Dinner and Auction Support Project to Bring Back U. S No. 1

The SMVRHM held a dinner and auction on Leap Day (Feb 29) to raise funds for the acquisition of Union Sugar No. 1, a steam locomotive that ran at the Betteravia sugar mill (more on reverse side).

About 100 folks enjoyed the Santa Maria-style tri-tip dinner. The event netted over $3,000 for the project to bring the U.S. No. 1 locomotive back to Santa Maria.

Many thanks to the following benefactors:

Jim Glines, Community Bank
Karen Cordary, event organization
Paul Teixera and his team
Bob Kump and his BBQ Team
Dick Mininger
Jim Zemeitas, Overland Security
Ed and Ellen Couch
Wayne Peterson and his wife

And “Thank You!” to everyone who came in support of this effort!

Meetings

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

Museum Development: Thursdays (except first Thursdays) at the Museum, email Dan for info

HO Modelers: Thursdays at the Museum, 7:00pm.

Rail Bosses

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

Dan Alves, President, junocom@aaim
Dick Mininger, Vice President, aol.com@boothr8
Pam Goble, Treasurer
Jamie Foster, Secretary, “Train Orders” Editor, Webman, jf2.com@pbrj
11th "Choo Chew"
Sunday, March 30
At the Bitter Creek Western Live Steam Railroad
7.5-inch Gauge on the Nipomo Mesa
Enjoy Unlimited Train Rides, and BBQ!

Sunday, March 30, 2008
10:00am to 4:00pm
Santa Maria BBQ served Noon-2:00pm

Tickets: $15/adult; $6/child 4-10; 3 and under Free
Make checks payable to "SMVRHM" and mail to:
SMVRHM, PO Box 264, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264
Please allow time for tickets and a map to be returned to
you via the USPS. Tickets may also be purchased at the
Museum Gift Shop. Proceeds benefit the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum.

Note that this is a SUNDAY event now (used to be held Saturdays).

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:
Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum
PO Box 264
Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264

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.

Board Election

Here is the process and timetable to holding an election to name two or three people to the SMVRHM Board of Directors. Those elected in this cycle will serve 2008 through 2010.

Nominations must be received by March 31, 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, pbjr@jf2.com.

The ballot will be finalized at the General Meeting of April 3, 2008 (6pm at the Santa Maria Inn).

Ballots will be mailed out April 4 to all members in good standing, and must be received back at SMVRHM (PO Box 264, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0264) by April 30, or members may vote in person at the General Meeting of May 1 (6pm at the Santa Maria Inn).

The election results will be determined and finalized at the General Meeting of May 1.