TRAVEL

Central Coast Railroad Festival set to debut

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Bitter Creek Western RR (small-gauge railroad), which will be giving rides during the festival. Jamie Foster

Whether classic old steam engines or Amtrak's utilitarian locomotives capture your fancy, the Central Coast, where more than 25 organizations cater to rail aficionados, is the place to be next week. The debut of the Central Coast Railroad Festival offers models, displays of rail cars and memorabilia, seminars, tours, family activities and a concert featuring Woody Guthrie tunes. Rides on Amtrak's Coast Starlight and Pacific Surfliner (some in a historic private coach) and the small-gauge Bitter Creek Western Railroad (subject to sell-out) will keep the steel rail humming.

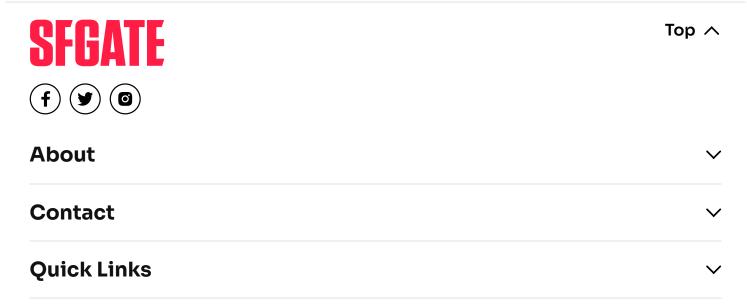
Vitals: Thursday-Oct. 12, 4-9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday. Free. Various rail locations; information center at <u>SLO Library Community Room</u>, 995 Palm St. at Osos, San Luis Obispo. (805) 773-4173, www.ccrrf.com.

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