



**San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum
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For Immediate Release:

The San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum is happy to announce the interior restoration of the Museum's Bay Window Caboose has been completed and will be open to the public during the 2016 Central Coast Railroad Festival October 7, 8, and 9.

The San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum Restoration and Equipment Committee completed an interior restoration of this caboose over the course of 22 months, expending over 4100 hours of volunteer labor. The interior of the caboose had been damaged from hard railroad use over the course of several decades and vandalism from transients and others who forcibly entered the caboose for approximately 10 years. Total restoration was required.

This caboose was built for the Southern Pacific Railroad by the International Car Co. in 1972 and assigned the number 1886. Its assignment for many years was on the Lompoc White Hills Branch of the Central Coast of California, with its last run on 11-15-1995. It operated for many years after most cabooses on the railroad were removed from service.

The restored caboose interior is beautiful. It reflects the character acquired due to its age and hard use, yet shows that it was also well taken care of. The exterior paint and lettering will be the next step in the restoration of the caboose.

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About San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum:

The San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum is a regional non-profit educational institution founded to preserve and present the railroad history of California and specifically the Central Coast.

Admission to the Museum is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children, free for three (3) yrs and under.

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