



Goleta **DEPOT** **DISPATCH**

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Depot Day Event Marks 28th Year on Sept. 26

The 28th annual “*Depot Day*” will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26, at the museum. Hours for the event are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Depot Day is the museum’s oldest community event, celebrating the saving of the landmark building, its colorful history, and its significance as a community treasure. Goleta Depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. It is also a Santa Barbara County Historical Landmark.

Depot Day is the only day each year when rides are offered on *three* different types of rail vehicles, with **Bob Mahan’s** inspection “speeder,” formerly of the Ventura County Railway, joining our handcar and Goleta Short Line miniature trains on the museum’s tracks.



There will be two trains operating simultaneously on two different tracks, including a two-thirds-mile

track terminating at the Main Station, and a one-third-mile route served by the West-side Station. This means there will be plenty of opportunities for trains to meet and riders on passing trains to greet one

another with a wave of the hand.

Unlimited Rides, One Low Price

For only \$3, you can purchase a wristband that is good for unlimited trips on all *Depot Day* rides. (Train and speeder riders must be at least 34 inches tall; handcar riders must be 48 inches or more.)

Silent Auction Offers Great Buys For Lucky Bidders

Depot Day is also an important fundraiser for the museum, and



the silent auction is the key to the event’s fundraising success in that regard. The auction is also an opportunity for *Depot Day* attendees to win some valuable goods and services at terrific prices, while helping the museum at the same time.

This year’s auction offers more than 150 items (a partial list is posted and regularly updated on the museum web site, www.goletadepot.org), including hotel stays, Disney adventures, golfing, performing-arts tickets, winery tours, Amtrak travel, dining at fine restaurants,

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Mark Your Calendar

Candy Cane Train A Sweet Treat

The "Candy Cane Train," the museum's ever popular holiday-season event, gets underway on Friday, Nov. 26. The festive year-end celebration will continue through Dec. 26. Don't miss all the fun!

Overland Trail Trips For 2011

The museum is currently planning a number of excursions aboard the vintage rail car, *Overland Trail*, for 2011. The first trip of the new year will be Saturday, Jan. 22.

To add your name to the waiting list, send an email to museum@goletadepot.org. Be sure to mention "Overland Trail" in your message.

Super Saturday Set For Feb. 5

Super Saturday, the first free-ride weekend day of 2011 will take place on Feb. 5. Climb aboard the Goleta Short Line trains for an afternoon of unlimited rides.

Bunny Express Arrives Apr. 23

Hop aboard for an unforgettable family eggspereience!

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and much more.

Please help the museum on *Depot Day* by visiting the auction tables and placing bids on the items of your choice. You



From the podium, Phyllis keeps all in order.

won't be disappointed. Advance registration is not required.

Food For Hungry Eventgoers

If you or your business have new items, collectibles or valuable services that you would like to donate to the auction, please call Asst. Director Phyllis Olsen at the museum (805/964-3540).

This year's Club Car will offer a variety of food items, including a tri-tip sandwich plate, complete with green salad; Depot dogs, snacks, soda, bottled water and juice.



Raphaella is one of our new engineers.

History In The Making Museum Milestones

On Aug. 22, the museum was staffed by an all female crew – the first time this has ever happened! **Ayse Taimuty** was in the Trackside Shop, while **Raphaella Banholzer** and **Ann Winter** kept the Goleta Short Line running as engineer and conductor, respectively.

Making More History: The next day (Aug. 23), Raphaella was married! She is now **Raphaella Banholzer-Donati**.

Depot Open House

Depot Day affords visitors a rare chance to view the agent's apartment, a historic second-floor area of the depot building that is generally closed to the public. It was here that the station agent's family lived. The space has been refurbished to re-create that home atmosphere.

Musical Entertainment

Depot Day entertainment will include a performance by the **Young Singers Club**, directed by **Brett Lorraine Mutinelli**.

Donations At The Door

All *Depot Day* visitors will be asked to make a \$1 contribution upon admission in support of the museum and the continued preservation of the historical landmark.

Thank You

Depot Day has benefitted from the promotional support of **Radio AM1290**, the **Santa Barbara News-Press**, and **Venoco**.

Depot Day 2009 photos by Lori Roper.

Welcome, New Members!

Lili and Owen Schafer are new Life members.

Christopher Walsh and Adam Walsh are new Contributing members. New Sustaining members include **Jacqueline Dyson, Shannon Franco and Family**, and **Ricky Soldavini**.

Greetings to all of the museum's new members!

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