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The Perfect Present - For the Museum !





Phillips 66 contribution of \$30,000 for Museum Displays

Oil has been an important part of our region's employment and economy since the beginning of the last Century. The effort included extraction, transportation and refining of the crude into finished product. Three of the railroads serving the local area, the Pacific Coast Railway, the Santa Maria Valley Railroad and the Southern Pacific Railroad played an important role in this development.

The San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum always planned to incorporate this significant industry into our exhibits and displays. Our efforts received a very significant boost when the Phillips 66 Company donated \$30,000 to the Museum to further this end. Half of the funds will be utilized in the purchase and restoration of a full sized Southern Pacific oil tank car with related information. The second portion will be spent in developing an historic portrayal, in model form, covering the extraction, transportation and refining of oil in our coastal region. In addition to the models there will be video monitors using photos and voice-over which will present the railroad/oil industry information to the Museum visitor.

A formal presentation was made last Friday by Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery manager Bill Schroll to Museum president Brad LaRose and representatives of our Board of Directors. Phillips 66 will be recognized as both a model scene sponsor and a Museum Donor for their generous \$30,000 contribution.

Just a reminder to all our members - this Saturday, December 27th, is the last open day at the Museum for 2014. We will have our holiday trains running, the Museum is still decorated and we will have holiday treats. And - after close of business, from 4 to 6 pm., we will have our end-of-year Museum Member Mixer. So - all members, bring a dish to share, whatever you want to drink, and enjoy relaxing with other members as we reflect on how much we have accomplished this year. We have so much to be proud of. We hope you'll join us for the celebration!

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