

20 minutes from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Nonetheless, Delta Air Lines (DAL) sees room for more.

[Douglas Complex knocks out train traffic](#)

KPIC News- Aug 7, 2013

GLENDALE, Ore. -- The Douglas Complex fires have burned over 38,000 acres and continue to move south. No homes have been destroyed but some structures have been damaged. Train rails and trestles connecting Eugene to northern California were damaged a few days after the fire first started.

[How Santa Fe became the capital of Fred Harvey, the Harvey Girls and the history of civilizing the Southwest](#)

Santa Fe Reporter Aug 2, 2013

The Fredisphere is expanding. Just in this area, La Fonda has been undergoing a year-long overhaul of its historic guestrooms, which has required a great deal of "new" research on Fred Harvey design guru and Santa Fe stylist Mary Colter

[Historic Skunk Train rolls again in Mendocino County](#)

Sacramento Bee- Aug 10, 2013

Robert Pinoli, railroad general manager, said local businesses and Skunk Train fans donated about \$110,000 toward the repairs. Then the Save the Redwoods League offered \$300,000 for an option to purchase a conservation easement to permanently protect the ancient redwoods along the train's redwood route.... Excursions on the western portion, between Fort Bragg and Northspur, are expected to begin within two weeks.

"We're shooting for Aug. 18," Pinoli said.

[San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum On Track To Open Oct. 12](#)

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. - Welcome aboard. After more than two decades of fundraising, planning and building, the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum will celebrate its completion in grand style Oct. 12 at its new home in the Historic SLO Freight House.

The event is the focal point of the 5th Annual Central Coast Railroad Festival, to be held Oct. 10-14, at various locations throughout San Luis Obispo County.

The museum is located in and around the circa 1894 Southern Pacific freight house at 1940 Santa Barbara Street. It sits trackside next to the busy Union Pacific main line and Amtrak Station in San Luis Obispo's Historic Railroad District. The museum focuses on the rail history of the California Central Coast, with exhibits telling the story of the Pacific Coast Railway, the Southern Pacific Railroad and their impacts on the development of this county and the state.

The new museum is the result of a 22-year effort by the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum and 13-year collaboration with the City of San Luis Obispo, which owns the building. Building renovations have been underway for the past decade, with the museum, city and numerous individuals and organizations, including the Ludwick Family Foundation and Hind Foundation, providing funding. Along with permanent and rotating exhibits, the museum will house meeting and office space and a gift shop. Initial plans have the museum open on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4



Passengers at the Del Mar Race Track connecting train station unloading from a Coaster Train on a weekday afternoon this August. Photo by Noel T. Braymer

We Get Emails

Re: Some Interesting Things about Freight and Passenger Trains

But compared to the past the railroads have much less double tracking today. Yet the railroads are carrying much more freight today. They are able to do this by running much longer, heavier and fewer freight trains than in the past. This has both good and bad news for rail passenger service. Noel T. Braymer

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of all passenger train advocates purchasing and archiving this special issue of Trains. **(Trains Magazine Railroad Maps extra edition)** Spend lots of time poring over the tonnage maps, the double track mileage maps, comparing and contrasting from what went on 40-50 years ago. You'll learn never again to state "That's the way/where the UP (or GN or Pennsy) used to run their trains, why not in 2013?"

Lloyd Adalist
Seattle

Re: Comet Cars coming to the San Joaquins

The first run of 712 including Comet cars was on August 1. I was aboard 711 and took photos as 712 passed us at Oakley. The consist was the Cabbage, 2 Amfleets, a Horizon Cafe, 2 Amfleets, 3 Comets and Amtrak 41. I was told that the passengers were restricted to the Amfleets and Horizon while the Comets were occupied by a few Amtrak personnel who were evaluating their performance.

It's going to be nearly impossible to keep these trains to schedule as they have manual doors and the elderly and handicapped passengers will need to climb the stairs and manual wheelchair lifts will be