

Central Coast Railway Club

# ANNUAL BANQUET

**Saturday, January 16, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**Santa Clara Caltrain Depot, 1005 Railroad Ave., Santa Clara**

**\$50 per reservation**

Reservations can be made online at [www.GoldenStateRails.com](http://www.GoldenStateRails.com)

***Join us for a catered dinner at the depot featuring oven-roasted turkey, roast beef, and ham served hot and carved to order, with spinach lasagna, red roasted potatoes, steamed vegetables, and salad. Also dinner rolls, fresh-brewed coffee, soft drinks, beer and wine.***

The evening's program will be "A German Steam Adventure" by Jim Maurer. During his recent three-week trip to Germany he saw over 100 steam locomotives, in three gauges. So come and ride on the Cuckoo Railway powered by a 111-year-old steam locomotive that starts its trip on a busy mainline used by high-speed trains and then travels up a branch line through the woods. Then we'll visit the world's largest private collection of steam locomotives and find out why it's so controversial to German railfans. We'll also see a meter-gauge rail system with over 80 miles of track and 25 steam locomotives. Their oldest steam locomotive was built in 1897 and the newest in 1956. The busiest line carries passengers to a (formerly) secret Soviet electronic listening post located on the highest mountain in northern Germany.

Imagine being able to visit a major steam locomotive shop like the Sacramento Locomotive Works, and it's still overhauling and even building steam locomotives in 2015! Such is the Meiningen Steam Locomotive Works. They have a steam locomotive festival every year with many visiting locomotives. We'll also visit two very narrow-gauge (750mm, about 2 feet, 5½ inches) railroads. There are other things as well, like a cold war observation post, where the US Army kept watch on the East German border. And there are also the usual castles, 900-year-old churches, and quaint old buildings. And for those who like their grapes, there's the World's Largest Wine Barrel!

*Reservations need to be received by January 12. Please contact Jon Porter ([jonporter@yahoo.com](mailto:jonporter@yahoo.com) or 408-702-7639) with questions or last-minute availability. While online reservations are quicker, we'll also be happy to take a check! Confirmations will be sent via email.*

**Make checks payable to: Central Coast Railway Club and mail to:**

**Jon Porter, Central Coast Railway Club, 887 Quetta Ave., Sunnyvale, CA. 94087-1257**

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ banquet reservations at \$50 each

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