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***** Annual Dinner ***** Ann McVeagh

It's that time of year again! Annual dinner and awards time. This year the BIG event will be on March 21st at the Bali Hai. (Don't fuss - it is the best deal in town and the view is great, not to mention all you can eat of a very tasty buffet.) The times will be: 6pm- Cocktail time - no-host bar; 7pm- Dinner; 8pm- Annual Awards and Rewards. Will YOU be Railfan of the year? The price for all this glamour and excitement is the same as last year (a bargain for us as the dinner price has actually increased) \$55 for a couple and \$30 for a single. Any two people can constitute a couple. Call 595-3031 to make a reservation or mail in the info that you will find in the *Report*, about to go to press. The dress is aloha shirts and Sarongs or whatever tropical costume you have. Superintendents: Please get in your nominations for the awards as soon as possible; the Staff meeting in March is the deadline. See you all there!

***** Hazmat ***** Jack O'Lexey

Here is a reminder about oil, especially this time of year. If you leave a quart or 1/2 gallon of oil in a bucket and it rains it becomes a 5-gallon mess. The oil and water runs onto the ground and we now have contaminated soil to get rid of too.

Batteries are stored in the south or railroad west end of the carbarn. Store them on pallets or on the battery carts. *Never* store batteries on the ground or leave the caps off the tops.

The drum for disposal of paint thinner or solvents is located in the paint locker. The oil tank for waste oil and the drum for old fuel and oil filters are located near the road at the south or railroad west end of the carbarn.

There is a HAZMAT map on the wall near the phone in the carbarn. It has everything labeled. An Emergency meeting place is also on the map. There *has* been some discussion on the proper location.

We are due for an inspection from the HAZMAT office most anytime now. We need to make sure any contaminated soil has been picked up and put into the box in the south or railroad west end of the Visitors Center.

***** Work Schedule for 2353 ***** Jim Baker

Dwight asked me to distribute the following work schedule for getting 2353 back on line. He is taking several weeks off from the Navy, and has put this together.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
March					1	2	3
	4						10
	11		13	14	15	16	17
	18						24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
April	1						7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15			18	19	20	

Dwight would like you to contact him as to what dates you can be there. You can e-mail him at dwight2353@peoplepc.com or phone at (619)478-9348. He has voice mail, so you can leave a message. (Note: If you have tried calling him in the last few weeks and got a message saying his phone was disconnected; the phone company has finally fixed it. This also screwed up his e-mail.)

Workdays will start at 8:00. Once again this will be an organized activity with specific work assignments and not a free for all.

To bring you up to date, the jacketing is being painted, and should be done in the next couple of weeks. Dwight got the last two of the four drop plugs removed, and removed the top shoe from the engineer's side crosshead. He got the babbitt removed from the shoe, so new babbitt can be poured in. I worked on assembling a new pump for doing boiler washes. Two hundred plus new flexible staybolt caps have been received and we have some new staybolts to be installed.

Call Dwight if you have any questions. If his phone gets screwed up in the wet weather again, call me at (619)670-7441.

***** Mechanical Department ***** *Darren Apedaile*

For the last several months I've been slowly working my way around the yard to get familiar with all of the equipment, machinery and materials that we have available to us. There are many projects that I've started with the help of many of the members that come out not only during the weekend but during the week as well.

For starters, we all know that Locomotive #1820 was taken out of service due to a request by C.D.F. last year. Well, early February, a set of carbon trap manifolds was purchased from a company out of Colton, CA. The old manifolds were removed the following day, and Geoff Scheuerman, one of his associates and I installed the new manifolds. The hood had to be modified to fit two extra stacks. If it weren't for the rail crane this task would have been a pain in the caboose. There were some minor modifications which Ken Hanson and I did. A 90day inspection is necessary so that 1820 will go back into service early to mid March pending a blessing from C.D.F.

The locomotive 2098, which has been out of service for several years, has been under going a major power pack rebuild by Robert Hill, a new member since last summer. This process has been slow due to a change in Robert's work schedule. As soon as he is able, he and I will resume working on the prime mover, which I hope will be running by late summer. Locomotive 2104 will be the next to be worked on.

I have also been trying to clean out the mechanical boxcar in my spare time, along with being a brakeman and a speeder operator. One of my other goals is to organize what we call the back forty. This is not only a goal of mine since several others have shared this same desire.

I want to thank all that have helped support me in the last couple of months and for also supporting the museum. If anyone is interested in lending a hand I have a few other projects that we need to get done.

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

New to the Photo Gallery **Mechanics** page this month are track workers Luis Marchan and Michael Reneau, both caught working on the track #9 extension. Paul Lannen is also now on this page, caught peering from #2353's firebox by Dick Hanson's camera. Dick Pennick now appears on the **Speeder** page (this guy is everywhere!). Visit Luis, Michael, Paul and Dick at <http://www.sdrm.org/gallery/people/>.

We had a snowstorm at Campo on February 8th! Mike Edwards was there, and snapped some interesting scenes. I've added four of them to our **Winter** scenes page at <http://www.sdrm.org/gallery/winter/>.

I created two pages for those interested in locomotive brake stand controls. One is for the #6SL as found on our older Diesels, and the other is for the #26L as is used on #3873 and #7285. I've included photos showing lever positions for Release, Lap, etc. Robin Becker performed various braking duties in front of the video camera, and I digitized these into mpeg's that you can see on the page for #6SL. The link is: <http://www.sdrm.org/faqs/brakes/control/>.

I also created a page describing the transformation of the grungy Cotton Belt #3873 we received in 1996 into the beautiful SP#3873: <http://www.sdrm.org/roster/diesel/d-3873/birth.html>.

Don't forget that our web page has a link for Volunteer Services. You can see old issues of the Hot Scoop and a link to the Code of Federal Regulations. The username is "volunteer" and the password is "2353".

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!

***** Married 10 Years With 19 Children ***** *Chandra Martin via email*

From the ILLINOIS-IOWA-MISSOURI SEARCHER, Vol. 16 #1 Issue 53, page 25 (originally from THE NEWS-REPUBLICAN, Farmington, Iowa, April 6, **1911**, but the dateline is Muskogee, Oklahoma).

Married 10 Years, Have 19 Children

Muskogee, OK -- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott of Highland, Kansas are seeking a home in this state with plenty of land. They will need it, for although they have been married not quite ten years, they are the parents of nineteen children, all boys, and thirteen of them living. They hold the record for triplets, having five sets to their credit, and two sets of twins. All of her thirteen boys are under five years.

Recently the Scotts, deciding that they must find more land, went to Alberta, Canada. They were not satisfied there and returned. On the return trip Mrs. Scott and her thirteen children all rode on one first-class ticket. At Omaha the conductor made a vigorous protest.

"Madam, you cannot carry a whole Sunday School along with you on that one ticket," he said, "and you need not tell me those are all yours. You will have to pay for some of them."

"The rules of this railroad provide that a child under five years may ride free, when accompanied by its parent with a first-class ticket, don't they?" retorted Mrs. Scott.

"They do, but you will have to show me."

Mrs. Scott dug down into her valise and brought out the Family Bible in which was recorded the names and ages of each of the children. The conductor had to give in. The mother and children occupied five double seats in the homeseekers' car and paid for only one.

The names and ages of the children are: Ashbell, Archer and Austin, triplets 4 1/2 years old; Arthur and Arnold, twins, 3 1/2; Allan, Almon and Albin, triplets, 2 1/2; Albert, Albion and Adolph, triplets, 18 months; Abel and Abner, twins, 6 months. Mrs. Scott is 30 years old and her husband is only a year her senior.

The mother and children are now in Highland [Doniphan County] Kansas, while the father is in Oklahoma seeking a location.

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

	March	April	May
Spring Festival			5, 6
Staff meeting (1900 at Solar)	5	2	7
Campo to Tecate	10, 24	14, 21, 28	12, 19, 26
Steam Train		14, 15, 21, 22	
School Train	20	17	15
Brunch Train	25		
Dinner Train	17		
Wine Train		14	
Board meeting (1830 at Solar)	27	26	24
Museum Services meeting (1900 at Solar)	28	25	30
Deadline for HS articles	28	28	28

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

Please submit articles in pure text (.txt) or MS Word (.doc) format.
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