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### It's Been Busy at SLORRM



We have all been so busy at the Museum. We opened especially to accommodate the people coming to see the brand new Union Pacific training car that was parked near us for public officials to view. This car will travel around the western states allowing UP to help train local fire departments to deal with all manner of possible train disasters. Although such disasters are rare, the fire departments benefit from the training, which can be applied in many other situations.

Then, just a few days later the Southern Pacific Historical & Technical Society convention started. Again, we stayed open especially to accommodate convention goers who wanted the chance to visit our Museum while they were in town. Many of them expressed their thanks at our hospitality and promised to return next time they

are in the area.

The modelers have been busy and have made wonderful progress on both of the model railroads, but especially the Southern Pacific model which is developing much faster than anticipated. If you haven't seen it lately, come in and take a look at the progress.

Speaking of faster than anticipated progress, the La Condesa, which will be renamed soon, is also coming along faster than we expected. The temporary kitchen, installed years ago, has been taken out. The next step will be the re-installation of the dining area.

## What Will the Holidays Bring to the Museum?

We'll have our regular open days in November, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, i.e. November 8th and 22nd.

But in December we have three special events planned.

On Saturday, December 6th, we invite all interested parties to bring decorations to donate to the Museum and join in our Decorating Party from 9 am to about noon. We will have a 7 foot lighted tree and want all sorts of pretty decorations to hang on it. And bring those extra lights, garlands, wreaths, or whatever other holiday decorations you can give. We'll have cider, hot chocolate, and treats to keep us all satisfied while we make the Museum look beautiful. And we would love to have some plastic bins for storage if you can donate any of those.

The next Saturday, December 13th, is our Holiday Open House. We hope for a good turnout by the public. The Museum will be all decorated and we will have a Lionel train set running for the children to see. Again, we will have treats for all.

Finally, on December 27th, after close of business at 4 pm, we plan to have a 2 hour pot luck mixer - for members only. It is the end of our first year of business and this will be an opportunity for us to relax together and be proud of all we have accomplished in 2014. Bring something to share and whatever you want to drink and close out the year with a chance to reflect with your fellow members on our accomplishments. All members are welcome! We hope to see you there!

And after the holidays, look for news about our Spring Gala called Puttin' on the Ritz. It will be a 1920's themed evening with dinner and fun. Any money raised will go toward renovating the La Condesa. You might be the one to win the auction for a party on the La Condesa, or for the christening party when we give her the new name - which our members will get to vote on. Don't miss this dinner - it'll be the cat's meow!



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