

Previous capital campaigns at Orange Empire Railway Museum:

■ 1998-99 - Pacific Electric 1299 acquisition & Project 7-11 Rebuild of our Main Line between 7th and 11th Streets: \$95,691

The "Jewel of the Pacific Electric Fleet" PE #1299 was purchased and moved to an inside home. Mechanical work on the car has continued as it awaits interior restoration. Our Main Line received a professional rebuild, creating the opportunity for this year's regular operation to our historic depot in Downtown Perris

■ 1995-96 - UP 942 acquisition & Fellows Auction campaign - purchase of PE 993, 524 and large collection of electric railway parts: \$106,693

These campaigns allowed us to add several historically significant pieces to our collection. The Union Pacific #942 E-8 streamlined diesel locomotive has become a favorite on our Museum railway. The Pacific Electric cars and parts from the Fellows auction filled the PE 950 series gap in our collection and provided a trailer full of parts to use on future restoration projects .

■ 2001-2002 - Two Strategic Land purchases: \$132,000

In our largest funding effort to date, outstanding membership support allowed us to seize the opportunity to add 19 acres of land to our Museum campus. The new land created greater flexibility in making our current Carhouse Seven project a reality and also added a new access road into our property.

■ 2002-2004 - Ventura County #2 Boiler Refurbishment: \$83,000

Our venerable Prairie type steam locomotive, has received a new crownsheet as part of a major boiler refurbishment utilizing contracted labor supplemented by Museum volunteers. The locomotive is now being reassembled and our Steam Crew is also addressing several other major repairs that will ensure its longevity once it returns to service in 2005.

With our sound track-record of accomplishment, this "Cover the Cars" Campaign promises to generate even greater results by galvanizing our preservation efforts over these nearly 50 years. Please use the coupon and return envelope enclosed with this brochure to help us achieve our goal of presenting a railroading and traction experience from the 19th and 20th centuries to future generations.



Let's Cover THE Cars

A roof over their heads makes all the difference!



The Orange Empire Railway Museum has assembled a nationally recognized collection of historic railway equipment from throughout the Western United States, with special emphasis on the railroads that helped build Los Angeles and Southern California: the Los Angeles Railway, Pacific Electric, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific. The Museum's Permanent Collection is comprised of 170 cars and locomotives, and another 60 railcars are on the property as part of our Support Collection.

Although we currently have five major carhouses and other major facilities, only 40% of the collection has an indoor home. With almost fifty years gone by since the Museum's founding in 1956, the deterioration caused by outdoor storage is now reaching a critical point for many of our irreplaceable railcars and locomotives.

There are simply not enough resources available to continually work on tarps, roof repairs and conservation paint jobs for over 100 pieces of equipment stored outdoors.

Your help is essential to help

us "Cover the Cars". Imagine having only pictures instead of the real thing when reminiscing about wooden railcars from the early 1900s or Los Angeles' "Big Red Cars". Each year the Museum hosts hundreds of visiting school children and gives them an opportunity to learn about the history of Southern California through our historic railway collection. Our efforts now will ensure that their children and grandchildren will in turn be able to experience this same educational opportunity.

We are constructing a 64,000 square foot building that will double the amount of indoor space we now have for our collection. Please join with our museum membership and friends from throughout the rail preservation community by giving to the "Cover the Cars" capital campaign. \$600,000 has already been raised towards the project, and our goal is to raise the remaining \$400,000 over the next two years. We depend on your generosity to finally move a substantial portion of our collection out of the elements and help the Museum continue to grow.



OERM's Carhouse Seven: Facts & Figures

Campaign Goals:

Construction of the building, track and related infrastructure is budgeted at \$1,000,000. With \$600,000 already committed to the project, our goal is to raise the remaining \$400,000 over the next two years. Our deadline for the first \$200,000 is early Spring 2005.

Building Specs:

All metal, 104 feet by 600 feet, 6 tracks inside, each with a roll-up door at the front of the building, skylights and an automatic fire sprinkler system.

Capacity:

3,600 track feet, room for about 65 railcars and locomotives.

Strategic Importance:

Carhouse Seven will double our current indoor storage capacity, add much greater flexibility in presenting our collection to the public, and anchor our planned Railcar Preservation Complex.

Additional Project Improvements:

Railcar storage yard on the east side of the building, additional trackage to accommodate future elements of the Railcar Preservation Complex, and expansion of our water line and fire hydrant system.



Covering and Protecting 65 Historic Railcars & Interurbans