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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.
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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 [SLO Library Community Room](#), 995 Palm St. at Osos, San Luis Obispo. (805) 773-4173, www.ccrf.com.

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