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Railroad Museum Debuts Timely New Exhibit Titled "Off the Clock: Sports Clubs of the Southern Pacific"

SACRAMENTO – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to present a timely new exhibit titled "Off the Clock: Sports Clubs of the Southern Pacific" that debuts on Friday, October 28, 2016. The playful new exhibit is focused on the wide variety of sports clubs, teams and athletic competitions that many Southern Pacific employees participated in during evenings and on weekends in the early to mid-1900s. In fact, many "off the clock" workers from the Sacramento Shops – now known as the historic railyards – formed intramural teams to compete with one another or against traveling teams and clubs sponsored by the railroad.

In addition to engaging photographs, posters and articles, the *Off the Clock* exhibit also includes a number of athletic artifacts such as a bow and arrows, track shoes and a wool bathing suit all from the 1920s. Much of the interpretive information for the exhibit is based on sports highlights and tidbits included in *The Southern Pacific Bulletin* that was published monthly and distributed free to active and retired Southern Pacific employees from 1920 to 1990.

The new *Off the Clock* exhibit is scheduled to be on display in the Museum's lobby through June 2018. Railroad Museum admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths, and children ages five and under are free. More information about the *Off the Clock: Sports Clubs of the Southern Pacific* exhibit or the Railroad Museum in general is available at 916-323-9280 or www.californiarailroad.museum.

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