



Railroading Events and Organizations throughout California and the West

I am a fan of both railroading and bluegrass music ...
thus the name of my website is www.RailGrass.info

This is a list of resources for:

- Live steam modelers
- Non-operational tiny scale model railroading fans
- Historians
- And those interested in the history of railroading, sawmills, mining, etc.

Organizations & Venues

(All are located in California unless stated otherwise)

Ardenwood Historic Farm and Railway: www.ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood

Home of the Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources: www.spcrr.org

Arizona & Pacific Railroad (in AZ): www.arizonaandpacificrr.com

Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad: www.bjwrr.org

Bitter Creek Western Railroad: www.bcwrr.org

California State Railroad Museum: www.csrmf.org

Chula Vista Live Steamers: www.chulavistalivesteamers.org

Golden Gate Live Steamers: www.goldengatels.org

Great Northern & Cascade Live Steamers (in WA): www.greatnortherncascaderailway.com

International Brotherhood of Live Steamers: www.ibls.org

The organization may have ceased operation, but it was a very important resource in the early days of live steaming; this link may direct you to a Wikipedia entry

Jerimiah O'Brien (WW2-era steam-powered ship): www.ssjeremiahobrien.org

Joshua Tree Southern Railroad Museum: www.jtsrr.org

Kern County Live Steamers: www.trainweb.org/kernctyls

Los Angeles Live Steamers: www.lals.org

Maricopa Live Steamers (in AZ): www.maricopalivesteamers.com

Napa Wine Train: www.winetrain.com

Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad: www.nevadacountynarrowgauge.com

The "railroad" website has historical archives

Nevada County Narrow Gauge Museum: www.ncngrrmuseum.org

The "museum" website has current museum/venue info

Nevada Northern Railway: www.nnry.com

Niles Canyon Railway: www.ncry.org

Northstar Mine Powerhouse Museum:

www.sierranevadageotourism.org/content/northstar-mine-powerhouse-and-pelton-wheel-museum

Oregon Railway Heritage Center (in OR): www.orhf.org

Orange County Model Engineers: www.ocmetrains.org

Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad: www.pvarr.org

Railtown 1897 State Historic Park: www.railtown1897.org

Redwood Empire Live Steamers: www.facebook.com/RedwoodEmpireLiveSteamers

Official website address (www.redwoodempirels.org) was "parked" as of 6/2015 and completely abandoned as of 2/2016

Redwood Valley Railway: www.redwoodvalleyrailway.com

Riverside Live Steamers: www.steamonly.org

Roaring Camp: www.roaringcamp.com

Sacramento Live Steamers Railroad Museum: www.svlsrcm.org

Sacramento River Train: www.sacramentorivertrain.com

Samoa Cookhouse & Logging Museum: www.samoacookhouse.net/samoa-cookhouse-museum.html

Last surviving railroad-builders' cookhouse in the West, plus its associated logging museum

San Leandro Historical Railway Society (and Museum): www.slhrs.org

Santa Clara Train Depot (and Museum) (located at 1005 **Railroad** Avenue!)

Oldest operating railroad depot in California

Site of a monthly "bluegrass music jam session" (2nd Saturday monthly, Noon to 3pm)

sponsored by the Northern California Bluegrass Society: www.ncbs.us (believed to be an ongoing event, but it is not currently cited on their website)

Meeting place of the South Bay Historical Railroad Society (detailed below)

Sierra Dinner Train: www.sierradinnertrain.com

Skunk Train: www.skunktrain.com

South Bay Historical Railroad Society: www.sbhrs.org

Southern California Live Steamers: www.southerncalifornialivesteamers.com

Southern Oregon Live Steamers (in OR): www.southernoregonlivesteamers.com

Sturgeon's Mill: www.sturgeonsmill.com

Swanton Pacific Railroad: www.sprp.calpoly.edu

Train Mountain (in OR): www.tmrr.org

Trinity Alps Mountain Railroad: www.arizonaandpacificrr.com/spot/trinityalps/trinityalps.html

Many pics but outdated site at www.DocHemp.com/Russ.html

Ventura County Live Steamers: www.venturacountylivesteamers.org

Virginia and Truckee Railroad (in NV): www.virginiatruckee.com

Western Railway Museum: www.westernrailwaymuseum.org

Yaquina Pacific Railroad Society (in OR): www.yaquinapacificrr.org

Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad: www.ymspr.com

Zombie Train: www.zombietrain.com

Events

Second Saturday of most months: “Train Station Bluegrass Jam” at Santa Clara Train Depot; 12pm to 3pm; for info, e-mail Mary at KennedyMK@comcast.net

Most Tuesdays (6pm-9pm) and most Saturdays (10am-3pm): Santa Clara Train Depot model railroad exhibit is open to the public info at www.sbhrs.org

At one time I was including an extensive calendar here; but it became too much work to maintain. I would encourage you to visit the websites above to discover what events appear on **their** websites. Many of them have calendars, and some will surely include events I’m unaware of.

Books and Lists and “non-club” Websites

“GGLS’s Links of Interest”: www.goldengatels.org/links-of-interests.html

Much of what’s listed in “Organizations and Venues” came from there; but their list also includes numerous vendors and suppliers, of interest to restorers and modelers.

“Tourist Trains Guidebook”: Published by Kalmbach: www.kalmbach.com

A terrific resource for any railfan; usually updated every two years; 5th edition was released in May 2015. Kalmbach produces many useful books and periodicals for modelers and hobbyists

“Train Shows” event finder: www.trainshows.com

“Train Web dot Org” has a wide variety of resources: www.trainweb.org

Prepared by Allan French. E-mail AFrench123@comcast.net for a list of bluegrass and folk music festivals, museums, retail stores, music associations, etc. The PDF document fits conveniently onto one double-sided sheet when printed.

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