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Railroad Days Coming August 17-18 Weekend

Huge Sale Will Be Event Highlight

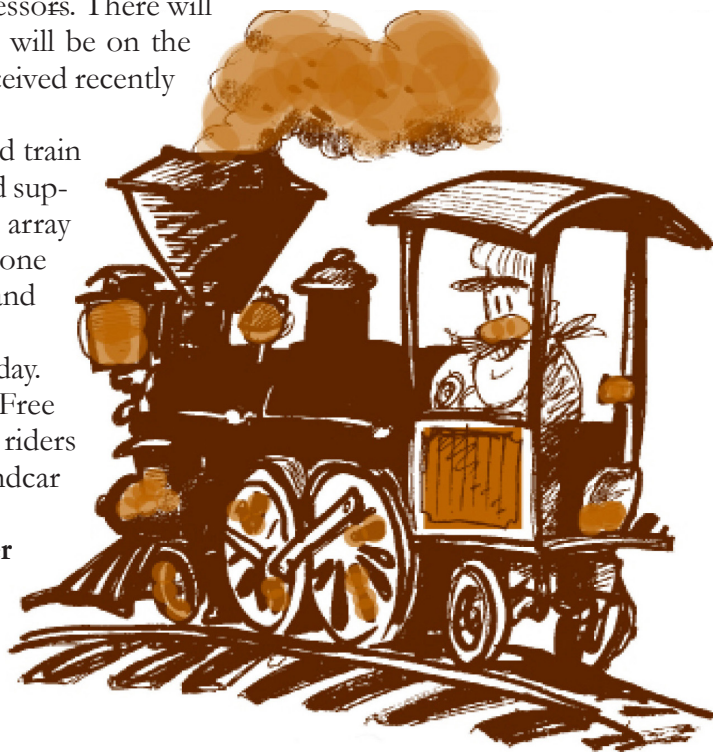
The 5th annual *Goleta Railroad Days* will be held the weekend of Aug. 17-18. This year's event promises to be quite a bit different from its predecessors. There will be plenty of rides again, as usual, but the real focus for 2013 will be on the public sale of a large quantity of items that the museum has received recently as donations from a number of families and estates.

The items to be sold include something for every rail fan and train enthusiast, regardless of age. There will be lots of model railroad supplies, new and used books, clothing, videos, posters, and a vast array of collectibles and railroadians. The model railroad collection alone includes several brass locomotives, complete trainsets, building and other kits in their original boxes, and plenty more.

Event hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. The miniature-train ride will run from 1 to 4 p.m. both days. Free handcar rides will be offered on Saturday, also from 1 to 4. Train riders must meet the 34-inch minimum-height requirement. For handcar riders, there is a 48-inch minimum.

A special added attraction: author and historian **Henry Bender** will be in attendance on Saturday afternoon to autograph copies of his new book, *Southern Pacific Lines Standard-Design Depots*.

There is no admission charge for this year's event. Don't miss out. Everyone is likely to come away with some real bargains. All proceeds benefit the museum, too. There has never been anything like this in the museum's history – and there likely never will be again. Join us for the fun! For more information, call the museum, 805/964-3540.



July Rail Excursion Day Trips Offer Economical Fares, Special Prices For Children

July brings along with it some special travel opportunities for young and old alike. During the month, the railroad museum is conducting several weekend "Central Coast Flyer" day trips featuring three historic railroad cars. This month

only, a special childrens fare is also being offered.

On Saturday, July 13, those who enjoy games can play "The Train Game" aboard the magnificent Vista Dome car, *Silver Splendor*. Enjoy the unmatched

360-degree views from the observation deck of *Silver Splendor's* dome while joining in a friendly contest to see who can spot the most "hidden treasures" along the route of travel. Lots of fun! Prizes,

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July Day Trips *(cont'd. from page 1)*

too! All passengers will be able to ride both upstairs in the Vista Dome and downstairs in the dining salon.

If musical entertainment is more to your liking, hop aboard the vintage railcar, *Overland Trail*, also on July 13. In the afternoon, during the return from San Luis Obispo, Paull E. Rubin (dobro, slide guitar & vocals) & Robert Perales (vocals, ukelele & guitar) will be performing music from the Great American Songbook, train songs and modern favorites.

Or, ride the historic Santa Fe club-lounge, *Acoma*, on Saturday, July 20. A volunteer guide from the museum will be aboard to point out local sights and points-of-interest during the trip.

All three day trips travel to San Luis Obispo along our beautiful Central Coast. During the trip, take in the breathtaking Gaviota Coast, the legendary surfing beaches of the Hollister and Bixby ranches, Point Conception, the massive launch sites of Vandenberg AFB, the vineyards of the Edna Valley, state and county beach parks, a variety of wildlife and botanical wonders, and a lot more.

Passengers may board in either Santa Barbara or Goleta. Travel times are: Depart Santa Barbara (SB) at 10:22 a.m. (Goleta 10:34). Arrive San Luis Obispo (SLO) at 1:00 p.m. Depart SLO at 1:55 p.m. Arrive SB at 4:32 p.m. (Goleta 4:17).

Complimentary soft drinks, coffee, and light snacks are included. Passengers are responsible for any additional food. Passengers are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and favorite vintage to enjoy as we travel.

Fares are \$79 for the July 13 daytrips and \$69 for the July 20 trip. The museum is also offering a special children's fare, exclusively for ages 5-14, of only \$59. To receive this special fare, please contact Terry Remick at 805/680-0397 (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., please).

All other ticket purchases can be made through the museum's online store: www.goletadepot.org/ride



Draft Book On Goleta Depot Now Available

For the past five years, Museum Director Gary Coombs has been working on a new edition to the 1982 book, *Goleta Depot: The History Of A Rural Railroad Station.*, published by Goleta Beautiful and the Institute for American Research.

The second edition includes eight new chapters, which pick up where the original book left off – with the 1982 reopening of the landmark building and the beginning of its new and different life as home for a museum and three local nonprofit organizations.

A draft of the new book is now ready and is being distributed to colleagues and others who will be reviewing, editing and providing comments on the draft in preparation for the release of the completed second edition. Since many others have placed orders and have been waiting patiently to receive their copies of the finished book, the draft version is also being made available to everyone at this time.

Anyone can download the draft at:

Welcome To New Members

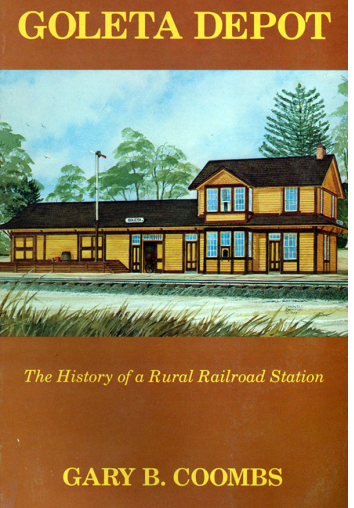
It is a pleasure to greet all of the museum's new members. **Charles Alva** is a new Life member. New Contributing members are **John and Toby Riedlinger** and **Letitia Harper & Theo**. The latest additions to the Sustaining member ranks include **Craig and Sharon Madsen, Tim and Mindy Petter, and Joan Magruder and Jerry Richart**.

New Active members include **Isabel Blagborne, Teresa Di Agostino, Kathleen Doherty, Isabel Figueroa, Lynn Goebel, Eric and Mary Hanson, Mark Hubert, Nancy Hubert, Burma Klassen, Susan Kremser, Stuart McDaniel, George and Kim Morales, David Murdock, Doug Okun, Jeanne Payne, and Daniel Smith**.

Welcome one and all!

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The downloadable file, which includes more than 200 photos and other illustrations, most in full color, is about 10 megabytes. A detailed description of what is included in the draft is provided on the cover overleaf.

It's not too late to order free copies of the completed digital book, which will be ready by the end of this year. Orders may be placed at:

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