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From the Freighthouse SLORRM eNews



On Saint Patrick's Day, we had the unexpected pleasure of the Union Pacific's Board of Directors Business Train spending the night in San Luis Obispo. Everyone from the train was invited to come see us at the Museum and we were delighted to meet new UP friends. Here's Museum Manager, Diane Marchetti, with two of UP's restoration specialists who were particularly interested in the work being done on our 1926 Lounge Car, La Cuesta. Thanks for joining us!

World War II, Arroyo Grande

On Saturday, March 19th, the Museum welcomed Jim Gregory, who told stories from his new book about Arroyo Grande during the Second World War. Jim had many photos and nostalgic period music to accompany his talk. The Gift Shop is temporarily sold out of his book, but will be restocking. And see the front page on the March 21st Tribune for the story of how Jim is researching his new book called "Patriot Graves". He seeks to tell the story of the surprising number of Civil War veterans who made Arroyo Grande their home after the battles ended and they could return to their civilian lives. Many thanks to Jim for his superb historical work.

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

April 24th, 2016, will be our first Merit Badge Sign-Off Day. Boys will bring their prerequisite 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. If you know a Boy Scout who wants a railroading badge, it's not too late. Contact media@slorm.com immediately and we will get you started on the process. The cost is \$25 and includes everything you need to complete the badge.



POMAR JUNCTION WINE EXCURSION FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

Leave the SLO Amtrak Station at 3:35 pm on Friday afternoon, May 6th, and travel on the Coast Starlight over the beautiful Cuesta Grade to Paso Robles. See photo above from our last Wine-Train excursion. From the Paso station, you will be transported to Pomar Junction Winery for their Train Wreck Friday party. Listen to the Mighty Croon Dogs, enjoy the wine-tasting included in your fare (normally an extra \$10 charge), buy dinner or bring your own picnic, and then get transported back to the SLO Amtrak Station. Cost is \$75 per person for the entire excursion. Contact media@slorm.com or call 805-548-1894 for tickets.

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 artwork for sale, a railroad swap meet, kid's play area, food, wine tasting and music. Admission to the Museum is only \$3 for adults, \$2 for kids 4 to 15. (Members are FREE). Come see the new Pacific Coast Railway exhibit and look at the

wonderful progress that's been made on the large model train layouts.
Contact 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. There will be many activities throughout the County, including Railroad Story Times at local libraries, a list of local train layouts open to the public for the weekend, and a bike ride along the historic Pacific Coast Railway right-of-way. Contact media@slorm.com if you want to participate in the platform activities.

MEMBERS: Would you like to become a hands-on member of the fastest growing Museum in the area? Do you like local railroad history and like talking to people? Or learning how to restore a historic artifact or railroad equipment? There are lots of fun opportunities for volunteers here at the Museum.

Docents educate the public on our rich local history of railroads. Restoration volunteers are currently restoring our 1926 Observation Car (La Cuesta) and our SP Bay Window Caboose. Collection volunteers catalog and sort various paper documents, photographs, books, and manuals. Model volunteers are working on models depicting the history of railroads on the Central Coast. Display volunteers develop and build interpretive displays. Event volunteers develop Museum events, large and small. If you have a particular interest or talent, we have a volunteer opportunity for you.

Members find volunteering for the Museum an enjoyable experience, with the camaraderie, opportunity to share railroad history of the Central Coast to the public, and helping the Museum grow. Join us today!
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