

## DANVILLE CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Fourth of July week in Danville will really be special this year as the Town celebrates the 150th Anniversary of its settlement and the Museum will be right in the middle of things. We are partnering with the **Kiwanis Club of the San Ramon Valley**, the **Town of Danville**, the **Role Players Ensemble Theater**, and **Forest Home Farms**. On July 3rd from 4:30 – 7:00 pm our new Branch Line Railroad will chug around for the kids in the parking lot behind the Danville Hotel across the street. Since the celebration is a revival of the 1958 Centennial Hay Days it is fitting that the Museum operate an old fashioned hay ride running between the Town Green on Front Street where the Town's free barbecue will be located and the Museum. An antique tractor from Forest Home Farms in San Ramon will pull our hay wagon rig.

The Museum will be open throughout the evening so you can check out the trains and the *Glimpses from the Past* Mini-Exhibit highlighting the history of Danville and the incorporation of San Ramon. Of course, you can also pick up your copy of *Vintage Danville*, **Beverly Lane** and **Laura Grinstead's** new book which will be hot off the press.

Finally after the *Hay Days* party breaks up in our parking lot, the **Role Players Ensemble** is producing an old fashioned *Danville Got Talent?* show in the Veterans Memorial Building at 8:00 pm. It is a chance for any aspiring dancer, musician, or singer to add a fun public appearance to their performing resume. We are working with them to make this happen. Donations will be requested inside the hall. There are scads of talented people around here to enjoy and it will be a super way to top off your evening.

During the wildly popular Fourth of July Parade the Branch Line Railroad will be our proud entry in the parade. See the accompanying story for more information about that.

If you are in town this year come on down on the evening of July 3rd and do not miss the parade on the 4th!



### The New Branch Line Railroad is ready to Roll!

The little train proudly wearing its name and the Museum logo in gold is ready to huff and puff its way into the San Ramon Valley! A few weeks ago some of the Railroad Crew met and saw the train for the first time and now one of them can hardly contain himself, just itching to serve as its engineer. He keeps asking when he can drive the engine. Looks like kids of all ages will enjoy the Branch Line train.

Museum members, **we are looking for 18 young volunteers to ride in the train in the parade.** With flags flying and the train bell ringing it will be a

great parade. The cars each have a canopy cover so it is protected from the hot sun. If you want your children or grandchildren to ride the train please call the Museum and sign up. First come first served.

**Chuck Brydon**, the Superintendent of the Branch Line Railroad, can still accommodate more volunteers to work on the Railroad Crew. Be brave. It will be lots of fun to work with the kids and their families. If interested, please call Donna or Eve at the Museum at 837-3750.

