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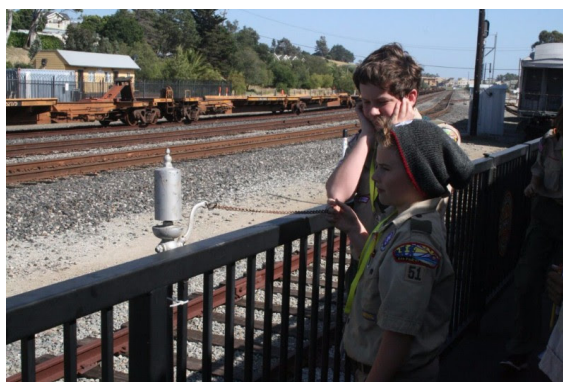
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From the Freighthouse SLORRM eNews

BOY SCOUT RAILROADING BADGE DAY SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016



Our first Boy Scout Railroading Badge sign-off day was a big success with 20 boys earning their badges. A highlight of the day was their visit to the beautiful Coast Starlight train while it was stopped in the San

Luis Obispo station. The boys talked with the crew including the chef, explored the train finding out what a sleeping car, a dining car, a coach car, an observation car (with movie theater) and a baggage car look like. Then they returned to the Museum and completed other activities like learning signals on a very loud steam whistle. Our next BSA Railroading Badge day will be October 16th. Cost is \$25 per scout and includes everything needed, including a model railroad car kit. Contact RRMeritBadge@slorm.com to enroll.



POMAR JUNCTION WINE TRAIN 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. 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. Call soon. We have only a few left.

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 from Pomar Junction Winery and music by South Street Roundhouse. Admission to the Museum is only \$3 for adults, \$2 for kids 4 to 15. (Members are FREE). We can always use donations of Brio, Thomas or similar train toys for the kid's area. Contact media@slorm.com to rent a table on the platform or to donate train toys. Thanks for your help!



THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th

At 3 pm hear Glen Matteson's account of the events that occurred when some railborne military guns were fired on the California coast. Then enjoy one of the finest silent movies ever made. Buster Keaton stars in "The General", a movie based on the Great Locomotive Chase which occurred in 1862. Keaton was famous for doing his own stunts and the ones in this movie are exciting (and dangerous). The American Film Institute rates this movie as one of the top 10 comedies of all time and we are proud to present it as the first in our series of
MOVIES AT THE MUSEUM.

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

Watch here for information about the Railroad Festival coming up in October. 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.

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! Contact Diane at media@slorrm.com.



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