



# 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.

## Caboose No. 180 to move to depot for centennial display

The now-restored Santa Maria Valley Railroad (SMVRR) Caboose No. 180 will be moved later this summer to the downtown depot for public display, and to participate in the Centennial Celebration of the incorporation of the City of Santa Maria. The City of Santa Maria was incorporated as a general law city in 1905.

Mark your calendar now to attend a Caboose No. 180 "Open House" on Saturday, October 2, 2004.



Pictured above, the caboose leaves the depot in December 2001 for final restoration work at an alternate location. This caboose was purchased by the SMVRR in the 1950s, sold to Betteravia Farms in the early 1980s, and donated to the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) in December of 2000. 🚂

## 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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## HO layout chugging along nicely

Here's an update regarding progress that the HO modelers are making on the Santa Maria Valley layout...



The Guadalupe yard (above/left) has seen much action. The north-end module is now ready for wiring and switch installation. It will ultimately be joined to the south-end module by a yet-to-be-built 8-foot module.

At right above and pictured below is a downtown warehouse that Skip Purper has been building. Note the fine weathering work!



Pictured below is the actual warehouse that Skip is modeling. It's located along the tracks just east of the enginehouse in SMVRR's downtown yard area.



Additional pictures may be found on the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) web site in the HO Model section. Modelers are invited to join in the fun any Friday evening at the Museum, 7:00pm. 🚂

## SMVRHM email list

An email list has been established for members and friends of the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM). If you'd like to subscribe (it's free), go to this web page:

<http://smvrhm.org/mailman/listinfo> 


## Museum acquires a semaphore

As a result of a generous donation, the Museum recently acquired a semaphore signal from the Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad in Roseburg, Oregon.




Karl Hovanitz made the run to Oregon to pick up the signal for the Museum along with one for his own Bitter Creek Western Railroad and one for the SLO Railroad Museum. Pictured here is one double-blade and one single-blade stand in New Mexico. (Illustrative only; neither is the semaphore acquired by the SMVRHM.) 

## Model Railroad Exhibition set for February 26-27, 2005

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) will be hosting the 2nd Annual Model Railroad Exhibition February 26-27, 2005 in the Santa Maria Town Center Mall. In this year's "Centennial Exhibition", participants from three California Freemo groups (San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles and Northern California) will assemble what is hoped to be the largest "Freemo" layout ever assembled in California. The two-day event is again expected to be held in conjunction with the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Maria Town Center Mall. 

## Finally...

Longtime SMVRHM member Lou Robbins (left) finally gets his membership card from President Gary Van Aken! 



## Antique store photos

Over the summer we found a batch of photographs of activity on the Santa Maria Valley Railroad (SMVRR) at a local antique store. Here are a few, all circa 1980s:



An SMVRR baseball team.



Intense maintenance prior to sugar beet season.



c.1982. Someone stole the journal brass out of 25-plus beet racks on a foggy night... When the SMVRR went to pull them to Guadalupe the following morning, there was a lot of fire and smoke... This was the last remnant with the wheelsets being changed on track 4 in the Guadalupe Yard.



The tank cars are probably some of the last loads to be pulled out of Battles in 1983.

We've got four pages of such pictures here: <http://www.smvrhm.org/unknown.html> 