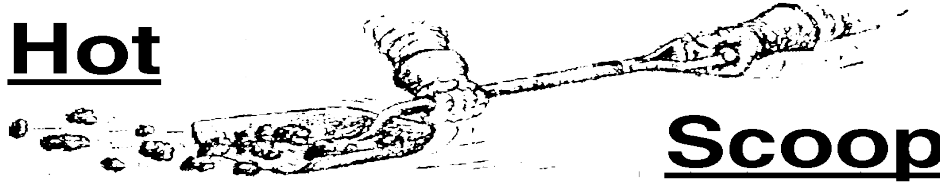


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***** President's Report ***** *Jim Lundquist*

There are so many good things going on with our railway Museum I don't know where to start. First - it is through teamwork that we have restored our image in the San Diego community and beyond - and I want to say right up front a big Thank You to everyone involved. There is a big news story right around the corner that you will read about soon.

I do want to say goodbye to Bruce and Gwyneth Palmer as our caretaker and giftshop Managers. They have done a terrific job for us as volunteers and we will miss them. Best wishes on your next journey.

The "First Impression" work party was very successful, and many thanks to our volunteers who worked down at the depot. We cleaned up, painted, relocated cactus, and ground nails. Since that time, Dan O. has installed the first window frame and is working on the other two on the west end. We are trying to find a source of 1"x12"x14' cedar to replace the lumber we need on that end of the depot. Anyone have any ideas? The next work party will be on April 17th.

There is a good discussion ongoing as to the recommendation from the membership to offer more frequent train departures and an open museum. It remains to see what will finally be tried along these lines, but, the discussion has been good as we have kept the pledge to involve the membership in these discussions - remember the team work concept has to work both ways!

With the assistance of Lew Wolfgang, things are looking much brighter for the return of the Viva Tecate excursion trains. We hope to be able to announce a special fundraiser train in cooperation with the Mayor and City of Tecate soon! Watch for a flier in the mail to you soon - and order quickly as this event will sell out quickly.

Many Thanks to Hawthorne equipment to picking up our donated backhoe, reworking it, and dropping it off at Campo - all as a donation. They also swapped out the forklift tires from the parts forklift to the one we are using.

By this coming weekend, we hope to have our first exhibit in place along the walking path from the Campo depot to the Train Shed with a bench and signboard by an Eagle Scout. We will exhibit equipment from the San Diego & Cuyamaca found in the San Diego River after the 1916 Hatfield flood.

Many more projects are underway - handles on SD&A coaches, signs along the road, lettering on coaches, the continual clean up of our site, weed pulling, sanding of equipment ... the list goes on and on.

We have scheduled an operations class for new Brakemen - the first job towards Conductor and Engineer. We need more volunteers to keep our Museum open - please give it careful thought to see if you can commit at least a once a month pledge for two years and join us at Campo. Running trains for kids of all ages is fun! Join us! Look for an article elsewhere in this Hot Scoop.

Thank you to all our volunteers who make our Museum great. Teamwork gets it done.

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

We continue to make progress on assembling 2353.

On March 12, **Dick Pennick**, **Larry Owen**, **Tom Walker**, **Fred Carnathan** and the **Foreman** got the sand dome placed back on top of the boiler. Tom ran the fork lift, assisted by the others, and moved the dome outside to the ATSF gantry crane. **Larry** cleaned and lubed the piston rods and cross heads, and ground some rough spots off of the rail on the Track 13 curve. **Dick** and **Jim** greased the inside of the curved rails. **Dick** also climbed to the top of the gantry crane to remove a big raven's nest that was on top of one of the cable reels (no eggs had yet been laid).

With **Dick** as engineer, and everyone else carefully watching 2353's wheels, 2353 was carefully moved to the gantry crane with 7285. The crane, operated by **Fred**, easily lifted the dome. Only one minor problem: the dome wasn't quite high enough, and bumped one of the studs that hold it in place, bending it slightly. This was quickly remedied with a couple of nuts and a sledgehammer. With **Dick** and **Tom** guiding the dome into place, **Fred** lowered it down onto the boiler, and we moved '53 back into the shop.

While moving the "trolley" back to its position on the northwest side of the gantry, we noted a lot of sparks and smoke coming from one of the electric motors. On Saturday, **Mike Chisholm** determined that bird droppings had shorted out the trolley motor, carbonizing the phenolic insulation. He believes that the motor will need to be rebuilt. When that is done, we will also need to install some sort of screen to keep birds out of the motor area.

Look for photos of the above work in the next issue of the "REPORT".

On March 13, **Bob Nickles** and **Mike Lucek** attached the outlet fittings for the sand dome, and installed some of the copper air lines that go under the jacket. They also managed to find a jacket map in some of the paper work in the mechanical office.

Recently, when I stopped by La Mesa Depot, I found **Bruce Semelsberger** replacing some of the rotten wood on the Mojave Northern locomotive. Thanks Bruce!

Next month, 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, April 16 and 17. Need more info? Call the foreman, 619-670-7441. For your future planning, the May work days will be May 7 & 8.

MEETING: Monday, April 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.

*** Train Operations Classes *** *Jim Lundquist*

The Pacific Southwest Railway Museum is excited to offer our first train operations class in two years. Students taking the class and successfully passing the required tests will be part of the crew that will run trains on the San Diego & Arizona Railway out of Campo. Here is your chance to give back to our community while enjoying people and trains.

Details:

Wednesday, April 28 and May 5, 7PM to 9 PM

Saturday, May 8 and May 22, 9 AM to 5 PM at Campo.

Students must attend all four sessions, and will be asked to commit to volunteer on the crew at least one day Saturday or Sunday per month for two years. Class size will be limited to ten students; first come, first served.

After these formal classes, each student will make several student trips with a qualified crew member with evaluations until they are ready to become qualified train crew. Drug tests are part of our operations - if you use, don't bother to apply.

To make this commitment and reserve your place in this class, please email Jim@psrm.org or call 619-465-PSRM ext 8 to leave a message.

For more information on the museum, please visit the web site at www.psr.org
Please pass this information/notice along to your family and friends.

*** PSRM "Focus On Youth" Trains Featured In News Story ***

Dick Pennick, PSRMA Media Coordinator

Through the efforts of PSRMA Media Coordinator **Dick Pennick**, a photo story on our popular monthly "Focus On Youth" trains made the front page of the March 25th San Diego Union Tribune.

The story, written by staff writer Natasha Lee, featured two color and one black & white photo by photographer John Gastaldo. Conductor **Seth Miller** and trainman **Roger Challberg** were featured in two of the photos. The other crew members (not shown) were brakeman **Don Getz** and locomotive engineer **Dick Pennick**. Special thanks to all of the volunteer crew and **Bruce and Gwyneth Palmer** for helping to make the day a memorable one for the students and adults from Boulder Oaks Elementary School in Alpine, and homeschoolers from Christian Heritage School.

The public exposure of one of the Museum's principle youth outreach programs should generate much additional interest in this program and the Museum in general. Our business phone and website were also featured. The U-T's website had the article at http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20040325/news_2m25trains.html.

*** 3rd Annual Postal Heritage Days Set For April 24th-25th ***

PSRMA will again showcase its award-winning Railway Post Office car #74 at this year's **Postal Heritage Days** celebration over the weekend of **April 24/25**.

The event, marketed primarily to current and retired Postal employees and their families, will again feature mail-bag pickup demonstrations at the Depot. An extra attraction this year will be an early motor bus, loaned for the occasion by Campo Motor Transport Museum owner Carl Calvert.

The venerable RPO car's air brakes were tested on Saturday, March 20th by **Ron Hyatt**, **Don Getz** and **Dick Pennick**, and found to be satisfactory for service.

*** La Mesa Depot Museum Report *** *Dick Pennick, Depot Coordinator*

This exhibit continues to be an attraction for residents of the community, and we make lots of new friends for PSRMA.

As reported last month, a portion of PSRMA's Southwest Railway Museum research archives was moved into the former Baggage Room of the La Mesa Depot where it is again available on a limited basis for research, archiving, etc. It turned out that the archives didn't require as much floor space as at first though, so there is room for a work table and computer station in the compact area. Contact SRL Research Director **Bruce Semelsberger** at (619) 264-7282 for coordinating access.

Bruce has also rebuilt/restored a rotted portion of the baggage wagon that has been on display here for a number of years, and the finished product is a testament to Bruce's craftsmanship. Bruce also did some repair/repainting to the wood cab on our displayed Davenport saddle-tank steam engine there.

SteamTeam Foreman **Jim Baker** will hold his Brakeman classes in the Depot waiting room (or outside if the weather is suitable) on **April 28th** and **May 5th**. See additional information elsewhere in this issue or contact Jim at (619) 670-7441. This is where you start if you are interested in a train crew position on the PSRMA's SD&A Ry.

Volunteer **Mike Retz** has completed repairs to one of the Depot's more unique exhibits: an exact-scale model of the heavyweight Pullman "Elkhart Valley". The beautiful 41-pound model, in a glass case and mounted on a short section of track on an oak stand, was donated to PSRMA by its builder, Mr. C. Gregg Barton in Nov., 1980 and has been on display at La Mesa for much of that time. The prototype Elkhart Valley was an 80 ft. cafe-observation-lounge, one of six built by Pullman in 1928-29. The model is built to 1/2" scale, is 42" long over buffer plates and 7¼" high. Barton estimated his total construction time at 5000 hours! The car has individual china place settings and tiny silverware on the tables. The roof is removable for viewing. The car was not adequately anchored to the track, and repeated movements of the display over the years has caused minor damage to one end of the car. We hope to display the model in our Campo Train Shed in the near future. Mike has also found an unobtrusive way to anchor the car to the display track. Thanks, Mike, for another job well done!

Plans are being made to recognize the Depot's **110th birthday** this year, tentatively set for **Saturday, June 5th**. Cake and punch are planned, and special historical exhibits are being prepared. All members are welcome. We may decide to combine this with the birthday observance of the two-story building across the street, also 110 this year.

Docents in March were **Sid Saltzstein, Sherwin Dorris, Mike Retz** and **Duane Dubke**. My heartfelt thanks go out to a small cadre of tireless Museum volunteers whose contributions help make our mission a reality! Would **you** like to be a part of our team? Call me at (619) 463-2276.

In Memoriam Belden B. Rau, Jr. 1915 - 2004

Another of the PSRMA family has received his orders for that final run. **Belden Rau**, a Family member since 1989, passed away in February of unknown causes. He was 88.

Belden was born in Rochester, NY and was a "SeeBee" (**C**onstruction **B**attalion) in WW2. He moved to La Jolla in 1963 and was a Quality Control Supervisor for Chula Vista's Rohr Industries (now B.F. Goodrich). He also belonged to the San Diego Maritime Museum and many other organizations. Services and burial were conducted Feb. 25th at El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego.

The Trustees and members of PSRMA extend their condolences to his wife, Patricia, and his family. (Dick Pennick)

*** Member Ted Kornweibel Writes About Railroads, Slavery ***

An article by long-time member **Ted Kornweibel**, chronicling the use of Negro slaves on railroads in the antebellum South was featured recently in the Fall-Winter issue of "Railroad History", the rail-history magazine of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society.

Dr. Kornweibel, PSRMA's Restoration Superintendent and a professor of African-American Studies at San Diego State University, has written a well-researched and annotated summary entitled "Railroads and Slavery". The article is illustrated with photos and early newspaper ads seeking slave labor for construction and maintenance. If you're not a member of R & LHS, find a copy online at www.rrhistorical-2.com/rlhs/rrhistry/rrrhistry.htm. (Dick Pennick)

*** PSRMA Receives 2003 Rolling Stock Award ***

The Tourist Railway Association, Inc. (TRAIN) awarded one of only two of its prestigious **Rolling Stock Awards** for calendar year 2003 to **PSRMA** at TRAIN's annual meeting in Huntington, W. Va. this past November 8th.

The award recognized PSRMA's successful 12-year effort to restore 77-year old ex-AT & SF Railway Post Office car #74 to operating condition. The car will again be the centerpiece of the Association's annual **Postal Heritage Days** on April 24-25th this year (see announcement in this issue).

The other recipient was the Mid-Continent Railway Museum, operated by the Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society at North Freedom, WI, for its stunning restoration of a 1903 all-wood passenger coach. Mid-Continent is one of the premiere wood-car and steam locomotive operating museums in the country. Several PSRMA members are also members of Mid-Continent, including **Fred Perry** and Trustee **Dick Pennick**. (D. Pennick)

*** Fire Extinguishers *** *Larry Rose*

Ed Duling has been getting all of our fire extinguishers, in the shop and on the locomotives, recharged, certified and tagged at his own expense. He has done a dozen so far. This is an important task that is tough to do for our weekend warriors that have day jobs that mess up weekday errand running like this.

Ed also works hard keeping weeds under control around the depot and Train Shed.

Thanks, Ed!

*** Freedom Ranch Plans Luau April 18th ***

Our friends at the Freedom Ranch rehabilitation facility in Campo will be holding a fund-raising luau at their facility, 1777 Buckman Springs Rd. (just a mile or so north of the Museum) on **Sunday, April 18th**, beginning at 11 a.m. Ranch residents clean PSRMA's train set each Friday to make the cars ready for our weekend excursions.

Donation is \$6 per person (\$4 for children under 12) for deep pit barbeque, Maui beans, rolls and cole slaw. Sodas and coffee are \$.50 each. Raffles, prizes and entertainment are also included, but don't expect any hula dancers!

Since those of us on train crew that day won't be available at 11 a.m., the Ranch assured us that there will be plenty of food available until 3 or 3:30 p.m. Come for a good meal and help support this very worthwhile adult rehab program. (D. Pennick)

*** 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 17 trains and led the walking tours in March. Many of them filled in where the callboard was vacant, or where a crewmember was not able to make his assignment. We owe them our gratitude.

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

*** We Welcome New PSRM Members ***

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Branson	Jack Ohmstede	Mark, Ann and Zoe McCrae
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Geisert	James Thomas	Tom, Maureen & Brian Travis
Brian Elmore	Dayna Schoen	Jack White

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.

\$ 100 Richard Geisert	general fund
\$ 10 Brian Elmore	general fund
\$ 858 Mountain Outin' Tours	Yellowstone In Winter commission
\$ 250 Robin Becker	#7285 battery replacement fund
\$ 50 Mike Lucek	#7285 battery replacement fund
\$ 150 Ken Helm	#7285 battery replacement fund
\$ 25 Ted Kornweibel	#7285 battery replacement fund
\$ 50 Bob Schussler	#7285 battery replacement fund

Thanks to Robin, Mike, Ken, Ted and Bob for stepping up and donating the funds to buy four new batteries for #7285. We accomplished this in about two hours of email!

*** Motor Transport Museum To Hold Open-House April 24th ***

If you haven't yet taken the opportunity to visit one of our sister museums in the Campo area - the **Campo Motor Transport Museum**, Saturday, April 24th would be a good time.

Most of our volunteers are aware of this museum, which occupies the old Campo Milling Co. feldspar mill adjacent to the SD & AE track about one mile east of Campo Depot. It is normally open to the public only on Saturdays.

On April 24th, the first day of our **Postal Heritage Days**, the Transport Museum will have some of their antique machinery in operation and refreshments will be available. Donations are suggested. Hours of the open-house will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

***** Small Truck Needed At Campo ***** *Jim Lundquist*

For many years, the Museum has enjoyed the use of a small truck on our property. As it turns out, it was owned by a member who needs it elsewhere. A small truck on the property is very handy for transporting items back and forth from the shop to the Train Shed to the depot to the trash bins, etc.

If you have or know of someone having a truck that can be donated to our Museum, please ask that they contact Jim Lundquist at Jim@psrm.org or 619-470-7553. The truck will not be registered as it will not go off private property, so perhaps an otherwise good truck that can't pass the smog test would be a good fit.

Also, let me take this time to remind all members that no personal property except tools are to be left on the Museum grounds without the express written authority of the Museum. If you are aware of any personal property on our Museum property, please let Jim Lundquist know about it.

***** 2004 Is 200th Birthday Of Steam Railroad Locomotive *****

February this year celebrated a monumental turning-point in not only the history of the steam locomotive but also the history of the Industrial Revolution on this planet. Interestingly, apparently none of the popular railfan-oriented publications have bothered to note the important anniversary. Our very own **HotScoop** has again scooped the national press!

The first crude steam-powered "engines" that actually did limited useful work were developed, not in England, but in Italy in the early 1600's. It wasn't until the early 1700's that a steam engine was developed in England to pump water out of coal mines and other pumping activities. It wasn't long before inventors began finding ways to harness the crude steam engine to a wheeled buggy or carriage, eliminating the need for horses, oxen and other dray animals. Some of these contraptions were called "locomotives" but weren't designed to run on "tracks", rather on roadways, and had a steering mechanism.

Crude "rail-ways" - often wooden rails or iron straps on top of wooden stringers - were not new and were used in a number of collieries and other mining endeavors. But the motive power on these early tracks was generally human- or animal-power.

History records that a brawny Cornish amateur-wrestler named Richard Trevithick successfully adapted the steam engine to railway use in the early 1800's. Trevithick, a giant of a man, had already made a name for himself in the design and production of high-pressure steam pumping engines. So it was a natural progression of his intellect that he developed the world's very first steam-powered locomotive to operate on a railway track. He playfully named his new invention "Catch Me Who Can" and its first run was on February 15, 1804. It weighed 11,000 pounds and had a horizontal boiler 5 feet long cradled between two pairs of 52-inch wheels, only one pair of which was powered. A single cylinder with an 8-inch bore and an incredible 4½-foot stroke was buried in the boiler's after-section. To get it started, it often had to be crowbarred off dead-center.

This prolific inventor designed and in many cases patented pumps, stationary engines, road carriages, locomotives, dredges, tugboats, traction engines, iron tanks, threshing engines, paddle steamers, propellers, refrigerators, tunneling equipment and other machines. But, unfortunately, his mechanical genius far outweighed his business skills and he rarely made any money from his ideas. Inevitably, others filled this vacuum. (Dick Pennick)

Editor's Note: Thank you Dick Pennick for recognizing this important anniversary.

Our web page lists a brief history of steam engines and railways at:
<http://www.psrn.org/history/timeline/index.html>

***** Mar. 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

Present: Barber, Getz, Helm, Houk, D. Hyatt, Luiz, Lundquist, Owen, Pennick, Rose, Schussler, Thompson, Wolfgang, Ruppert (7:13 PM, Agenda item #41), R. Hyatt (7:44 PM, agenda item #11).

Absent: Bailey, Gallagher

2. Introduction of guests: Ted Kornweibel, Ed Kravitz and Richard Knight and guest speakers Mert Thomas and Klaus Schyne - by Lundquist
3. Additions, corrections and Approval of Agenda - Motion by Getz, seconded by Barber 13-0-0.
4. Motion by Houk, seconded by Schussler to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2004 and the Special March 6, 2004 Board Meeting 11-0-2 D. Hyatt & Thompson abstaining.

41. Wine Tasting Proposal

(This item was taken out of order to accommodate our guests.)

The Museum has been approached by a local Campo resident to complete a joint proposal for a wine tasting room, bathroom and wine tasting train trips. The Board heard directly from the Mert Thomas and Klaus Schyne. (Ruppert arrives).

Motion by Getz seconded by Barber to appoint Wolfgang, Schussler and Lundquist to interface with Mert and Klaus in order to continue honing the proposal. 12-2-0 Rose and Ruppert Nays. Motion Passed.

Reports

Presidents' Report - Lundquist

Written report submitted.

Lundquist and Wolfgang met with our current insurance broker, who will provide us with a quote on fire insurance and has discovered that the Museum has had coverage for the Tecate trains all along. A big thanks to Corrinne Gallagher for organizing the annual dinner. Regrettably, the Campo caretakers Bruce and Gwyneth Palmer will be leaving at the end of this month, their efforts have been greatly appreciated and they will be missed.

R. Hyatt arrives.

10. Treasurer's Report - D. Hyatt

Written report submitted by Bailey.

11. Vice President, Administration Report - Wolfgang

Pennick raised the concern regarding the electronic exchange of information and archival of same. Wolfgang states that e-mails are automatically captured and archived when they pass through sdrm.org but they should be organized and categorized. Pennick suggests they be added to the library collection.

13. Vice President, Museum Services Report - Ruppert

Written report submitted.

Ruppert passed out a copy of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. His department is trying to find parties interested in the materials from an old Rohr/Bart exhibit. Potential recipients are a Bay area museum or Chula Vista/South Bay historic groups.

14. Vice President, Finance Report - Thompson

Copy of County of San Diego TOT Grant application passed out.

15. Vice President, Facilities - Rose More dirty dirt picked up, ongoing cleaning.

Helm

suggested we look at a future chain link fence as the area becomes more populated.

16. Vice President, Operations - Hyatt presented a written report. The steam efforts were inadvertently omitted. There were questions about the progress on a backup locomotive. All of the EMD tools are missing. We have hired an ALCo mechanic to replace the #2104 water pump and start in on the #2098 engine.

17. MTDB/SD&AE/CZRY Ad hoc Committee Report - Barber

Pennick - we should consider a fan trip on the Mission Valley/SDSU line before its' opening in Fall 2005.

18. Coronado Line/National City Depot ad hoc Committee Report - Wolfgang

Ed Kravitz is holding a workshop on March 27th at the Chula Vista library at Fourth and F Street. He feels that we should put our family coupons in the Star News and Times Eagle for the next two weeks. There will be a CBL committee meeting this Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. Wolfgang asked for a new chair for the committee. There were no takers.

Library Ad Hoc Committee - Pennick

He has met with the NTC people who will charge .75/square foot. Barney Barnier suggested that Pennick reinvestigate the Thompson Navy Hospital location in Balboa Park as the City of San Diego now owns it. Other possibilities will accept under-market prices for leasing space but it is still more than we can afford. Dick intends to draft a letter of interest. Dick feels the only way to sell the library space is to offer displays and a gift shop to draw the general public.

20. Marketing Committee - Ruppert

Last month the Board authorized \$3500 for the marketing program subject to review by the Treasurer. The Treasurer has agreed to the availability of the funds once we have a backup locomotive. It is disputed whether that was the intention of the Board when the motion was drafted

Motion by Getz, seconded by Pennick - the Board reauthorize the funding of \$3500 for a twelve week advertising campaign as submitted by the Marketing Committee at the February board meeting without review by the Treasurer. 2 Getz & Ruppert-11-0. Motion failed.

Sandy Schussler has distributed 9 pairs of complimentary tickets to KOGO. Roger Hedgecock does a trivia game on Fridays where he gives away things such as free tickets. They are currently scheduled to be given away on Friday, March 26th or Friday, April 2nd. The expiration date is Memorial Day weekend. Sandy also suggests we keep a guest book in the Gift Shop to generate a special event mailing list.

Dick Ruppert has suggested that the Marketing Committee meet Monday, March 15th at 7:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

30. Restoration Guidelines Proposal - Helm

Tabled until the April meeting.

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

Tabled until the April meeting.

32. By-law Committee Report - Thompson

Scott has been working with Richard Knight who have made good progress towards re-writing the by-laws so that they are flexible yet not flexible enough where there are loopholes within the by-laws. Scott recommends the Board members review and provide him feedback. A special Board meeting to revise the drafted bylaws will take place after April 15th.

Barber, Getz & Luiz leave (9:50 PM)

33. Operating Plan - Lundquist

At a recently held open membership meeting, a recommendation came forth 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.

All active, operating crewmembers will be polled regarding their opinion on four trains a day to Division or other viable options. Jim will report his findings back to the Board at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

40. What do we call the other big building?

MOTION by Ruppert: We call the other big building "Visitor Center."

Discussion: "Exhibit Building" and "Display Building" are also possible names.

Thompson recommends "Train Shed" as another recommendation.

Ruppert amends his motion with the agreement of Dick Pennick to refer to the display building as the "Train Shed". 12-0-0 Passed Unanimously.

42. Group Sales - Helm

This item has been tabled to the April meeting.

50. **CLOSED SESSION**

51. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - The Board discussed two membership matters and an investigation matter. Direction was given to Officers on how to proceed.

60. **CARRY FORWARD** - Lundquist. Agenda items 30, 31, 32, 33 and 42 will be on the April agenda.

70. **ADJOURN** - 10:25 PM

*** Web page update *** Randy Houk

New this month is photos of Harold Whalen, Joe Shelley, Diana Hyatt and Mike Lucek. See these restoration volunteers at <http://www.psrn.org/gallery/people/services/>.

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 ***

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
School Train		20	18	15	20	17	21
Volunteer lunch at Campo	10	8	12	10	14	11	
Volunteer BBQ at Campo		17	15	19	17	21	18
Board of Trustees meeting		8	13	10	8	12	9
Museum Services meeting		20	18	15	20	17	21
Operations/Mechanical meeting		17	15	19	17	21	18
Steam meeting		19	17	21	19	16	20
Deadline for Hot Scoop articles		28	28	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 submissions is the 28th.

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