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The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum

P.O. Box 264, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264

<http://www.smvrhm.org/>

Railbus No. 9 hit the rails in April for the 1st time in 46 years



SMV Railbus #9 last saw service on the SMVRR in 1962. It was built in 1932 by Fairmont Railway Motorcars of Fairmont, MN. It saw regular service on the SMVRR as a mail and express package delivery vehicle between the mainline exchange in Guadalupe and downtown Santa Maria. It was retired from that service in 1936 at which time it became a maintenance-of-way "speeder" for the SMVRR carrying track crews and equipment to and from work sites. It was sold as scrap in 1962 to the Valley Pipe & Salvage Company of Santa Maria.

In 1965, Valley Pipe donated the railbus to the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, also known as the San Diego Railway Museum (www.sdrm.org). That group worked on the railbus for 26 years at which time it became the first piece of functioning rolling stock at the museum in 1991. Railbus #9 made her first restored debut at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento at RailFair '91.

Railbus No. 9 was here as part of a speeder group running on the SMVRR for the day.



School group visited the Museum April 18



Thanks to Wayne Petersen for running our education programs. This group from Oakley School visited the Museum earlier this Spring. 🌻



Meetings

General: first Thursday of the month, 6:00pm, at the Santa Maria Inn. 🌻

Rail Bosses

(Reverse emails to use - sorry, it's a spambot thing.)

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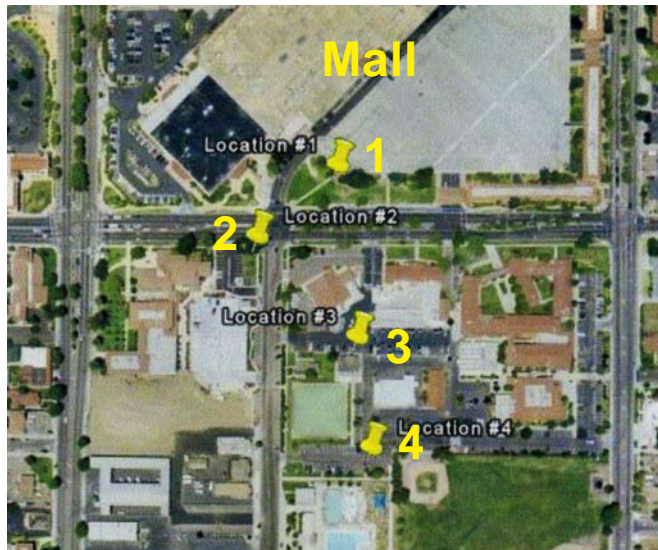
Jamie Foster, Secretary, "Train Orders" Editor, Webman, jf2.com@pbjrr 🌻

Locating U.S. No. 1, Caboose No. 180, and a Semaphore

On August 12, 2008, the SMVRHM will present five options to the Recs and Parks Commission as to where this combination of Santa Maria Valley railroad artifacts might be permanently displayed.

Four of the locations are near the Downtown Center Mall and/or City Hall and other locations along McClelland street. The fifth location is at the airport near the Museum of Flight.

The SMVRHM envisions a section of track layed on which to mount the two pieces of rolling stock and near which to instal the semaphore signal. The area would be surrounded by security fencing (that looks nice), and there would be a plaque commemorating and interpreting the display. The Museum also has its eyes on a sugar beet gondola, so extra space/track for it would be desirable.



Bring back Union Sugar No. 1



You or Your Business Can Help!

- Brakeman - \$100
- Fireman - \$500
- Engineer - \$1,000
- Other - \$ _____

Make payable to "USNo1 Fund" and send to:
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All financial supporters at \$100 and above will be memorialized on a plaque at the point of display, initially envisioned to be in the historic district in downtown Santa Maria along McClelland Street.

We're getting close! Enough money has already been raised to pay for the locomotive. Now we just have to pay for getting it here and setting it up...

Board election

Four Boardmembers' terms expire this year: Ed Couch, Jamie Foster, Wayne Petersen, and Barron Smith.

Nominations for these 3-year seats must be received by September 30, 2008. Any member in good standing may nominate and/or be nominated. Send your nominations to SMVRHM, PO Box 264, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264. You may also email your nominations to Jamie Foster, pbjrr@jf2.com. This term will be 2009 through 2011.

The ballot will be finalized at the General Meeting of October 2, 2008 (6pm at the Santa Maria Inn).

Ballots will be mailed out Oct 3rd to all members in good standing, and must be received back at SMVRHM (PO Box 264, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264) by November 5th, or members may vote in person at the General Meeting of November 6th (6pm at the Santa Maria Inn).

The election results will be determined and finalized at the General Meeting of November 6th.