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#1886 Caboose is Being Restored Chair by Chair



Member Gerry Johnson visited the Museum recently to generously donate \$400 to the caboose chair project. The donation was made in memory of her long-time neighbor and friend, William "Bill" Howell, who passed away recently. Bill was a railroad man and lover of all things having to do with railroads, so Gerry felt this would be a great way to honor his memory. We want to thank Gerry for her thoughtful gift and we know that Bill's family and friends will approve.

COAST MAIL

Our Coast Mail Newsletter, with articles and history, is available on our SLORRM website. By making it available in digital form, we have been able to provide a longer version than we could do in print. Also, old Coast Mails are available for viewing at all times on the website. So, if you remember that certain article that you wanted to look at again, but accidentally threw out the print version, you can still find it on the website. We hope this will prove to be much more convenient for our readers.

Look for these Upcoming Events

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ: The party is coming up on April 23rd at Trilogy in Monarch Dunes. Join us for this fundraising dinner and auction. Proceeds will help restore our Lounge-Cafe car to its previous splendor. And you will have the chance to win the bid on the Christening Party to take place on National Train Day. You can be the one breaking that bottle of champagne to give it a new Central Coast appropriate name. Click on our website below to get your tickets to this Roaring 20's themed gala. It'll be the cat's meow!

NATIONAL TRAIN DAY will take place all over the nation on Saturday, May 9th. It is a celebration of the completion of the first cross-country railroad, and cities all over the U.S. will be having festivities and events. SLORRM will be christening our lounge car with its new name, there will be a railroad-themed swap meet, and other activities. Bring your family and friends. Contact Diane at media@slorrm.com if you want to rent table space on the platform for the swap meet. Admission to the Museum is \$3, children are \$2, free for 3 and under.

OVERLAND TRAIL PRIVATE CAR EXCURSION: On Saturday,

June 20th, you have the opportunity to ride in luxury on the beautiful Overland Trail fully restored lounge car. We are offering two options. The morning trip leaves SLO on the early Surfliner at 6:55 am. After an hour's stop in Santa Barbara, you will return on the Overland Trail, getting in to SLO about 1:00 pm. On the afternoon trip you leave SLO on the Overland Trail at 1:55 pm. Again, there is an hour stop in Santa Barbara, then return to SLO about 8:30 pm on the evening Surfliner. Cost is \$100 per person for either round trip. Contact Diane at media@slorm.com to make reservations and arrange payment.

CENTRAL COAST RAILROAD FESTIVAL will be happening at the Museum and in other venues around the Central Coast during the first weekend of October. There will be model trains, railroad art exhibits, talks about local citizens and their involvement with the railroads, a swap meet, and so much more. Watch here and on the SLORRM website for more details.

MEMBERS: If you are a friendly, outgoing person, we would love to train you to be a docent at the Museum. A few hours of your time once or twice a month can make a big difference in our ability to be open to the public. You don't have to be an expert on trains. More important is the desire to share our facility with the families, travelers, and local people who find their way to our Museum.

REMINDER: If you have not renewed your membership for 2015, please send in your dues! Make check payable to SLORRM and send to P O Box 13260, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406. Or renew with PayPal at <http://slorm.com/join.html>. Thanks!



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