



Goleta DEPOT DISPATCH



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Depot Day Has Arrived!

The 21st annual Depot Day will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 28, to commemorate the long and event-filled life of the historic Goleta Depot. The event is the South Coast Railroad Museum's main annual community fund-raiser. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations At The Door

All who attend the event will be asked to make a \$1 per person contribution in support of the museum and the continued preservation of the historical landmark, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Rides Aplenty

Inspection-car rides will be offered on **Bob Mahan's** Ventura County Railway speeder. There will also be handcar rides and rides on the miniature trains

of the Goleta Short Line. All rides are \$1 each on Depot Day.

Silent Auction

Every year, the Depot Day auction is a popular spot for picking up some great buys, while helping to support the museum.

This year, the tables will again be overflowing with nearly 200 items going up for bid, including luxury hotel stays, golf, admission to Southern California amusement parks, tickets to regional performing arts productions, winery tours, Amtrak adventure travel, meals at fine local restaurants, and much, much more.

The auction is a very important source of revenue for the museum. Please help the museum and yourself by visiting the tables and placing bids on some of these fabulous items.

If you have new items,

The auction tables will be jammed with great prizes and eager bidders.



collectibles, or valuable services to donate to the auction, please give Assistant Director Phyllis Olsen a call in the museum office (964-3540).

Special Guests

Representatives from *Operation Lifesaver* will have a booth at Depot Day, where they'll be giving out fun souvenirs and talking to visitors about keeping safe around trains and railroads.

Musical Entertainment

Making another triumphant return to Depot Day will be the spirited young performers of **SHOWSTOPPERS** and
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Welcome New Members

Tierra Construction is a new Milepost 100 member. Other new members are **Peter S. Bennett, Kendal Cheesman, Cathy Marten, Richard Marten, Patricia Weeks** and **Ed Winnewisser**.

New members of the Junior Engineers Club are **Decker Lewis Brandts, Timothy Briare, Nicholas Alexander Earl, Michael Eugene Earl, Parker Ray Lopp, Ian MacFarlane,** and **Nevin Ruiter**.

**Railroad Museum Receives
National Park Service Contract**

A \$6,200 contract has been awarded to the museum by the **National Park Service**. The funds will be used to expand the Coast Starlight interpretive program to incorporate educational content related to the **Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail** and to add a Santa Barbara-to-Oakland route to the current program offerings. The program expansion was described in more detail in the Summer 2003 issue of the *Depot Dispatch*.



Yard duty.



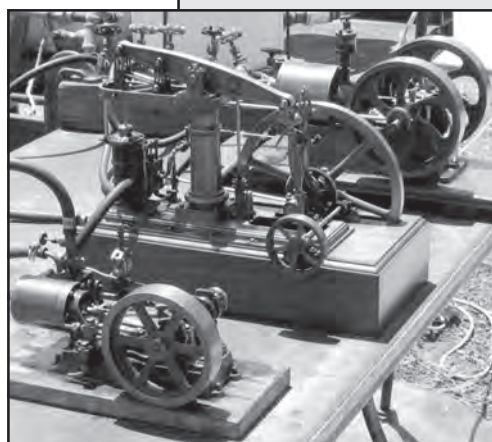
Waiting for



Putting everything on the table.



Engines, engines, everywhere!



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the circus train.



A crowded meet at Milepost 10.

Pulling the whistle lanyard was popular with young and old, alike.

Reflections on STEAMING SUMMER



Ready for another run.

Pulling out of the station.



Volunteer News

Ted Cheesman, a longtime member of the Coast Starlight guides, and his son, local chef **Kendal Cheesman**, are the latest additions to the Goleta Short Line crew. Meanwhile, **Patricia Weeks** has been training to join Ted as a member of the Coast Starlight guide team.

Three **Dos Pueblos High School**

students are also volunteering their time at the museum. **Paul Grayson** has been helping around the grounds, while **Ritchie Garcia** has been staffing the model-railroad exhibit. Ritchie then recruited his good friend, **Robbie Wright**, to join us. Robbie has been staffing in the model-railroad exhibit and filling in as agent in the freight office. For their efforts, all three boys are receiving community-service

credit at their school.

The museum is also benefitting greatly from the labors of two interns, **Eden Epling**, who was introduced in the previous *Depot Dispatch*, and **Shana Aires**, a UCSB student majoring in anthropology and religious studies.

Bjorn Lensander, an older member of the museum's Junior Engineers Club has been helping as an assistant conductor on the Goleta Short Line.

Depot Day (cont'd from page 1)
the *Monte Vista Elementary School Choir*,
both directed by *Radu Azdril*.

Barbecue Features Choice Of Tri-Tip Beef or Chicken

The Depot Day barbecue will include your choice of chicken breast or sliced tri-tip, along with green salad, toasted french bread, and ranch beans.

Tickets are \$8 (\$5 for children under 12) on the day, but they can also be purchased in advance, which earns \$1 off the regular price. Advance tickets are available in the museum's Traskside Shop, (ticket purchases can be made by credit card), or from museum trustees and staff.

Please buy your BBQ tickets before Depot Day. Besides saving a dollar on every ticket purchased, you'll be helping event planners estimate the number of meals for the day.

Other Refreshments

If a full meal is too much, hot dogs, snacks, soft drinks, and other refreshments will also be available.

Films For The Railroad Lover

Throughout the day, the museum's Gandy Dancer Theater will feature a number of films and videos on a wide range of rail topics.

The Circus Is Leaving Town

Depot Day will also be your last chance to see **Ken and Carolyn Weber's** HO-scale "K&C Famous Family Circus," now on display in the model railroad exhibit room.

Building Progress

The foundation for the new Visitor Center and museum store was poured on July 18!



Wish List

Special thanks are owed to **Isabel and Bob Newman** for her generous donation for the purchase of a weed-whacker. Their gift included an additional amount so we could buy a 30-cup coffeemaker for event use. **James Ryan** also made a donation toward the weed-whacker purchase. The **Scott and Carol Matthew family** donated a new vacuum cleaner.

The museum needs the following items (new or used):

- Digital camera
- Leaf rake (tools of all types)
- Wheelbarrow

Please contact the museum (museum@goletadepot.org or 805-964-3540), if you can lend a hand.

Capital Funding Two-Thirds Home

Michael Towbes and **Geoffrey A. ("Al") Turnbull** are the latest museum friends whose names will appear on the permanent plaque that will acknowledge gifts to the capital project of \$1,000 or more.

\$43,000 (33%) is still needed in order to complete the \$130,000 building project.

American Pension Co. Renews Reading Program Support

The museum is again participating in the Summer Reading Program of the Santa Barbara Public Libraries, thanks to the sponsorship of the **American Pension Co.** Children who complete the program by reading 15 or more books receive free Goleta Short Line rides as a reward for their achievement.

The Junior Engineers Club party on Aug. 7 was attended by about 60 members, family, and friends, who enjoyed 137 train rides, plus great refreshments.

