



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST GARDEN RAILROAD SOCIETY 2023 CCRRF SPECIAL EDITION — GARDEN RAILROAD OPEN DAYS

CELEBRATING GARDEN RAILROADS IN SOUTHERN MONTEREY, SAN LUIS OBISPO AND
NORTHERN SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES SINCE 1985

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THREE DAYS, TOUR SEVEN GARDEN RAILWAYS

The [Central California Coast Garden Railroad Society](http://www.cccgrs.org) is delighted to again participate as part of the regional 2023 [Central Coast Railroad Festival](#). The Central Coast Railroad Festival is a broad-based festival in both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties coordinated by the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum that encompasses railroading of all types with an emphasis on the picturesque central California coast. A cooperative spirit is developed among all participating organizations to promote their mutual well-being and to expand interest in all things rail!

This year, festival participants are invited to explore seven distinctly different large scale model railroads over three days of the event. Scan the QR-Codes to quickly access details, images and maps for each location using your mobile device while en route on this self-guided tour.

Open garden railways are hosted at CCCGRS member homes. Please respect the hours of operation. Persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Festival participants are advised not to bring pets.

Friday, 06-Oct-2023 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

MNL Railroad

Mark Hays, Lori Hays

135 Big Canyon Court, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420-5101



The MNL Railroad is a free-lance railroad sited on sloping terrain overlooking the picturesque Arroyo Grande Creek Valley. This garden railroad measures 80 ft. x 80 ft. with 700 ft. of track plus sidings. It features three swale-spanning bridges, a covered trestle with three tracks including a 70-ft. long storage track within the "mountaininside", a 13 ft. x 20 ft. lake fed by a waterfall that the train runs behind, a mountain/canyon section, and a large industrial area. Recent additions include several town street and park scenarios and dozens of scale figures. A separate upper track spans a large canyon on a suspension bridge.



Notice of limited liability: Open days are for the benefit of guests of the Central Coast Railroad Festival. By entering the premises on which this open day is being held, you agree to waive and release all claims of injury or other liability against the individuals holding the open day and the Central Coast Railroad Festival. Enter at your own risk. If you do not wish to waive and release all such claims, please do not attend the open house.

Saturday, 07-Oct-2023 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Conejo & Tortuga Railroad

Bernie Meister, Vickie Meister
548 Moss Avenue, Paso Robles, CA 93446-2766



The Conejo and Tortuga Railroad is a free-lance designed layout of approximately 270 ft consisting of a large mountain and a distinctly mid 20's western ghost town inspired by the movie "Rango". The layout has recently undergone some major changes and additions such as the replacement of 10 feet of underground tunnel structure and addition of a spur line to a silver mine. The railroad is battery-powered only and operated using the Revolution 2.4GHz Train Engineer Transmitter and Revolution 2.4GHz On Board Receivers. All turnouts and turntable are hand operated. Welcome Aboard.



Cascade Peak and Buena Vista Railway

Mark Edwards, Michelle Edwards
6450 Park Hill Road, Santa Margarita, CA 93453-8625



The inspiration for our central California garden railway is the "Happiest Place On Earth." Not one you might visit today, but one you knew growing up – or might have known if plans had developed as intended. This freelance 2300 sq. ft. layout is sighted above a "counter height" retaining wall. Denver and Rio Grande Western (LGB) rolling stock still operate under that historic herald on this tourist destination line. As with most projects of this scope, ours will never truly be finished, but the Main Street Trolley (50 ft.), perimeter loop (365 ft.), and Mine Train around through Nature's Wonderland (100 ft.) are now complete. We invite you to preview these lands, in the hope you will return and share the excitement as our story unfolds.



Saturday, 07-Oct-2023 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

M & M on Main Street Railroad

Mel Wammack, Marilyn Wammack
250 Main Street, Morro Bay, CA 93442-2715



The M & M on Main Street Railroad consists of a large irregular shaped oval with approximately 225 ft. of track divided into a single main with three by-pass tracks. Minimum and maximum radius of the curves are 2 ½ ft. and 3 ft., respectively. Several scratch-built structures, including houses, movie theater and retail shops have been added to honor their 14 grandchildren, 4 children and their spouses. Each engine is battery powered and radio controlled. To accommodate the various elevation of the yard, there are two, not yet complete, (but functional), trestle loops, and a ten-foot bridge.



**Central California Coast Garden Railroad Society
Large Scale Display**

San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum
1940 Santa Barbara Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401



The Central California Coast Garden Railroad Society (CCGRS) joins the festival hosts at the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum operating a display of large-scale model trains suitable to run both in- and outdoors in your garden. These trains can operate with power from the track, power from on-board batteries (just like your electric vehicle) or from steam. You can control these trains from a dedicated remote, your mobile phone or even your computer. Look for whimsical “egg liners”, a popular, small railcar available in dozens of colors, patterns and themes. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the rewarding hobby of garden railroading from friendly people who share your passion for all things trains.



Sunday, 08-Oct-2023 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

A & M Railroad

Mark Goodman, Shelia Goodman
4969 Coughlin Way, Santa Maria, CA 93455-5035



The A & M Railroad consists of two separate large-scale layouts. The original layout has been reconfigured into an 80-ft. oval featured in the center of the garden. In 2021, following 16 months of construction, the new 193-ft. triple main line was completed. This impressive layout is raised 30 inches from ground level for ease of operation and viewing. All three lines cross an arch top drawbridge allowing operators to access the center of the layout. Kit and kit-bashed structures, details and figures are distributed throughout creating unique scenes to delight visitors.



Orcutt & Islay Creek Railroad

Geoff Clinton, Heather Clinton
246 Eastbourne Terrace, Santa Maria, CA, 93455-3622



The Orcutt & Islay Creek Railroad in Santa Maria, California is one of the longest, continuous operating garden railroads on the central coast. This "could have happened" railroad is modeled in the spirit of the Pacific Coast Railway, a 3-ft. narrow gauge railway that connected Port Hartford to Los Olivos via San Luis Obispo and other communities. The railroad is designed specifically to accommodate the unique needs of live steam locomotives and their consists. Thoughtful planning and construction allow easy roadbed and track maintenance, and continuous accessibility to rolling stock in motion. Kit and kit-bashed structures are gradually being replaced with scratch-built features, many of which include lighting and other effects.



The Central California Coast Garden Railroad Society is an welcoming group of people who share an interest in garden railroads and large-scale model railroading. Find out more about our group activities at: <https://www.cccgrs.org> or scan the QR-Code to the right for a membership application.

