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## Railroad Motorcars on Display at Railtown!

*Private Club to Travel by Rail from Oakdale on October 3, 2009*

**JAMESTOWN, Calif.** – On Saturday, October 3, The Pacific Railcar Operators, an organization of private Railcar owners, will be traveling by rail from Oakdale to Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown. Approximately 20 of these vintage vehicles will be on display at Railtown from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be using the Railtown turntable to turn around, which will allow visitors the opportunity to see both motorcars and the turntable in action.

In addition, two historic Jamestown Motorcars will also be on display. The Hetch-Hetchy RR No. 19, with a body built in 1919 by Meister and Sons of Sacramento, placed on a standard White motor Company ¾ ton truck frame, with a self-contained turntable, was used during the construction of the Hetch-Hetchy Dam. Also, an original Sierra Railway, Model-T railcar will also be on display.

Railroad motorcars have been in use by railroads for over 100 years. They are gas powered cars that are used to inspect track, supervise crews, or haul equipment. Use of motorcars has been phased out over the past couple of decades in favor of Hy-Rail vehicles, which are standard road vehicles with retractable guide wheels that can operate on road or rail.

**About Railtown 1897 SHP:** Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit CSRM Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown, California, is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (April through October) and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (November through March) except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Known as "The Movie Railroad," Railtown 1897, its historic locomotives and cars have starred in hundreds of film and TV productions and is home to one of America's last intact and still operating railroad roundhouses. 24-hour info: (209) 984-3953 or [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org)

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