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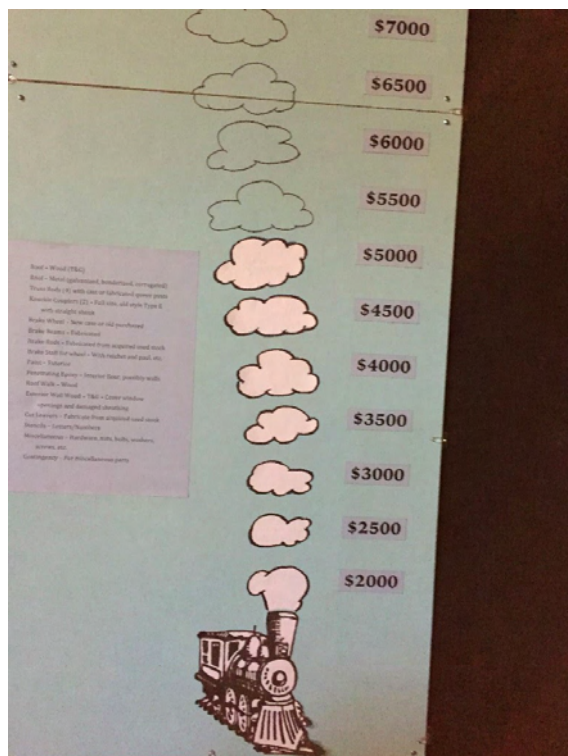
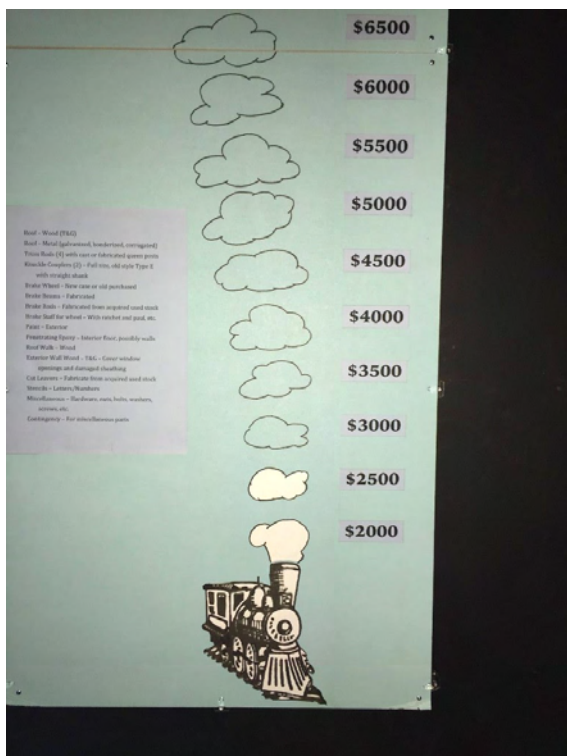
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From the Freighthouse SLORRM eNews

OUR PACIFIC COAST RAILWAY BOXCAR IS ON ITS WAY



Within the last month, we have made fantastic progress in raising money to restore our #1200 PC Ry boxcar. After our End-of-Year Giving Campaign, we had almost \$2,500. Thanks to the Clark Family Trust and a grant from the Dailey

Foundation we have doubled that amount to almost \$5,000. This is a significant advance in our attempt to raise \$11,500 for the complete restoration. We express our gratitude to everyone who donated to the boxcar fund.

THE SWEETHEART EXCURSION ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY
The Pacific Trail and Overland Trail private cars had wonderful weather for the Sweetheart Excursion to Santa Barbara and back.



**CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR AT THE MUSEUM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016**

PHIL TILLMAN, local history buff, will be giving a talk on how so many Chinese people came to be here, what they did while they lived in the Central Coast area, and why so many left. There is no group more connected with railroad construction in the West, and the story of Chinese in San Luis Obispo is deep and widespread. Join us on **Saturday, February 20th** at 10 am. Talk is included with \$3 Museum admission. (FREE to members)

The talk will be followed by a traditional LION DANCE, with accompaniment, performed by the Cal Poly Lion Dance Troupe. This group is enthusiastic and professional and this will be a highlight of our Chinese New Year celebration. Kids - if you want good luck all year, remember to bring a Chinese coin (or a dollar bill) to stuff in the Lion's mouth while he roars at you!



World War II, Arroyo Grande Saturday, March 19, 11 am

The Museum welcomes Jim Gregory, long-time local history teacher and Lucia Mar's 2010 Teacher of the Year. Jim will share information from his new book about Arroyo Grande during the Second World War. Followed by Q&A and a book signing. Included with \$3 admission to Museum (FREE to Members).

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

April 24th, 2016, will be our first Merit Badge Sign-Off Day. Boys will bring their pre-requisite merit badge work, hear presentations from Amtrak and Operation Lifesaver, and complete the requirements to receive their Boy Scout Railroading Badge. Thanks to Amtrak employees who are helping to implement this program.

POMAR JUNCTION WINE EXCURSION

Watch here for details of our upcoming Wine-Rail Excursion on May 6th to Pomar Junction Winery in Paso Robles. You'll get to ride the train AND go to a great local winery. Doesn't get any better!

SLO TRAIN DAY - SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

Join us as we celebrate the 122nd anniversary of the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad to San Luis Obispo in 1894. We will have

activities on the platform, including railroad art work for sale, a railroad swap meet, food, wine tasting and music. Admission to the Museum itself is only \$3 for adults, \$2 for kids, and 3 years or under and members are free. Come on in and see the new Pacific Coast Railway exhibit and look at the wonderful progress that's been made on the large model train layouts. Contact Diane at media@slorm.com to rent a table on the platform.

CENTRAL COAST RAILROAD FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 7th THROUGH 9th, 2016

Watch here for information about the Railroad Festival coming up in the fall. Contact Diane at media@slorm.com if you want to participate in the platform activities.

MEMBERS: Please renew your membership if you haven't already. All memberships now run from January to December.

MEMBERS: Please consider joining our friendly group of docents in the Museum, or as a train modeler, or as an artifact restorer. All talents are welcome in our all-volunteer organization. Thanks! Contact Diane at media@slorm.com.



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