

Annual Dues

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Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum
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Annual Holiday Lionel Open House at the Museum.

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM), founded as a non-profit, educational, 501(c)(3), museum organization, is dedicated to the preservation of the railroad heritage of California, the Central Coast, and the Santa Maria Valley.



SMVRR Cabosse No. 180 was restored by the SMVRHM.

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The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM) is not affiliated with the Santa Maria Valley Railroad (SMVRR).



Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum

Preserving and exhibiting our rail heritage!





A Rich Rail Heritage!

Railroads have operated in the Santa Maria Valley since the 1800's. The Pacific Coast Railway that connected San Luis Bay to Santa Maria, built a network of electric lines extending east to Gary Ranch, west to Guadalupe and Betteravia, as well as operating a trolley route to Guadalupe.

By 1911 the Santa Maria Valley Railroad was extended from the Betteravia area to Roadamite in the hills near Sisquoc where an oil refinery was located.

In 1925 oilman and real estate developer Allan Hancock bought the Santa Maria Valley Railroad along with the oilfields at Roadamite and ranch land in the eastern portion of the valley.



Exhibits

The **Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum** founded as a non-profit, educational museum, is dedicated to the preservation of the railroad heritage of California, the Central Coast, and the Santa Maria Valley.

The museum has acquired **Historic Caboose Number 180**, After repair and preservation it has become the museum's premier exhibit.



Projects of the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum include the construction of this HO layout of railroads of the valley.



This picture of the interior of Caboose No. 180 was taken on the occasion of its move from the restoration work area to the downtown yard for display purposes. The caboose was donated to the Museum in 2000, and restoration was completed in 2004.



The Museum periodically arranges field trips to various railroading locales. Pictured above, a number of Museum members get pictures of the oncoming train near the Tehachapi Loop



The SMVRR baseball team circa 1979.

A Tale to Tell!

The Museum tells the tale of railroading through interpretive exhibits, displays and the operation of vintage rolling stock! The museum is building and will operate a large model railroad, depicting railroad operations history in the Santa Maria Valley.

Community Support!

The Museum is a member of:

- Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitor & Convention Bureau
- Central Coast Culture Group
- National Railway Historical Society.
- Santa Maria Arts Council.