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**Hands-On History Days: Transportation Day
Sunday, June 19 from 11:00am – 3:00pm at History Park**

San Jose, CA – April 27, 2016 – Celebrate Father's Day with Dad at History San José's Transportation Day on Sunday, June 19 from 11:00am – 3:00pm at History Park. Dad will receive free admission to this Hands-On History event.

History San José will be unveiling for the first time its newly acquired 1899 Osen and Hunt automobile – made here in San Jose and the first car ever built in California. George Osen and William Hunt built the car in their bicycle shop at 66 South Second Street in downtown San Jose, using bicycle components such as lights, chains, gears, and wheels. Osen and Hunt built four additional cars in 1900 before leaving the manufacturing business to focus on a Dodge auto dealership. All five of the vehicles were believed to have been lost to history until the original 1899 prototype was found in Niles, California and returned to San Jose in 1939.

Last year, Sam Seibert and his grandson Luke A. Walton purchased the 1899 prototype car and immediately donated it to History San José. Minor restoration work has been done by a local professional to return the car to its as-built appearance. The car is operable and is still using its original 1899 engine. Don't miss the unveiling of this one-of-a-kind piece of San Jose history!

Then step back in time and experience first-hand how people got from point A to point B throughout history. Take a ride on an historic Horse Trolley pulled by two beautiful Clydesdales between 11:00 and 3:00pm. Then test your endurance aboard a railroad handcar.

Visitors can also create and take-home pool noodle ponies and a unique craft using real horse shoes; go on a family "StoryWalk" highlighting trains and covered wagons (be sure to dress up in pioneer duds and snap a selfie on the museum's replica covered wagon); and dawn a temporary tattoo provided by talented body art painters in honor of our current exhibit *Tattooed & Tenacious: Inked Women in California's History*.

Admission: Dad, HSJ Members, and kids ages two and under – FREE. All others \$5.00. For more information, call [408.287.2290](tel:408.287.2290) or visit www.historysanjose.org

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About History San José:

History San José is a non-profit organization that preserves and enriches the cultural heritage of San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley through research, collections, partnerships, educational programs and events. HSJ manages one of the largest and most comprehensive regional history collections in the State of California, from 1784 Spanish governmental records to twenty-first century Silicon Valley technology.

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