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Railroad Museum to Debut New Exhibit Titled “California Railroad Landscapes: Original Oil Paintings by Rod R. Aszman” on September 12

SACRAMENTO – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to debut a new exhibit titled “California Railroad Landscapes: Original Oil Paintings by Rod R. Aszman” on Saturday, September 12, 2015 in the Lobby Gallery. This all new exhibit showcases 16 original oil-on-canvas paintings by California railroad artist Rod R. Aszman who specializes in painting scenes that highlight the Golden State’s fascinating and picturesque railroading heritage.

The majority of the paintings in the visually-exciting exhibit depict scenes within California, while a few showcase other railroads and landscapes in the West. Subjects include Southern Pacific’s mighty cab-forwards, and the railroad’s colorful “Daylight” passenger trains rolling along the California coastline pulled both by steam and diesel locomotives. Rounding out this beautiful exhibit, guests will see paintings of Santa Fe’s “San Diegan” passing through orange groves plus a station scene at Del Mar, Union Pacific’s “Big Boy” locomotive in operation and a shiny “City of Los Angeles” passenger train.

Artist Rod R. Aszman’s award-winning paintings have been seen at numerous shows and exhibits throughout the West, including a memorable show with Mr. Aszman and the late railroad photographer Richard Steinheimer at the Museum in 1983. Also of mention, was Mr. Aszman’s participation in shows featuring a number of railroad artists during *Railfair '91* and *Railfair '99*, which were large-scale railroad heritage festivals held at the California State Railroad Museum. In addition, his paintings have been reproduced as covers for railroad books and within publications of railroad history.

The “California Railroad Landscapes” exhibit will remain on display at the California State Railroad Museum through March 12, 2016. 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.csrmf.org

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