

FROM OUR HOMEPAGE

bears leaning against a telephone pole.

"There's weird stuff like that all over the place," Smith said.

haunted house, a hobo camp and an occupied outhouse.

A scavenger hunt worksheet challenges the visitor to find items in the display such as a

Most of the year, the trains run only on Sunday afternoons, but the museum is also open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays for viewing displays only. (And sometimes members can be found running trains those days.)

In December, trains will run on Saturdays and Sundays through the 24th. The museum will close Christmas Day for three months of maintenance and reopen April 1.

Theme days fall on the fourth Sunday of the month. If you can't make the third annual Wreck Day, a \$10 DVD from the museum store features some past crashes.

A \$1 discount coupon, as well as a list of other railroad museums and attractions, can be found at the museum's website. Also, discounted museum passes can be checked out from Contra Costa and Alameda county libraries.

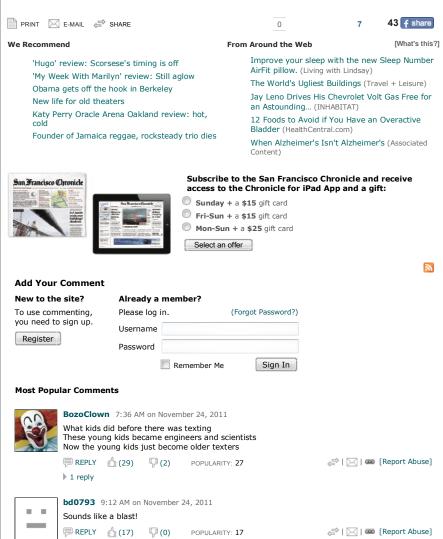
The model railroad museum is in Miller-Knox Regional Park overlooking the bay, near the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The park offers hiking trails, a beach and a playground.

Wreck Day: Noon-5 p.m. Sun. \$2-\$9. Golden State Model Railroad Museum, 900-A Dornan Drive, Point Richmond. (510) 234-4884.

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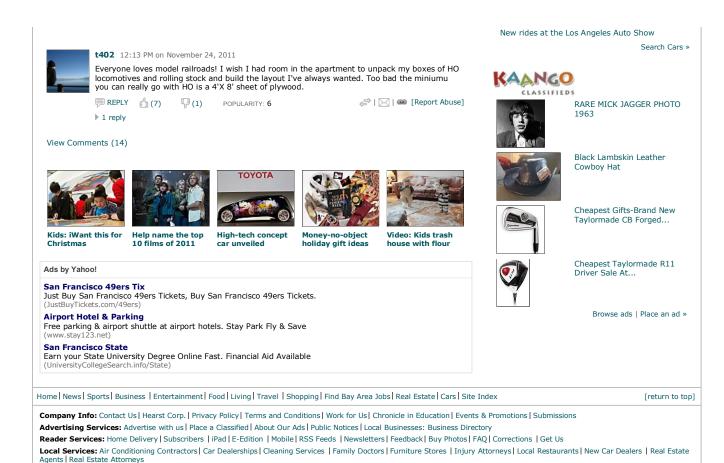


George Collins smiling while driving his

1931 Model A Roadster; it's all the thumbs-up he gets wherever he goes.

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