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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.

Next Tehachapi Loop field trip - April 9

Those that went last Fall had a great time - don't miss it again. Contact Gary Van Aken with your RSVP. It will be an all-day trip over and back. Costs will be shared by the group.



The group will stop at a number of great spots for getting train photographs, including the one pictured above just east of Tehachapi. 🚂

Central Coast Trains

Many thanks to Central Coast Trains of Atascadero for joining us at the Train Show (see reverse side), and for the generous donation of three railcars to our raffle. 🚂

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. 🚂

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Simulator gets real controls

The Train Simulator display at the museum now has a "real" set of diesel controls. This was made possible in part by RailDrivers.com special pricing for non-profit operations such as ours.

Stop by and try it out! 🚂



Fifth Annual "Choo Chew" Saturday

At the Bitter Creek Western Live Steam Railroad

7.5-inch Gauge on the Nipomo Mesa

Enjoy Unlimited Train Rides, and BBQ!

Saturday, April 30, 2005

10:00am to 4:00pm

(BBQ served Noon-2:00pm)

Tickets: \$12/adult; \$6/child under 10

Make checks payable to "SMVRHM" and mail to:

SMVRHM, PO Box 264, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264

Please allow time for tickets and a map to be returned to you via the USPS. Tickets may also be purchased at the Museum Gift Shop. Proceeds benefit the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum. 🚂



2nd Annual Train Show in the Mall

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) hosted 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 Free-mo groups (San Luis Obispo, Los Angeles and Northern California) assembled one of the largest "Free-mo" layouts ever in California. The two-day event was held in conjunction with the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce and the Santa Maria Town Center Mall.



The downtown SMVRR yard was busy both days!



The SP cab-forward was a big hit!



The Guadalupe yard got its first workout.



And the Guadalupe station got some unusual traffic.

Here are some quotes from Chris Palomarez, organizer of the Free-mo groups:

"The bottom line, Free-mo and RPM [Railroad Prototype Modeling] create a fresh presentation and represent new life for the hobby."

"For all the new modules brought into the setup, there were remarkably few problems. The DCC system was rock solid and left no mysteries thanks to Bob Shrempp and Gary Green."

"For having fewer modules this year, the layout seemed MUCH larger! The Guadalupe yard presented by the SMVRHM was a terrific addition to the layout and the much cramped Mojave Yard sections."

"Bob and I were relieved that the much anticipated rebuilt wye worked as promised and became an asset to the setup rather than a liability. More of this sort of reworking will happen to the older modules like Arness proper, so it will share the same benefits to being 100% Free-mo and DCC enabled."

"The RPM event was great! More locals showed their work then last year and a few guests from LA (Dave Hussey and Paul Federiconi) helped reinforce the fact that this was for real. I hope we can keep the upward motion for the Santa Maria RPM display in place." 🚂

2005 Dues

Please submit your 2005 dues to the Museum at your earliest convenience. The rates are unchanged at: \$30/individual, \$50/family, and \$20/associate (no vote).

