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**From the  
Freighthouse  
SLORRM eNews**

A life shaped by growing up in California's Upper Arroyo Grande Valley and a career in the classroom inspired these essays, reflections on a rural childhood and on American life in war and peace. Here are profiles of ancestors, pioneers, immigrants, soldiers and indomitable women, people marked by courage and personal integrity. Jim Gregory, the author of *World War II Arroyo Grande*, *Patriot Graves*, *San Luis Obispo County Outlaws* and *Central Coast Aviators in World War II* undertakes a new and much more personal approach to history in this book.

Jim Gregory taught United States History and European History for thirty years in California schools. He was his district's teacher of the year and his writing has received national recognition.  
*South County Historical Society photo*

Will This Be on the Test?  
Jim Gregory

Will This Be on the Test?  
Reflections from a History Teacher

**JIM GREGORY**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 11 AM

Join us on Saturday, April 13th, at 11 am, to hear one of our favorite local authors discuss his newest book, "Will This Be on the Test?" This is a collection of memories and stories about California and national history, told by one of our most interesting speakers. If you wish to purchase a copy of this newest book, Jim will be happy to sign it for you.



## ARRIVAL OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC IN SAN LUIS OBISPO

Talk by Andrew Merriam, local railroad modeler and historian

May 4th, 2019, 11 am

May 4th marks the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad in San Luis Obispo. Andrew's talks are always thorough and well researched, so come enjoy this informative presentation, included with museum admission. Learn about what was involved in getting the railroad over some of the most difficult terrain in California. What made them do it? How did they do it?



SLO TRAIN DAY  
SATURDAY, MAY 11th

10 am to 4 pm

By now you have probably heard that May 10th is the 150th anniversary of the

driving of the golden spike in Utah, which linked the nation coast to coast. On Saturday, May 11th, we will celebrate and honor the huge contribution of the Irish and Chinese immigrants who came here to build the railroads. Members - visit our Members-Only booth. Not a member? You can join that day. Check our website for the schedule of events, [www.slormm.com](http://www.slormm.com). And don't miss the Cal Poly Lion Dance Troupe at 2 :30 pm. Please join us for this day of history and fun.



FUNDRAISING DINNER AT THE BITTERCREEK WESTERN RAILROAD  
SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019, STARTS AT 5 PM

A great opportunity to enjoy train rides, cocktail hour, "Surf and Turf" dinner, wine pairings, and silent auction, with all proceeds benefitting the Museum. This 7.5-inch gauge railroad is located on the Nipomo Mesa and is owned and operated by Karl Hovanitz with lots of willing hands.

Tickets: \$75 per person, Contact [media@slormm.com](mailto:media@slormm.com) for tickets and info, or you may buy now online with PayPal (whether you have an account or not).

See ticket link on our website at [www.slormm.com](http://www.slormm.com) (click below)



## WINE RAIL EXCURSIONS JUNE THROUGH OCTOBER 2019

Here is the schedule for our 2019 Wine Rail Excursions, with the live entertainment groups as shown. All dates are Fridays, with the train leaving SLO at 3:35 pm and traveling over the beautiful Cuesta Grade to Paso Robles, where you are whisked away to Fableist Winery for their Train Wreck Friday Party. Return to SLO about 9:30 pm (by van). Wine tasting, all transportation, and live entertainment are included. Food is available for purchase, or bring your own picnic.

Cost per person: \$85  
(10% discount for members)

June 21st - Sound Investment - ***SOLD OUT***  
July 19th - Unfinished Business  
August 16th - Bear Market Riot  
Sept. 20th - AJM Band  
Oct. 18th - JD Project

Tickets or Info? Contact Diane. Call 805-548-1894 or email  
[media@slorm.com](mailto:media@slorm.com).



BEER TRAIN EXCURSIONS  
SATURDAYS, JUNE 1ST, JULY 6TH, SEPTEMBER 7TH

If the Wine Rail Excursion sounds like fun, but you really prefer beer, these excursions are for you. We will have three of them this summer, on June 1st, July 6th, and September 7th, all Saturday nights. You will travel north over the grade on the afternoon Starlight, detrain at Paso Robles where you will ride to BarrelHouse Brewery for beer tasting, corn hole and live entertainment. Food is available for purchase or bring your own picnic. Cost is \$85 per person, 10% discount for Museum members. For tickets or info, contact Diane at 805-548-1894 or [media@slorm.com](mailto:media@slorm.com).

BECOME A MEMBER AND SUPPORT THE MUSEUM

Annual memberships are just \$36 a year for individuals and \$60 for families (prorated for new memberships). Support the history of railroading on the Central Coast. Contact Diane at [media@slorm.com](mailto:media@slorm.com) or call 805-548-1894 for information or come in to the Museum any Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, to join.

NOTABLE NEWS! The Museum is reinstating ***LIFE MEMBERSHIPS***. If you don't want the hassle of remembering to renew each year, you can become a life member. The cost is \$600 for those who are 62 years of age and over, and \$1000 for those who are less than 62. Contact Diane at 805-548-1894 or at [media@slorm.com](mailto:media@slorm.com)

MEMBERS: Do you like railroad history? Are you a modeler? Do you like to work on equipment or talk to people? We can use many different talents. Come to the Museum any Saturday and talk to us about your interests. Or contact Diane at [media@slorm.com](mailto:media@slorm.com) or call 805-548-1894.



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