please, if you haven't paid your 2003 dues yet, do so as soon as possible. If you haven't received your 2003 membership card, you're probably not paid up. 🐞

## SMVRR ROW update

The Santa Maria City Council voted on April 1 not to put any City staff or other resources to use in pursuit of any effort to acquire or use the right-of-way (ROW) being abandoned by the SMVRR, community or otherwise. Your SMVRHM Board is considering approaches it may take on its own and/or with other community groups privately.



## KEYT-TV films for May 3rd airing

Debby Davidson and her KEYT-TV film crew for "Santa Barbara Treasures" visited the caboose restoration area and the Museum itself today to interview some SMVRHM folks in preparation for a segment on the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum.



Pictured at left, Debby Davidson

questions SMVRHM's "Ca-Boss" Phil Goble about the restoration of Caboose No. 180.

At right, Ms. Davidson discusses the Museum with Wayne Peterson while the camera is elsewhere filming all of the displays.

The program is scheduled to air on KEYT-TV on Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00pm. 🐞



## 3rd Grade visits the Museum April 25

A 3rd grade class from Alvin Elementary visited the Museum on April 25th. Wayne Peterson hosted this event, sharing history, maps, stories, displays and all that the Museum has to offer. The Thomas the Tank hands-on activity was a big hit, as was the HO model of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad in the front window. 🐞

