3rd Annual Lionel Holiday Open House

A steady stream of people visited the Museum on Sunday afternoon, December 18, 2005 for the 3rd Annual Lionel Holiday Open House.

The rather sizeable Lionel layout at the front of the Museum turned out to be a nearly irresistible attraction to hallway passersby.

A special thanks to Chuck O’Hern for leading the Lionel project, and to Don and William Martin for their great support.

Here are a couple pics from that afternoon:

Web Site-ing

There’s a very nice set of pictures of the Pacific Coast Railway by Curtiss H. Johnson at the web location below. You’ll recognize many of them from his book, *The Pacific Coast Railway: Central California's Premier Narrow Gauge*, coauthored with Kenneth E. Westcott.

http://homepage.mac.com/curtissjohnson/PhotoAlbum11.html

2006 Dues

Please remit your 2006 dues to the Museum at your earliest convenience. The rates are unchanged at: $30/individual, $50/family, and $20/associate (no vote).

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.

Rail Bosses

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

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Ginnie Sterling (center above) was recognized for her contribution to the Museum since its inception. The Sterlings are moving to the valley.
2006 Third Annual Model Railroad Exhibition in the Mall
February 25-26, 2006
Free! Open to the Public!

Come join us at the Santa Maria Town Center Mall, 2nd floor by Gottschalks, for a huge HO-gauge Free-Mo model railroad layout.
   Saturday, Feb 25, 10am to 6pm
   Sunday, Feb 26, 11am to 4pm
This event is proudly sponsored by the Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum, the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce, and the Santa Maria Town Center Mall.
For more information, contact Dick Mininger, 805-937-5784.
See the enclosed flyer.
Two pictures from last year's exhibition:

100 Years of Lionel Trains, Feb 25-26

In conjunction with the Model Railroad Exhibit in the Mall (see article at left), there will also be a display of Lionel trains at the Museum during the same times.
This is a special operating Museum exhibit from the collection of Ken Kelley.
Don’t miss it!

7th "Choo Chew"
Saturday, April 29

At the Bitter Creek Western Live Steam Railroad 7.5-inch Gauge on the Nipomo Mesa
Enjoy Unlimited Train Rides, and BBQ!
Saturday, April 29, 2006
10:00am to 4:00pm
Santa Maria BBQ served Noon-2:00pm
Tickets: $12/adult; $6/child under 10
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.

Amtrak visits the SMVRR

Amtrak units #67 and #31046 were brought into Santa Maria by the SMVRR and tied down on the east side of Miller Street at the end of January 2006.
The equipment was here for regional emergency preparedness training.