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Volunteers Get Help With the Heavy Work





The railroad museum is in the process of moving many items in our Emily St. Yard. This is due to pending construction on neighboring properties.

On Wednesday, 4-14-2015, Damon Meeks, owner and operator of Superior Crane and Transport Co. arrived with his truck crane at 8:00 am, and began assisting volunteer museum members in moving rail and other heavy items in the Emily St. Yard. Damon has helped the museum many times in past years moving narrow gauge box cars, rail, track ties and track hardware. Damon has become very skilled at moving this type of material, and has been generous with his services to

the Museum. We sincerely appreciate his friendly and timely assistance and plan on using his company to move additional materials in the future.



The Puttin' On the Ritz Gala took place on April 23rd and a great time was had by all. Friends of Santa Maria Valley Railroad held the fundraising soiree, designed to raise money to support the First Responders of Santa Maria, with the bulk of the proceeds being dedicated to the restoration of the 1926 Cafe-Lounge car now owned by SLORRM. One of the items auctioned at the gala was the rights to christen the car with its new name, La Cuesta, to fit its new life on the Central Coast. The party will take place at 1 pm on SLO Train Day, May 9th.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

SLO TRAIN DAY will take place on Saturday, May 9th. It is a celebration of the completion of the first cross-country railroad, and cities all over the U.S. will be having festivities and events. SLORRM will be christening our lounge car with its new name, there will be a railroad-themed swap meet, and other activities.

Bring your family and friends. Contact Diane at media@slorrm.com if you want to rent table space on the platform for the swap meet. Admission to the Museum is \$3, children are \$2, free for 3 and under.

OVERLAND TRAIL PRIVATE CAR EXCURSION: On Saturday, June 20th, a few more people will have the opportunity to ride in luxury on the beautiful Overland Trail fully restored lounge car. We are offering two options.

The morning trip leaves SLO on the early Surfliner at 6:55 am. After an hour's stop in Santa Barbara, you will return on the Overland Trail, getting in to SLO about 1:00 pm. On the afternoon trip you leave SLO on the Overland Trail at 1:55 pm.

Again, there is an hour stop in Santa Barbara, then return to SLO about 8:30 pm on the evening Surfliner. Cost is \$100 per person for either round trip. Contact Diane at media@slorrm.com to make reservations and arrange payment. Both trips are almost sold out, so don't wait if you want to experience this luxurious excursion.

CENTRAL COAST RAILROAD FESTIVAL will be happening at the Museum and in other venues around the Central Coast during the first weekend of October. There will be model trains, railroad art exhibits, talks about local citizens and their involvement with the railroads, a swap meet, and so much more. Watch here and on the SLORRM website for more details.

MEMBERS: If you are a friendly, outgoing person, we would love to train you to be a docent at the Museum. A few hours of your time once or twice a month can make a big difference in our ability to be open to the public. You don't have to be an expert on trains. More important is the desire to share our facility with the families, travelers, and local people who find their way to our Museum.



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