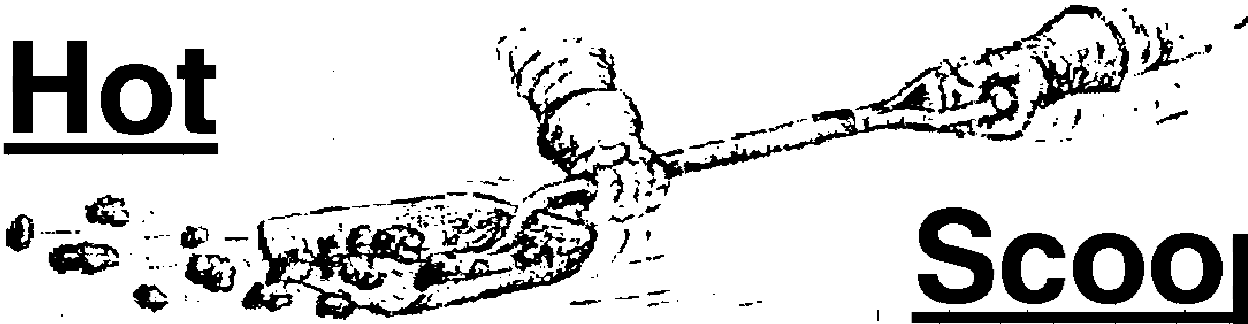


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*** President's Report *** *Jim Lundquist*

I am very happy to report that negotiations with the Tijuana and Tecate have been completed and the Museum will once again operate our passenger excursion trains from Campo to Mexico. These trains have been very popular with our visitors as well as with our volunteers. I would like to express our thanks to Lew Wolfgang who helped with the details, as well as the T&T, Customs and insurance agents.

Our first trip is by special invitation from the Mayor of Tecate to come join him as he throws his final party as Mayor, with music, food and festivities in the Tecate Plaza. On Saturday, June 26th we will leave Campo for Tecate, returning later that day. This first trip is a fundraiser for us, and is very special as everything you need for a fun day will be included with your ticket: train ride, tour, food, music, dancing and details of other Baja California destinations. The money raised by our Museum will be used to upgrade and repaint our passenger car fleet, among other high priority items. There is a flier included in this newsletter. Join us!

Certainly there is good news to report on the operation/mechanical side of the Museum. After almost 1½ years GP9 #3873 made its debut on the excursion trains again. On Saturday, April 24th, we had a six car train with our two private cars on charter, the Railway Post Office car and three SD&A coaches. The Geep made two runs to Miller Creek. This was certainly good news. In addition, new batteries were donated and installed in the #7285. Repainting our coaches was put on the back burner during the winter, but plans are going ahead to repaint two more this month.



In facilities, many projects are underway or almost ready to get underway. New members Brian Elmore and John are busy cleaning up the campsite pad with renewed water, sewer and electrical connections. The depot has the siding removed on the west end, awaiting manpower to come in and paper, install insulation, a new door and windows and new donated siding. The old siding was too far gone to save. In addition, the new ties, new bricks and donated pipes are ready for the drainage pipe installation beginning next month. We will end up with a terrific platform and proper drainage at the depot when we are through.

Photo by Frank Stites

In Museum Services, work is underway for better displays in the train shed, along with a new Kiosk installed as a donation from an Eagle Scout. A terrific job was done here. As you can see, it's full steam ahead at Campo. Come on out and visit us - we might even find a job for you to help with!

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

We continue to make progress on assembling 2353.

On April 16, **Dick Pennick**, **Bob Nickles**, and **the Foreman** got all the pieces of the boiler jacket unloaded from the Santa Fe boxcar. The right-side pieces were separated by course and set on end against the equipment that is on track 14, adjacent to the right side of the engine. Similarly, the left-side pieces were separated by course, and set on end against the UP boxcar. The smaller pieces for the back head were laid on a tarp in front of the tender, with the larger pieces set on end at the front of the tender. (Tarps were brought up earlier by **Larry Hieshetter**). An old jacket map was located in the mechanical office, and the attachment hardware was located in the UP boxcar.

The next day, **the foreman** and **Mike Lucek** took the pieces for the first (front) course outside, and washed them. Then new Steamer **Frank Unmack** arrived, and we put him to work at the parts washer cleaning all the nuts and bolts that hold the jacket together. The video taken in 2000 by **Jack O'Lexey** during the disassembly showed that all the under-jacket plumbing was in place for at least the first three courses, so we started putting the first course on. With the foreman and Mike climbing up and under we managed to get the first course pretty well on. Frank assisted by passing up or in various needed tools and flashlights. We needed one more set of hands to make the final connection between the bottom two pieces on the belly. Vice-president **Ron Hyatt** was working in the area, and gladly gave us that final assist. First course on!

We then proceeded to put the top two pieces of the second and third courses in place, and installed the front section of hand rail on each side. We later noticed in the parts car that there were some spacers that need to go between the handrail stanchions and the jacket. Therefore, we will need to remove the handrails.

Next Work Days and Next Meeting:

WORK DAYS: Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8. Need more info? Call the foreman, 619-670-7441.

MEETING: Monday, May 17, 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!!

*** Eagle Scout Kiosk Project *** *Jim Lundquist*



Soon to be Eagle Scout Sean Richards of El Cajon set out last year to find an Eagle Scout type of project for us. We identified some wheels sets from the San Diego River out back, discussed it amongst everyone, and decided to bring those to life for our visitors. Sean researched a plan for a kiosk from a park department, found photos and articles about the SDC&E, and raised the money to construct this kiosk.

Don't worry - I've already asked him to make us more - we can raise funding for this!

Thank you Sean. Terrific job.

***** Membership Meeting - Saturday, May 22 ***** *Jim Lundquist*

The next quarterly membership meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, May 22nd starting with a train ride at 5:00 PM at Campo. Immediately after the ride, we will be setting up a potluck in the Train Shed. Everyone is invited to participate - hot coals will be provided. Bring your own meat and drink, and a dish to share (salad, side, and chips). This will give us an opportunity to visit with one another and see the progress being made at our Museum. The event will end at dusk, as we don't have lights in the Train Shed. Musical entertainment will be provided by the volunteer member's band, led by Tanya and Larry Rose. Everyone is asked to bring up their own tables, chairs, dishes and silverware. It should be an old fashioned good time for all! Join us!

***** 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 April. 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.

Robin Becker	Darrell Bivans	Roger Challberg	Dave DiGiorgio
Don Getz	Larry Hieshetter	Randy Houk	Ted Kornweibel
Jim Lundquist	Seth Miller	Bob Nickles	Jack O'Lexey
Dick Pennick	Don Pope	Ann Ruppert	Bob Schussler
Sandy Schussler	Frank Stites	Robin Wonders	Bruce Semelsberger

***** PSRM Membership Info *****

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.

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\$40: Family	\$300: Senior Life	Note: Students are 18 and younger
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***** Carriso Gorge Operations ***** *Jim Lundquist*

The Pacific Southwest Railway Museum has been following with interest the efforts by freight railroad operator CZRy to reopen the famous Carriso Gorge portion of the SD&AE Railway. At this time, the line is open to allow maintenance trains passage to haul dirt and sand off the tracks in the desert. Once reopened to interchange freight traffic for some time, the Museum will assess the requirements for extending passenger excursion trains into the gorge. Some of these issues include inspection of the line for passenger trains, insurance requirements and operating agreements. Please feel free to check back with us at www.psrn.org for any updates.

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

Dates to remember at our in-town museum include:
Monday, May 10th, 5 - 9 p.m., a special opening to coincide with the grand opening of American Mortgage Express, a new business across the street from our train display there. Food, drinks, music. Interestingly, and unknowingly, they picked the 135th anniversary of the completion of the first American transcontinental railroad in 1869! So it's fitting that we accommodate them on their special evening. We hope to make lots of new friends;

Saturday, June 5th, 1 - 4 p.m. cake and punch to celebrate the depot's 110th birthday. PSRMA Research Director Bruce Semelsberger will premier his new storyboard about the depot's interesting history. Drop by for a piece of cake. Docents or other volunteers in April were Sid Saltzstein, Duane Dubke, Bruce Semelsberger and Dick Pennick. Bruce Semelsberger continues to perform misc. needed chores around and about the display. One of the tasks coming up is the replacement of the wood cab on the old Davenport steam locomotive on display there. The wood is riddled with rot and termites. Dick Pennick will prepare scale drawings of the existing cab and a new replica fabricated and installed as time permits. Normal public hours for this venue are Saturday afternoons, 1 - 4 p.m. (other times by appointment). My heartfelt thanks again go out to these 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.

***** Happy 100th Birthday, Locomotive #104! *****

It's hard to believe that the very last remaining steam locomotive owned by our own backyard rail line - the San Diego & Arizona / San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway - is a century old! It was turned out by the global Philadelphia engine builder, Baldwin Locomotive Works, in March, 1904, one of an order of 33 standard-design 2-8-0 "Consolidation" locomotives for Harriman's "Associated Lines" as #2720.

After serving on the Southern Pacific's lines for 15 years, it was sold to John Spreckels' SD & A Ry. in 1921 and re-numbered "104". More than a quarter-century later, after bouncing back and forth between successor SD & AE Ry. and its parent, S.P., it came back to San Diego to finish out the few years remaining of its working life before being retired in the Fall of 1954.

PSRMA's predecessor - Railway Historical Society of San Diego - arranged the donation of the engine to the 22nd District Agricultural Association, operators of the annual San Diego County Fair at the Del Mar racetrack, along with former Spreckels business car #050.

This third phase of #104's life story lasted 26 years, displayed for the public in front of the fair's Bing Crosby exhibit hall and gradually deteriorating in the harsh marine environment of that seaside location. Following intense lobbying of the Fair Board by PSRMA, the engine and car were donated to PSRMA in 1981, and the two local relics were eventually moved to our Campo Railroad Museum for preservation.

Over the ensuing years, although the salt-air decay was arrested and some restoration work was performed on the tender and other areas, no other significant restoration work was performed other than abatement of 104's asbestos boiler lagging several years ago. Although various plans were put forth to restore the engine to operating status, or at the minimum, display condition, none of those plans came to fruition. When the ex-S.P. steam locomotive #2353 was donated to PSRMA in the early 1980's by the 45th District Agricultural Association in the Imperial Valley, the grand plans for historic old 104 were mostly forgotten in the mad rush to restore the 2353 to operating condition.

Today, centenarian #104 -- the last of its SD & AE brethren, will enjoy no birthday cake as it sits forlornly at the south end of Track 8, partly disassembled, rusty and mostly forgotten. At least Speckles' beautiful old wooden business car #050 enjoys relative safety inside our Train Shed. But it, too, awaits its time in the sun when Museum resources are eventually available for its complete restoration.

Let's all raise our glasses to the 104 and wish her not only a happy birthday but also a prayer that she will soon begin the next phase of her life as the "Grande Dame" of San Diego railroad history. Ciao! (Dick Pennick)

Look for an in-depth 100th anniversary history of #104 in an upcoming REPORT issue.

***** Former PSRMA Director Acquires San Pedro & Southwestern R.R.*****

David L. Parkinson, former PSRMA Vice-President in the 1970's, went on to bigger and better things after his stint with our group and has been in the national news off and on over the intervening 30-odd years. Parkinson, a Naval Academy graduate and retired Navy Lt. Commander, was later the founder and former chairman of several western short-line railroads, including the Arizona & California, California Northern and the Puget Sound & Pacific

According to a recent news item in the February issue of *TRAINS Magazine*, Parkinson's Arizona Railroad Group recently acquired the 68-mile San Pedro & Southwestern from SD & AE freight operator RailAmerica. The SPSR extends from a UP (former SP) connection at Benson, AZ east to Tucson, then south to Paul Spur, near Douglas. Chief freight are agricultural chemicals and copper-related products. Way to go, Dave! (D. Pennick)

***** Apr. 8 Board of Trustees Draft Meeting Minutes *** *Jim Lundquist***

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

Opening

1. Call to Order - 7:00 PM by Lundquist

Directors Present: Barber, Gallagher, Getz, Helm, Houk, Lundquist, Owen, Pennick, Rose, Ruppert and Wolfgang

Directors Excused: Bailey (health), D. Hyatt (family commitment), R. Hyatt (family commitment), Luiz (work committee), Schussler (family commitment - out of town) and Thompson (work commitment),

2. Introduction of Guests and Guest Speakers - Lundquist introduced Duane Dubke.
3. Additions and corrections and Approval to Agenda - New items 24, 25 and 26 were added.
4. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2004 Board Meeting - MOTION by Getz, Houk to approve minutes as submitted. PASSED 9-0-2 (Gallagher, Barber)

OLD BUSINESS

10. Restoration Guidelines Proposal - Helm

Discussion: Ken Helm has supplied the Board with a proposal for our review. Last month, the Board reached a consensus to table action to this meeting. The Board asked that any concerns be addressed directly with Ken Helm with the goal of reaching a consensus at this meeting.

Getz asked that the policy include a Deed of Gift form along with major and minor artifacts. Ruppert would like to see other areas covered, like the Library, etc. Pennick and Rose suggested further edits. All will submit these to Helm for a final vote at the May Board meeting.

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

Discussion: A draft agreement between the Museum and the T&T was presented at the March 2004 Board meeting. We have been approached to operate a special first train on Saturday, June 26, 2004 in cooperation with the Mayor of Tecate and his tourist advisor. They will provide a tour of the brewery, music, dance, food and good times in the plaza of Tecate. The train is proposed to leave 12:01 PM from Campo and 5:00 PM from Tecate. In exchange for the entertainment and food provided our guest, the Museum will make 75 seats available at no charge to the groups associated with the Tecate event. The Museum should have approximately 285 seats to sell for ourselves, assuming #1509 and four SD&A coaches. In an effort to see what interest the public has in a fundraiser trip like this, an email was sent to people expressing an interest in Tecate trips asking of their interest in this trip at \$100 per seat. Interest appears strong. Lew Wolfgang and Jim Lundquist have been in meetings with US Customs and bonding agents. The Governors of both states and the local government authorities will be invited as a part of the 75 seats.

MOTION by Lundquist, Wolfgang: Authorize the President to sign the agreement to operate passenger excursion trains between Campo and Tecate with the T&T in substantially the same format as presented, authorize the first train trip on Saturday, June 26th as outlined above, and authorize the resources necessary to accomplish these trips in the manor of bonding costs, ticketing and advertising, promotions, mechanical assistance, and the like, not to exceed \$5,000. PASSED 11-0-0.

12. By-law Committee Report - Thompson

Discussion: A draft bylaw was presented by Scott Thompson last month. Also, in a special mailing, a draft bylaws was presented by Jim Lundquist, along with a letter of concern with the Thompson provided bylaws.

Helm submitted text edits, to be incorporated into the revised bylaws as submitted by Lundquist. Board members suggested the Conflict of Interested from the Thompson bylaw proposal be incorporated, along with the Board's right to make appointments in the event a department does not act.

MOTION by Lundquist, Pennick - Support the revised bylaw proposal as submitted by Lundquist, add the necessary language discusses above and as requested by the State Agency for Surplus Property to the Lundquist alternative bylaws and forward to Fred Vandever of Luce Forward for finalization. A final adoption of the bylaws with direction for a membership vote will come before the Board at the May meeting. PASSED 11-0-0.

13. Operating Plan - Last month, the Board was presented a recommendation for a shorter, more frequent train ride, with the docent present in the Train Shed all day on Saturday and Sunday. The Board asked that the President solicit comments from the Operations department volunteers. Those comments were received, and a revised schedule was also circulated (both of these letters and schedules were sent to the Board earlier.)

Lundquist's revised recommendation is:

1. Museum to be open to the public on Saturday, Sunday and Select Holidays from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM with a staffed Train Shed and Campo Depot during this time.
2. Open access to display building and lower yard. Adopt a fare of Admission only \$5 Adult, \$5 children 6-17, \$0 for children 5 and under, and use these ages for the train ride fares also. All tickets would allow the visitor's unlimited time to view the Museum until closing.
3. Allow operations the temporary right for train departures from the Campo Depot at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM to Division, and 3:00 PM to Miller Creek. All trains stop at MP 66 up and back.

Lundquist reported that the Operation department volunteers expressed a wide range of comments between support and non-support. The support mainly came from the current Trainmen. Some of the operating crew expressed concern about pushing back to Division, some expressed concern about the extra trip and lack of a longer rest period and some expressed a willingness to go forward with the idea. I believe that the opportunity to experiment with the revised schedule will flush out even more ideas and allow us to move towards a consensus on this issue. He stated that he believed that a consensus will not be reached, but, should be the goal.

MOTION by Lundquist, Getz: Adopt the above points 1 & 3, with 2 to read: 2. Open access to display building and lower yard. Adopt a fare of Admission only \$3 adult, \$3 children 6-17, \$0 for children 5 and under, and use these ages for the train ride fares also. All tickets would allow the visitor's unlimited time to view the Museum until closing. This admission price can be used towards purchasing a train ticket the visitors chooses to do so later that day. Report back to the Board as to the final recommendation on point #3 after further testing of the proposed schedule by Operations department volunteers. PASSED 11-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

20. Street Car exhibit from Old Spaghetti Factory

Jim Lundquist has been exploring the opportunities of acquiring the old street car in the Old Spaghetti Factory. The idea is to have restaurant become a sponsor of a street car history exhibit, with the body being used an exhibit of street car photos, maps and hardware from our street car systems here in San Diego. The discussion of this continues with the restaurant.

MOTION by Lundquist, Getz: Approve the concept of acquiring and displaying a street car in the Train Shed sponsored by the Old Spaghetti Factory, direct the President to continue negotiations and bring back a final action to the Board when appropriate. PASSED 10-0-1 (Owen).

21. Appointment of Acting Treasurer and bank signature card update

Given the grave condition of our current Treasurer Brenda Bailey, it is prudent to update our bank cards. Currently, Jim Lundquist, Diana Hyatt and Brenda Bailey can sign checks, with two signatures above \$500 required, and, Jim and Lew Wolfgang can get into the safe deposit box with two signatures. Note: Diana Hyatt has agreed to serve as Secretary/Treasurer if the Board so chooses.

MOTION by Lundquist, Getz: Appoint Diana Hyatt as Acting Secretary/Treasurer until such time as Brenda Bailey can assume her duties again. In addition, the Board authorizes the following people to sign checks and access accounts: James J. Lundquist, Lewis Wolfgang, Diana Hyatt, Larry Rose, Richard Pennick and Brenda Bailey, with any two signatures required for checks in excess of \$500.00. The safe deposit box access will remain any two required from the following: : James J. Lundquist, Lewis Wolfgang or Larry Rose. PASSED 11-0-0.

22. Ed Kravitz requested to be appointed as a fund raising agent on behalf of the Museum for Coronado branch activities.

MOTION by Wolfgang, Houk: Refer this request to Council for a recommendation. PASSED 8-3-0 (no: Helm, Lundquist, and Pennick).

23. Ed Kravitz requested that we acquire via donation some new timbers/piles and that these be used on the Coronado Branch.

Consensus that we acquire, transport and store at Campo at no cost to the Museum, and, that these timbers be set-aside for three years for project along the Coronado branch.

24. Insurance - Ruppert asked that information regarding the Museum's insurance policies be forward to the Board. Consensus that VP Administration Wolfgang to provide this info.

25. Business Cards - Business cards will be provided at cost to any Board member requesting it. Ruppert and Wolfgang ordered cards.

26. Eagle Scout Projects - Consensus that all projects be run through the departments effected.

Reports

30. Presidents' Report - Lundquist submitted a written report.

31. Treasurer's Report - Bailey. None.

32. Vice President, Administration Report - Wolfgang. Pennick reported on the nice Union-Tribune article on our "Focus on Youth" school train.

33. Vice President, Museum Services Report - Ruppert submitted a written report., and reminded the Board of the upcoming Postal Heritage Days. Pennick reported that there will be cake and a celebration on June 5th for the 110th birthday of the La Mesa depot, and, reported on the terrific restoration of the baggagecart at the La Mesa depot.

34. Vice President, Finance Report - Thompson None.

35. Vice President, Facilities - Rose None.

36. Vice President, Operations Report - R. Hyatt. Houk reported that he received immediate donations for four new batteries for #7285 totaling \$500, and that these batteries will be installed this weekend.

37. MTDB/SD&AE/CZRY Ad hoc Committee Report - Barber None.

38. Coronado Line/National City Depot ad hoc Committee Report - Wolfgang None.

39. Library Ad Hoc Committee - Pennick None.

40. Marketing Committee - Ruppert None.

50. **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board discussed some pending concerns regarding equipment on the Museum grounds.

60. **CARRY FORWARD** - Lundquist

10 - has been approved in concept, will come back for final adoption

12 - has been approved in concept, will come back for final adoption

22 - will come back with a recommendation from Council

70. **ADJOURNED** at 10:20 PM

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

New this month is a gallery page of photos taken by Ted Kornweibel at Railfair '88. See it at www.psrn.org/gallery.

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 *****

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
School Train	18	15	20	17	21
Volunteer lunch at Campo	8	12	10	14	11
Volunteer BBQ at Campo	--	19	17	21	18
Membership meeting at Campo	22				
Board of Trustees meeting	13	10	8	12	9
Museum Services meeting	18	15	20	17	21
Operations/Mechanical meeting	15	19	17	21	18
Steam meeting	17	21	19	16	20
Deadline for Hot Scoop articles	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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