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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.

Your Museum reopened on September 10th

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) reopened in its new and larger space in the Santa Maria Town Center Mall on Saturday, September 10th!

Cookies and punch were available to the many folks that came by that afternoon to see the new displays and layouts in this much more spacious area. In fact, some folks declared that it looked like a real museum!



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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. 🚂

Rail Bosses

(Reverse emails to use - sorry, it's a spambot thing.)

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Sixth "Choo Chew" Saturday, Oct 29

At the Bitter Creek Western Live Steam Railroad
7.5-inch Gauge on the Nipomo Mesa
Enjoy Unlimited Train Rides, and BBQ!

Saturday, October 29, 2005

10:00am to 4:00pm

Santa Maria 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

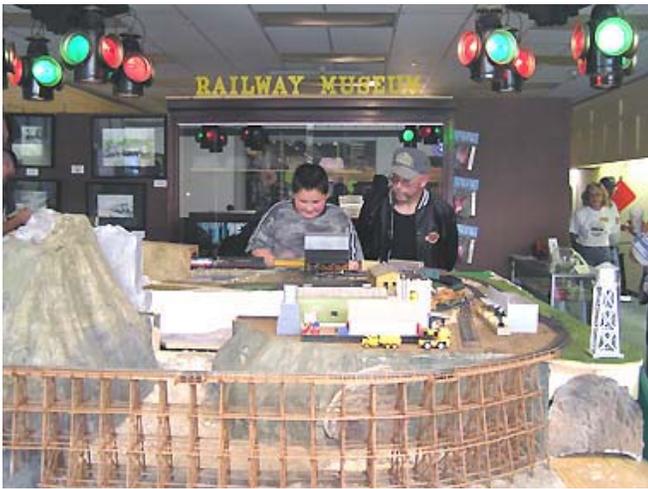
Please allow time for tickets and a map to be returned to you via the USPS. Tickets may also be purchased at the Museum Gift Shop. Proceeds benefit the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum. 🚂



Pictures from the last Choo Chew Saturday...



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Pictured above is the front of the new Museum where the gift shop is located along with an HO layout.



The two fellows pictured above (left) were enjoying the train simulator. The rail display shown above (right) is in the back area of the Museum.



The SMVRHM can always count on some of the guys getting all gussied up for any affair. Above, Dan and Jamie pose in front of the many pictures, maps, and other interpretive exhibits in the Museum.

The Museum is open Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. It is located on the 2nd floor of the Town Center Mall, towards Sears.



SMVRR for sale

After 80 years of family ownership, the descendants of Capt. G. Allan Hancock have decided to sell the Santa Maria Valley Railroad (SMVRR).

It is hoped by the Hancock family and the board that the buyer will continue to operate the railroad.

The SMVRR began in 1911 hauling oil from Roadamite in Cat Canyon to the mainline exchange in Guadalupe. Today, the SMVRR serves several industrial customers in Santa Maria. Outbound products include wine and frozen vegetables. Inbound traffic includes steel, wallboard, lumber, dust retardants, fertilizers, and aluminum.

The SMVRR has 6 employees and 3 locomotives.



Pictured above is SMVRR's No. 1801, a low-nose GP-9 diesel locomotive. Photo courtesy of Bruce Morden (taken in October of 2004). The other two locomotives are GE 70-tonners with the green-on-yellow paint scheme.

The SMVRHM extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Hancock family and Board of Directors for the many decades of railroad service provided to the Santa Maria Valley, and wishes them all the best for the future.

And, the SMVRHM looks forward to welcoming a new railroad operator to Santa Maria!



SMVRR tender in OR

Thanks to Jack Harper, a former resident and train lover of Santa Maria, for this recent picture of a "rust and white" SMVRR tender. According to Jack, it's gone from black to rust as it's been here beneath the Astoria-Megler Bridge in Oregon for years. William and Don Martin's research indicates this is No. 21's tender. SMVRR Locomotive No. 21, a Baldwin 2-8-2, is being restored by the Astoria Railroad Preservation Association.

