

First Museum Rail Car Ready to Roll

Saved from certain scrapping, former Southern Pacific caboose number 1886 is sitting on a siding in Guadalupe waiting to return to San Luis Obispo to be part of a living display at the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum.

Caboose 1886 was built in June 1972, and was last used by the Southern Pacific on the Lompoc Branch for local service. The rust-red bay window caboose was retired November 15, 1995.

The caboose was purchased in January, 1996, from Progress Rail Services Company of Albertville, Alabama, using proceeds from the 1994 San Luis Obispo Railroad Centennial Steam Train and donations from San Luis Southern Live Steamers and Karl Hovanitz. Transportation to San Luis Obispo was donated by Southern Pacific and arranged by Jimmy McIntyre. The purchase price was 10 cents per pound, which worked out to \$4,000 for the 40,000 pound railcar. The caboose is currently owned by the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society, which is holding it until a display site is ready.



Ex-SP Caboose 1886

Timetable

Monday, April 20 — 6:30 p.m.
Avila Valley Railway Museum
Meeting
Gardens of Avila Restaurant
1215 Avila Beach Drive

Tuesday, April 21 — 7:00 p.m.
San Luis Obispo City
Council Meeting
San Luis Obispo City Hall
990 Palm Street

April 29 thru May 3

Valley Zephyr '98
1998 Pacific Coast Region, National Model Railroad Association
Convention and Train Show
Modesto Convention Center

May 8, 9 & 10

Western Pacific Railroad
Historical Society
1998 National Convention
Stockton Inn
Stockton, California

Thursday, May 14 — 7:00 p.m.

San Luis Obispo
Railroad Museum Meeting
Embassy Suites Hotel
Madonna Road
San Luis Obispo

Badges? We got badges!



Pin-on badges featuring the red, white and blue SLORRM emblem are now available. Printed by Bill Pyper and assembled by Brad LaRose, the plan is to sell the buttons for \$2.00 each as a beginning fund raising effort. Anyone wishing to purchase a badge can get one from Bill or Brad. We are looking for locations to sell them.

For more information about the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum contact:
Brad LaRose (messages) 461-3456
Karl Hovanitz (daytime) 544-7658 FAX 544-7675
Bill Pyper (days) 543-2259 or FAX (24 hrs.) 543-9262

For more information regarding the Railroad District Master Plan contact the City of San Luis Obispo Community Development Department at 781-7170.

PCC to put signs on bridge



The City of San Luis Obispo Promotional Coordinating Committee (PCC) has been given the task of coordinating the design of signs to be placed on the Jennifer Street footbridge over the railroad tracks. The purpose of these signs is to welcome train travelers to the city. It has long been a goal of the PCC to encourage more tourists and business travelers to come to San Luis Obispo by train. Hopefully these signs will aid that effort. It has been suggested that the signs have an early 20th century design to match the look of the area.

The PCC is a group of seven citizen volunteers, appointed by the City Council, that is responsible for promoting tourism and cultural activity in the City of San Luis Obispo. The PCC was responsible for overseeing construction of the new welcoming signs at the north and south ends of town on Highway 101.

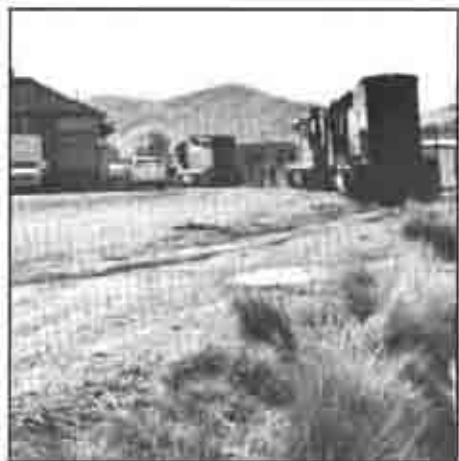
Anyone wishing to comment or provide input on this project can contact Wendy George with the City of San Luis Obispo at 781-7151.



SP Once Laid Track Where Museum Track Planned



Not too many years ago the Southern Pacific Railroad had a siding on the location adjacent to Santa Barbara Street where SLORRM plans to put a display track. At one time, these tracks connected to the Emily Street tracks where the museum hopes to have a working area. This siding, along with many others, was removed about the same time as the turntable.



San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum

A Division of the Avila Valley Railway Museum, Inc.

MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

Membership Levels

\$100, Benefactor \$50, Supporting \$35, Family \$20, Individual

Complete form and mail with your check to:

San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum, P.O. Box 766, Santa Margarita, CA 93453

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Individual/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (eve.) _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Membership Level _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

I will help the museum by volunteering to: _____