

Coming Up...

**January 15, 2015
Proposed Coast Daylight Service**

Peter Rodgers of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) will talk about the Coast Daylight proposal to run a daily passenger train from Los Angeles to San Francisco. This program will be held at the Santa Maria Library's Shepard Hall. Doors open at 5pm. Admission is \$5, or free if you grab dinner from the Cafe right next to the Hall. The program will start at 6pm.

**February 21, 2015
SMV History Museum**

Join the Friends for a private guided tour of the Santa Maria Valley History Museum (616 S. Broadway). They have an interesting Hancock room and Betteravia display along with many other cool exhibits. Meet us there at 10am, and bring some lunch money as we'll be going to The Swiss right afterward (516 N. Broadway).

**April 23, 2015
Puttin' On The Ritz**

Dinner & Auction Gala

Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment resplendent in a Roaring 20s theme. Enjoy dinner along with both live and silent auctions and afterwards dance the night away. Trilogy at the Monarch Dunes in Nipomo is the speakeasy hosting this elegant soiree. Break out your best 20s glad-rags and look absolutely swell at this benefit for the Friends of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad.



The Santa Maria Valley Railroad will present their First Annual Public Safety Award to a citizen who has exemplified public safety for railroads.

Funds raised will benefit the Friends of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad generally, and specifically a new Friends' program to assist the Education and Equipping of Central Coast First Responders regarding rail incidents. Some of this will also assist departments responding to non-rail incidents as well. Part of the proceeds will also benefit the Renovation of the La Condesa, a 1926 Pullman car belonging to the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum. You may recall that the La Condesa was on the SMVRR from October of 2007 to May of 2014.

Sponsorships are available. See the website for all the details: <http://friends-smvrr.org/150423.html>

"Early Boarder" dinner tickets are \$100. That price goes to \$125 on February 1st.

**May 9, 2015
National Train Day**

Friends will be exhibiting at the SLO Railroad Museum; watch for details.

**June 20, 2015
Friends/SMVRR Summer BBQ**

11am to 2pm just like last year. Get it on your calendar now; then watch for details as they develop.

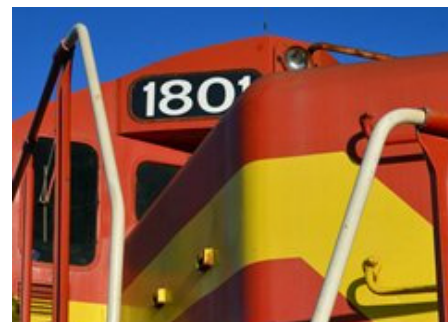
**Friends of the
Santa Maria Valley Railroad**



New and Renewed Memberships

Basic

- Alex Alfaro
- Sam Rodriguez
- Tom Murray
- Ray Himoto
- Linda Rodrigues
- Rafael Sanchez
- Al Sheff
- Sergio Silva
- Sarah Smith



Depot - Family

- Mike and Heidi Christianson and Family
- Ken & Karen Emigh and Family
- Liz & Rob Nast and Family
- Nino Gaudino and Family



Engineer

- Rob Himoto
- Nathan & Chantel Paul

Alice Simas

We are sad to report the news of the passing of long time member Alice Simas. Alice was a charter member of the Friends. Alice personally knew Marian Hancock, G. Allen Hancock's widow and former president of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad. Through the years Alice shared her stories and experiences about Mrs. Hancock and growing up in Santa Maria.

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Sponsor Support

The Santa Maria Valley Railroad is a sponsor of our newsletter and our quarterly programs. The Mortgage House is a sponsor of our meeting room for Friends Board Meetings. AgLand has supported Friends BBQs at the railroad's headquarters in Betteravia. We are always looking for sponsors to expand our programs and tours and fund educational activities.

San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum Tour - November 22, 2014

The Santa Maria Valley Railroad sponsored a private tour of the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum for members of the Friends of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad. The tour was followed by lunch (of course) at Del Monte Cafe (right across the street from the Museum).



The mid-section of the La Condesa is undergoing considerable renovation.



After a brief presentation from Jamie Foster about a new yard project proposal for the Union Pacific RR, the Santa Maria Valley RR, and the Museum in the area south of the Museum, Brad LaRose led the group on their tour of the Museum.



Surf, on the Central Coast Model Railroad located at the Museum.



Private Railcar Excursion to Santa Barbara - October 4, 2014

We thoroughly enjoyed this first Private Railcar Trip done in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum! We rode the immaculately restored Overland Trail as we enjoyed the vistas along the Central

Coast and relaxed in the luxurious lounge while being served complimentary coffee and soda. Three versions of the trip were available, two of which included a leg on Amtrak and one included both legs on the Overland Trail from Santa Barbara and back.

