

Does the photo below look like an Athearn model or what? It's our southbound train before leaving the Caltrains station in San Francisco.



After leaving the Caltrains platform in San Jose, we went in search of the San Jose Historical Society which is located on the fairgrounds. Luckily, we had no concept of the distance involved at that time, and we hoofed it to the Museum to view their restored trolleys.



I had done some advance preparation at home before our trip west, and their website said they'd be open for viewing. Well, after our hike of over a mile and a half, they weren't officially open, but we were able to scout up some folks who were more than happy to let us in the building. The photos you see above and upper right are of their equipment. They are similar to other electric rail preservation groups in that they have neither enough volunteers nor funds to properly preserve their stuff.

The only problem with hiking to the museum was the fact we had to hike back to the train station! Caltrains interchanges with the Valley Transit

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Authority (San Jose / Santa Clara light rail) in San Jose, and we had to go back to ride the light rail.

the VTA trains are fairly new, clean, and pretty stark. It was mid-afternoon when we rode, so the trains weren't overly crowded. The tracks go right through downtown San Jose. We rode to the end of the North/South line, then rode the East/West line to the interchange with Amtrak's Capitols. The interchange stops were poorly marked, and we ended up walking a bit to find the Amtrak platform.

