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Train Day to celebrate history of the railroad on Central Coast

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF – Trains and tracks are a rich part of Central Coast history. To celebrate, the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum (SLORRM) is hosting Train Day on Saturday, May 9. Train Day celebrations are held all across the United States near the anniversary of the completion of the first transcontinental railroad. The “Golden Spike” was hammered into place on May 10, 1869 at Promontory Summit, Utah, connecting the Union and Central Pacific Railroads.

The all-day event at the SLORRM runs 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be food, a railroad swap meet, kids’ activities, art and more on the platform. At 1:00 p.m. the museum’s 1926 Cafe-Lounge car will be christened. SLORRM staff will break the traditional bottle of champagne and officially change the car’s name to “La Cuesta,” to reflect its new life here on the Central Coast. The event is free, admission for the museum is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children four and older.

The museum is located in and around the circa 1894 Southern Pacific freight house at 1940 Santa Barbara Street. It sits trackside next to the busy Union Pacific main line and Amtrak Station in San Luis Obispo’s Historic Railroad District. The museum focuses on the rail history of California’s Central Coast, with exhibits to retell the story of the Pacific Coast Railway, the Southern Pacific Railroad, and their influence on the development of this county and the state.

For more information on the Railroad Museum, head to www.slorm.com.

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