



The Santa Clara
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FALL OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2016



The Company Store on November 5, 2016

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society has hosted one of the highest attended Open House Activities on record. There were over 1,400 paid attendees, as well as children. The Company Store made over \$4,800 in cash and credit sales. In total, the Society received over \$12,000 after expenses, including the All Day Lunch. Even the Tower and the Business railcar hosted record attendance.

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Customers Are Served At The All Day Lunch Counter



Trains In Passing. Note SBHRS' "Refrigerator Car"



Preparing the Company Store for the Open House. The large number of contributions including books, models, kits, DVDs and much more, helped the Company Store achieve record-setting revenues.

FROM THE OCTOBER 15th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Santa Clara Historic Homes Tour has contacted Joe Hoffmann, requesting one operating "G" gauge train to run in one of the Historic Homes. Their tour will occur on the same day as Caltrain's Holiday Train. Caltrain will run this year's Holiday Train on December 3rd and 4th.

UV Protection Film for Windows In the Museum. A quote is being examined from a vendor to install UV protection film on selected windows inside the Museum.

Our Contract with the Joint Powers Board will be renewed in 2017. The current contract expires in June, 2017. An initial planning meeting will be held in December.

Front Deck Repair is an ongoing project. If you can volunteer some time, please contact Chris Ewing, who is the Project Coordinator.

ELECTIONS REMINDER: Two Board of Director seats expire this year: Seat 1 Jack Morash, and Seat 6, Michael Stockwell. The new position of the nonvoting Member At Large will be voted on concurrent with the board positions. Winners will be announced on December 6th after 7 pm.

HOLIDAY TRAIN



The Holiday Train will arrive at the Santa Clara Depot on Saturday, December 3rd at 8:10 pm, remaining until departure time at 8:30 pm, according to the Caltrain Website.

The Train Museum will also be open Saturday, December 3rd, between 6 PM and 9 PM.

OWR&N BUSINESS CAR RESTORATION PROGRESS



The restoration project has made quite a lot of progress in the past three months. Nearly all of the electrical wiring has been completed. The wood curved ceiling panels in the Lounge Room have been put up (see photos following this article). Most of the electrical wiring has been completed throughout the car. The ceiling in the cook and porter's room was reinstalled following installation of the HVAC, which is operational. Paneling in the lounge and hallway is being installed, the storm windows have been repainted on the dock side, and the north door. All of the glass panels have been installed.

The interior of the car was cleaned for Open House. An inventory was taken of the artifacts in order determine what items still needed to be acquired.

The SBHRS has signed a contract to repair and coat the roof with a Silicon-based material. The contract must now be approved by Caltrain. It is expected that the contract will be approved by spring, at which time the work is expected to go ahead following the end of spring rain.

Upcoming projects include repairing concrete flooring where damaged or missing, build new windows for the hallway similar to the windows in the lounge, but without the stained glass. Electrical light fixtures will be refurbished prior to reinstallation.

Thanks to Robin Gilstrom for the Update!



New curved roof in Lounge Area



Two Photos Of Dining Area



SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY HERITAGE WEEKEND

Restored SF Muni #1011 at Fourth and King, San Francisco

September 24-25, 2016, saw the Annual Historical Heritage Weekend on the San Francisco Municipal Railway. This was the fifth year that this event was held in San Francisco, and from all reports, it was the most successful of the five. The annual Heritage Weekend event is a time for the San Francisco Municipal Railway to exhibit the many historic streetcars and buses that have operated during a 110+ year span of Muni's existence in San Francisco. In addition to streetcars, several trolley coaches and diesel buses were displayed and operated. The oldest bus, #042 built by White Motor Coach Company in 1938, operated this year on Market Street. Muni's oldest trackless trolley was #506, built in 1941.

O'Farrell, Jones & Hyde cable car 42, which is a double end (as is streetcar 1011 pictured above), ran over the Hyde Street Line. It had not run over this line in 62 years. It made use of the crossover track instead of the turntable at the end of the line near Fishermen's Wharf. Single end cable cars must be turned around using the turntable.

Muni's oldest streetcar, built in 1896 as a streetcar and not a cable car, ran shuttle service on the E Line, and was open to the public for this service.

All of this equipment, as well as the fleet of historic streetcars normally used on Muni's E and F lines, operated regular service along Market Street between Castro, the Ferry Building, and Fishermen's Wharf throughout the weekend.

For more information and photos of this event, please visit <http://www.streetcar.org>.



Historic Santa Clara Depot provides a unique setting for birthday parties, or anniversary, retirement or other special occasion events.

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society offers:

- The Freight House Meeting Room, with space for 45-50 persons, seated
- Folding tables and cushioned chairs
- Large screen LCD TV, plus a DVD/VCR combo player
- Digital projector and 5 x 9- foot projection screen
- Small kitchen/serving area with microwave oven, refrigerator and sink
- The Train Room, with model railroad layouts (dozent-operated trains, by arrangement)



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The South Bay Historical Railroad Society is located at the Santa Clara Caltrain Depot, in the Museum building adjacent to Caltrain, at 1005 Railroad Avenue. Effective June 7th, the Museum is open to the public Tuesdays from 5 PM to 8 PM, and Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. Museum exhibits, the Library, and Train Room all provide many items of interest to a wide variety of age groups. The Train Room features both an HO and N gauge operating model railroad, and members can operate their equipment during those times.



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