

Coming Up...

**September 19, 2015 (New Date)
Guadalupe City Walk 'n' Talk, Museum**

At 10:00am we'll join Shirley Boydston, Guadalupe Historical Society Member, for a fascinating walking tour of this historic small town. Expect an enthralling hour with this long-time Guadalupe resident. Meet at the Dunes Center Visitor's Center, 1065 Guadalupe Street. We'll work in some time to enjoy the Museum and Dunes Center, and, of course, lunch. Please RSVP.

October 1-4, 2015

Central Coast Railroad Festival

Enjoy all the activities Thursday through Sunday. The SMV Railroad will be giving a talk at the SLO Railroad Museum at 10:30am on Saturday. <http://CCRRF.com>

November 14, 2015

Roadamite Field Trip

A reprise journey led by the inimitable Kevin O'Roark. Tour the vestiges of the SMVRR and the PCRY south and east of town. Bring some money for lunch (TBD). RSVP required (805-614-7093 or info@Friends-SMVRR.org).

SLO Train Day, May 9, 2015

The Santa Maria Valley Railroad exhibited at the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum for SLO Train Day. A christening party to rename the museum's Pullman Observation Car from the La Condesa to the La Cuesta was highlighted with Captain G. Allan Hancock's great great granddaughter Sydney McGovern doing the celebratory honors of breaking the champagne bottle on the car. Rob Himoto, the current President of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad, presented a check on behalf of the Friends for \$2500 to the SLO Railroad Museum for the renovation of the La Cuesta observation car.



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The Santa Maria Valley Railroad is a sponsor of our newsletter and our quarterly programs. Murphy Bank 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.

Friends of the



Santa Maria Valley Railroad

Photoshoot, Open House, and BBQ

June 19-20, 2015

The 2-day event started with a Guided Photoshoot as we chased the 32-car inbound train from Guadalupe. The train was led by the two 70-tonners in the classic back-to-back configuration. The group was accompanied by railroad personnel and thereby gained access to otherwise private areas. Visit the website for more photos.



A few others joined the photography group for a delightful no-host dinner Friday evening at the Santa Maria Inn. On Saturday we enjoyed a Santa Maria Style BBQ at the railroad's headquarters at Betteravia along with Kevin's famous tour of the townsite and a presentation about the current railroad operations and regional impact.



Puttin' on the Ritz - April 23, 2015

What an evening of fun and entertainment resplendent in a Roaring 20s theme! Our extravaganza included a fabulous dinner, live and silent auctions, and then dancing the night away. The Monarch Club at Trilogy in Nipomo was the speakeasy for this elegant soiree.

Funds raised 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 also benefited 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. A \$2500 check was presented to the SLORRM during their SLO Train Day celebration.

All the pics: <http://friends-smvrr.org/150423.html>

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Former KSBY newscaster Monica Quintero emceed the event.



Kevin O'Roark (r) received the first G. Allan Hancock Award for History Preservation. Dottie Lyons (not pictured) received the first Public Safety Award.

