

Coming Up...

**April 23, 2015
Puttin' On The Ritz**

Dinner & Auction Gala

Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment re-splendent in a Roaring 20s theme. Enjoy dinner along with both live and silent auctions and afterwards dance the night away at Trilogy at the Monarch Dunes in Nipomo.

The SMVRR will present its First Annual Public Safety Award to a citizen who has exemplified public safety for railroads.

Funds raised will benefit the Friends of the SMVRR generally, and specifically a new Friends' program to assist the Education and Equipping of Central Coast First Responders regarding rail incidents. Part of the proceeds will also benefit the Renovation of the La Condesa, a 1926 Pullman car belonging to the SLO Railroad Museum.

Sponsorships are available.

Tickets are \$125 each. Make checks payable to Friends of the SMVRR and send to the address above.

Please see the enclosed flyer and registration form.

**May 9, 2015
National Train Day**

Friends will be exhibiting at the SLO Railroad Museum. There will be an SMVRR display on the platform.



New and Renewed Memberships

Basic

Glenn Geissinger, Stephanie Bishop, Jeff Karsh

Depot - Family

Ed & Donna McCawley, Daniel Gant, Dale Schumacher, David Astle, John & Diane Marchetti

Gandy Dancer

Stanley Wilson

Engineer

Benjamin Wilson, Kenneth Chaffee

Trainmaster/Life

Mike and Ginny Orcutt-Clenard

Passings

We are sad to report the passing of two Friends charter members. Friends member and blacksmith shop donor Donna Wright passed away after a long illness. Donna was also involved with the planning and purchase of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad in 2006. Lifetime member and also blacksmith shop donor Gordy Nungesser passed away suddenly in February. Both Donna and Gordy were major supporters of the Friends and major supporters of the SMVRR and will be missed.

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Santa Maria Valley Railroad

Coming Up... (continued)

June 19-21, 2015

Friends/SMVRR BBQ Weekend

This year we expanded our annual BBQ at the SMVRR to a weekend of activities and a special rate at the Santa Maria Inn of \$114.00 per night for our out of town members. Employees of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad will be hosting the open house and tours of the locomotives and equipment. We will also have a tour of the Betteravia townsite and presentation of the current operations of the railroad.

Friday June 19

Guided photoshoot of SMVRR's inbound train starting at approximately 1:00pm. Meet at the Guadalupe Amtrak Station and we will carpool from there. RSVP required (as space is limited)

6:00pm Santa Maria Inn we will gather informally for a nice dinner and informal talk on the Santa Maria Valley Railroad.

Saturday June 20

Open house from 10:00 to 3:00. Betteravia tours at 11:00 and 2:00. Railroad presentation at 1:00. Our Santa Maria Style tri-tip and chicken BBQ from 11:30 until 1:00 includes beans, garlic bread, drinks and dessert for only \$10.00 per person donation.

Sunday June 21

10:00 Wine Tasting in the Santa Maria Valley. Details will be announced. Informal.

For all of you out-of-towners, the Santa Maria Inn will be providing a special rate of \$114.00 per night for that weekend. Contact the Santa Maria Inn (805-928-7777) directly and mention Santa Maria Valley Railroad event for the special rate. Deadline for reservations is May 20.

Thanks to our Sponsors

AgLand Properties
Ed Sutti



Murphy Bank
895 Aerovista #100
San Luis Obispo
805-250-2300

Sponsor Support

The Santa Maria Valley Railroad is a sponsor of our newsletter and our quarterly programs. Murphy Bank is a sponsor of our meeting room for Friends Board meetings. AgLand has supported Friends BBQs at the railroad's headquarters in Betteravia. We are always looking for sponsors to expand our programs and tours and fund educational activities.

SMV Historical Society Museum Tour - February 21, 2015

The Friends of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad visited the Santa Maria Valley Historical Museum for a private tour followed by lunch (of course) at The Swiss (just north of Main on Broadway).

Bill Wurth was our guide for the morning at the museum, and he was accompanied by a couple other Museum folks including the executive director, Cindy Ransick.

We looked long and hard for some reference to the SMVRR on the phone switch board; no luck.

All the pics: <http://friends-smvrr.org/150221.html>



Former SMV #205 Steams Up for the

Page 60 of the April issue of Trains magazine announces: "Santa Maria Valley 2-6-2 No. 205, a 1924 Baldwin, raises steam on Jan. 30 for the first time in 65 years."

That is big news for the history lovers of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad. The SMV bought #205 from the San Joaquin & Eastern already numbered as such in 1933. It ran on the SMV until 1950 at which time it was sent to the Santa Maria Fairgrounds and put on display there. Many Santa Maria adults, including members of the Friends, remember enjoying that locomotive as kids.

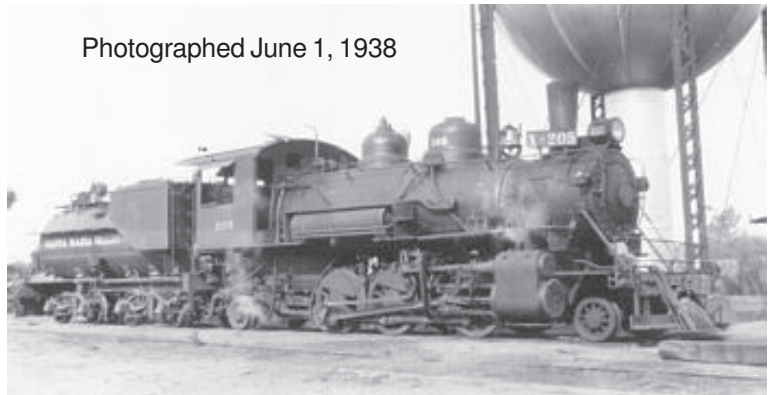
In 1983, #205 was purchased by George Lavacot and moved to Oregon where it's been under a restoration project ever since. George also bought the last of SMV's steam locomotive parts in 2008.

On January 30th of this year, #205 raised steam for the first time in 65 years! The Trains magazine article indicates that plans are being developed for its operational future.

Vital statistics:

- 2-6-2 wheel arrangement
- Weight: 128,000 pounds
- Tractive effort: 23,640 pounds
- Built by Baldwin in 1924
- Driver: 49"
- Pressure: 195 pounds
- Cylinders: 17 x 24

Photographed June 1, 1938



SMV
205	Type 2-6-2
Santa Maria, Cal.
6-1-38
17 x 24
4.9
195
128000
E. 23640
Builder Bal.	57413
Date	1924

Charles E. Winters
9034 East 61st Street
Kansas City 50, Missouri



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The Friends of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad will run a campaign to fund education and equipment for the Santa Maria City Fire Department for first responders. Educating and equipping local fire departments allows them to be ready to respond to railroad emergencies, and the training and equipment will be used in response to other events.

Capping the night, and giving us our theme for the evening, the Friends of The Santa Maria Valley Railroad will run a campaign to fund the restoration of the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum's passenger car La Condesa, which will soon be renamed to fit its new Central Coast home. This lovely 1926 Pullman Observation car will be restored to its former grandeur, preserving the golden age of railroad passenger travel. The car will also be used for fundraising purposes for elegant special events and dinners.

Dinner tickets are \$125.00 each, \$1,250.00 for a reserved table for 10. Sponsorship opportunities are still available and begin at \$500.00.

So, gentlemen, break out your best bib and tucker and ladies, put on those feathers and frills. Bring all those guys and dolls who love to party to this fun-filled fete.

Friends of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY

*PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ
FUNDRAISING GALA*

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015

THE TRILOGY AT MONARCH DUNES

1645 TRILOGY PARKWAY, NIPOMO

NO HOST BAR 5:30 P.M. DINNER AND PROGRAM 6:00 P.M.

AUCTION, LIVE MUSIC, DANCING

BLACK TIE OR 1920'S ATTIRE

DINNER CHOICES ARE:

PRIME CUT TOP SIRLOIN

OR

SALMON WITH BROWNE D BUTTER LIME SAUCE

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ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP CODE _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

\$125.00 PER PERSON OR \$1,250.00 FOR TABLE OF 10

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

I CANNOT ATTEND, WILL DONATE TO THE EVENT \$ _____

RSVP BY APRIL 15 CHECKS CAN BE MADE TO:

FRIENDS OF THE SMVRR

P.O. Box 1031

SANTA MARIA, CA 93456

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

CONTACT JAMIE AT (805) 614-7093 OR EMAIL INFO@FRIENDS-SMVRR.ORG