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August is Toy Train Month at the California State Railroad Museum *More Than a Dozen Miniature Cabooses will be Introduced and Showcased in the Popular "Small Wonders" Exhibit*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are proud to recognize August 2016 as Toy Train Month, an annual celebration that focuses on the Thomas W. Sefton Gallery and "Small Wonders: The Magic of Toy Trains" exhibit.

In recognition of Toy Train month, 14 toy cabooses from the Museum's impressive collection will be introduced – for the first time – in the crowd-favorite "Small Wonders" exhibit, one of which is quite rare. Prized Caboose No. 2129 was manufactured between 1908-1913 by Voltamp Electric Manufacturing Company, is blue in color with gold painted lettering "B&O" and "2129" and pin striping on both sides, has an 8-window cupola, and features other eye-catching detail sure to capture the interest of dedicated toy train collectors and casual enthusiasts alike.

The extensive and internationally recognized toy train collection was donated to the Museum in 2002 by the Sefton family, along with funds to establish an endowment (managed by the California State Railroad Museum Foundation) to build the Thomas W. Sefton Gallery and to continue to curate and care for the Thomas W. Sefton Collection. Accumulated over four decades by the late Mr. Thomas W. Sefton, the collection includes 20th century toy trains, Buddy "L" riding toys, and railroad-related artifacts, and featuring approximately 7,000 toy trains and a variety of accessories, such as locomotives and railroad cars from companies including Buddy "L," Ives, American Flyer, Marklin, Marx, and Lionel. The "Small Wonders" exhibit showcases approximately 1,000 vintage toy trains, six interactive displays, and a magnificent operating toy train layout with special pieces that are rotated regularly and decorated for the holidays and changing seasons.

Railroad Museum admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and children ages five and under are free. More information about the California State Railroad Museum is available at 916-323-9280 or www.californiarailroad.museum.

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