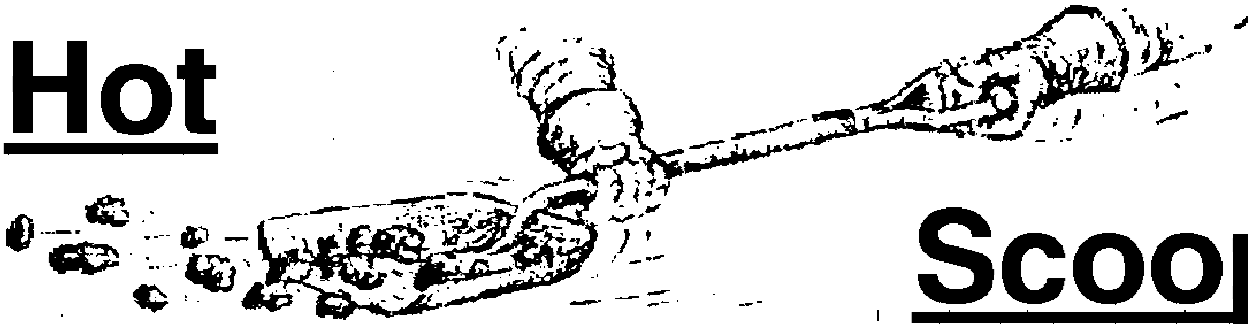


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***** Work Party Planned - Sat, Sept 20th ***** *Jim Lundquist*

The Museum will be hosting Postal Heritage Days in October. In anticipation of our extra visitors, we need to clean up our site. There are weeds everywhere a weed can grow. On Saturday, September 20th, we would like every available member and friend to show up at Campo at 9:00 AM with a gas powered weed whacker, leaf rake and/or large trash bags. The game plan will be to spread out and destroy the weeds on our property - starting at the gate at the depot and working east. With enough people, we should be able cut down every weed. Bring water, gloves, hat, and a weed whacker - borrow your neighbor's if you need to or stop by a rental yard. If we have enough warm bodies and a working forklift, we will also be picking up the scrap rails, power poles and tracks left over in the weeds. We also have picnic tables that need to be stained. We can provide roller frames and covers and vinyl gloves for those who would rather help spiff up our tables.

The Museum will be providing lunch. An RSVP would be nice in order to plan for the lunch. Also, after the day is done, we will all be able to board our train for a quick round trip to Miller Creek to enjoy ourselves - please bring your own refreshments and chips. The train ride should be back around 5:45 PM.

Carpools are being arranged for - please contact us if you need a ride or can provide a ride. Meet at the La Mesa Depot at 7:45 AM for the car pool.

Please RSVP for both the carpool and lunch to Jim Lundquist via email if possible - Jim@sdrm.org or via telephone at (619) 470-7553.

Let's pull together for this event and give those weeds heck! See you there.

***** Poway Train Song Festival, October 4th ***** *Bob Schussler*

The city of Poway, in conjunction with the San Diego Folk Heritage, will present the sixth annual Train Song Festival on October 4th. It will be held in Old Poway Park at 14134 Midland Rd, Poway. This event features exhibits, food, informational booths, and train rides, as well as live musical railroad entertainment.

The Train Song Festival provides an opportunity for organizations to show what they are doing to promote railroading. The museum has purchased a booth from which we can distribute information, answer questions, solicit museum memberships, and generally advertise ourselves and our works. Bob Schussler has taken the lead on this, but more volunteers are needed to staff the booth. Please contact Bob at schusslerb@sweet-haven.com. It will be a fun afternoon, and Bob guarantees perfect weather.

***** Postal Heritage Days, October 11th and 12th ***** *Dick Pennick*

Our restored 76-year old Railway Post Office car will be the centerpiece of the Museum's 2nd annual Postal Heritage Days. The venerable railcar - formerly AT&SF #74 - made its inaugural run last year after a 12-year restoration effort by railroad museum volunteers and retired postal employees. Railway postal service ended in 1977.

This year the car will be added to the Museum's regularly scheduled public train rides from Campo to Miller Creek and return in San Diego's scenic east-county mountains. Mr. Herbert Kehr, retired railway postal clerk and museum member, will be on board to answer questions, and demonstrate catching the mailbag "on the fly" from a trackside mail crane.

These special trains will depart the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day. Normal adult fares will be \$15 per person. Postal workers will enjoy a \$5 discount per person for this event with a postal service ID, union membership card, or an original copy of this notice. Normal child fares, age 6-12, are \$5 (\$3 for postal families), and children under 6 are free.

Mail pick-up demonstrations will be staged immediately before departure of each train, and the historic car will be available for inspection throughout the day. Special souvenirs, including T-shirts and envelopes cancelled on the car's inaugural run, will be for sale on the train. Escorted tours of the museum's extensive collection of rail cars and locomotives are included in the train ride. Picnic facilities, snacks and gift shop are available at Campo Depot. For additional info call Dick at (619) 463-2276.

***** Mechanical and Operations Update ***** *Diana Hyatt*

SDA 80 ton 7285: Ron Hyatt and Dave DiGiorgio continue to maintain this locomotive so that it can reliably pull our Miller Creek trains. Dave DiGiorgio spearheaded a fund-raising campaign to raise the money for the purchase of 40 main generator brushes (32 for the loco and 8 extras). Thank you to **Larry & Tanya Rose, Ted Kornweibel, Richard Pope, Frank Stites, Paul Lundquist and Bob & Sandy Schussler** for their generous donations. This brought the cost down for the Museum from \$428.80 to \$71.38!!! Once we received the brush order, **Randy Houk** was able to install them one Saturday night; he then load tested the engine so that it would be ready for Sunday's Miller Creek trains. **Randy Houk** has replaced resistors for both engines' protection devices, in addition to the #2 shutdown solenoid coil. **Dave DiGiorgio** rebuilt the low oil sensor and reinstalled it. **Ken Kahan** continues to do a great job on keeping the air related equipment compliant on his trips to Campo during the week.

SP EMD GP-9 3873: Sandy Shussler and Brenda Bailey have completed the difficult task of removing years of grease and paint in the cab. **Larry Rose** has promised to do the painting. **Ron Hyatt**, assisted by **Dan Robirds** reassembled the dynamic brake grid on the engineer's side. **Ron** removed the broken bolts that held the grill on so that it can be replaced over the dynamic brake grid. **Dave DiGiorgio** is working on replacing the gaskets in the speedometer and the over-speed switch. The 3873 still needs the ground relay tested, the speedometer re-installed, the lash adjusters replaced on #10 cylinder and the toilet in the nose cleaned and returned to service (federal reqt.).

SDA EMD MRS-1 1820: **Ken Kahan** has repaired and replaced 13 of the 14 brake valves on this locomotive. Each brake valve takes up to two hours to remove. The 14th brake valve is very obstinate and Ken has been having a difficult time removing this one. Many thanks to all the time, energy and money you spend to keep our locomotives and equipment safe!

SDA Lackawanna coach #250: **Fred Carnathan, Tom Walker and Dick McIntyre** repaired the hand brake on this coach after Fred machined a part for it. Work has slowed on the installation of the Microphor Biological Waste Treatment System.

Miller Creek Trains July 26- August 19, 2003:

Operating days: Sat. 7/26, Sun. 7/27, Sat. 8/2, Sun. 8/3, Sat. 8/9, Sun. 8/10,
Sat. 8/16, Sun. 8/17 and Tues. 8/19
Power: 7285 **Passengers:** 669 **Cab Riders:** 2

A special thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talents on the Miller Creek trains during this period:

Jim Baker (4), Robin Becker (1), Darrel Bivans (1), Roger Challberg (3), Dave DiGiorgio (2), Sherwin Dorris (1), Duane Dubke (1), Don Getz (3), Larry Hieshetter (2), Dave Houk (1), Randy Houk (5), Al Keevil (1), Diego Lundquist (1), Jim Lundquist (1), Sabrina Lundquist (1), Seth Miller (5), Tony Neece (2), Bob Nickles (3), Jack O'Lexey (1), Dick Pennick (3), Don Pope (1), Ann Ruppert (1), Dick Ruppert (1), Brian Sampson (2), Bob Schussler (2) and Frank Stites (2).

Miscellaneous:

On Saturday, August 9th, the third monthly free lunch for Campo volunteers was provided by **Ron & Diana Hyatt**. Cooking and food preparation are a little easier now that the stove and cabinets salvaged from the old caretaker's trailer have been installed, thanks to **Larry Rose**.

A combined department meeting (Ops/Museum Services) was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at **SDMRM** in Balboa Park. In attendance were **Randy Houk, Bob Schussler, Ron & Diana Hyatt, Lew Wolfgang, Jim Lundquist, Ted Kornweibel, Dave DiGiorgio** and **Brenda Bailey**. Fortunately, around 6:45 P.M. **John Rotsart**, SDMRM's curator (remembering that we had a meeting scheduled) showed up to unlock the doors for us. We are grateful to the San Diego Model Railroad Museum for allowing us to use their facilities for our past two meetings.

The monthly Volunteer Appreciation BBQ was held on Saturday, August 16th outside on the west side of the car barn. A musical concert was provided by **Larry & Tanya Rose, Frank Stites, Ted Kornweibel** and our new caretaker **Bruce**.

***** Steam Program ***** *Jim Baker*

This is to let you know that I have just been appointed Steam Foreman for PSRM. Dwight Koller's obligations to the US Navy have made him unable to continue in that position for the near future.

We all need to come to the realization that, considering the Museum's financial situation (which is slowly improving), it will be at least several years before we can undertake an operational restoration of any of our steam locomotives. I'd like to call a meeting of all interested people for sometime in early October. (Why Oct.? Because I have a previously scheduled trip that will keep me unavailable until then.) Please contact me by phone or e-mail during the last week in Sept. to suggest days, times, and places you'd like to meet. I'll pick one that seems to fit the most people. I'm not available on Thursday evenings, and the evening of Oct. 4. We could meet at my house, Campo, or ???

At the meeting I'd like to discuss how we want to organize our work, and if we'd like to designate a certain day as Steam Day, when we could all get together at Campo (i.e. the Xth Saturday of every month.) What kind of work do I have in mind? Here's a short list of my top priorities:

1) Reassemble 2353 so she at least LOOKS like an operable steam engine. Reinstall the jacket, gages, controls, etc. Move her to the display building, with its new cement floor. Change all the lights to 120 volts, and plug her in! She'd make a great display. Once on display, we could try to start some fund raising for restoration.

2) Get the saddle tanks back on the two tank engines. Bob Nickles has already painted the boiler and underside of the tank of the Lavino, so that tank is ready to put back on. Next thing is to paint the boiler and tank of Coos Bay #11.

3) Start working on an inventory of steam parts and supplies. We've got parts scattered all over the place, and we really need to know what we have, and where it is. As we get all the 2353 parts back on the engine, we can move other small parts into the Steam Boxcar. Large parts need to be moved to appropriate locations. Anyone have experience with using a database to keep track of stuff?

After those three priorities, there's lots and lots of other steam-related work we can get into. And, if you ever do find yourself at Campo with "nothing to do," the Mechanical Dept. (Ron Hyatt & Dave DiGiorgio) can always use an extra hand in keeping our revenue-producing Diesels and our coach cars running.

I truly hope you can join me in making our Steam Program something we can all be proud of.

Jim Baker, Steam Foreman baker@sweet-haven.com 619-670-7441

***** Rock Donation ***** *Jim Lundquist*

The Teamsters dropped off a load of rock for the tracks in the display building and the lower yard today, August 27th! They also hope to bring another load today, with additional loads also coming later this week.

The rocks are a donation from Joel and Rita Cloud from Hesters Granite Pit. THANK YOU both. The transportation is a donation from the Teamsters. THANK YOU Teamsters.

Rich Warner will be using his tractor to place the rock around the tracks in the display building first, then using it to align the ties in the lower yard.

Good news! Thanks to all concerned.

***** Holiday Train, Saturday December 27th ***** *Jim Lundquist*

All members are invited to ride to Miller Creek on our Holiday Train at 2:30 on December 27th. Members ride for free with a membership card and a plate of cookies. Campo folks ride free with a local address on a local bill and a plate of cookies.

***** July 25th Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes ***** *Steve Bovee*

1. **Introduction of Guests**

Guests were introduced by Wolfgang: Paul Lannen, Dave DiGiorgio, Ed Kravitz, Duane Dubke

Guest Speakers

Ed Kravitz presented a status update of the Chula Vista fourth of July festival and the Chula Vista Bayfront days coming up on Sept. 13. It was agreed that the participants in the parade would receive free passes for a Miller Creek train.

1.5 **Additions and corrections and Approval to Agenda**

There were no corrections and the agenda was approved.

2. **Minutes of June 27, 2003 Board Meeting**

Minutes of June 27, 2003 BOT meeting was presented by Bovee. Motion to approve by Getz seconded by Hansen. Unanimously approved with no corrections.

3. **Presidents' Report**

Presented by Wolfgang - The new caretaker was dismissed. Recommends that more care be given in background checks of potential caretakers. A formal application with background information should be required.

4. **Vice President, Administration Report** Presented by Wolfgang -

5. **Vice President, Operations Report** Presented by Ron Hyatt -

6. **Vice President, Museum Services Report**

Presented by Ruppert.- Concrete in the car shed has been poured. Postal Heritage days are coming in October. Dick Pennick is coordinating the staffing of the La Mesa depot a couple of days a week. An idea has been suggested for an adopt a car program. This would be for cleaning and light maintenance.

7. **Vice President, Finance Report**

Tabled

8. **Treasurer's Report**

Presented by Bailey - For the first six months of 2003, the museum has a net operating income of \$43,884.70. A profit loss statement was reviewed.

9. **Vice President, Facilities Report**

Presented by Rose - The concrete pour in the car shed was discussed by Don Getz. Barber suggested a barn dance and barbeque to celebrate the new concrete floor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. **MTDB/T&T Rights Ad hoc Committee Report**

Barber - Discussed the meeting with Jack Limber and MTDB. Another meeting is scheduled a week from next Monday. Getz discussed the planning for the Christmas train. Per Barber MTDB is being pressured to resolve the dispute that has stopped excursion service to Tecate.

11. **Coronado Line ad hoc Committee Report**

D. Hyatt -Diana Hyatt announced she is resigning from this subcommittee and a replacement is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

12. **Merger with SDERA**

Bovee - Presented an update on the status of the depot lease extension. The depot lease with SDERA has been extended for one year with National City. There is a proposal to hold a PSRMA board meeting at the National City depot. There was discussion of setting up trolley service on Cleveland Ave. with an extension to the depot. Insurance to run this operation would be very high. Wolfgang - Suggests that the Coronado branch committee get involved with this proposal. Ruppert - Past experiences may make merger proposal difficult to develop. Strong feelings still exist. Motion by D. Hyatt to have Steve Bovee set up a board meeting at the National City Depot. Second by Barber. Motion passes unanimously. Barber volunteers to be on Coronado Branch Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

13. **Steam Program Leadership**

Wolfgang - Jim Baker has volunteered to lead this program. After discussion, the item was tabled to determine which department the steam program will fall under.

14. **Proposed Bylaws Revision**

Wolfgang - There was a concern expressed about the need to establish a limit on spending authority for the president and executive director positions. D. Hyatt to write up standing rule.

15. **Nominating Committee Report**

Cloud - The committee met. Dave DiGiorgio took over as chair. The committee came up with 32 names. Dick Pennick removed himself from the committee due to his nomination for election for trustee.

16. **Fund Raising Committee Report**

Cloud - Discussed fund raising at the La Mesa October Fest. The plan is to sell gift shop items at the depot. The barn dance proposal was discussed. Bus service to the dance was discussed along with how to advertise the dance. Getz - Proposed a train ride to Hipass and then have the Golden Acorn casino pick up passengers for a visit to the casino with return later by train to Campo. Cloud - Looking for volunteers to join this committee.

CLOSED SESSION

Carry Forward None

ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM July 25, 2003

Submitted by S.P. Bovee, Secretary

Approved by Jim Lundquist, President

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

New this month is a photo of newly qualified motorcar operator Dave DiGiorgio.
<http://www.sdrm.org/gallery/people/speeders/index.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".

***** Year 2003 Dates of Note *****

	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
School Train	16	21	18	16
Volunteer lunch at Campo	13	11	8	13
Volunteer BBQ at Campo	20	18	15	20
Board of Trustees meeting	26	24	TBA	TBA
Museum Services meeting	16	14	18	16
Operations/Mechanical meeting	20	18	15	20
Holiday Train				27
Deadline for Hot Scoop articles	28	28	28	28

Your Board of Trustees meets the 4th Friday each month, 7 PM at Trinity Church.
Museum Services meets the 3rd Tuesday each month, 7 PM at Ted Kornweibel's.
Operations/Mechanical meets the 3rd Saturday at the Campo volunteer BBQ.

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

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