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The Cafe Lounge Car is Christened



On San Luis Obispo Train Day, May 9th, our Cafe-Lounge car received its new name in a traditional christening ceremony. Sydney McGovern, the great-great-

granddaughter of Allan Hancock, former owner of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad, got to do the honors and then assisted in revealing the new name, which is La Cuesta, a name in keeping with its new life here on the Central Coast. In addition, Rob Himoto, present owner of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad, presented a check for \$2500 from the proceeds of the recent gala which was put on by the Friends of the SMVRR. The money is designated to be used in the restoration of La Cuesta. Many thanks to Sydney and Rob. When you come to the Museum, be sure to see the work being done on La Cuesta to restore it to its former beauty.

Chair by Chair, the Caboose is Being Restored

Many thanks to Marilyn Darnell and Leon Fairbanks, who each donated \$400 to reupholster a caboose chair. That means that we have received enough donations from our generous members to renew all the chairs. The only items left to be upholstered are the bunk mattress and the desk. Yes - the desk! Actually, not the whole desk. Part of it was upholstered to prevent injury if a crew member should accidentally get jolted against it during movement. So we need two last donations to finish all the upholstery work. Again - many thanks to Marilyn and Leon. You are the kind of members who keep us enthused and working!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

OVERLAND TRAIL PRIVATE CAR EXCURSION: These excursions are SOLD OUT. If you missed the chance to make this beautiful trip this time around, keep watching. We will be offering another chance in the future. Congratulations to all those who made their reservations early. You have a wonderful experience coming your way.

CENTRAL COAST RAILROAD FESTIVAL will be happening at the Museum and in other venues around the Central Coast during the first weekend of October. There will be model trains, railroad art exhibits, talks about local citizens and their involvement with the railroads, a swap meet, and so much more. Watch

here and on the SLORRM website for more details.

MEMBERS: If you are a friendly, outgoing person, we would love to train you to be a docent at the Museum. A few hours of your time once or twice a month can make a big difference in our ability to be open to the public. You don't have to be an expert on trains. More important is the desire to share our facility with the families, travelers, and local people who find their way to our Museum.



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