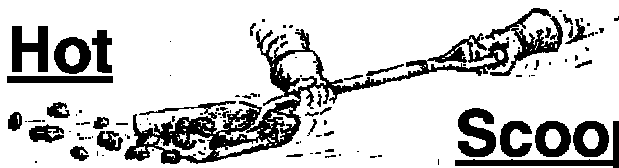


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***** 2353 FUND MEETS GOAL (and then some!)***** *Dick Pennick, Fund Coordinator*

The generous response to our appeal for funds to return S.P. Ten-wheeler 2353 to service by March, 2001, and complete required boiler measurements, has been overwhelming! The total as of mid-December, 2000 was almost \$19,000 and donations are still being received, with the campaign barely 2 months old!

Our initial goal was \$16,000, and any additional donations received beyond the target amount will be held in the restricted account to cover the cost of required periodic maintenance and repair on the engine. Steam locomotives, particularly 88-year old ones, are high-maintenance items. And it will be a great comfort to the Museum's STEAM TEAM to at last have a "reserve" to draw on as necessary, instead of resorting to "crisis" fund-raising whenever something needs to be fixed. Please feel free to continue to contribute to this restricted account by making your checks or charge cards payable to: "SDRM -- 2353 Fund".

The fund drive was given a tremendous boost over the top by the generous contribution from Gary & Jerri-Ann Jacobs through the Jewish Community Foundation. The Museum and the STEAM TEAM thank Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs and the following additional members and friends for their generous contributions. I will add additional names to this Honor Roll in February.

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* donation in memory of Allen J. Casale

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***** SPRING FESTIVAL & OLD-TIME DAYS ***** *Dick Pennick, Chairman Steering Committee*

Because of a scaled-back REPORT publication schedule in 2000, some planned Museum activities haven't had much exposure. One of those is SPRING FESTIVAL & OLD-TIME DAYS, to be held on the Museum's grounds at Campo over the weekend of MAY 5 & 6.

The committee has been hard at work the past six months to make this grand celebration of Spring one of the most successful public events ever. Space doesn't permit me to list all of the planned events here, but some of the activities include steam train shuttles to the Stone Store Museum and the Motor Transport Museum; railbus and speeder rides on the mainline; opportunities for visitors to operate a Diesel locomotive on the Museum main; continuous live entertainment; deep-pit barbeque and food court; beer & wine garden; kids' activities; many craft, hobby and commercial booths; antique cars, trucks and farm equipment; fire department & CDF displays and competitions; Saturday night full moon train hayride, etc., etc.

Do you have ideas that might help make this event a success? Better yet, why don't you come down to the Solar Learning Center on Jan. 3rd, 7 p.m. to meet the members of the committee and lend a hand! A database of prospective exhibitors is being assembled now. Do you know of individuals or groups that may be interested in having a booth? We're also looking for bluegrass, folk and country western musicians, individuals or groups, and we will need a sound system.

Please call me at (619)463-2276 with your ideas or offers of help! It'll be a BLAST!

***** From the Training Officer ***** *Jim Baker*

At the Staff meeting of Dec. 5, I submitted my resignation as Training Officer. At this point, I do not know whether or not someone else will be teaching the Rules Review classes in January. All I can say for sure is that I will not be teaching them. I'm sorry if this causes you any inconvenience. Good Iron to you all.

***** Nametags, Windbreakers, Shirts, Badges and Buttons ***** *Roger Challberg*

We have had questions about nametag identification for those who wish to be known as an SDRM member when at Campo (or in a party group or whatever). Bob Schussler has offered to have them made- the cost is \$8.00 per tag. The tag is black with white letters. It will have our logo on the left side with San Diego Railroad Museum on it. You need to have the spelling of the name you want on it (sorry no extras at that price). Send check or money order to Bob Schussler at 9469 Tropico Dr, La Mesa, CA 91941. If you have questions please call me at 619-478-5768 or Bob at 619-698-1458.

I can get Windbreakers (Black with large SDRM logo on back & small logo on left front) for \$25 including tax if I have an order of at least 24. Sizes are S, M, L, & XL (XXL is \$2.00 more). They are lined and are the same as we used to have in the gift shop.

I can get white polo shirts with left front pocket and SDRM logo over the pocket for \$15.00 including tax. Same sizes as above with \$1.00 extra for XXL.

If you want in let me know your name, size (or sizes), type (windbreaker or shirt) and when I have 24 orders I will purchase them using funds from the Stone Store Museum who has agreed to let us order with their non-profit resale number.

Remember if you order you are obligated to pay for the order when it comes. I will have the jackets etc. here at Campo or at the downtown office. These prices are for members only; retail will be considerably higher.

Collar or lapel:

SD&A gold: SDRM price = 18.75 pr. + 1.40 tax = 19.15 (retail 25.00 pr. + tax)
SD&A nickel: SDRM price = 17.50 pr. + 1.31 tax = 18.91 (retail=23.33 pr. + tax)

Cap Badges:

Conductor gold: SDRM price = 16.25 + 1.21 tax = 17.46 (retail: 21.66+ tax)
Trainman nickel: SDRM price = 15.00 + 1.12 tax = 16.12 (retail: 20.00 + tax)
Brakeman nickel: SDRM price = 15.00 + 1.12 tax = 16.12 (retail: 20.00 + tax)

Buttons:

Small gold SD&A: SDRM price: .80 each + tax .06 = .86 each (retail is 1.00 + tax)
Large gold SD&A: SDRM price: 1.00 each + .08 tax = 1.08 each (retail is 1.25+tax)

Any items of special order let me know. I am not ordering hat, shirts or uniforms. Bob Schussler is handling hats. Uniforms are available at many locations.

***** Train Noise May Ease ***** *submitted by Don Getz*

Article by Bill Arballo in *The Coast News*, issue Nov. 16 - Nov 22, 2000

Last Thursday was D-Day - demonstration day for a pair of railroad safety measures that may ease some of the constant impact of rail noise. At the Coast Boulevard crossing in Del Mar, two dozen residents and city officials watched and heard a Wayside Horn being demonstrated as a freight train whizzed passed the crossing.

In Encinitas, an in-station pedestrian crossing bell was demonstrated by the North County Transit District.

The Wayside Horn would eliminate the need for passing trains to blow their horns as they approached the crossing. Residents have complained about the extended noise, particularly at night.

The horn would be mounted on pillars that now support the railroad crossing bars and would start blowing when the train is about 800 feet away from the crossing, according to Kurt Anderson, a director with Railroad Controls Limited, the company that manufactures the device.

It sounds like a train horn, except that it is limited to approximately 92 decibels so would only be heard in the vicinity of the crossing. "The crossing wouldn't be a quiet zone," said Anderson, "however, one advantage is the horn would cease blowing when the train is in plain view.

Cost of the horn, according to Anderson, would be approximately \$25,000 plus \$15,000 for installation. Wayside Horns are in use in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Texas. Several California cities have had demonstrations.

The North County Transit District is seeking to install the in-station pedestrian crossing bell at several of its stations. The bell is mounted on a pole that is equipped with flashers. It is described as "low tone" which reduces noise impact. Mayor Chuck DuVivier and others who stood on the sidewalk east of the depot agreed it was barely audible and could not be heard at all when a car passed. "It's a pleasant sound," said DuVivier, "unlike the clanging we are used to."

Thomas Lichterman, NCTD director of transportation service, estimated it will take approximately a year to have them in place because permits have to be obtained and bids are needed for the installation.

***** Web page update ***** Randy Houk

If you have a photo that you think should be on our web page, whether it's a volunteer I don't have represented or some piece of history that belongs there please send it to me! Also, if you're receiving this via U.S. Mail and have recently gotten **E-mail**, please send an email to hotscoop@sdrm.org so we can add you to the 'members' list. We save postage that way!

***** Year 2001 Dates of Note *****

	January	February	March
Staff meeting (1900 at Solar)	8	5	5
Campo to Tecate	6,13,27	3,17,24	3,10,24
School Train	16	20	
Brunch Train	7	25	25
Dinner Train	20	10	17
Brakeman class			
Board meeting (1830 at Solar)	23	27	27
Museum Services meeting (1900 at Solar)	31	28	28
Deadline for HS articles	28	28	28

***** Article Submissions *****

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E-mail to hotscoop@sdrm.org is preferred. Send address changes to the editor.

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