

Tragedy at Tunnel 13 commemorative events

Underground History podcasts

Description: Jefferson Public Radio's Underground History program will host a series of podcasts leading up to the 100th anniversary of the Tragedy at Tunnel 13. You can listen live on JPR, or find the show wherever you get your podcasts.

Links: <https://www.ijpr.org/podcast/underground-history> and https://www.instagram.com/underground_history_podcast/?hl=en

Virtual Exhibit: Tragedy at Tunnel 13: The Crime, The Victims, and Legacy

Launches: Sept. 27

Description: This collaborative virtual exhibit was curated by the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, SOHS and the Postal Inspection Service Archives, featuring primary documents and never-before-seen materials related to the historic crime and its aftermath.

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Dunsmuir Commemoration of Tunnel 13 Tragedy

Date: Sunday, Oct. 8

Time: 4 to 8 p.m.

Location: Dunsmuir, California, with two locations and two start times – 4 p.m. at Dunsmuir Cemetery, 6226 Dunsmuir Ave., at grave site of Marvin Seng (tentative); and 6 p.m. at The Wheelhouse, 5841 Sacramento Ave.

Description: Two of the Southern Pacific railroaders murdered in the Tunnel 13 tragedy were based in the railroad town of Dunsmuir, California. Marvin Seng, the fireman, is buried in the Dunsmuir Cemetery. To commemorate the tragedy, the Black Butte Center for Railroad Culture (BBCRC) and local historians are

arranging for a short historical talk at Mr. Seng's grave site. This will be followed by a musical event, with lot of train songs, at the trackside Wheelhouse Cafe, featuring "Sweet Bean" Selene and Hearts Gone South, a country/honky-tonk band from Asheville, North Carolina. Free, but donations for the musicians are requested.

Organizers: The [Black Butte Center for Railroad Culture \(BBCRC\)](#) preserves and promotes railroad culture by documenting and furthering the art, music, stories, community and work of those who, historically and in modern times, travel or work on the railroads of North America. The BBCRC has preserved eight historic rail cars at its site in Weed, California (including the 1888 "Shasta" Pullman car and the Utah Phillips Memorial Flanger Car) and maintains the online "Hobo Bibliography" - the most comprehensive bibliography of materials on railroad hobos and tramps available anywhere.

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Tunnel 13 Exhibit at Medford's Railroad Park

Date: Sunday, Oct. 8

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society Museum, Medford Railroad Park, 799 Berrydale Ave., Medford

Description: On Sunday, Oct. 8, the public is invited to visit Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society Museum at Medford Railroad Park to view the exhibit "Tragedy at Tunnel 13: The Crime, the Victims and Legacy." This is a regularly-scheduled open day at the park, and free rides will be offered, as well as full-scale and model train displays. Refreshments and railroad souvenirs are available for purchase.

Organizers: The mission of the [Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society](#) is to preserve and interpret southern Oregon railroad history and historical artifacts for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations through a museum and operating equipment. Along with the [Southern Oregon Live Steamers](#), the [Rogue Valley Model Railroad Club](#) and the [Medford Garden Railroaders](#), the Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society helps to operate Medford's Railroad Park. The park is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays each month from April through October.

Medford Commemoration of the Tunnel 13 Tragedy

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 11

Time: 11 a.m. to noon

Location: I.O.O.F. Eastwood Cemetery, 1581 Siskiyou Boulevard, Medford. We will convene at the mausoleum, and then walk from there together to Mr.

Johnson's gravesite.

Description: Charles "Coyl" Johnson was the off-duty brakeman for the Southern Pacific Railway who was killed by the DeAutremont brothers during the Tunnel 13 tragedy. Johnson is buried at Medford's historic I.O.O.F. Eastwood Cemetery. To honor Johnson and all of the lives lost in the tragedy, Southern Oregon Historical Society is planning a short commemorative talk at Mr. Johnson's gravesite. The obituaries of the victims will be read, and information about their lives will be shared. This event is free to the public. Parking is available at the mausoleum.

Organizers: The [Southern Oregon Historical Society](#) brings history alive by collecting, preserving and sharing the stories and artifacts of our region's past. Through its interpretive programs, collections and publications, the society strives to educate the public and generate an appreciation of regional history for present and future generations. SOHS runs an Archives and Research Library in the History Center building at 106 N. Central Ave. in Medford (hours Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.) and the Hanley Farm historic site at 1053 Hanley Road, just outside of Jacksonville (only open during public events). Contact Anna Sloan for more information @ curator@sohs.org.

Underground History Live: Tragedy at Tunnel 13

Date: Wednesday Oct. 11

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

Location: Ashland Hills Inn, 2525 Ashland Street, Ashland

Description: This free event will feature a director's screening of OPB's "Murder on the Southern Pacific," as well as a commemorative stamp cancellation from the U.S. Post Office, and a pop-up exhibit featuring historic records and artifacts related to the crime. The event will be recorded and available for later streaming through the Oregon Historical Society.

Organizers: [Underground History](#) is a collaboration between the [Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Anthropology \(SOULA\)](#) and Jefferson Public Radio's Jefferson Exchange. The award-winning public radio segment and podcast spotlights little-known aspects of history through the lens of archaeology, education, and social justice. Underground History has [a regular column in the Jefferson Journal](#) and hosts periodic live events. SOULA is an on-campus archaeology firm that conducts grant- and contract-funded research throughout Oregon and regularly works with the media, students and community volunteers to promote archaeological awareness and heritage stewardship. The [Jefferson Exchange](#) is a live interactive news program devoted to current events and newsmakers from around the region, and beyond.

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