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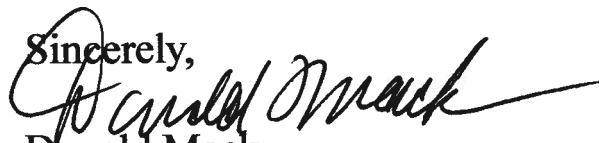
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Enclosed is a guide to the hundreds of operating historic railroad museums and railroads in California, the United States and North America. Many of these operations are operated by volunteers and the funding, if not supported outright by private donations, are in large part supported by collected fees and private donations. The attraction to persons both young and old provided by these historic preservations is self evident as is also the dollar benefits provided to the communities that support them. The California State Railroad Museum, the Durango and Silverton Railroad in Durango Colorado, the Nevada Northern Railroad in Ely Nevada and the Virginia and Truckee Railroad in Virginia City Nevada are four of many examples of operating historic railways that provide much tourist revenue and unrivaled attraction to the cities and rural areas that house them. The rail corridor that has existed between Folsom and Placerville since the 1880's has the potential to be the equal of the most attractive of the operating historical railroads that I have visited throughout the country. I understand that a conflict has arisen concerning the possible use of the right of way for trail use only rather than continue to develop the operation of the historic railroad. I recently had the opportunity to ride the P&SVRR on one of its first runs from Hampton Station to the Latrobe area and was pleasantly surprised by the beauty of the rural areas that we traveled through as were the others on board. It appears to me that the sixty to one hundred foot wide legal right of way has more than

enough room to provide trail usage along with the railroad. To elaborate upon dual usage the trail users could use the future facilities and rolling stock of the railroad to ride the trains one way and return to point of origin on the trails. The Durango and Silverton furnishes similar services to bikers, hikers and backpackers in Colorado as do other operators throughout the country. To extend rail operations along the entire length of existing track would allow the possibility of the P&SVRR to become equal to or better than the best in the country! And please remember that most of what has transpired was made possible by the foresight and efforts of the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor- Joint Powers Authority and the outstanding effort of the many volunteers who have done the track and rolling stock restoration work at little or no cost to the taxpayer. Hopefully these first fledgling scheduled short trips of the august 7 and 8 weekend along this ninety year old track can be the beginning of a world class operating railway museum that will bring many benefits to your communities. What other potential revenue sources do you have that are provided by so many dedicated unpaid volunteers?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald Mack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald Mack

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[Orange Empire Railway Museum](#) **Pop**

Address: 2201 South, Perris, CALIFORNIA, 92572 USA. **Tel.:** 951-943-3020 **Toll Free:**



The Orange Empire Railway Museum is a large mainline, interurban, and streetcar museum located in Riverside County. It has a large collection of streetcars including PCC cars from San Diego Electric Railway, Los Angeles Railway (narrow gauge), and San Francisco Municipal Railway. Highlights include MUNI car 1039; the second to last PCC made in the US. The Orange Empire Railway Museum at Perris, CA, is noted for its nice tramway layout and the wealth of preserved (and operable!) tramway equipment.

Hits: 5352 ♦ **Ratings:** 4.62 ♦ **Votes:** 18 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 2-Dec-2002

[Fullerton Railway Plaza Association](#)

Address: 124 East Santa Fe Avenue, Fullerton, CALIFORNIA, 92832 USA. **Tel.:** 714-278-0648 **Toll Free:**



The Fullerton Railway Plaza Association is dedicated to the preservation of the railroad heritage of Southern California through the creation of a large Interactive Railroad Attraction in the City of Fullerton, California. This facility will be unique in that it will embody many facets of the world of Recreational Railroading, including preservation, restoration, archiving, education, railfanning, modeling and many other interesting rail oriented activities.

Hits: 3221 ♦ **Ratings:** 2.50 ♦ **Votes:** 8 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 27-Nov-2002

[California State Railroad Museum](#)

Address: 111 "I" Street, Sacramento, CALIFORNIA, 95814 USA. **Tel.:** (916) 323-9280 **Toll Free:**

Located in Old Sacramento, the California State Railroad Museum is a complex of historic facilities and unique attractions. Widely regarded as one of North America's finest and most visited railroad museums, there is something here for everyone! Throughout the year, experience lavishly restored trains, engaging exhibits, and unique special events. Every weekend April-September, ride behind a steam locomotive on the Museum's Sacramento Southern Railroad. The Museum is open daily (except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Guided tours and interpretive film screenings are offered daily.

Hits: 3852 ♦ **Ratings:** 4.18 ♦ **Votes:** 11 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 26-Nov-2002

[California Trolley and Railroad Corp.](#)

Address: 1600 Senter Road, San Jose, CALIFORNIA, 95112 USA. **Tel.:** (408)293-2276 **Toll Free:**

The mission of the California Trolley and Railroad Corporation (CTRC) is to restore, preserve and interpret railroad equipment as it was used to serve the people in Santa Clara Valley, California. The CTCRC was formed in December, 1994 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit California Corporation by the merger of the San Jose Trolley Corporation and the Santa Clara Valley Railroad Association. The CTCRC has restored and placed back into operation a number of historic trolley cars including one horse drawn street car. Among the many projects underway is the restoration of former Southern Pacific 2479 Baldwin P-10 heavy Pacific (4-6-2).

Hits: 1681 ♦ **Ratings:** 1.00 ♦ **Votes:** 7 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 26-Nov-2002

[Chico Art Center](#) ♦ [Empire Coffee Car](#)

Address: 450 Orange Street, Chico, CALIFORNIA, 95928 USA. **Tel.:** 530-895-8726 **Toll Free:**

Located at the historic rail depot in Chico, the Chico Art Center owns, and will operate the rail museum on-board a refurbished (currently in progress) 1947 Pullman car. Built in 1947 by the Pullman Company for the Great Northern Railroad, this coach saw hundreds of thousand miles in its useful life of more than 25 years. Originally built for day/night service, this 48-seat coach served the Minneapolis, Minnesota to Tacoma, Washington route and included reclining seats with footrests. Over the course of their useful lives, railcars went through many changes to meet the demands of the travelers of the time.

Hits: 0 ♦ **Ratings:** 2.80 ♦ **Votes:** 15 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 12-Apr-2005

[Golden Gate Railroad Museum](#)

Address: Hunters Point, San Francisco, CALIFORNIA, 94124 USA. **Tel.:** (415) 822-8728 **Toll Free:**

The Golden Gate Railroad Museum (GGRM) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of steam and passenger railroad equipment, and the interpretation of local railroad history. An authentic working Southern Pacific steam engine is the gem of this popular museum. Afficionados of all ages are welcome to climb aboard to investigate this fascinating piece of machinery. Commute, streamliner, and passenger trains can also be seen. Guided tours are available, as well as Rent-a-Locomotive opportunities for the birthday party of a lifetime!

Hits: 2784 ♦ **Ratings:** 1.60 ♦ **Votes:** 10 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 2-Dec-2002

[Goleta Depot and South Coast Railroad Museum](#)

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Address: 300 North Los Cameros Road, Goleta, CALIFORNIA, 93117 USA. **Tel.:** 805-964-3540 **Toll Free:**
 The Goleta Depot station, near Santa Barbara, was built in 1901 by the Southern Pacific Railroad. The station was relocated in 1981 to picturesque Lake Los Cameros County Park and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The South Coast Railroad Museum features the restored station interior, landscaped grounds, a yard track with a bay-window caboose (S.P. 4023), the 1/3 mile Goleta Short Line miniature train ride, and a 300-sq-ft HO-scale model railroad that models southern Santa Barbara County. Hours are 1 to 4 pm. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.
Hits: 1275 ♦ **Ratings:** 0.83 ♦ **Votes:** 6 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 10-Feb-2004

 **Lomita Railroad Museum**

Address: Woodward Av & 250 Street, Lomita, CALIFORNIA, 90717 USA. **Tel.:** (310)326-6255 **Toll Free:**
 The city of Lomita in Southern California is home of the Lomita Railroad Museum, a historical museum dedicated to keeping the spirit of steam-era railroading alive! To help keep this spirit alive, the museum is planning to expand for all of its visitors to enjoy. On display is a Southern Pacific Railroad steam locomotive (1902-1960) and tender. Nearby stand a 1910 Union Pacific caboose and a modern all-steel Santa Fe caboose. The museum is not only educational, it is also fun.
Hits: 2443 ♦ **Ratings:** 2.33 ♦ **Votes:** 9 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 27-Nov-2002

 **Los Angeles Railroad Heritage Foundation**

Address: Various Locations - See Web Site for Details, Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA, 90000 USA. **Tel.:** 323-931-6757 **Toll Free:**
 The Los Angeles Railroad Heritage Foundation is a DBA of the Los Angeles Museum of Railroading, a non-profit educational corporation. The Foundation's mission is to diligently preserve and dynamically present the history of railroading in Los Angeles through its three core programs: public outreach, archival preservation, and multiple-media publishing. Each of these programs is interdependent and together they will enable the Foundation achieve its mission.
Hits: 2487 ♦ **Ratings:** 1.00 ♦ **Votes:** 5 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 1-Aug-2003

 **Market Street Railway**

Address: 870 Market Street, Suite 803, San Francisco, CALIFORNIA, 94102 USA. **Tel.:** (415) 956-0472 **Toll Free:**
 Dedicated to the preservation and operation of historic transit vehicles in San Francisco. Our organization and its members have acquired and donated a number of vintage streetcars, cable cars and buses to the San Francisco Municipal Railway. We educate the public on the historic importance of mass transportation toward maintaining a high quality of urban life in San Francisco. We identify, acquire, and restore additional historic transit vehicles suitable for operation on the San Francisco Municipal Railway.
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Museum of America's Freedom Trains

Address: PO Box 2211, Laguna Hills, CALIFORNIA, 92654 USA. **Tel.:** N/A **Toll Free:**

The Museum of America's Freedom Trains is dedicated to the preservation of the memory of the two Freedom Trains that toured the United States during the 20th Century. To this end the Museum acquires and preserves artifacts from both trains and maintains a collection of audio, visual, and textual materials related to them. Please help us in our efforts to preserve the memory of these rolling symbols of liberty.

Hits: 1692 ♦ **Ratings:** 1.00 ♦ **Votes:** 1 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 27-Nov-2002

Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad and Transportation Museum

Address: 5 Kidder Court, Nevada City, CALIFORNIA, 95959 USA. **Tel.:** 530-470-0902 **Toll Free:**

Has twenty five pieces of historical railroad equipment that has been restored or are in need of restoration and maintenance. With this type of work, you will have the opportunity to learn how late 1800's and early 1900's narrow gauge....The museum is located at 5 Kidder Court, Nevada City, California.

Hits: 1080 ♦ **Ratings:** 4.00 ♦ **Votes:** 1 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 27-Nov-2002

Pacific Locomotive Association

Address: Post Office Box 2247, Fremont, CALIFORNIA, 94536-0247 USA. **Tel.:** 1925-685-9000 **Toll Free:**

Preserving and presenting Pacific Coast railroad history by way of offering a living museum. They operate historic passenger train service thru Niles Canyon every first and third Sundays of every month

Hits: 1330 ♦ **Ratings:** 1.00 ♦ **Votes:** 1 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 28-Mar-2004

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Pacific Railroad Museum

Address: P.O. Box 80726, San Marino, CALIFORNIA, 91118 USA. **Tel.:** (213) 283-0087 **Toll Free:**

is composed of people from all walks of life who share a common interest in railroads. We are one of the oldest and largest independent rail enthusiast organizations in the United States, having an average annual membership of over 650. PRS has acquired a diverse collection of rolling stock. PRS also owns and operates a 1941 General Electric locomotive as well as a 1942 caboose. An establishment of a museum was an important long-term goal of the Society.

Hits: 1923 ♦ **Ratings:** 5.00 ♦ **Votes:** 1 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 2-Dec-2002

Portola Railroad Museum

Address: P.O. Box 608, Portola, CALIFORNIA, 96122 USA. **Tel.:** 530-832-4131 **Toll Free:**

At the Portola Railroad Museum in Portola, California! The Run-A-Locomotive program allows you to rent a locomotive and operate it on the museum grounds (under the close supervision of an instructor). The museum is operated by the Feather River Rail Society. The theme of the museum is an operating small railroad locomotive facility typical of the 1940's, 50's and 60's. The museum has 39 locomotives and 98 freight and passenger cars.

Hits: 2088 ♦ **Ratings:** 4.00 ♦ **Votes:** 4 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 27-Nov-2002

Railroad Park Resort, Inc.

Address: 100 Railroad Park Road, Dunsmuir, Ca, CALIFORNIA, 96025 USA. **Tel.:** 530-235-4440 **Toll Free:**

museum of vintage railroad cars, Shay train engine and cabooses caboose motel,rv/campground,cabins,pull-thrus,swimming hole in Little Castle Creek, hiking,fishing,4 golf courses nearby, gift shop,restaurant/lounge, AAA approved

Hits: 775 ♦ **Ratings:** 5.00 ♦ **Votes:** 1 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 7-Oct-2005

San Diego Model Railroad Museum

Address: 1649 El Prado, San Diego, CALIFORNIA, 92101 USA. **Tel.:** (619) 696-0199 **Toll Free:**

Located in the heart of Balboa Park, the San Diego Model Railroad Museum (SDMRM) is the world's largest operating model railroad museum. This unique museum has four enormous scale model layouts, built by separate clubs, which depict railroads of the southwest in O, HO and N scales. In addition, the museum features a Toy Train Gallery with an interactive Lionel layout for children; a 3-Rail Hi Rail layout, numerous educational displays, and prototype artifacts, including a centralized traffic control (CTC) machine, working semaphore, and crossing signal.

Hits: 1222 ♦ **Ratings:** 3.00 ♦ **Votes:** 2 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 2-Dec-2002

San Diego Railroad Museum

Address: Campo Depot, 31123-1/2 Highway 94, Campo, CALIFORNIA, 91906 USA. **Tel.:** (619) 478-9937 **Toll Free:**

The San Diego Railroad Museum, operated by the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of railroads as they existed in the Pacific Southwest. The Museum offers an on-line history of railroads in general, with detailed attention paid to the San Diego area and to the San Diego and Arizona Railway in particular.

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San Francisco Cable Car Museum

Address: 1201 Mason, San Francisco, CALIFORNIA, 94108 USA. **Tel.:** (415) 474-1887 **Toll Free:**

The cable car was born in San Francisco at four o'clock in the morning on August 2, 1873, when Andrew Smith Hallidie successfully tested the world's first cable car. Operated by the nonprofit "Friends of the Cable Car Museum" the Cable Car Museum provides not only an historical perspective of the importance of the cable car to San Francisco, but an insight into the daily operations of today's system.

Hits: 515 ♦ Ratings: 0 ♦ Votes: 0 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ Added: 27-Nov-2002



Santa Clara County Railroad Museum

Address: 1600 Senter Road, San Jose, CALIFORNIA, 95112 USA. Tel.: N/A Toll Free:

The mission of the California Trolley and Railroad Corporation (CTRC) is to restore, preserve and interpret railroad equipment as it was used to serve the people in Santa Clara Valley, California. A major project underway is the creation of the Santa Clara County Railroad Museum.

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Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum

Address: PO Box 264, Santa Maria, CALIFORNIA, 93456 USA. **Tel.:** (805) 714-4927 **Toll Free:**

The Santa Maria Valley Railway Historical Museum (SMVRHM), founded as a non-profit, educational museum, is dedicated to the preservation of the railroad heritage of California, the Central Coast, and the Santa Maria Valley. The Museum is located on the second floor across from Robinsons May. A docent is available for information as you enjoy the various displays. There is a small gift shop in the Museum (Madson's book, Railroads of the Santa Maria Valley is available), as well as some model railroads to see. Often, modelers are present working on the HO layout of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad.

Hits: 906 ♦ **Ratings:** 4.00 ♦ **Votes:** 2 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 4-Dec-2002

Travel Town Museum

Address: 5200 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA, 90027 USA. **Tel.:** (323) 662-5874 **Toll Free:**

Preserves and celebrates the railroad heritage of the western United States--its history and its artifacts. Particular thematic emphasis is placed on the history of Southern California and how the railroads aided its development. Catch a ride on a caboose or tour a passenger car. The museum's volunteer organizations offer something special the first and third Sunday of every month.

Hits: 1369 ♦ **Ratings:** 4.00 ♦ **Votes:** 1 ♦ [Rate/Vote It](#) ♦ **Added:** 27-Nov-2002

Western America Railroad Museum

Address: POB #703, Barstow, CALIFORNIA, 92311 USA. **Tel.:** (760) 256-9276 **Toll Free:**

The Western America Railroad Museum collects, preserves and shares the history of railroading in the Pacific Southwest for all who love railroads and railroading. W.A.R.M. provides educational forums with Interpretive and historical displays that focuses on both Railroad History and the development of Railroad Technology. W.A.R.M. encompasses not only the past, but the present and future as well, realizing that such a broad scope is essential to understanding the role of western railroading in America.

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Western Railway Museum

Address: 5848 State Highway 12, Suisun, CALIFORNIA, 94585 USA. **Tel.:** (707) 374-2978 **Toll Free:**

The Western Railway Museum gives visitors the opportunity to ride historic streetcars and interurban electric trains from all over California and other western states. Streetcars loop the shaded picnic grounds. Interurban cars run over the restored main line of the old Sacramento Northern Railway. With over 50 historic cars on display, railway exhibits, the Streetcar Theater, the Museum Bookstore and Gift Shop and the large, the Western Railway Museum is ideal for family and group outings. The Western Railway Museum is located at historic Rio Vista Junction in Northern California.

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