Meetings

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

**Museum Development:** Thursdays (except first Thursday of the month) at the Museum, 6:00pm

**HO Modelers:** Fridays at the Museum, 7:00pm.

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**9th "Choo Chew" Saturday, April 21**

**At the Bitter Creek Western Live Steam Railroad**
7.5-inch Gauge on the Nipomo Mesa
Enjoy Unlimited Train Rides, and BBQ!

**Saturday, April 21, 2007**
10:00am to 4:00pm

Santa Maria BBQ served Noon-2:00pm
Tickets: $12/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.

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**First-ever motorcar run on the SMVRR**

March 17, 2007 saw the first-ever motorcar ("speeder") run on the Santa Maria Valley Railroad. 44 vehicles made at least one of the two runs out to Guadalupe and back that day, including a run down the airport industrial branch as well. <smvrr.com/070317.html>

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**Last Saturdays**

Caboose No. 180 is open to the public (at Jones and McClelland streets) on the last Saturday of each month from 1:00pm-4:30pm. At the same time, the Santa Maria Valley Railroad opens its freight depot and gift shop immediately next door.

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**Rail Bosses**

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

- **Dan Alves**, President, juno.com@aiim
- **Dick Mininger**, Vice President, aol.com@boothr8
- **Phil Goble**, Treasurer, "CaBoss", verizon.net@p.goble2
- **Jamie Foster**, Secretary, "Train Orders" Editor, Webman, jf2.com@pbjrr
Expanded area calendar

The Museum web site now has a calendar for all local railroading activities. Entries include SMVRHM events as well as those of the San Luis Railroad Museum, Bitter Creek Western, the Pacific Coast Railroad Co. (at Santa Margarita Ranch), the Santa Maria Valley Railroad, San Luis Obispo Model Railroad Association, and the like.

Click on “Area Calendar” from the SMVRHM home page <www.smvrhm.org>. If you’d like to have your organization’s activities included, contact Jamie Foster.

Let’s bring Union Sugar No. 1 back to the Valley

The SMVRHM has embarked upon an acquisition plan to bring this 0-4-0 saddle tank locomotive back to the Santa Maria Valley. Union Sugar No. 1 served the sugar beet refinery at Betteravia from 1904-1915.

No. 1 is currently owned by the California State Railroad Museum and is located at their facilities in Jamestown, CA. Watch for announcements of fund-raisers and other activities to bring her home.

SMVRR announces excursion schedule

The Santa Maria Valley Railroad recently announced its schedule of upcoming excursion trips. Multiple runs are scheduled for each of Easter weekend, Mother’s Day Weekend, Memorial Weekend, and Father’s Day Weekend. See the SMVRR web site for details (under “Excursions”). <smvrr.com/excursions.html>

Museum receives a speeder

A standard-gauge speeder (motorcar) has been donated to the Museum. It’s a Fairmont speeder from the Canadian National (CN) railroad. It needs some work, cleanup, and the like as well as a careful look at its Onan engine. A 4-wheel dolly is being built initially to move it around and make it easy to display at the Museum. All intentions are to get it operable as soon as possible, hopefully in time for next year’s SMVRR speeder event.

Thanks to Barron Smith for the photos!