

CALIFORNIA SPRING RAIL ADVENTURE 2015

April 18-26, 2015

Saturday -----April 18 - Napa Valley Railroad - Napa, CA - PRO
Sunday ----- April 19 - Western Railway Museum - Rio Vista, CA - MOW
Monday -----April 20 - Open
Tuesday -----April 21 - Open
Wednesday - April 22 - Amador Central Railroad - Ione, CA - RRCHS
Thursday -----April 23 - Open
Friday ----- April 24 - Niles Canyon Railway - Niles, CA - MOW
Saturday ----- April 25 - Santa Cruz, Big Trees & Pacific Railroad - Felton, CA - PRO
Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railroad - Santa Cruz, CA - MOW
Sunday ----- April 26 - Repeat of Saturday

These are NARCOA excursions and the NARCOA Book of Rules 7.2 will apply. MOW Special Operating Rules #3 will also apply to all MOW sponsored excursions. Download a copy on the MOW website under "Forms". MOW membership is encouraged but not required. Excursion Coordinators are Steve Paluso, Carl Shelhorn (in training), Dave Balestreri, Tom Correa, Al McCracken, Doug Stivers, Dave McClain, and Bill Schertle.

Registration Procedures

1. Go to the MOW website, mowonline.org. Go to the "Forms" page and search for and print the following document: "California Spring Rail Adventure 2015 Sign up Worksheet". Fill it out and write a check payable to "Motorcar Operators West". **If you are signing up for the Napa Valley Railroad and/or the Santa Cruz, Big Trees & Pacific RR, go to the PRO website, pro-online.org to register and follow the instructions on their website.** Reminder: If you sign up for the Santa Cruz & Big Trees RR you **must** also sign up for the Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay RR - they are connected!

2. Next, on the "Forms" page, print the following document: **Excursion Participant Registration Form**. Fill it out paying particular attention to your NARCOA Rulebook and Insurance numbers. If you have not yet received your 2015 Insurance number leave it blank and I will get it later. Be sure to put in your current e-mail address and active cell phone numbers for you and your emergency contact in case I need to contact you regarding possible changes prior to the excursion.

3. All return communications will be via e-mail. Included will be detailed set-on directions, itineraries, lodging, and special instructions. If you do not have e-mail please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

4. Mail your check, your Sign-up Worksheet, and your Registration Form to Bill Schertle, 804 E. Tularosa Ave., Orange, CA 92866-2754. My e-mail is bschertle@sbcglobal.net. Telephone: 714-743-0804 (cell)

5. Sign-ups will be on a first come-first served basis determined by envelope postmark. There is a 30 car limit each day on the Santa Cruz portion of the excursion.

6. To aid in your travel plans, I will advise you soon after I receive your registration if you are confirmed or where you stand on the waiting list.

Further information

There is a slight possibility of additional runs on Monday and/or Tuesday. If this happens, you will be notified immediately.

Also, on Thursday, we have been invited to visit Ardenwood Historic Park and the home of the Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources (spcrr.org) in Fremont, CA. This park is just a few minutes from our Friday set-on at Niles. We will be given a rare back shop tour of their collection and there will also be rides on their 1 1/2 mile narrow gauge railroad. They have a fine collection of rolling stock from the late 1800's to the early 1900's. More information will be available after registration begins.