

Dear Friends of the Golden Gate Railroad Museum,

The **Golden Gate Railroad Museum** has been an active part of the Bay Area for **49 years**, and we are proud to celebrate our **50th anniversary in 2025!** As dedicated caretakers of Bay Area railroading history, we remain committed to preserving the stories, equipment, and legacy of our region's rich railroad heritage.

In **Schellville**, we are **reentering negotiations with SMART** to assess the feasibility of **operating excursion trains**. We have the equipment, the volunteers, and a clear vision—but we **cannot do this alone**. To bring this plan to life, we need the generous support of individuals like you who value the **importance of railroad preservation**.

Meanwhile, in **2024**, we took an exciting step forward by **partnering with SMART to operate railbike excursions in Cloverdale** along the historic Northwestern Pacific line. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, we have offered visitors a unique way to experience railroad history firsthand. However, while this program has provided valuable revenue, it does not **fully cover the museum's ongoing expenses**. As you can imagine, maintaining historic rail equipment and running excursions in today's world is no small undertaking.

We invite you to **become part of our journey** by making a **donation** or **volunteering** with the **Golden Gate Railroad Museum**. Every contribution, no matter the size, **makes a difference**. Your support will help fund:

-  **Developing an operating plan for excursion train service in Schellville**
-  **The 15-year inspection of Steam Locomotive #2472**
-  **Training crews to ensure safe and successful excursions**
-  **Annual insurance to keep our Sonoma train operations moving forward**

Your Support Keeps History Alive - Your donation today will play a **vital role in the future of the museum**. Whether you choose to make a **one-time contribution** or become an **ongoing supporter**, every dollar has an impact.

Here's how you can contribute:

-  **Make a Donation** – Visit <https://ggrm.org/membership> to donate securely online.
-  **Sponsor a Project** – Direct your donation to support specific restoration and preservation efforts.
-  **Volunteer Your Time** – Help us with restoration, operations, and community events—your skills and passion make a difference!

The **legacy of Bay Area railroading is worth preserving**, and we can't do it without you. With your generosity, we can continue restoring and operating historic trains, expanding our programs, and bringing rail history to life for future generations.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we will ensure that the Golden Gate Railroad Museum will preserve Railroad History for years to come.

Thank you if you have already contributed and thank you in advance for considering

The Golden Gate Railroad Museum Team