



A publication for the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum members

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New signs welcome our visitors to the recently returned name: Campo Railroad Museum





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Campo Depot

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La Mesa Depot Museum & Office

4695 Nebo Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941

PSRMA Board of Directors

Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month except Dec at 6:30PM. A link to join the Zoom meeting will be provided on our website at members.psrn.org.

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President: Stephen Hager

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Acting Equipment Dir: Stephen Hager



Special Events:

April 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20 - Bunny Trains at Campo Railroad Museum.

April 27 - Backcountry Wine Train at 12:01 and 2:30 p.m.

May 3 & 4 - Campo Days.

May 9 - Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at La Mesa Police Dept. Community Room. The speaker for the evening will be Tom Larwin. Tom was the General Manager of the MTDB which built the San Diego Trolley.

October 24 - Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at La Mesa Police Dept Community Room. The speaker for the evening will be Russ Low.

Regular Schedule:

At Campo Railroad Museum:

Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Museum open to public.

Saturday - Golden State train rides at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays - volunteer work days.

Wednesdays and Saturdays - Library open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Bruce Semelsberger at 619-264-7282 for an appointment

La Mesa Depot Open:

Tuesday & Thursday Noon - 3 p.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Volunteers are at both locations during the week as well. For more information, please email: volunteer@psrm.org

THANK YOU HAWTHORNE EQUIPMENT RENTAL



Hawthorne Equipment Rental has been extremely generous with loaning out equipment for our Campo Railroad Museum site. We needed to prepare our property for the upcoming grant funded drainage and grading project. Hawthorne loaned loaders, excavators and trucks to allow museum volunteers to remove weeds and trash from our property. Led by Assistant Director of Facilities Jim Lundquist, with assistance from Kerry Hebert, the volunteers have spent months and hundreds of hours cleaning up our property. Also assisting has been Frank Denison, Dawn Lundquist, Morgan Snyder and Steven Pohjola. As you drive in from the Main Gate, you will immediately notice the cleaned field on the right side of our driveway. *Photo by Jim Lundquist 2/10/24*



Thank you Gabe Larson for your donation of 54 sheets of plywood. Gabe is our neighbor in Campo. The locals have always supported our effort in building our Campo Railroad Museum. We cherish that support and appreciate everyone who assists us, past, present and future.



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Fundraising for February 2025 by Donna Spevack, Administrator of Fund Development

The rain was a welcome sight! Spring is on the way and our volunteers have been busy with upgrades and restorations at the Campo Railroad Museum - Thank you volunteers! If you would like to volunteer go to our website at: <https://psrm.org/volunteer> and sign up.



The **Bunny Train** will be arriving soon and we'd love to have you aboard.

Thank you to our donors, for end of Jan-Feb. donations: **YTD Donations - \$4,894.67**

\$101 - \$1,000: Daniel J. Marnell and Kerry & Mitzi Mickelson.

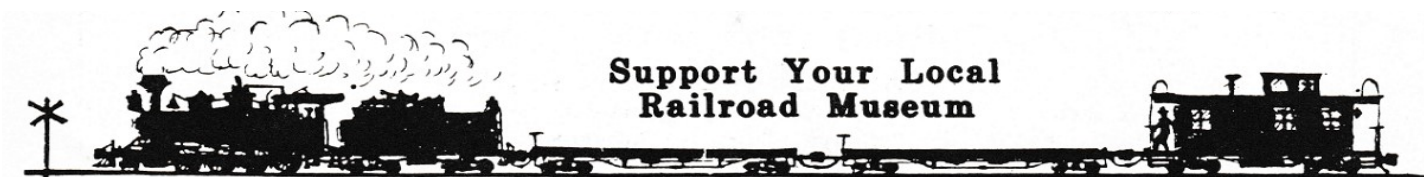
\$1-\$100: Jeffrey Trimble, Thomas Bauer, Leatha McGowan Cooksy, Michael Rella, Gregory Flores, Cheryl Anderson, Tatiana Anderson, Richard and Lillian Jarrett, Martin Nemerever and Juliet Garson.

If you don't have the time to volunteer, we gladly accept donations online at: <https://psrm.org/donate> Or you can mail a check to: PSRM at the **La Mesa Depot, 4695 Nebo Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941-5259.**

Another easy way to donate is:

Free: Microsoft Rewards Points can now be automatically donated to charity as part of a new initiative called, "Give with Bing". The points that Microsoft Rewards users earn by searching the internet via Bing will be changed into money when it's donated to one of more than a million non-profit organizations. You can now automatically donate your Microsoft Rewards points to charity ([About Microsoft Rewards](#), just designate the **Pacific Southwest Railway Museum** when registering), it's free, so keep browsing!

Thank you and hope to see you soon!



Board of Director Changes by Jim Lundquist, Editor

At the February 21, 2025 Board meeting, the board made several appointments to fill empty positions. Carl Brooker was appointed as Treasurer to replace Hector Gonzalez, who had resigned his position. The board appointed Colin Atwood to the position of Director of Operations, after he resigned as Vice-President, to replace John Cenker, who resigned his position. The board appointed Jenn Brooker as Vice-President. The board appointed President Stephen Hager as Acting Director of Equipment while continuing to look for candidates for the Director of Equipment to serve on the board.

We thank those who served and welcome those who volunteered to step forward onto the board.

Hop Aboard the Bunny Train Team!

Volunteers needed for Bunny Train Event

By Jennifer Brooker, Special Events Coordinator

Want to join the fun and help make magical memories for guests of our Bunny Train event? We'd love to have you on board! Just send an email to volunteer@psrm.org and get ready to hop into action! This year's event occurs on **Saturdays and Sundays, April 5th through April 20th**.

Volunteers are needed in the following important roles:

PROJECT LEAD 1 volunteer needed	Overall event manager. Coordinates with and schedules all necessary volunteers for the event. Ensures necessary supplies are on-hand. Plans and coordinates all event activities, including egg hunt. Great leadership opportunity!
PETER (or Petra!) RABBIT Minimum 1 volunteer needed per day	Plays role of bunny, rides the train, and hands out gifts to children. Non-speaking role. Costume provided.
DECORATING CREW 4-6 volunteers needed the week-end before the event	Multiple volunteers needed to decorate the passenger cars and museum with spring décor. Set up tables and chairs in the museum.
EGG HUNT LEAD 1 volunteer needed per day	Stages the main egg hunt area, ensuring plastic eggs are "hidden" prior to each train group arriving at the museum. Stages the toddler egg hunt area, including setting up fence, and ensuring eggs are "hidden" prior to each train group arriving at the museum. Distribute candy bags during the egg hunt activity.
EGG HUNT ATTENDANTS 2 volunteers needed per day	Multiple volunteers needed to assist in staging egg hunt areas between each train ride. Assists parents and children, as needed.
CANDY CREW Minimum 2 volunteers needed the week before the event.	Multiple volunteers needed to make candy gift bags for children.
CRAFT AREA ATTENDANT 1 volunteer needed per day	Set the tables in the craft area with tablecloths and centerpieces and ensure each table is loaded with plenty of craft supplies for the kiddos! Replenish supplies between trains and ensure area is neat and clean.

Thanks for keeping the Bunny Train hopping along!

Down at the La Mesa Depot by Timothy Miller, Station Master

As I write this, we are in the final days of San Diego Museum month. By acquiring a February 2025 Museum Pass, seventy plus museums in San Diego offered discounted admissions of fifty percent. Pacific Southwest Railway Museum was a participant in this promotion. Even though there is no admission fee at the La Mesa Depot, several visitors confirmed that this program was responsible for their visit at the Depot!

I think we had more visitors in February than normal, looking at the numbers on the attendance record sheet. A big thanks to Paul Falk our normal Saturday volunteer and also Bruce Semelsberger and Mark Landguth whom filled in for me on days I was unavailable this past month and kept a record of our visitors.

You are always welcome to drop by and say Hi! After all it's free!



Winter Winds Blew Off Some Siding and Broke a Window in the Shop Building



Story and photos by Jim Lundquist

The winter winds storms that made the local news with power outages in the east county of San Diego attacked our Shop Building at the Campo Railroad Museum. A few of the metal siding panels blew off and an upstairs office window was smashed in.

Jim Lundquist made temporary repairs by closing up the window space and cleaning up the wind blown



office upstairs.

On Monday and Tuesday, February 10th and 11th, Frank Denison and Jim Lundquist, with assistance from Kerry Hebert and Morgan Snyder, installed a new window and reinstalled the siding to make the building water tight again. The other window will also be replaced as time allows.

Board Actions:

The following actions were taken at the February 21, 2025 Board of Directors meeting:

- * Minimum train crew requirements for trains operating outside yard limits are an Engineer and Conductor. Operations Department will set crew requirements.
- * Allocated up to \$21,000 to repair and protect the roofs of six containers: three at the library, one outside the lunchroom at the Shop Building, the paint container and the garden shed.
- * Allocate up to \$3,000 for a container to allow deliveries.
- * Sold \$300 of motorcar parts to member John Lewis.

From the Back Platform

by Stephen Hager, President

February was another busy month for volunteers at the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association. Strong Santa Ana winds in late January stripped a couple corrugated steel panels off of the Campo Car Shop, which also resulted in an adjacent window being shattered. These were the same winds that fueled many of the horrific Southern California wildfires that cropped up that month, and which also resulted in San Diego Gas & Electric implementing two multi-day public safety power shutoffs in Campo. Fortunately, our museum in Campo was not threatened by any wildfires this time around. Volunteers in the Facilities Department were able to replace the shattered window and steel panels on the Car Shop in February in between their continued work on site clearing for the stormwater project. Speaking of the stormwater project, contracts have now been signed with the three engineering firms who will be designing the stormwater improvements and they are starting their work. More updates to come in the coming months.

In February, the Operations Department held a locomotive engineer promotion class taught by James Caestecker and myself. We inducted two new student locomotive engineers, Colin Atwood and Michael McIntyre, into the program. Colin and Mike both worked their way up from brakemen to conductors on our SD&A Railway and were eligible for promotion to locomotive engineers. The one-day class consisted of a morning classroom session where we did a review on locomotive controls and systems, air brake test procedures, and train handling techniques. This was followed by an afternoon session in the field where we did detailed walkthroughs of our operational locomotives, taught startup and shutdown procedures, and then practiced operating locomotives with and without cars. Following completion of the promotion class, student locomotive engineers go through a minimum of 80 hours of on-the-job training under the supervision of our qualified engineers. Once a student engineer meets or exceeds the hours requirement and they have taken all required annual rules classes, they will take an initial qualification check ride where their skills and knowledge are assessed by a designated supervisor of locomotive engineers. Successful completion of the check ride is the final step needed to be-

come qualified as a locomotive engineer.

We often field inquiries from prospective volunteers who want to become a locomotive engineer at our museum and we love the enthusiasm! Every locomotive engineer you see operating our trains at Campo is a volunteer who started out at the entry level position of brakeman and worked their way up. There is no substitute for experience, and student locomotive engineers must possess knowledge that they learned from being a brakeman and conductor before they are ready to promote. When I first joined the museum as a teenager in 2010, I too held the aspiration of becoming a locomotive engineer. I started training to become a speeder operator that same year. I got my speeder operator qualification in 2011, my brakeman qualification in 2013, my conductor qualification in 2014, and my locomotive engineer qualification in 2017. Of course, I spent much of the intervening time away from home attending college. The average volunteer who lives in the San Diego area and has year-round availability to volunteer at the museum could promote much more quickly. More information on volunteering in operations at the museum can be found here on our website: <https://www.psrsm.org/volunteer/operations/>. If you're ready to take the plunge and begin training for one of the entry-level positions, send an email to volunteer@psrm.org and let us know that you'd like to get started!

The Equipment Department spent February chipping away at various projects. The most major of these efforts was lifting ATSF 1509's carbody off of its trucks to lubricate the center plates and truck components. Over the past year and a half, we have been cycling our operational passenger cars through this process and we have finished nearly all of the cars in the fleet. Our volunteers have become quite adept at using our 35-ton electric screw jacks and we managed to get the 1509 lubrication finished in a single day. Other projects we tackled in February included repairs to our Maintenance of Way air compressor, roofing for the birthday caboose, and stabilization of various pieces of non-operating equipment in the collection. Volunteers in the equipment department will be working on both Saturdays and Sundays for the first three weekends of March. Major projects to be tackled in March include resealing the roofs of coach SD&A 254 and Business Car Robert Peary, investigating and fixing in

From the Back Platform - continued

wiring problems in the Robert Peary, rewiring circuits in SP 3709, welding in new steel deck plates on USAF 2104, and maintenance on our electric work carts. The full Equipment Department work schedule is posted on the embedded Google Calendar on the volunteer page of our website: <https://www.psrn.org/>

[volunteer/](#). Please send us a note at volunteer@psrm.org if you want to try your hand at maintenance or restoration in the Equipment Department!

As always, if you would like to get in touch with me, please send a note to president@psrm.org. Until next time, keep it on the high iron!

Coming Soon!

BACKCOUNTRY WINE TRAIN



The *ONLY* wine train excursion
in Southern California!
Snack on some charcuterie bites
while sipping a selection of 6
local wines and taking in the
stunning views during this 90-
minute, 21+ event.

Inaugural run April 27, 2025
Departures at noon and 2:30pm

Members-Only ticket access begins March 10, 2025.
Use code: [GrapesandTrains25](#) for early access!

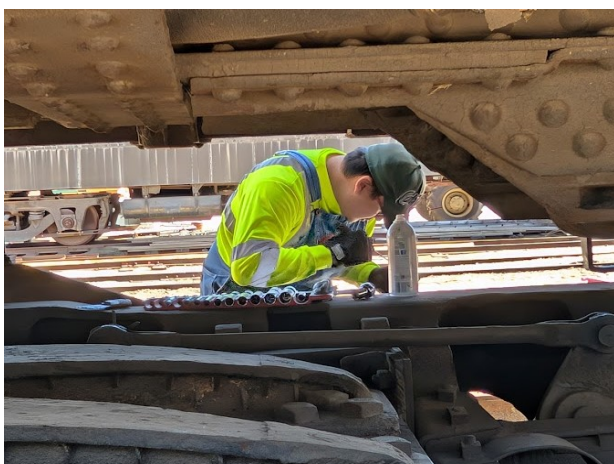
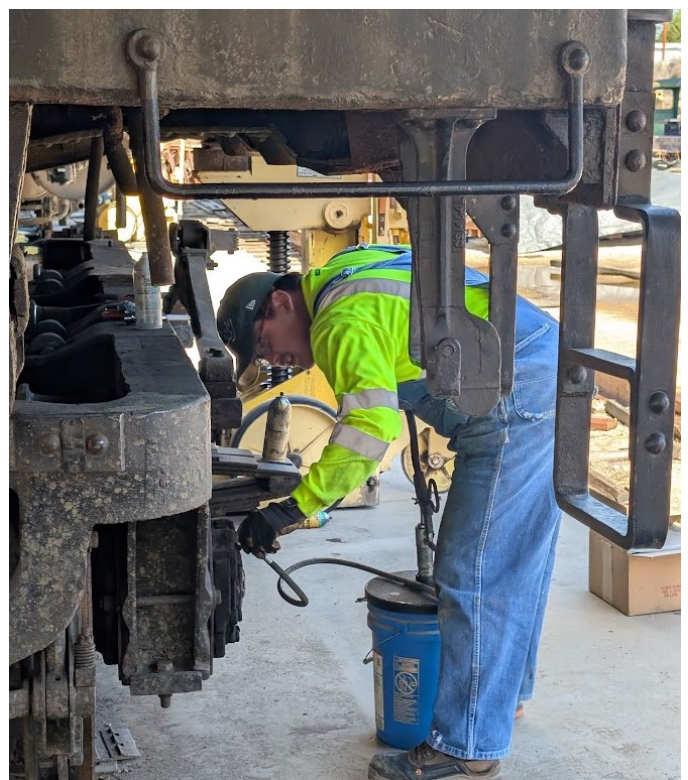
Volunteers continue maintenance work on historic equipment

Article and photos by Jim Lundquist (February 15, 2025)



Equipment Department volunteers continued the effort to grease and maintain our operating fleet of historic equipment this month. AT&SF Cafe-Observation #1509 is lifted on the jacking pad.

In these photos, David Choy is assisted by Stephen Hager and Timothy Wamsley in completing the required work to



keep the fleet in tiptop condition for our excursion trains. Hard work - yes. Rewarding work yes. Saving and operating 99 year old equipment is what we do!

<https://www.psrn.org/trains/passenger/atsf-1509/>

Model train layout in Exhibit Hall needs a volunteer to maintain it

by Jim Lundquist, Director of Museum Services

The model train layout in the Exhibit Hall is very popular with our younger visitors to our Campo Railroad Museum. It is designed to operate when visitors push a button on the layout. Unfortunately, the layout requires regular maintenance to keep clean as well as the locomotives, cars and buildings where they are intended to be. Currently, the layout is non operational due to the lack of a volunteer pledging to keep the layout clean and operational.

Are you willing to take on this responsibility? Without a volunteer stepping forward, we will have little choice than to remove the layout and sell it. If you have the skills and time to dedicate to keeping the layout operational, please contact me at Jim@psrm.org. If we move forward with keeping the layout, we can design and install a clear cover to reduce the need to routine maintenance.

Thank you for your consideration.



Ruff Day at the Shop? We're Looking for a New Top Dog!

By Jenn Brooker, Vice-President

Phoebe is great at lots of things: being cute, eating snacks, and being a railroad ambassador. Unfortunately, she's not a great Gift Shop Manager (something about not having thumbs). That's where YOU come in - become the next Gift Shop Manager and let Phoebe go back to giving out slobbery kisses! If you're up for the challenge, please email volunteer@psrm.org today.

This is an URGENT need. The Gift Shop Manager is responsible for ordering, stocking, and managing inventory, including perishable items; scheduling Gift Shop staff; making cash deposits; running the register, as needed; and coordinating closely with Operations and Special Events.





Site Clearing Almost Completed and Drainage Work is Underway

By Jim Lundquist,
Assistant Director of Facilities

As part of the ARPA grant, 99% of the pre-grading site work has been completed at our Campo Railroad Museum. Kerry Hebert and I removed weeds and materials from the property the museum owns across from the Campo Depot using the donated loader from Hawthorne Equipment. The work that is left involves walking the site with our backhoe while manually picking up the small materials that are left.

Also almost completed is this phase of the drainage work. New concrete pipes have been installed which extend the existing drainage pipes under our yard tracks in Campo. This work allows us space to place surplus materials that come off the job site.

Both Kerry and I have dedicated five to six days a week over the past four months to get this job done.

It is rewarding to get the work done as we work on our masterplan.

If you haven't been out to Campo recently, look around. The site is looking cleaner and ready for the next project - actually grading improvements.



LIBRARY UPDATE

by Bruce Semelsberger, Archivist

It may not seem like a lot of action compared to a streaming passenger train, but things at the library have been pretty exciting the first part of 2025! Beginning with the acquisition of the two extra shipping containers and the export of the many boxes of surplus books, both thanks to our “boss”, Jim Lundquist, space was freed up and the crew which includes several new volunteers was able to go to work. A table was set up for sorting and Staci Burns, Mike Rella and myself tackled the large backlog of donated books. All of that backlog has now been processed and shelved! As part of that process, new shelf labels and holders were installed and updates to the Dewey classification system were made. A shelf for duplicate books has been added to the depot waiting room and most of the duplicate books we find now will wind up there as a free benefit for visitors and members, so if you are looking for some new reading material, be sure to check there.

Secondly, the LGB scale buildings that had been taking up space in the archives were moved into the area in bay D formerly occupied by the 80+ boxes of duplicate books, freeing up needed space in the protected archival area. Some of the metal shelving used for surplus books was moved out to one of the new non-climate controlled containers and most of the large metal and wooden artifacts that do not require much climate protection were transferred there by Mike, Richard Finch and myself. Our Board has now approved funds to repair and coat the roofs of the new containers.

Maureen completed the project of sorting the extensive postcard collection by subject and location and it now reposes in new archival boxes with nice labels. She immediately accepted the challenge of doing the same for the large assortment of railroad passes. These have arrived in albums and boxes over the last 40 years and had no system whatsoever of organization. Some of these go back well into the

nineteenth century and include passes for employees and their families, clergymen and agents. In addition to hundreds of railroads, there are passes for steamboats, boarding houses and eateries.

Richard has been diligently pursuing grants for digital upgrades to the software, digitization of the maps, inclusion for PSRM into various online collections and remote access capabilities for our volunteers. This latter capability is in “beta testing” by Richard and myself and seems to be working fine so far. I have checked out a box of SD&A documents and am uploading a detailed listing of each folder as time permits.



Mike Rella and Richard Finch are working through file cabinets in side our Library.

Photo by Jim Lundquist 2/12/25

Library Update - continued

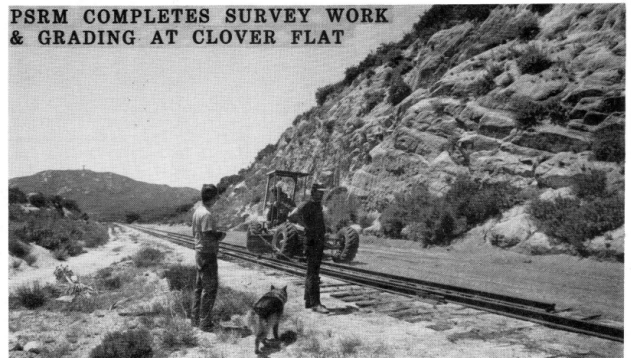
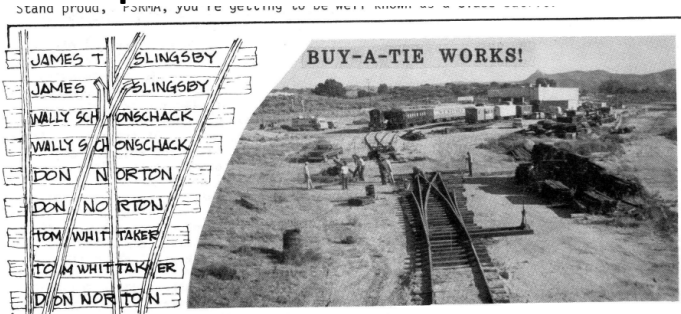
This brings me to our hard working volunteer cadre which is now starting to grow. Since Mike Rella came on board a few weeks ago he has been showing up both Wednesdays and Saturdays and has been willing to tackle every task we hand him. He has been instrumental in all of the moving and shelving of books and is now engaged in reorganizing the videos, mirroring the same modified Dewey system we use for books. We have just signed up new member Heather Karpal who will use her computer skills to aid Richard in modernizing databases. Her first job will be converting some of the word files used for maps, drawing and SD&A documents into Excel files with extra columns to match the Calisphere requirements for the map digitization project (more about that to follow next month) and begin the scanning of the SD&A flat maps. We are still working on constructing a re-hydration chamber for some of the larger rolled maps so they can safely be unrolled and repaired prior to scanning.

We have also identified an artist who is willing to work on our framed group of prints, photos and other “works of art” to determine what is worth keeping in framed condition, what can be removed from frames and stored elsewhere and what can be relegated to the flea market. She will be joining us as soon as she finishes up some other projects.

With all of this behind us or in process, I have been able to re-commence the long-delayed accessioning of the very large and varied donation from founding member Richard Pennick. As I identify and catalog items, Richard photographs the artifacts and adds the photos to a database where I can load them into Past Perfect. There is still at least a one year backlog of other donations to process, so if you enjoy looking at strange objects or finding out about quirks of history or just seeing your history in the form of old photographs, we have an opening for you. Just drop us a line at library@psrm.org.

Museum History - Looking Back by Decades

Three photos from 1985



A road grader loaned by HAWTHORNE EQUIPMENT CO. and operated by Mike Reading is shown here dragging the rail off the location of the east switch at PSRM's new Clover Flat siding. The grading for the roadbed has already been completed for the 900 foot siding and three PSRM track grunts (one of which is the executive director) are admiring the work in the foreground. (The short, bushy tailed worker is not the executive director!) (Larry Rose photo)



"I've always wanted to operate a bulldozer" said Karen Prescott to Mike Reading. "It's easy, said Mike, "hop up here and I will show you how". Karen is shown here scraping the parking lot at PSRM Campo after only a few minutes instruction for some on the job training. That's our narrow gauge C.Y. Z. #1 in the rear. (Dale Prescott photo)

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Progress is being made on the shelter for Coos Bay 11. All the frames are in place and the roof and side panels are being installed as weather permits. More pictures on Pages 4 and 5. Jim Baker

Membership News By Lena Ibarra, Membership Coordinator

Hello everyone, I am almost two months into my membership coordinator role and learning quickly to keep your free train ride tickets coming and your membership cards updated and upgraded.

When you contact the museum by phone, I am one of the people that receive your voicemail. Please leave your message. We have a great system that records your call and phone number to help us follow up with you. Se habla español.

And more importantly, I'd like to announce our new members: Thomas Bauer, Harold Brandt, Juliet Garson, Michele Little, Michael Rella, and Stephen Woo. WELCOME.



Operations Volunteers by Rich Paulus, Chief Operations Officer

Train Service - those who are qualified train crew members, speeder operators/crew, and trainees who have helped us run 15 Golden State trains, 1 School train, and the number of days they have volunteered through February 23: Colin Atwood 3, Alyssa Andersen 2, Hal Brandt 2, Ken Brown 1, Greg Flores 2, Stephen Hager 1, Bennett Hardy 1, Ryan Hodge 4, Randy Houk 1, Dave Little 5, Mike McIntyre 2, Bob Nickles 1, Rich Paulus 2, Glen Rogers 1, Duke Schweikert 1.



MOW - maintenance of way volunteers who have assisted Roadmaster Glen Rogers and Track Foreman James Caestecker in maintaining tracks and right-of-way this period: Alex Verdugo 1 and Tim Wamsley 1.

MOS – maintenance of signal volunteers who conducted electrical and mechanical maintenance and testing of highway crossing signal systems this month: Chad Baker 1 and Christopher Baker 1.

Engineer Class - those who were instructors and students in the Engineer Class: Colin Atwood 1, James Caestecker 1, Stephen Hager 1, and Mike McIntyre 1. Student Engineers Colin Atwood and Mike McIntyre began training this period.

Yard switching - these are the volunteers who have worked in PSRM yards this period doing switching: James Caestecker 1, David Choy 1, Stephen Hager 3, and Bob Nickles 1.

There were a total of 43 volunteer-days this period.

Student Engineer Mike McIntyre at the controls of SP 3709 on February 25, 2025. Photo by Rich Paulus.

Welcome New Treasurer – Carl Brooker

Hi folks, I am happy to report that I am PSRMA's new Treasurer; I am excited to jump into the role with both feet first and help ensure the Museum's continued financial stability into the coming years. Thankfully, I am not completely lost when looking at financials. I graduated with a Master of Laws degree in Taxation from Georgetown University in 2020, and for five years, I did criminal tax work in D.C. Thankfully, I doubt either of these niche skill sets will be required for PSRMA!

Starting next month, I plan on providing a brief over-

view of the Association's general financial picture to help everyone understand where we stand at any time. Notably, the report will follow monthly in every Hot Scoop. If all PSRM members have an idea of where our finances stand, we can all help ensure that PSRMA's finances stay strong well into the future.

If anyone ever needs to contact me (as Treasurer), please email me at treasurer@psrm.org. Of course, if anyone wants to email any great railroad memes, questions about Phoebe the English Mastiff, or complaints about the Treasurer, you can always reach me at Brooker@psrm.org.



Left - Locomotive Engineer Trainee and new Director of Operations Colin Atwood is at the controls of Southern Pacific GP-9 #3709 as the eastward *Golden State* approaches the Highway 94 crossing on its way to Railroad Museum in Campo. Photographer Jim Lundquist caught Colin on his first run and his first day in control of the locomotive on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

Welcome New Secretary -

Duke Schweikert

Duke Schweikert has been with PSRMA since July 2022. He has since volunteered in many roles, qualifying as Brakeman, then Motorcar, and most recently as Conductor as he is working his way to Engineer. He has also spent time volunteering in MOW, Maintenance of Way, and the Equipment department. He

stepped into his role as Board Secretary to further help keeping PSRMA thriving into the future. He does not work in Railroading but does enjoy delving into the details of transit and logistics. He is a Federal Civil Servant in his professional life, working in IT for Navy Research and for the Warfighter. He enjoys entertaining friends and family and working on various projects around the house in his free time.



On a beautiful warm winter day in Campo, volunteers Stephen Hager and James Caestecker are reinstalling air horns on our Coaster locomotive. We remove the air horns when locomotives are not stored indoors to prevent them from being stolen.

Decades ago, we had air horns stolen off our locomotives at the Campo Railroad Museum. A call was placed to the Union Pacific Railroad asking if they could spare surplus air horns. They sent us eight horns! They make up the collection we have safely secured and used as necessary.

Photo by Roark Stump February 19, 2025