



# 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.

## RSVP for Feb 5 Annual Meeting at the Museum, 6:00pm



Plan now to attend the Museum's Annual Meeting which will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at the Museum. One item of business will be conducted - the election of Board Members


(see article on back page). Members in good standing (paid up) will be able to vote. Everyone will enjoy the festivities!

Light finger foods will be served.

Come see what's going on at your Museum!

If you can't attend but want to vote, simply mail in a proxy vote using the form included with this mailing (if you're a member).

The cost of the event will be \$5 per person, paid at the door.


Please RSVP by Jan 29 to Hal Madson by calling 805-925-8065 or at <[SMHISTORIAN2@aol.com](mailto:SMHISTORIAN2@aol.com)>. 

## 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

**Dan Alves**, President, [aiim@juno.com](mailto:aiim@juno.com)

**Dick Miner**, Vice President, [BoothR8@aol.com](mailto:BoothR8@aol.com)

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**Jamie Foster**, Secretary, "Train Orders" Editor, Webmaster, [jamie@jf2.com](mailto:jamie@jf2.com) 

## Lionel Open House

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum, located in the Santa Maria Town Center Mall (upstairs across from the Robinson-May Co.), held their Second Annual Lionel Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 13 from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. This year the museum featured a Christmas Lionel Train display depicting a store window display during the 1950's when toy and retail stores around the country built elaborate window toy train displays for the Christmas holidays. The Christmas Lionel Train display featured locomotives and rolling stock from the 1950's along with many of the popular Lionel accessories that were available.



Children of all ages enjoyed the Lionel layout in the front window!



## Electing Board Members on Feb 5

The only business that will be conducted at the February 5th Annual Meeting at the Museum (see front page) will be the election of Board Members. The following five names have been submitted by the Nominating Committee, and their names will appear on the ballot:

Rob Himoto  
Barron Smith  
Chuck O'Hern  
Gary Van Aken  
Wayne Petersen

Write-ins are provided for as well.

Proxy ballots and a return envelope are available to Members to vote who cannot attend the February 5th meeting. Please make sure your proxy ballots are returned according to the instructions on the ballot and in a timely fashion.

Members in good standing as of the mailing of this newsletter should have received a proxy ballot with this newsletter. If you think you should have received one but did not, please contact Hal Madson (805-925-8065, SMHISTORIAN2@aol.com) or Jamie Foster (805-473-4694, jamie@jf2.com). 🐞

## Modelers Meet at the Mall, Feb 21-22

The Museum will host a Modelers Meet at the Santa Maria Town Center Mall on Saturday (10am-5pm) and Sunday (10am-4pm), February 21 and 22, 2004.

Various gauge railroads will be setup and operating, and train suppliers and manufacturers will be there making model train items available for purchase.

There will also be a demonstration of the use of DCC with Lionel equipment.

Entry is FREE. 🐞



## Choo Chew Saturday, May 1, 10am-4pm

Here's the scoop on this year's Choo Chew Saturday, May 1, 2003 at the Bitter Creek Western Railroad...

**Saturday, May 1, 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!**

Don't miss all the fun!



## We survived the earthquake!

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum came through the San Simeon Quake (Dec 22) relatively unharmed. The worst damage was a broken glass shelf which has already been replaced. 🐞

## 2004 Dues are Due!

Please submit your 2004 dues to the Museum at your earliest convenience. 🐞