

## Media Release

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# Back By Popular Demand – Los Altos History Museum Rolls out Train Days!

### A Community Event:

- Saturday and Sunday, August 28 & 29, 2010
- 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Admission open to the public, donation suggested (\$5/family)
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- Los Altos History Museum Patio & Grounds

Following the success of its 2009 debut, 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.

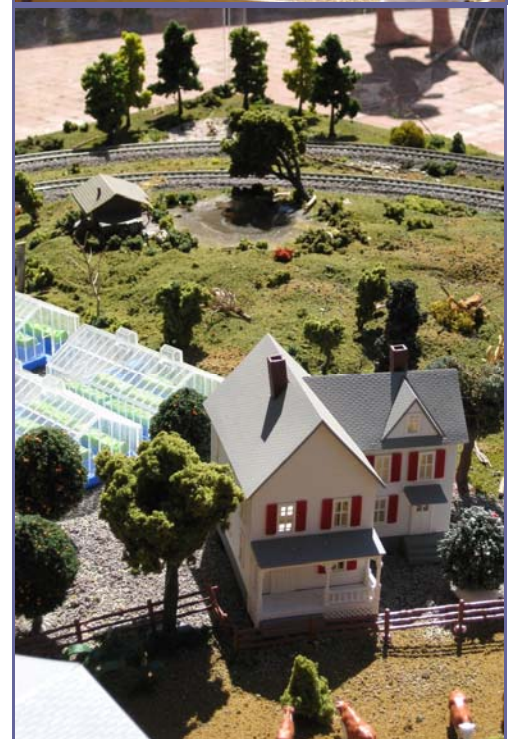
Trains are an integral part of America's history, and the Southern Pacific put Los Altos on the map in 1907 with its steam railway connecting Palo Alto to Los Gatos. Mirroring railroad development through the years, see the transition from early steam locomotives, to diesel engines up through today's electric and high-speed passenger trains—all scaled in miniature.

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:

- Diablo Pacific Short Line (G gauge)
- Live Steamers, Bay Area Garden Railway Society (G gauge)
- Lionel Golden Gate Railroad Club (O gauge)
- Peninsula NTrak (N gauge)

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*(Dad on cell phone:)* **“Dude, you gotta get down here! There are trains at the museum and it’s awesome!”**

*Train Days premiered in April 2009, drawing over 1,000 people in two days. Photos by Sami Schneider.*

## **Train Days Returns to the Los Altos History Museum, August 28 & 29, 2010**

Also on board will be presenters from California Operation Lifesaver, a non-profit organization who will provide important education on proper rail safety, a growing community focus throughout the state.

Whether you are new to model railroading or have been a train enthusiast for years, come 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 local community together through exhibits and activities that bring alive the rich history and heritage of the Los Altos and Los Altos Hills area.

The Los Altos History Museum and J. Gilbert Smith House are open 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. Admission is free.

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