

## Media Release

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# Train Days to Roll In Again at Los Altos History Museum

### A Community Event:

- **Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18, 2011**
- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Los Altos History Museum – 51 S. San Antonio Road (behind the library)
- Open to the public, donation suggested (\$10/family) – free for Museum members
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- Food vendors on site, plus downtown nearby

“Train Days” returns to the Los Altos History Museum for two days of train-filled fun celebrating the joy and wonder of trains and model railroading. Elaborate train track layouts, intricate scenery and scaled renditions of engines and whimsical theme cars, complete with steam, lights and sound, will speed along rails to delight visitors of all ages. A station featuring train-themed activities for young children will be available throughout the two-day event.

Explore the gauges and scales associated with model railroading as members of local clubs showcase extensive layouts and answer questions on their electric and steam-powered trains:

- Live Steamers from the Bay Area Garden Railway Society (G gauge)
- Diablo Pacific Short Line (G gauge)
- Roving Garden Railway from Bay Area Garden Railway Society (G gauge)
- Golden Gate Lionel Railroad Club (O gauge)
- San Martin Railway showcased in a vintage 1954 VW bus (O gauge)
- Peninsula NTrak (N gauge) – and more!

Also on board will be presenters from California Operation Lifesaver, a non-profit organization that provides education on proper rail safety.

Trains are an integral part of America’s history, and Southern Pacific put Los Altos on the map in 1907 with its steam railway connecting Palo Alto to Los Gatos. Mirroring railroad development through the years, see the transition from early steam locomotives, to diesel engines up through today’s electric and high-speed passenger trains—all scaled in miniature. Whether you’re new to model railroading or have been an enthusiast for years, you’ll see why it is one of the fastest growing and most beloved hobbies around the world.

Train Days is sponsored by the Los Altos History Museum, bringing the community together through exhibits and activities that bring alive the rich history of the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills area. The Los Altos History Museum and J. Gilbert Smith House are open free of admission Thursday through Sunday, from noon-4pm and are located at 51 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022. The gardens, outdoor agricultural exhibits and picnic area are accessible at all times.

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*Train Days draws more than 2,000 people from around the Bay Area, over two days. Photos by Sami Schneider and Bay Area Garden Railway Society.*