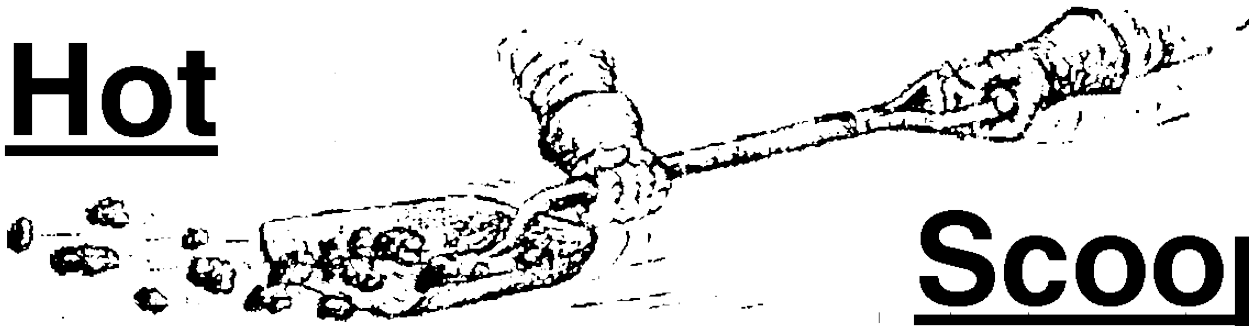


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***** Campo Depot Restoration Work Party ***** *Jim Lundquist*

Now that winter is over, it is time to get back to our all hands work parties. What better way to celebrate the first day of Spring, Saturday, March 20th, than to come out to the mountains and work together with your Museum friends? As most everyone should know, we have recently renewed our lease for the Campo Depot for another 20 years. The depot is one of the first things our visitor sees when arriving Campo - and we all know how important the first impression is! What you may not know is that the depot needs some help. We have never really done any real restoration on it, and, now is the time. We have been able to secure a \$19,000 grant for drainage and platform improvements, as well as a donation of \$2000 in paint. What we need are hard working volunteers to make use of these donations.

Starting at 8:49 AM on Saturday, March 20, the first moment of Spring, we will begin in earnest the effort of putting on our best face to the public. The west end of the depot will be sanded, nails cut off, windows installed, scrapped and primer painted. Our volunteer Dan O will coordinate this effort. We will have all the tools ready for you. Ted Kornweibel and crew, Larry Rose and crew and Jim Lundquist and crew have pledged to assist this effort every third Saturday of each month until we get the depot done. WE NEED YOU - to scrape paint, cut off nails, sand, etc. Painting not you bag - how about demolition? There will be something for everyone.

Please make an effort to join us as we begin this most important first impression work on the Campo depot. No need to RSVP - simply plan on showing up on the third Saturday's - the next three months at March 20, April 17 and May 15. If we have extra help on the following Sunday, we will continue the effort on that day too. Remember the third Saturday we provide lunch for our volunteers as well. Operations volunteers - we need you too. SEE YOU AT CAMPO.

*** New Sign at Campo Front Gate *** *Jim Lundquist*



Many, many thanks go out to Larry Owen for the beautiful new sign on the front gate to our Museum at Campo. Larry designed and painted the sign himself, then mounted it with the help of Dan O'Reilly and Mike Chisholm.

It looks terrific. The open/closed sign was also mounted outside on the fence, and looks great there.

Thanks, Larry!

*** Annual Awards Dinner ***



We had a fine turnout of Museum members at our annual celebration at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on the 26th. Our ears were treated to the wonderful musical talents of Walt Richards, Paula Strong, and Larry and Tanya Rose. Walt Stringer presented an overview of NTCD's Sprinter light rail project between Oceanside and Escondido.

The following awards were presented:

Jack Stodelle Award: **Jim Lundquist**
Special Appreciation: **Tanya and Larry Rose**
Silver Spike: **Tom Walker**
Railfans of the Year: **Diana and Ron Hyatt**

*** Trainman/Docent Training *** *Bob Schussler*

The job of trainman is one of the most rewarding and important activities of the museum. The trainman is often the only person our riders see or talk with. He not only represents the museum; he also educates the public in the history and significance of the railroading experience. Unfortunately, we are very short of trainmen at this time.

In order to recruit and qualify new trainmen, the museum will present a one day class for trainmen and docents at Campo on Saturday, March 20. There will be no charge for this class. The class will begin at 9:00 AM and finish at 4:00 PM. The morning will be devoted to what the trainman does and will include the history of the railroad, the trainman's duties and responsibilities, and safety considerations. We will also discuss the procedure for conducting a tour of the grounds. The afternoon will concentrate on how he performs these tasks, and will include a ride on the train.

To reserve a place in the class or to receive additional information, please call Bob at (619) 698-1458 or schus@adnc.com. Please pass this info to your friends and neighbors who might be interested.

*** Steam Whistling *** *Jim Baker, Steam Foreman*

We've made a bit more progress on assembling 2353 this month.

On Feb. 13, **Dick Pennick, Larry Owen, Larry Hieshetter, Tom Hieshetter, Jack O'Lexey**, and the **Foreman** (getting advice from **Tom Walker** and **Fred Carnathan**) managed to put both rear side rods back on. In order to get the pins to match up, we had to jack up the frame a bit, then use another jack to rotate the wheels a few degrees. We had to do this for both sides, so this "easy" job took all day. Thanks to **Dave DiGiorgio**, and

whoever was helping him on Jan. 24, all the equipment outside on Track 13 had been moved out of our way ahead of time. Also thanks to **Dick Pennick**, and whoever was helping him on Feb. 8, the C&O caboose was moved off of Track 13 in the car barn. We were ready to start moving 2353 around as soon as we got there.

On Feb. 14, **Bob Nickles** and **Mike Lucek** washed off the entire locomotive with the pressure washer, after **Jack** and the **Foreman** had moved it outside with 7285. The **Foreman** moved the tender to the far west end of track 13 with a car moving pole, with a little assistance from **Larry Rose**. This allowed us to place 2353 about 10 feet further west on Track 13, to position the location for the sand dome under the chain hoist. **Mike** blew the excess water off the unpainted rods and bearing surfaces with compressed air, and the **Foreman**, cleaned and oiled them.

Next month, our big job will be to get the sand dome back on the top of the boiler. We decided that our safest course would be to use the ATSF gantry crane for this job. We will need to carefully inspect the curve of Track 13, and grease the inside of the rails before doing this move. Once we get the sand dome on, we will install the plumbing that goes under the jacket, then we can start installing the jacket.

Next Work Days and Next Meeting:

WORK DAYS: Friday and Saturday, Mar. 12 and 13. Need more info? Call the foreman, 619-670-7441. For your future planning, we will be moving the April work days back one week to the 16th & 17th because of the Easter holiday.

MEETING: Monday, Mar. 19, 7:00 at the foreman's house in Spring Valley. Pizza will be served, advise him ahead of time if you are coming, and your likes/dislikes in pizza. 619-670-7441.

COME AND JOIN US!!

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED! We've been attempting to document what we are doing with photos, but we get so wrapped up in what we are doing, we sometimes forget. So, here's a job for someone who doesn't want to get too dirty, or doesn't feel that they have the physical endurance to handle the heavy work. Come out and take pictures! That will be your assignment; I promise I won't twist your arm to try to do other work. I've even got a camera you can use. Give me a call.

*** Operations Volunteers *** *Randy Houk*

We have a group of extremely dedicated, hard working people who continue to make the trip to Campo each Saturday, Sunday and School Train Tuesday to keep our Miller Creek trains running. These folks ran 14 trains and led the walking tours in February. Many of them filled in where the callboard was vacant, or where a crewmember was not able to make his assignment.

Jim Baker	Robin Becker	Tricia Cates	Roger Challberg
Duane Dubke	Larry Hieshetter	Don Getz	Tom Gray
Randy Houk	Ted Kornweibel	Jim Lundquist	Seth Miller
Bob Nickles	Jack O'Lexey	Bruce Palmer	Gwyneth Palmer
Dick Pennick	Don Pope	Jerry Reed	Ann Ruppert
Dick Ruppert	Bob Schussler	Frank Stites	Bruce Semelsberger

*** We Welcome New PSRM Members ***

Dan O'Reilly **Clint Worthington**

Please check the expiration date on the cover page of this issue. If your membership has already, or is soon to expire, please send a check made out to "PSRM". Also, please consider upgrading your membership level.

\$20: Senior or Student	\$ 75: Supporting	\$1000: Gold Spike
\$30: Individual	\$150: Sustaining	\$5000: Benefactor
\$40: Family	\$300: Senior Life	Note: Students are 18 and younger
\$50: Contributing	\$750: Life Member	Seniors are 62 and older

Mail your check to PSRM, 4695 Nebo Dr, La Mesa CA 91941-5259

*** Cash Donations ***

Our thanks go out to the following members for their support through their checkbook.

\$ 50 **Michael Thometz** general fund

WALTER VERNON "Vern" COOK, Jr. Sept. 26, 1917 - February 4, 2004

The Association mourns the recent passing of yet another of its family, **W. Vernon Cook, Jr.**, Life Member #54. "Vern", as he was known to friends and co-workers, received his final orders from the Grand Dispatcher for his last run to the "Great Rock Candy Mountain". Vern passed away at his home in Chula Vista. He was 86.

Vern was born at 21st and Broadway, San Diego. His father, who had moved to San Diego from Oakland early in the century, worked for the city as a printer a block from the house. Both father and son were given the middle name "Vernon", his great-grandmother's maiden name, but his dad preferred to be called "Walter". The family later moved to a house on Dale Street in North Park.

Growing up, Vern was always curious about everything that was going on around him. He was allowed to use his dad's tools and managed to build a functioning crystal set (an elementary radio) as a boy. As a young man, he was a fitness buff and was an accomplished gymnast.

Vern had an uncle, Elmer Hall, and a cousin, Lloyd Norse - on his mother's side of the family -- both of whom were locomotive engineers on the San Diego & Arizona (later San Diego & Arizona Eastern) Railway. When not in school, Vern and his sister often rode in the cabs of the steam engines with their engineer relatives. On one of these visits, Hall opened the firebox door and told them "If you two don't behave, I'll throw you in there!"

Like most teen-agers of the time, he mowed lawns and worked other odd-jobs for spending money. When he reached 18, in the midst of the Depression, he wanted a railroad job but there was no work. One of his mowing customers was Sim J. Harris, founder of long-time San Diego paving firm Sim J. Harris & Co. Harris hired him to drive a truck for the company, but he quit soon after and went to work for the Consolidated Aircraft Corp. in the paint booth. Quickly tiring of that, he switched to the nearby Ryan Aircraft Co. and worked for awhile in their paint dept. At that same plant just a few years before, Ryan had completed the single-engine monoplane, "Spirit of St. Louis", that Charles Lindbergh flew to Paris.

Two months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Vern was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Corps. After graduation from Officer's Candidate School at Yale University in November, 1943, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to an armament unit. He saw active duty in England, France and Trinidad.

In 1946, after the War, he landed a job with the San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co. (now SDG&E, a division of Sempra Energy) as a heavy-equipment operator. He maintained his military status in the reserve component of the old Army Air Corps, by then renamed the U.S. Air Force. By the time he was again called up to serve during the Korean conflict, he was a Major and was given command of a U.S. base in northern Japan.

He married Shirley Borland - his wife of 48 years - in 1956, and inherited Shirley's two lovely daughters, Sandra and Barbara. They had no children of their own. They

built their home on Hilltop Drive in Chula Vista soon after, where he resided until his passing. Later, Adult Education classes allowed him to build cabinetry and other accessories for the home. The family enjoyed their cabin in Lyons Valley on weekends and vacations

Vern's many interests included backpacking, water skiing, camping, photography, landscaping, home remodeling, polka music, computers, and since boyhood: a love of trains. After he retired from SDG & E in 1982 as Fleet Management Inspector after 36 years, he discovered the **Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association** (PSRMA) and wasted little time becoming a Conductor and later a locomotive engineer at the group's Campo Railroad Museum. He also filled in part-time on occasion as an engineer for the freight railroad contractor.

Vern was one of the Museum Association's crane operators and lent his considerable experience in a number of projects, including the loading and movement of the 25-ton AT & SF bridge crane that now graces the upper yard at Campo. He also teamed with others to provide heavy-equipment training classes for the volunteers. When it came time to unload flatcars of ties for construction of our run-around track at Miller Creek in 1985, Vern was there at the controls of a crane.

Vern was in the first graduating class of the Chula Vista Police Department's "Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol" (RSVP) program and continued with that program for many years. He also served on the board of the Sweetwater Chapter, Military Officer's Association of America as the Air Force representative. He was also a long-time usher at the Chula Vista Presbyterian Church, a member of the Speaker's Bureau of the Bonita Historical Museum, and a long-time member of the San Diego Electric Railway Association. He was a presenter for the "Operation Lifesaver" railroad safety program. Vern also belonged to the "Gear Jammers", a group of retired SDG & E equipment operators.

Little-known to anyone other than his close friends and immediate family was the fact that Vern was a private pilot for a number of years. He earned his wings in 1953 and he and his family flew light planes all over the western states for almost 30 years. He was a member of "SEARCH", an airborne search and rescue organization.

A memorial service and celebration of life was held at the Chula Vista Presbyterian Church on February 12th, attended by more than a hundred family, friends, former co-workers and fellow Railroad Museum members. Military graveside services were held at Greenwood Memorial Park.

The Museum Association expresses its deepest sympathy to Vern's wife, Shirley, and their family in this time of loss. The family has suggested gifts and memorial contributions in Vern's name to the Chula Vista Presbyterian Church Salvation Army, the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association's Steam Locomotive program, or a favorite charity. (Dick Pennick)

***** Car 350 Cushions Repaired ***** *Dick Pennick*

In January, PSRMA President **Jim Lundquist** decided that the torn seat cushions in our open-air excursion car #350 had been neglected long enough and cooked a deal with National City Auto Trim to repair them. They agreed to repair the four cushions at the special price of \$28 each plus tax.

On Jan 30th, Association Trustee **Dick Pennick** picked up the completed cushions, but not before laying a Museum brochure and a couple of complimentary train passes on the office help. The cushions were re-installed in the #350 the next day.

There are many little needy projects like this one that beg for someone to "grab the bull by the horns" and get it done. If you see something that needs doing, e-mail Jim at lundquist@sdrm.org or call him at (619) 470-7553 and discuss your idea. Chances are good that he will give you a "green over green" to run with it.

*** South Bay Committee Meets With Bike/Wildlife Delegates *Dick Pennick*

At the invitation of Museum member **Ed Kravitz**, representing San Diego Railway Partners (a commercial dinner train interest), PSRMA's South Bay Committee met recently with representatives of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Crossroads II, a bicycling advocacy group.

The group, which included Committee members **Lew Wolfgang**, **Wally Barber**, and **Dick Pennick**, gathered on Tuesday, February 24th near the historic Western Salt Co. plant in Chula Vista to inspect two remaining pile timber trestles on a portion of the old Coronado Belt Line track.

These trestles - and about ½ mile of the old track across the former salt evaporation ponds - are in poor condition due to lack of care since the last train ran 35 years ago. Talk centered around the conversion of the salt ponds to a Federal wildlife sanctuary and how a rejuvenated historic rail line could be a positive element in this plan. Also discussed were ways the trestles and right-of-way could be shared with bicycle and pedestrian uses without compromising the historic rail elements.

Narrow-gauge locomotives, cars and other items once used by the former Western Salt harvesting railroad, some dating to 1922, were offered to PSRMA as a gift in 1980, when the plant railroad was abandoned. But the offer was refused due in part to the lack of suitable storage for the items. The Association didn't acquire the Campo site until late 1980 and was not sufficiently developed to receive collection items until 1982. By then we had our hands full dealing with the transfer of all of our existing historic rail collection from San Diego to Campo via "Great Freights" I and II.

Interestingly, all of the rail equipment remained at the plant until early 1987, when it was donated to a railroad museum in San Bernardino County. A narrow/standard gauge diamond crossing still remains just outside the plant gate, where the plant railroad track crossed the SD & AE Railway's Coronado Branch track to access the enginehouse.

*** Research Archives Moved To La Mesa *** *Dick Pennick*

On Saturday, February 28th, members **Larry Rose** and **Dick Pennick** met with member **John Rotsart**, Executive Director of the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, to remove a critical portion of PSRMA's **Southwest Railway Library** research collection. This portion, intentionally separated from the main collection when the materials had to be removed from the former Santa Fe depot baggage room last year, had been stored with SDMRM's own archives until being removed on Saturday. Both groups were given notice in January that the space must be vacated.

PSRMA volunteers **Duane Dubke**, **Sid Saltzstein**, **Mike Retz** and **Dick Pennick** had spent considerable time earlier removing stored items in the **La Mesa Depot Museum** baggage room in order to accommodate the library material. This is meant to be an emergency temporary move, awaiting acquisition of a more permanent site, hopefully this year.

*** Search For New Library Home Gets Renewed Push *** *Dick Pennick*

Association Trustee **Dick Pennick** was recently handed the football by the Board to restore the search effort for a suitable new home for our **Southwest Railway Library** research archives.

SRL is the largest research collection of its kind in the U.S. and the second-largest railroad research library collection in the State (second only to the State Railroad Museum collection in Sacramento). Included among the 100,000-odd documents, books, maps, photographs, drawings, timetables, etc. are the original operating records of John D. Spreckels' SD & A Railway and predecessor companies in the San Diego region, northern Baja California and Imperial County.

An extremely-rare 1854 railroad survey map of a proposed transcontinental railroad to San Diego is included, as is a very rare original pencil presentation drawing prepared and signed by famed San Diego architect Irving Gill in the 1880's.

This priceless collection is presently locked up in storage containers, subject to whatever hazards its current environment might dish out. Finding a suitable new "permanent" home for this collection is absolutely vital, and the Search Committee is again hard at work chasing leads and spreading the word. A recent article about our plight appeared in the February 7th edition of the San Diego Union-Tribune.

If you have ideas that may help with our search, or would like additional information, call **Dick**, acting chairman, at (619) 463-2276, or address a letter to him in care of PSRMA, 4695 Nebo Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941-5259.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM ASSOC. HELP WANTED

The Museum has a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers. Try one of these projects and see how much fun it is to work with others who share your interests in railroads.

Trainmen/Tour Guides. Have a lot of fun talking with our visitors. For now, Trainmen begin with on-the-job training, supplemented with class work. To get started, call Bob Schussler, 619-698-1458.

Rail Clipper. Rails-in-the-News needs people to scan magazines and newspapers. You pick a periodical that you already read and look through each issue for articles about railroads in the Southwest. These articles are being collected and catalogued and put into notebooks by Ray Lethbridge. Call Ray (619) 303-1770, to help with this project. It's fun and easy; I've been doing it for years.

Artifact inventories. We need people to look at our collection of railroad artifacts and set up a registry. This is an easy way to get acquainted with our railroad materials. This will be a great help in creating some exhibits. Call Dick Ruppert, 858-459-2573.

Exhibits and displays. The new floor in our exhibit building means we need several people to prepare posters and small exhibits about railroad tools, occupations, hand, lantern, and whistle signals, brake systems, maps of historic San Diego railroads, etc. Call Dick Ruppert, 858-459-2573

Handouts and information sheets. Our visitors need membership brochures, Miller Creek information sheets, and guide sheets for the displays in the exhibit building. A lot of these already exist; someone is needed to edit them and make them available. Call Dick Ruppert, 858-459-2573

Adopt-a-car. This could be a good family project. You pick a car, a boxcar or tank car or stock car, say, and look after it every couple of months with regard to periodic inspection and routine cleaning and maintenance. We're going to be creating equipment notebooks for each piece of equipment to help with this project. Call Dick Ruppert, 858-459-2573

Children program. Children need special displays, physical activities (a train theme play apparatus), "can-you-find this?" sheets, and so on. A coloring book would be great. We need someone to get started on this important area. Call Dick Ruppert, 858-459-2573

Walking tour. People who arrive early need something to do. A handout and numbered marker posts are needed that explain Camp Lockett, the Pacific Crest Trail, where the Mexican border is, the section house, the speeder shed, the stable buildings, the concrete wall in the meadow, etc. I need help with this, soon. Call Dick Ruppert, 858-459-2573

Operating Crew: Brakeman, Conductor, Engineer, Speeder Operator: Did you ever want to run a real train? Our train operation training program is a winner. Our operations training program has helped over fifty people get railroad jobs during the past twenty years. Most of us just volunteer to run trains as a hobby, though. Join us.

***** Feb. 12 Board of Trustees Draft Meeting Minutes *****

Jim Lundquist

Held at Trinity Church, 3902 Kenwood Dr, Spring Valley, CA

Opening

1. Call to Order - 7:03 PM by Lundquist

Directors Present: Gallagher, Getz, Helm (leaves 9:33 PM during Agenda Item #21), Lundquist, Owen, Pennick, Rose, Schussler, Wolfgang, Houk (entered 7:10 PM, Agenda Item #10) Ruppert (entered 7:11 PM, Agenda Item #10) Luiz (entered 8:35 PM, Agenda Item #20) Bailey (entered 8:52 PM, Agenda Item #21)

Directors Excused: Barber (sick), D. Hyatt (sick), R. Hyatt (work), and Thompson (work)

2. Introduction of Guests and Guest Speakers - Mike Reneau was present.
3. Additions and corrections and Approval to Agenda - Added items 19, 19A, 23 & 24.
4. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2004 Board Meeting

MOTION by Pennick, Helm - Approve minutes as submitted. PASSED 8-0-1 (Getz)

Reports

10. Presidents' Report - Lundquist submitted a written report and hi-lighted some important points. (Houk and Ruppert entered).
11. Treasurer's Report - No report.
12. Vice President, Administration Report - Other than Action Item 21, no report.
13. Vice President, Museum Services Report - Ruppert reported on the sealing of the display building and thanked Larry Rose for the donation and time and Don Getz on the overall effort to install the floor. The department is now working on displays.
14. Vice President, Finance Report - No report.
15. Vice President, Facilities - Rose reported on the ongoing clean-up efforts. Lundquist reported on the improvements to the depot (phone wires) and the plans to install new tiles the men's toilet floor in the trailer.
16. Vice President, Operations Report - Geoff and CZRy are planning to take over dispatching trains on the SD&AE, including ours. The need to repaint the #7285 and use a larger engine was discussed. A late written report is attached for information only, as it was not distributed at the Board meeting.
17. MTDB/SD&AE/CZRy Ad hoc Committee Report - No report.
18. Coronado Line/National City Depot ad hoc Committee Report - Wolfgang reported on a joint meeting with Museum Services. Wolfgang has the lead in drafting up an agreement.
19. Library Ad Hoc Committee - Pennick reported that the recent Union Tribune article has generated leads for a location for the library, which he is following up on.
- 19A. Marketing Committee - Schussler reported on the opportunity for selling tickets and passing out fliers on military bases. Also, South Coast Distributors can place our fliers at 460 racks throughout San Diego for \$200 a month.

MOTION by Ruppert, Getz - Establish a \$10 adult fare on ticket sales on Military bases, approve printing of tickets and fliers for Military bases. PASSED 11-0-0.

Ruppert reported on the Marketing Committee's (Houk, Pennick, Thompson, Duling & Ruppert) efforts with a modified recommendation for a series of advertisements in the Night & Day section of the Union Tribune over an eight week period.

MOTION by Ruppert, Pennick - Approve the \$3500 budget for ads in the Union Tribune over the next 8 weeks, subject to review by the Treasurer for funds availability. PASSED 12-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

20. Restoration Guidelines Proposal - Helm distributed an outline.

Consensus to table action to the next meeting. The Board asked that any concerns be addressed directly with Ken Helm with the goal of reaching a consensus at the next meeting. (Luiz enters)

21. Agreement for passenger excursions on the Tijuana & Tecate - Lundquist

Discussion: Lew Wolfgang and Jim Lundquist reported on the exhausting efforts to find options for insurance for operations in Mexico. To date, no carrier has been found. Getz offered a suggestion that perhaps a sponsor could be found to underwrite an insurance policy or, perhaps, post a bond here in America. (Helm leaves, Luiz enters).

22. By-law Committee Report - Thompson (Lundquist)

Wolfgang reported that Thompson and his attorney friend Rich have been working on the bylaws, and they have committed to bringing the Board a draft bylaw with reasons why certain changes are proposed and certain suggestions are not recommended. Consensus to table to the next meeting. If necessary, a special Board meeting may be called to put the bylaw revision effort back on schedule.

23. San Diego Museum Council - Pennick reported on the brochures distributed by the council for all member museums and recommended we join with them.
MOTION by Pennick, Rose - join the council and direct to payment of fees (\$210 per year + \$210 first year only). PASEED 12-0-0.

24. City of San Diego Tourist Funding Grant - Pennick reported on his efforts to place a grant request. He review found that we did not qualify for a grant.

NEW BUSINESS

30. Video Production - Owen reported on the idea for a DVD video production using tape that his son has shot of the museum and surround Campo locations. This would be used for location scouts for filming and could also be sold in the giftshop. No funding is requested at this time. Consensus of the Board to support.

31. SP 120 ton capacity crane - Lundquist reported that the CSRM has offered a boiler equipped Southern Pacific work crane. It is on solid bearings. The concern is the maintenance, lagging and transportation efforts of this donation, and, the need for a crane, which can also work for us, not just a display crane. Pennick asked for the opportunity to explore the options for moving and the condition of the crane. The Board took no action pending additional information at a later Board meeting.

32. Operating Plan - Lundquist asked for a discussion, with a vote next meeting on this item. He reported that the recently held open membership meeting brought forth a recommendation for a shorter, more frequent train ride, with the docent present in the display building all day on Saturday and Sunday, and, if we have additional volunteers available, also on the train. Open self-guided walking tours to the display building was recommended, with visitors greeted at the display building and shown around there. A non-train ride admission fee was also recommended.

The recommendation was:

1. Museum to be open to the public 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM with a staffed display building and Campo Depot during this time.
2. Open access to display building and lower yard. Charge a \$3.00 fee for adults and children not on the train.
3. Train departures from the Campo Depot at 11:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 1:30 PM and 2:45 PM. The first three trains would be push/pull operation to the tunnel at Division, then returning to MP 66, then back to the depot. The last departure would go to Miller Creek, with a stop at MP 66 up and back.
4. This proposed schedule closely matches our current 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM schedule, avoiding disappointing our visitors whom might else wise miss a train.
5. Eliminate the discounted adult fares, advertise the current discounted fares as the regular fare and increase the child ages:

Train ticket \$12 Adult, \$5 children 6-17, \$0 for children 5 and under
Admission only \$3 Adult, \$3 children 6-17, \$0 for children 5 and under

Each train ticket would allow the visitors to ride any and all trains for that day, as well as unlimited time to view the Museum.

The Board discussed various items with regards to the needs for Docents, extra trains, extra ware on equipment and operating crews. Lundquist will remain the lead person regarding this effort and asked that all members continue to bring him input towards developing a consensus, as the goal, on this issue. This item will come back to the Board for action at the next meeting.

40. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board was told about the recent and on-going criminal investigation by the County Sheriff regarding stolen items from the Museum.

50. **CARRY FORWARD** - Items 20, 21, 22 and 32 will come back to the Board at the next meeting. Item 31 will be placed on the agenda when additional information become available.
60. **ADJOURNED** at 11:15 PM in memory of the late Vern Cook, our long time member.

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

New this month is a photo of Campo handyman Dan O'Reilly. See him at <http://www.sdrm.org/gallery/people/services/index.html>.

Don't forget that our web page has a link for our volunteers: www.psrn.org/members/ You can see old issues of the "Hot Scoop", the "Report" and crew callboards. The username is "volunteer" and the password is "2353".

***** Year 2004 Dates of Note *****

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
School Train	16	20	18	15
Volunteer lunch at Campo 13	10	8	12	
Volunteer BBQ at Campo	20	17	15	19
Board of Trustees meeting	11	8	13	10
Museum Services meeting	16	20	18	15
Operations/Mechanical meeting	20	17	15	19
Steam meeting	15	19	17	21
Deadline for Hot Scoop articles	28	28	28	28

Your Board of Trustees meets the 2nd Thursday each month, 7:00 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. E-mail to hotscoop@sdrm.org is preferred. **The deadline for article submission is the 28th.**

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