

Eureka!

May, 2014

Kevin just had to get a little more data to make the case that those two parallel cracks, exactly three feet apart, were, in fact, related to buried Pacific Coast Railway track. Several indirect factors were lining up to make the possible explanation likely. And Kevin got his data. The metal detector found metal under the two lines.



Eureka! We were believers anyway, Kevin.
Complete story: <http://friends-smvrr.org/130504.html>

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**Coming Up...**

We've got several activities planned...

June 14, 2014 (Saturday)

Friends/SMVRR Summer BBQ

Join us at the railroad for a Santa Maria-style (tri-tip and chicken) Friends Fundraising BBQ for only \$10/person. 11am to 2pm. Lunch includes beans, garlic bread, drinks, and dessert. Come celebrate summer and the upgrades and updates on the Santa Maria Valley Railroad's locomotives! Please RSVP by June 12th to Jamie.Foster@JF2.com or (805) 614-7093.

August 23, 2014 (Saturday)

Santa Maria Valley's Electric Railroad

We'll explore the electrified branches of the Pacific Coast Railway and, ideally, gain some insight to the sometimes conflicting published material about them. Meet in the parking lot at the corner of Battles Road and S. Depot Street at 10:00am and we'll carpool from there. We'll end up in Guadalupe just in time for lunch! You must be a Friends member to attend; you may join on site (bring completed application and payment). RSVP: Jamie.Foster@JF2.com or (805) 614-7093.

September 2014 (exact date TBD)

Phillips 66 Rail Project

Jim Anderson from Phillips 66 will talk about the rail expansion project at their Nipomo facility. This program will be held at the Santa Maria Library's Shepard's 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. Watch the website for the date.

Transloading

A company does not have to be contiguous to a rail line in order to benefit from rail transportation. Pictured below (steel plates) and at left (tractors) are two SMV rail customers that come to SMV's headquarters in Betteravia to unload their goods and haul them the final mile to their respective businesses.





Fillmore & Western Field Trip

March 22, 2014

We had a great time at the Fillmore & Western Railway in Fillmore, CA. Those who arrived way too early got to spend a little time shopping in the gift shop railcar and strolling around the areas where equipment was parked. At 11:30am or so we boarded the "Week-end Scenic Train Ride" bound for Santa Paula with what seemed like unending citrus and avocado in between. The train stayed in Santa Paula about 75 minutes giving everyone plenty of time to do a little of the town. There's actually quite a bit to do in Santa Paula including an oil/gas industry museum and an agriculture industry museum. The only stop on the way back was at the Loose Caboose Garden Center, home of all manner of koi, birds, turtles... Well, you'll see some below and even more on the webpage: <http://friends-smvrr.org/140322.html>

Fillmore & Western Railroad:
<http://www.fwry-blog.com/>

