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Society of Architectural Historians**

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RIDING THE RAILS

Tour of the Rail Stations along the Peninsula Caltrain Corridor, Saturday June 25th

The current Caltrain line was built during the Civil War years of 1861-1864 as the San Francisco and San Jose Railroad, the second railroad constructed in California. The new line had sixteen stations on its route, and regular train service began in early 1864. The existence of this railroad line rapidly became the main factor in the development of the San Francisco Peninsula. Both businesses and residences gravitated to areas around the new stations, and new, small town "crossroad communities" were born. The original railroad line continued from San Bruno to Daly City and Colma then through San Francisco's Mission District. The Central Pacific Railroad purchased the San Francisco to San Jose route in the late 1860s. The stations along the route were built at the stops as communities developed, and as a result, the buildings represent a variety of architectural styles and periods.



June 25, 2005 the NCCSAH will be hosting a tour of five of the notable stations along

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the route from San Francisco to San Jose. Beginning at the Millbrae Station, the tour group will board the train making stops at the Burlingame, San Carlos, Santa Clara and Diridon (San Jose) Stations. At each stop there will be a tour of the station and talks by local historians.

Upcoming Events & News

The 2005 **National Trust, National Preservation Conference** will be held in Portland, Oregon from September 27 - October 2, 2005. Learn how Portland has used urban growth boundaries, transportation, and other innovations to protect adjacent farmland and open space, and create one of the most delightful downtowns in the county. For more information see www.nationaltrust.org.

DOCOMOMO US -- Northern California Chapter will host a **tour of Foothill College campus** in Los Altos Hills June 18th, 2005. Foothill College campus was the sole recipient of the 1962 AIA honor award. The design set a precedent for California style environments, and influenced campus planning for decades. For more information see www.docomomo-us.org.

The **59th Annual meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians** will be held in Savannah, Georgia from April 26-29, 2006 . Papers, presentations, and tours are part of the program. For more information see the SAH website at www.sah.org.

The **Vernacular Architecture Forum Annual Meeting** will be held in New York City from June 14 - June 17, 2006. The conference consists of tours of the area, a juried paper session, workshops, board and committee meetings, special events and excursions. For more information see www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org.

NCCSAH Fall Meeting and Tours will be held in Chico this October Date and details to be announced

Stops on the Caltrain Tour



Millbrae Railroad Depot (1907)

Constructed in 1907, the Colonial Revival Style Millbrae train depot replaced an earlier 1890 station. The San Francisco - San Jose Railroad purchased the land for the depot and right-of-way from Darius Ogden Mills, the namesake for Millbrae, in 1863. The original 1864 Millbrae depot, which burned in 1890, included the town's first post office. The Millbrae depot is a typical design used for the Southern Pacific Railroad for small towns.



Burlingame Railroad Depot (1893-94)

The Burlingame Railroad Depot was originally built for Burlingame Country Club (now in Hillsborough) members visiting from San Francisco. The Burlingame Railroad Depot is considered to be one of the earliest examples of the Mission Revival, a signature style for turn of the century railroad depots. Joachim Mathison had designed a Mission Revival California Building at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, but he lost the design competition in 1892 to A. Page Brown, his former employer. The Burlingame

Depot, one of the most significant architectural landmarks on the San Francisco Peninsula, is a variation on Mathison's earlier design and Brown's California Building.

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NCCSAH Tour

Caltrain Station Tour, June 25, 2005

Registration for June 25, 2005 Events:
[please print]

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Tours and Sack Lunch (\$25 each person) Total enclosed: _____
(Caltrain ticket not included in registration fee.)

Please make checks payable to "Northern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians" (NCCSAH) and mail to: NCCSAH Caltrain Tour, 307 Starling Road, Mill Valley, California 94941.

For more information please contact NCCSAH President, Ward Hill Phone: (415)441-4071.
E-mail: whill@pacbell.net

Train Tickets:

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own ticket.

Caltrain day passes are **\$8.50** for travel within three zones and **\$11.00** for within four zones.



Zone	Station	Locations
1	San Francisco	700 4th Street San Francisco
2	Millbrae	Airport 100 California Dr. Millbrae
2	Broadway	1190 California Drive, Burlingame
2	Burlingame	290 California Drive, Burlingame
2	San Carlos	599 El Camino Real San Carlos
3	Menlo Park	1120 Merrill Street Menlo Park
4	Santa Clara	Airport 1001 Railroad Ave. Santa Clara
4	San Jose	65 Cahill Street San Jose

NCCSAH MEMBERSHIP CHANGE

The NCCSAH membership cycle was changed for practical reasons to run for the calendar year (January to December). Most members have taken advantage of the repeated notices and several enticements to convert their memberships to this new cycle. For those who have let their memberships lapse we are offering once last opportunity. Renew now at half-price, \$10.00, and your membership will run to the end of the 2005 calendar year. After that there will be no pro-rated memberships. Please note that membership fees have not been increased in over ten years even though postage, reproduction, and insurance has become more expensive.

If there is no membership expiration date next to your name on the mailing label, then your membership has expired, and it's time to renew.



Past SAH and NCCSAH Events

The City of Fresno's Historic Preservation Program, in cooperation with the Fresno City and County Historical Society hosted the **California Chapters Meeting and Tours in Fresno, California**, October 22-23, 2005. Among other events, participants enjoyed a tour of the Kearney Mansion (picture).

Ian Berke generously hosted the NCCSAH Holiday Party. The event included a tour of Berke's magnificent 1880s Stick/Eastlake House and his vast collection of 19th century American decorative and fine arts.

Proposed Changes to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

The House Resources Committee, Subcommittee on National Parks has issued a discussion draft of a bill to amend the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). One would halt the National Register process entirely if an owner (or a majority of owners in a district) objected to listing. The second would require that a property be listed on the National Register or formally determined eligible by the Keeper for Section 106 to apply. These proposed changes would gut the Section 106 process. This is a significant threat to the integrity of the National Historic Preservation Act. See the National Trust for Historic Preservation Act website at <http://www.nationaltrust.org/issues/advisory.html> for more information.

MEMBERS: For timely contact of news and events, **please update or confirm your e-mail address** with Lisaa at lissa_mckee@dot.ca.gov or lissamck@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Caltrain Station Tour, June 25, 2005



San Carlos Railroad Depot (1888)

The San Carlos Depot is probably the only Richardsonian Romanesque railroad depot in the Bay Area. Through his friendship with Leland Stanford, early San Carlos resident Nathaniel Brittan reportedly hired architect Charles Coolidge to design the railroad depot. Coolidge's Boston firm Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge (H.H. Richardson's successor firm) were the architects of Stanford University and the same brown sandstone from the same quarry used for the Stanford buildings.



Santa Clara Railroad Depot (1863)

The Santa Clara passenger depot, built by the San Francisco and San Jose Railroad Company in late 1863, was the oldest continuously operating railroad depot in the State of California until the ticket office was closed in May 1997. The depot was one of two "way depots" built between San Francisco and San Jose. The political influence exerted on the San Francisco and San Jose Railroad Company by the Santa Clara University board of trustees, who were stock holders of the railroad, was a decisive factor in having this

"way depot" built only three miles from the railroad terminus in San Jose. The first regular through passenger service to San Francisco started on January 17, 1864. In November 1985, the South Bay Historical Railroad Society (SBHRS) entered into a lease agreement with Caltrans to renovate and preserve the depot and occupy the property in lieu of rent. Exterior renovation was completed in 1990. For more information see <http://www.sbhhs.org>



San Jose Railroad Depot (1935)

The San Jose Railroad Depot on Cahill Street was constructed in 1935 to replace the Market Street station built in 1872. The building was designed by Southern Pacific architect John H. Christie who had worked on the Southern Pacific remodeling of the Fresno, California depot in 1915 and later, in 1939, on the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal.

Contemporary literature described the Southern Pacific Depot in San Jose as designed in the Italian Renaissance Revival style, though in retrospect it can be interpreted as an eclectic design combining the historicist elements with contemporary Streamline Moderne features. The Southern Pacific Depot in San Jose has the distinction of being one of only four transportation facilities in the Italian Renaissance Revival style in California.

June 25, 2005 Tour Schedule:

- 9:30am** **Meet at Millbrae Caltrain Station** (The Millbrae Station can also be reached by Caltrain from the Peninsula and South Bay and BART from San Francisco and the East Bay)
- 10:24** **Train leaves Millbrae for Burlingame**
- 11:30** **Train leaves Burlingame for San Carlos**
- 12:46pm** **Train leaves San Carlos for Santa Clara** (This stop includes sack lunch)
- 2:28** **Train leaves Santa Clara for San Jose**
- 4:00** **Train leaves San Jose for return trip north** (beverages and snacks will be served on the train)

For more information on stops or fees, see <http://www.caltrain.com/schedule.html>

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The mission of the NCCSAH is to further the objectives of the Society of Architectural Historians of which the Northern California Chapter is an official affiliate; promote the study and discussion of our region's architectural history and its related fields; visit significant works of architecture; and increase public awareness and appreciation of our architectural heritage. Membership is open to anyone interested in architectural history and its related fields who agrees to pay the annual dues and subscribe to the by-laws of the organization.

Dear member:

Please renew ASAP to take advantage of a half-year opportunity. NCCSAH will be shifting to a calendar year membership beginning January 2006.

Lissa McKee

<p>RENEWAL FORM THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS (a non-profit 501c3 corporation) Or renew your dues Return this form and your check (made out to NCCSAH) to Lissa McKee, Treasurer-NCCSAH 307 Starling Road, Mill Valley, CA 94941</p>	
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