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Railroad Museum to Debut New Exhibit Titled: “See That Lonesome Whistle Blow” on November 21

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to announce an upcoming new exhibit titled “*See That Lonesome Whistle Blow: Mass Market Collectibles With a Railroad Twist*” opening Friday, November 21, 2014, in the Museum’s Lobby Gallery. More than 50 steam train-themed mass market items, collectible objects and related artifacts will be on display as part of the new exhibit designed to demonstrate and reflect the widespread nature of railroading in popular American culture.

A wide variety of (sometimes surprising) items will be included in this new exhibit, including the following: a liquor decanter, cologne bottle, lamp stand, flower vase, cigarette lighter, ash tray, tea pot, cracker box, candy container, and bolo tie, to name a few.

Museum visitors will be challenged to examine these types of objects -- often called “kitsch” -- more closely in an effort to understand how the items reflect popular culture and the period of time in which they were created. In addition, the exhibit will demonstrate the prevalence of steam train-themed artwork and/or designs being used to enhance consumer appeal on products, as well as illustrating the far-reaching impact railroading has had on the mindset of Americans.

The interesting new “*See That Lonesome Whistle Blow*” exhibit will remain on display at the Railroad Museum until November 6, 2015. More information about the exhibit or the California State Railroad Museum in general is available at www.csrmf.org or by calling (916) 323-9280.

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.csrmf.org or call 916-323-9280.