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“Steaming Summer” Slated For July 26-27 Weekend

It's time once again for another *Steaming Summer*, the South Coast Railroad Museum's only two-day event, which will celebrate its 17th anniversary over the weekend of July 26-27. The name, *Steaming Summer*, comes from the miniature steam locomotives that visit the museum just once a year, to strut their stuff and pull the Goleta Short Line trains and their eager passengers.

This year's event is sure to be another special one, with a large assortment of steam equipment scheduled to appear, including **Gene Allen's** 2-8-0 Consolidation and his 4-4-0 American. **Ed Winnewisser** plans to bring his 0-6-0 switch-engine down from Atascadero, while **Bill Brunner**, **Bill Hoey**, and **Mickey Zuker** are all expected to attend with

their 2-6-0 moguls.

For the sixth year, *Steaming Summer* will feature a circus theme. One of the passenger-carrying trains will be a circus train, incorporating several unique



Bill Brunner is expected to bring his mogul to Steaming Summer 2003.

circus cars from the collection of **Ted Cheesman**, including the ever-popular squirting-elephant car and the calliope car with the bubble-blowing bear.

The circus motif will carry over into the model-railroad exhibit, where **Ken and Carolyn Weber's** “K&C Famous Family Circus” will occupy a vacant lot near the Santa Barbara roundhouse. The HO-scale three-ring circus, including a big top and operating 20-car circus train, has been entertaining *Steaming Summer* crowds since 1999.

Daily admission to *Steaming* (cont'd. on pg. 4, “*Steaming Summer*”)

The circus display in the model-railroad room is a Steaming Summer favorite.



Coast Starlight Program Will Soon Extend to Bay Area

Park Service Awards Grants

The museum is gearing up to expand its popular interpretive program aboard the *Coast Starlight*, thanks to a grant from the **National Park Service**.

The current Santa Barbara-to-San Luis Obispo program will now be extended 200 miles north to Oakland. The program content will also be augmented to include material relating to the Anza Expedition, which brought the first European settlers to California in 1776. Much of the *Coast Starlight* route between Santa Barbara and Oakland follows the Anza Trail, which is now part of the National Park System.

Museum volunteer guides receive meals and, for the expanded program, overnight accommodations at Oakland's Jack London Square, compliments of program-partner Amtrak.

Guide Perry Lorentzen points out sights to Coast Starlight passengers.



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Welcome New Members

The museum's newest members are **Seth Cohen, Julia Earl, Ritchie Garcia Family, Stanley Richard Harms, Christopher Kayda, Mike Lewis, Allen Paneral, Reilly Pollard, Max Raphael, Hannah Vadnais, Thomas Vadnais, Peter Valente and Arlie and Debra Williford.**

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Bermant Sponsors Free Rides

Bermant Development Co. is underwriting two days of free miniature-train rides at the museum, on Sunday, Aug. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 13. Museum visitors may ride as often they like over the 1:15-3:45 period during which the rides will be offered.

For safety, all riders must meet the 34-inch minimum-height requirement.



A visit with the Easter Bunny was a favorite stop for our young guests.

Easter Bur

It is a great pleasure to share the 2003 Easter Bunny Express with you. This annual spring event brings to so many of us the hard work and dedication of dozens of volunteers, including those shown here. A fu



Hannah Savage helps Barbara Cornish adjust her ears.

Jr. ROTC cadets helped to decorate Engine No. 2655.



The cooking crew (Dick Shelton, John Hutchinson, David Chapman) confers.



Wish List

The museum needs the following items, in new or used condition:

- Digital camera
- Leaf rake
- CD player (to attach to amplifier)
- Weed-wacker

If you can lend a hand with any of these items, please contact the museum (museum@goletadepot.org or 805-964-3540).

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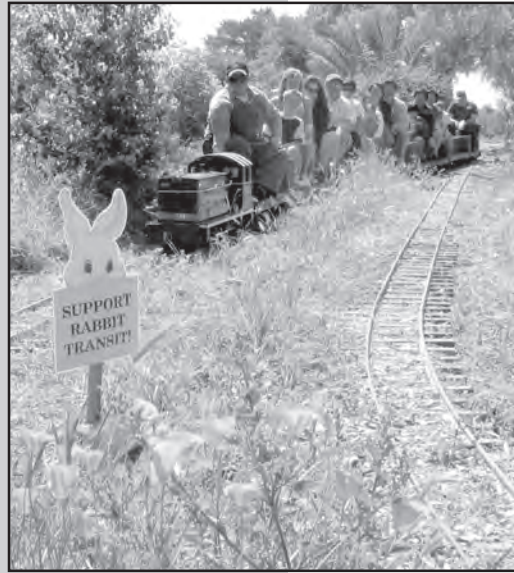
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Bunny Express

are these happy memories from the
 th our readers. The joy that this an-
 many people is a result of the hard
 of museum volunteers and staff, in-
 ll listing would include Kari Adams,
 Connie Allen, Judy Blue,
 David Chapman, Judy Con-
 nors, Barbara Cornish, Jean-
 Guy Dubé, Bev Gruen, John
 Hutchinson, Kip Kramer,
 Noel Langle, Peggy Langle,
 Olivia Leonard, Pat Lorent-
 zen, Perry Lorentzen, Bruce
 Morden, Jason Poole, Arlene
 Radasky, Hannah Savage,
 Dick Shelton, Sean VanderJagt ... and st aff mem-
 bers Gary Coombs, Phyllis Olsen and Thea Cremers.



The grounds were decorated, too!



Young and old scrambled to the event's many "station stops."



Engineer Jean-Guy Dubé got into the spirit of the event.



Kari Adams shared bunny honors with Bev Gruen (not shown).

A young visitor enjoys the spring blooms.

Peggy Langle shows off some of the drawing prizes.



Steaming Summer (cont'd from page 1)

Summer is only \$4 (\$3.75 for members), which includes unlimited train and handcar rides (Riders must meet minimum-height requirements: 34" for train; 48" for handcar.).

Hours both Saturday and Sunday are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Museum members are invited to come early (10-11 a.m.) to watch the locomotives being steamed-up in preparation for the day's activities (Early-bird attendance is limited to members and their accompanying guests only, please.).

The admission charge applies to everyone, including those who choose not to ride. Infants and any others who are unable to ride the train will be admitted at no charge. For late arrivals, the admission price drops to \$3 after 3 p.m. Advance tickets, at 50¢ off (75¢ off with membership card) are now available in the museum's Tracksides Shop.

The program will also include continuous free showings of railroad films, with an emphasis on steam locomotion, including tutorials on how to operate and maintain a steam engine — all shown in the museum's Gandy Dancer Theater.

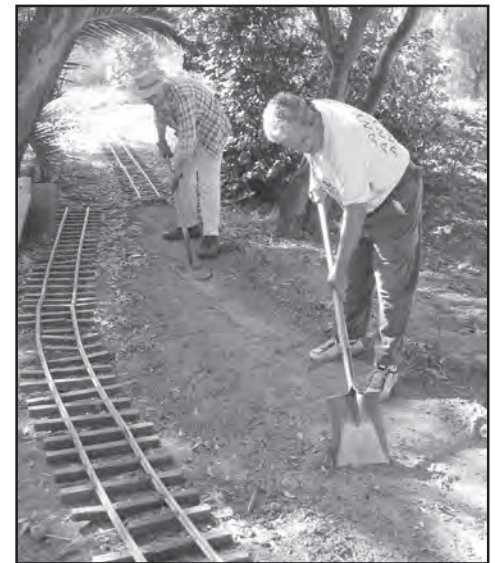
Tri-tip sandwiches, "Depot Dogs," beverages, and other lunch and snack items will be available during the event.

Don't miss this once-a-year chance to see and ride on a steam-powered Goleta Short Line train!

Steaming Summer is made possible by the generous sponsorship of **Toyota of Santa Barbara**.

Track Damage Repaired

When recent heavy-equipment work on the new-building foundation caused some damage to the Goleta Short Line track, a volunteer crew headed by **Gene Allen** sprang into action. Sufficient repairs were completed on the morning of June 25 to allow train-ride operations to resume without any lost time.



While Gene built track ...

... Ed Leska (left), Rick Marten and Ted Cheesman (not shown) prepared the roadbed.

Volunteer News

Mike Lewis and Rick Marten have recently signed up as volunteers for the miniature-train ride.

Clerks who have trained to use the new computerized cash register include **Judy Blue, Edee Brown, Susan Cavalli, Peggy Langle, Samantha Matthew and Scott Matthew**.

UCSB interns **Roxanne Kennedy and Ariane Perez** gave the museum 150 hours of volunteer service during the university's spring quarter. A new, summer intern, **Eden Epling**, began working at the museum in June.

Photos Now Being Added To Cards

The museum has begun to personalize membership cards with the addition of members' photographs. If you would like to have one of these new cards, be sure to have your picture taken in the museum store. Then, the next time you visit, a replacement card, bearing your photograph, will be waiting for you in the museum shop.

This addition is entirely optional. You may continue to have your membership card prepared without photo, if you prefer.



Jr. Engineers Club Party!!

The annual Junior Engineers Club Party will be held Thursday, Aug. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be delicious refreshments and free miniature-train rides for all in attendance. To make your reservations, please call the museum office (964-3540). Each Junior Engineer may bring two guests (parent, sibling, relative or friend) without charge. There is an additional charge of \$3 for each additional guest).

The museum grounds now have a new drain to handle storm-season overflows, thanks to the Park Dept. The work was performed by Maintenance Plumber **Barry Carrillo** (shown), with assistance on backhoe from **Richard Lindley**.

