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Campo Railroad Museum Hosts 222 Scouts for a Spring Jamboree





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Special Events:

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

April 27 - Backcountry Wine Train at 12:01 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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

June 14 & 15 - Campo Days. (Note *new date*)

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.

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 infor-
mation, please email: volunteer@psrm.org

Special Events Planned for Months of April and May

At the Campo Railroad Museum:

We are entering a busy period for activities at our museum in Campo. We hope you can participate in either volunteering or attending as much effort by the volunteers is made to make these events happen.

Bunny Trains are scheduled April 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20th with three trains each day (10:30am, 1 pm and 2:30 pm). These are fun for the whole family with a train ride, visit with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt are all featured.

A promotional graphic for the Bunny Train event. It features a blue background with a train track and a blue train. A pink oval contains the text: "SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS APRIL 5TH THROUGH APRIL 20TH DEPARTURES AT 10:30AM, 1PM, AND 2:30PM". Above the oval, the text "Hop Aboard the Bunny Train!" is written in a curved, playful font. Below the oval, it says "PURCHASE TICKETS TODAY FOR AN EGGS-CELLENT ADVENTURE!". On the right side, there is a photo of the Easter Bunny wearing a black conductor's hat and a white vest, standing on a train car.

Backcountry Wine Train is scheduled to depart Campo on Sunday, April 27th with two departures at noon and 3:00 p.m. This is a special event by our volunteers and we are excited to present it.

A promotional graphic for the Backcountry Wine Train. It has a dark red background. On the left, there is a photo of a train traveling through a vineyard. The text "Ride the BACKCOUNTRY WINE TRAIN" is written in a white, elegant serif font. Below this, in a smaller white font, it says "The ONLY wine train excursion in Southern California!".

In town at the La Mesa PD Community Room:

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.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.



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PSRMA is dedicated to preserving the physical legacy and the experience of rail transportation. Programs address the historical, social, economic and technical impact of railroading with particular emphases on railroads of San Diego County and the systems with which they connected in the United States and Mexico.

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Comments are always welcome. Send your feedback to: editor@psrm.org

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!

New Container in Place for Deliveries

A new 20 foot container has been placed near of Main Gate entrance to allow for a secure location for deliveries to our Campo Railroad Museum. Assisting Project Manager Jim Lundquist with placement and pouring the concrete slab were Kerry Hebert and Brian Elmore on the Motor Transport Museum forklift. Thank you all.



From the Back Platform

By Stephen Hager, President

Although there were no scheduled special events in March, volunteers of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association still found themselves quite busy. On the first Sunday of the month, we operated a trial run of our upcoming Backcountry Wine Train. The Wine Train Committee has spent several months planning for this upcoming service and procuring supplies. Museum volunteers, friends and family, and members of the local community were invited to ride the test train on March 2nd. It was a full dress rehearsal with food, wine, and onboard service. The test run enabled us to validate the setup/breakdown plan, onboard service plan, operational timing, and switching needed to assemble and break down the train consist. Based on the test run, some necessary changes to the operating plan and onboard services were made. We are excited to offer the first public runs of the “Backcountry Wine Train” on Sunday, April 27. As of my writing this, the trains on April 27th are nearly ¾ sold out!

Caltrans and ambulances. Caltrans also attended and staffed a booth at the event. Longtime Scouting Coordinator Glen Rogers gets all the credit for planning and coordinating the event. Glen typically hosts a half dozen Scout troops throughout the year at our museum as they work to earn their Railroading Merit Badge. More information on this program is available on our website at: <https://www.psrma.org/scouting-programs/>

Over the last two weekends of March, the Operations Department held the first round of annual rules and review classes for 2025. All new and existing volunteers in the operations department are required to take this annual, recurrent training to become or remain qualified to operate trains at our museum. The Operations Department also hosted the Spring 2025 Brakeman Field Training class, taught by yours truly. Many museum volunteers over the decades have gotten their start at PSRMA by going through this class, and I’m happy to carry on the tradition of introducing new people to our organization and the finer points of railroading.



Boy Scouts camping at the Campo Railroad Museum

Photo by Glen Rogers 3/15/25

On the weekend of March 14th through 16th, we hosted a large gathering of approximately 220 Scouts and their families at Campo. In addition to rides aboard our Saturday Golden State trains, the Scouts were given guided tours of the museum and enjoyed various fire-rescue demonstrations by CalFire and San Diego County Fire, who displayed multiple fire appa-

April will be a jam-packed month with special events on every weekend. The first three weekends will see the return of our popular Easter-themed Bunny Trains. Last year, we doubled the duration of the event for the first time from three days to six days and ended up seeing the highest ridership for the event that we’ve ever had. The event was so popular that we’re doing the same this year! Like in past years, the event will include a train ride with both coach and first-class tickets available, an Easter egg hunt for children in the Exhibit Hall, and a

visit with the Easter Bunny! Tickets are available now at: <https://www.psrma.org/bunny-train/>. Normal Golden State trains will operate on Saturday, April 26th, and the Backcountry Wine Trains will operate on Sunday, April 27th. Information and tickets for the Backcountry Wine Train can be found here: <https://www.psrma.org/winetrain/>

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!

Fundraising for March 2025

Donna Spevack, Administrator of Fund Development
(fundraising@psrm.org)

\$200-\$5,000

Jack M. O'Lexey



\$1-\$199

Mary Day, Ron Dodge, Elif Kirimli, Thomas Hayes, Maureen Colahan, T.J. Bonner, Gloria Osio Kreger, Tom Perkowski, Youel Sarkis, Walt Richards, David Lampley, Scott Allen, Ernest Tyler, Mitch Merriam and Stephen Woo

Wow! Spring, I think is finally here. Nice to see the flowers blooming with all the much-needed rain. Soon the Bunny Train will be arriving in Campo - A good sign of spring! If you would like to volunteer on the Bunny Train, please go to our website at www.psrn.org/volunteer and sign up today. If you get a chance and would like a nice quiet moment away or a romantic outing, the Backcountry Wine Train is a good choice! Check the website for times and pricing.

I would like to thank all of our wonderful donors for their generous donation for late February-March:

YTD Donations \$5,318.56

PSRM relies on the generosity of our visitors, members and sponsors to be able to provide new exhibits, restorations and new adventures. Even a small donation adds up and we thank you for being a part of saving our railroading heritage for future generations! If you would like to make a donation, please visit our website at www.psrn.org/donate. We have many options available for sponsorships of specific restorations and gift giving, please let me know and I will be glad to assist with any questions you may have. Thank you!

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 3 pm

Membership News

By Lena Ibarra, Membership Coordinator

Hello and happy spring to you! Thanks for reaching out by phone and email. I hope I answered your questions.

This month I'd like to recognize a long time Life member who recently joined the very short list of members in the Gold Spike Life membership category. Thank you, Robert Becker, for your generous support.

And as the saying goes, many hands make for light

work, the PRSM could not do its work if it wasn't for the many members in our association. Please help me welcome: Thomas Hayes, Clive Morgan, Elif Kirimli, Ron Dodge and Scott Barth as Senior and Individual members.

So pleased to see many of you joining with a family membership! Welcome and welcome back: Chloe Lawrence, Clairev Castillejos, Elena McKinley, Gloria Osio Kreger, Jennifer Garcia, Jerry Kleiboeker, Jimmy and Debbie Donna, Ken Callaway, Maria Clarita B Dulalia, and Tom Perkowski.

Susan Leifheit as Supporting member, welcome back!



Model Train Layout in Exhibit Hall Repaired

Our thanks go out to Rik Henneberg who answered our call for assistance in repairing the O gauge train layout in the Exhibit Hall. Rik answered a request put forward by our friends at the All Gauge Toy Train Association in San Diego to help us. The layout is very popular with our younger guests at the Campo Railroad Museum. Thank you Rik.

Photo by Jim Lundquist 3/20/25

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 12 Golden State trains, 1 Wine Train, and the number of days they have volunteered through March 23: Colin Atwood 2, Alyssa Andersen 2, Hal Brandt 2, Carl Brooker 1, Ken Brown 3, James Caestecker 1, David Choy 1, Ryan Hodge 3, Randy Houk 1, Dave

Little 3, Jim Lundquist 1, Mike McIntyre 3, Bob Nickles 2, Glen Rogers 1, Duke Schweikert 1, Tim Wamsley 1.

MOW - maintenance of way volunteers who have assisted Roadmaster Glen Rogers and Track Foreman James Caestecker in maintaining tracks and right-of-way, equipment, and tools this period: Hal Brandt 1, Stephen Hager 1, Ryan Hodge 1, and Tim Wamsley 1. I inadvertently omitted Cass Witkowski 1, from February's list.

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

Brakeman class - these are the volunteers who have worked the Spring Brakeman Class at Campo and the number of days they volunteered this period: Greg Flores 1, Stephen Hager 1, and Randy Houk 1.

Yard switching - these are the volunteers who have worked in PSRM yards this period doing switching: Colin Atwood 1, David Choy 1, Stephen Hager 2, and Rich Paulus 1.

There were a total of 41 volunteer-days this period.

From Past Newsletters: Looking Back - Museum History by Decades

1965 - The treasurer reported a balance of \$909.54, bills of \$144.70, and dues receipts of \$42

1975 - LAND-LAND-LAND-LAND. After almost 14 years of struggle and heartache, PSRMA is at long last teetering on the verge of solving its single most pressing problem: suitable real estate for its permanent museum complex. Early in March, the Museum received a written proposal from the owners of the Campo site, which would involve 30 acres of land to be leased for a period up to 30 years. Why Campo? Suitable land at relatively low cost, enough of it to build a decent museum, and the possibility of a rail connection. Also, it's a scenic location. And there's a possibility of future expansion. That's why. Frankly, we've looked virtually everywhere over the past 10-plus years. Sites were either too remote, too expensive, or too vertical. *(Editor's note: This site didn't come to pass as the permanent home)*

PSRMA RESCUES HISTORIC LA MESA RAILWAY STATION. At their meeting of March 8th, the Museum's directors voted to unanimously accept the 1894 ex-Cuyamaca Ry. depot from the Beadle estate in Lakeside. Total price was \$1.06.

2005 - We are all excited to announce the restarting of the Tecate trains again in April. These popular trains are a terrific visitor excursion for us.

New Sign Welcomes Our Visitors at the Campo Depot



Photo by Jim Lundquist 3/8/25

LIBRARY UPDATE

by Bruce Semelsberger, Archivist

Campo is warming up in the Spring and the weather is lovely. Soon the heating will be replaced by the AC in the library as that is the way Campo and most of southern California works. In the winter, we need to wear a jacket to work in the bays all of the time, in the summer a fan is nice. Thanks to the very large donation from Richard Pennick, the book shelves have been filling up and some major moves were required to free up space in certain areas, notably technical works and Southern Pacific volumes. The “free books” shelf in the depot waiting room is also full and some very nice books are there for the taking. This is available to all our volunteers and guests, so if you want to upgrade your own reading shelf, drop by soon and get your pick.

Any books that aren’t taken within a reasonable time will either be offered to a library friends organization or recycled as there is no space to keep them.

The effort to digitize significant parts of the collections continue on several fronts. The test of the work from



home options has been successful so far and three boxes of SD&A records have been cataloged to date as well as some photos. Richard Finch continues to investigate sources of software and funding including attending seminars held by other organizations with similar interests.

The rehydration chamber for brittle maps and documents that we built from plastic waste containers is now in use. The first batch of SD&A large maps was loaded and will be examined after each week for the first few weeks as we fine-tune the process. Essentially, there is a sealed 53” tall cylinder with a number of small holes inside a larger sealed container with a small amount of water in the bottom, allowing the gradual absorption of moisture into whatever paper is inside the inner chamber. The rolled maps inside need to be examined each week and partially unrolled to allow the vapor to be equally absorbed by all areas. The Trick is to have just the right number of holes to allow the process to work in the shortest time without the risk of excess moisture leading to mold or mildew. Once everything works at optimum, each batch of documents should take 1-2 weeks to process and they will then be flexible enough to unroll safely, repair as needed and then run through the big Widetrek scanner. This is a neat trick we learned from the state of Utah mobile library tech folks and cost about \$200 to make once we found the right pieces; two trash cans, two waste can liners and a little weatherstripping.



Library Update - Continued

The next phase of making the digitized parts of the collection available to the public is now in jeopardy as the current administration in Washington appears set on cancelling as many grants and doing away with as many service organizations as possible. This now includes the IMLS, the Institute of Library and Museum Services, upon which we were depending to get the expertise and funding to modernize our cataloging system and digital storage capabilities. If you would like to assist us in our efforts to save this organization, please visit their website, or type IMLS in Google to find the link from the American Association of Museums (PSRM is a member) for their link to pro-forma letters and addresses so you can write to your members of congress.

Volunteer Mike Rulla took on the task of rearranging and labelling all of our audio/video media to conform to the same system we use for books. He tracked down a source of magnetic shelf label holders, printed labels and spent many hours to accomplish the goal. The next phase of this project will involve digitizing the PSRM instructional videos, TV news reports and oral interviews. If you are interested in working on this project, please drop us a line. We hope to be able to directly convert audio to text as part of this process.

A part of the Pennick donation is in the form of artifacts, both large and small, some of which are pretty rare. Richard Finch has photographed all of them and it remains to catalog them, matching the images with

the catalog records. This part of the process has been delayed pending completion of the cataloging of books and documents which is nearing completion. A drawback of the accession process is that only one person at a time can enter numbers as the same sequential numbers apply over all of the categories and it is very easy to inadvertently duplicate numbers. Once everything is in the system, we will have a digital exhibit of some of the more interesting items. Meanwhile, you can check out these 19th century versions of a common sign found in railroad coaches as an example.



Next time, we'll talk about some of the struggles the SD&A had in starting up passenger service in the early 1920s as revealed in the departmental correspondence documents we are currently processing.



Facilities Update

by Jim Lundquist, Assistant Director of Facilities

As promised in last month's *Hot Scoop*, the second window in the upstairs office in the Shop Building at the Campo Railroad Museum was replaced. Frank Denison, Kerry Hebert and Jim Lundquist also started to replace drywall in the upstairs office. *Photo by Jim Lundquist 3/10/25*

Backcountry Wine Train Test Went Exceedingly Well. First Public Run to Start

April 27th. Article and photos by Jim Lundquist.



Mark Landguth was the server in the AT&SF #1509

Tables were installed in SD&A #254

Around 60 people we invited for a shakedown run March 2nd. It all went well.



Tables were set. Morgan Snyder & Carl Brooker served. Jenn Brooker poured inside Baggage car SD&A #6700.

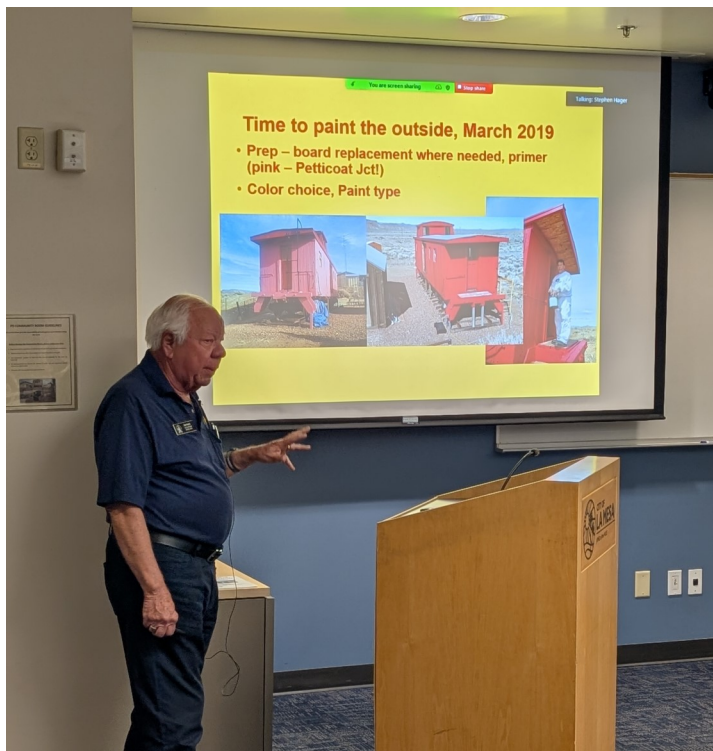
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Membership Meeting Enjoyable

by Carl Brooker

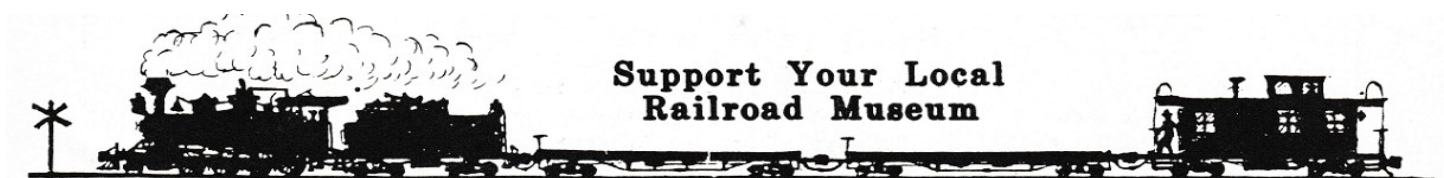


The February 28th membership meeting was an enjoyable evening for all members in attendance, both in person and on Zoom. Jim Price presented a lecture on his and his wife Joan's journey on "Restoring Nevada Copper Belt Railroad Caboose #2." Jim is well-known across the Southwest for his dedication to multiple railroad museums and his commitment to documenting local railroad history in books like "The Railroad Stations of San Diego County" and "Discovering the Ghost Railroads of Central Nevada."

Jim's talk was about his and Joan's epic eight-year process of acquiring their very own caboose in February 2015, moving it to their property in Goldfield, Nevada, and restoring it to pristine condition. Jim's lecture is one of the most enjoyable and dangerous lectures for any railfan—many of those in attendance are now ready to start their own process of restoring a down-on-its-luck caboose!

Director of Museum Services Jim Lundquist hosted an enjoyable and well-attended event, with 25 attendees in person and 11 online. A special thank you is due to Dawn Lundquist, who made a delightful spread of homemade cookies to make a great presentation even better!

If you missed Jim's lecture, it is uploaded on our Youtube page along with Jim's December 2023 lecture on the Railroad Depots of San Diego County at <https://www.youtube.com/@psrmrailway>.



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New Wheelsets Arrive at the Campo Railroad Museum

Forty two years ago, our San Diego & Arizona coaches arrived from New Jersey on their own wheels. They were surplus to the commuter railroad back east. Our museum purchased six of them, converted them to represent a normal SD&A coach and started running them on our demonstration railway. After all these many



years, the wheels are worn out. We purchased twelve new wheel sets on rebuilt axles to replace those on SD&A coaches 252, 253 and 254. These coaches are used on every train we operate out of Campo. The wheel sets cost us about \$75,000 including shipping from Pennsylvania. Not cheap, but a necessary expense to continue offering our train rides. Our thanks to Kerry Hebert for operating the forklift to unload the wheel sets.



Board Briefs by Jim Lundquist, Editor

The Board of Directors met on March 21st. All seven board members were present, either in person or via Zoom. There were also five guests present. The actions taken were:

Authorize up to \$1,500 for Cintas Corporation for the annual fire sprinkler inspection at Campo.

Authorize up to \$1,600 to PowerRail Inc to supply two historically correct mirrors for SP 3709.

Authorize up to \$1000 for fork extensions for the forklift at Campo.

Authorize up to \$2,200 to Ken Kahan to rebuilt UC Air Brake Controls used on the ATSF 1509, UP 576 and the Robert Peary passenger cars.

Supported the recommendation of adding eight more departures of the North Pole Limited (NPL) trains.

Trains will depart Campo at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday on the same weekends the other NPL trains depart.

Authorized up to \$1,200 additional funds for supplies for the Backcountry Wine Trains.

Authorized up to \$3,500 for consumables to two Backcountry Wine Trains.

Authorized to up \$750 for food supplies used in ATSF 1509 on the Bunny Trains.

Authorized \$506.70 for ticket stock for the Bunny Trains.

Authorized up to \$3,000 to Mobile Equipment Repairs to repair three cylinders on the backhoe.

Down at the La Mesa Depot by Timothy Miller Station Master

With the PFE reefer currently featuring the banner advertising the Bunny Train and the Back Country Wine train starting just a week after Easter, it became apparent that a separate banner is needed for the Wine Train.

The Southern Pacific Caboose 1058 was chosen as our new advertising location. There is a catenary support pole next to the caboose so the banner location is placed where it will not be obstructed.

New equipment has been acquired to construct and hang the framework for the Wine Train banner. We hope to have it completed next week. Hopefully the weather will co-operate! We did get rained out on our first planned work day!

Our La Mesa Depot location is so important advertising our special events and reminding the public that we exist!



Kerry Hebert uses our backhoe to put the finishing touches on the yard after installing new drainage pipes (see the March 2024 *Hot Scoop*)

Photo by Jim Lundquist 3/4/25



Volunteers Working at the Campo Railroad Museum - The Lifeblood of our museum

(right)

Mark Landguth is busy cleaning up the old “nut & bolt” room in the Shop Building at the Campo Railroad Museum. Mark is seen many weekdays and week-ends completing tasks.

*Photo by Jenn Brooker
3/15/25*



(left)

Jake Cotton is welding on new steel plates on our ALCo #2104. (<https://www.psrn.org/trains/diesel/us-air-force-2104/>)

Jake comes out on Sunday's to help out when he can.

Photo by Jim Lundquist 3/2/25



Santa Fe's *San Diegan* heads towards San Diego passing San Juan Capistrano pulled by a ALCo PA in what this editor believes is the finest paint scheme ever applied to any locomotive. Note that Verdugo Street is protected by a wig-wag signal. It simply doesn't get any better in this unknown photographer and unknown date photo.