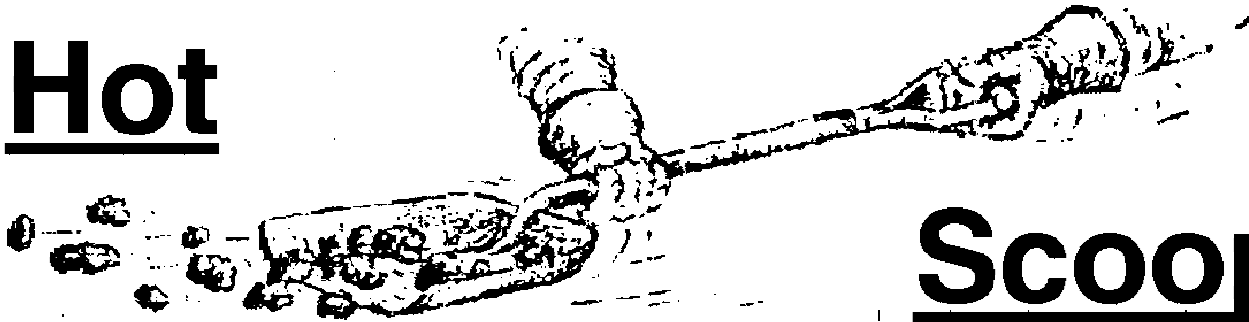


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*** President's Report *** *Jim Lundquist*

It's been about 1½ years since the members elected a new management team. The first six months were spent getting caught up to speed on where we were and where we would like to go. The next six months were spent putting together the plans. Then slowly, we have been gathering the financial resources and new volunteers to start branching out with the new activities. Some of these steps were painful, some were small.

This month, I am excited to report that we are taking the next big step in the development of our Museum. After many months of negotiations and backup work, we will once again be running excursion trains from Campo to the town of Tecate, BC Mexico. This extremely popular excursion is one which will challenge our volunteers in administration, operations and mechanical to pull off. However, everyone is excited about the opportunity we have to offer these trips again. The first trip will be by special invitation of the Mayor of Tecate and will be a fundraising event for us. Not only will we offer a train ride across the international border, but we will also have food, music and dance for us in Tecate. The flier has already been sent to you. I do hope you join us as we celebrate the return of passenger train service to Tecate.



Operation "First Impression" continues this month. The Campo Depot has the majority of new siding installed on the west end, and that work continues until finished. New members Tom Irelan and John Fraley, contractors by trade, have joined in to make an impact here. After this end is completed, the plans are to continue the repainting of the depot and improvements to the structure as we continue to use the depot as our ticket office, giftshop, welcome center, and boarding location. Also at the depot is another Eagle Scout kiosk project. This one will welcome our visitors to Campo with directional signs and background information about the railroad and Campo.

Tom Irelan and John Fraley on ladders, with Larry Rose *Photo by Randy Houk*

I am happy to report Mark and Linda as our new Docents. They stay on the property at the new campsite and are available every weekend to lead tours through the Train Shed and yard for our visitors. This frees our Trainmen to stay onboard the train and at the depot, while also allowing our visitors to access the museum anytime they arrive.

This past month we also held our first Brakeman/Motorcar Operator class in several years. Our current small band of train crew are REALLY looking forward to these new volunteers. Some of us have been working very weekend in operations, and while fun, there are other activities that we would also like to complete for the Museum. Thanks to Jim Baker and all who volunteered to join on in railroad service - you are a welcome sight indeed!

The revised bylaws are in the works, being compiled and assembled by Attorney Fred Vandever of Luce Forward as a donation to the Museum. We hope to get them to our members for ratification soon.

The Quarterly Membership meeting held this past month at Campo was the largest group ever! Some of us joined in on the special #1509 trip to Miller Creek in the evening, while a large group took part in the BBQ and potluck in the lounge. The evening came to an end with music by Larry and Tanya Rose - super!

Also, thanks to Jack O'Lexey who stayed an extra day to work with the weed sprayer. Thanks too for the new to us 30 ton crane donated by a local boat yard, and for Don Getz for leading the charge to not only move it to Campo but for also repairing our existing railcrane. I could go on and on about the many projects happening at our Museum, all good things. But, please instead allow me to invite all our members up to Campo and look around. It is your Museum, after all! Tell everyone you see thank you for yourself, either verbally or by picking up a wrench, tool, brush or broom and helping us build our Museum together. See you at Campo or La Mesa soon.

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

We continue to make progress on assembling 2353.

As noted last month we noticed in the parts car that there were some spacers that need to go between the handrail stanchions and the jacket. Therefore, on May 7, **Larry Owen** and **the Foreman** removed the handrails and installed them. The front sections of the handrail were then re-installed. Also, **Dick Pennick** and the Foreman installed the lower sections of the second jacket course. We then attempted to install the lower sections of the third jacket course. We will need to spend more trying to figure out how these go together. Now, at least the first two courses are complete.

On Saturday, the foreman and **Mike Lucek** were the only steamers on site; the foreman was teaching a brakeman class, and Mike was a student in the class. So, no further work was accomplished on 2353.

Next Work Days and Next Meeting:

WORK DAYS: Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12. Need more info? Call the foreman, 619-670-7441.

MEETING: Monday, June 21, 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!!

***** N scale Layout For Sale *****

The Museum has an N scale model layout for sale. It's now located at Campo. Best offer or first \$500. Photos available - email me for photos: Jim@sdrm.org.

*** SD&A Coaches Get New Paint *** *Frank Stites*



San Diego & Arizona coaches #250 and #254 are now painted, thanks to the efforts of six volunteers from the Freedom Ranch.

The photo shows Eric, Bryan, Tom, Chris, Bryan and Chad who cleaned, sanded and masked windows on both cars. Jim Lundquist applied the paint while Jim Baker and Dick Pennick ran #7285 to move the car during the process. Also assisting were Frank Stites, Sandy Schussler and Bob Schussler. Thanks to everyone for a job well done!

Photo by Frank Stites

*** 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 23 trains and led the walking tours in May. 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	Tommy Batts	Darrell Bivans	Rich Borstadt	Roger Challberg
Dave DiGiorgio	Don Getz	Larry Hieshetter	Dave Houk	Randy Houk
Ted Kornweibel	Jim Lundquist	Seth Miller	Bob Nickles	Linda Ovadia
Mark Ovadia	Jack O'Lexey	Dick Pennick	Don Pope	Larry Rose
Bob Schussler	Sandy Schussler	Frank Stites	Robin Wonders	

*** 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.

\$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

*** Small Truck Still 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.

***** Mechanical Report ***** *Mike Chisholm*

The PSRM Southern Pacific 3873 is diligently being restored to new high standards of repair, as demonstrated by her recent "Revenue Run" during RPO days. A lot of effort and care was put into the "ESPEE" as she is starting to show her sparkle!

The past few weekends the Mechanical Department and other volunteers have been making more repairs to the 3873, this including repairing the Conductor side rear step Grab-Irons that were bent. This was completed with a rather Rube Goldberg contraption, however the final result is "perfect". The Grab-Iron was sanded and primed and will get final black next workday. The Prime Mover of 3873 will need a cylinder head replacement performed soon; this work is being lead by Ron Hyatt and Dave DiGiorgio. The new cylinder head is here and waiting to be installed in the block - lots of work. This past weekend the oil filter gasket was replaced; this is a slow process, since it takes a few hours to drain the oil "carefully" in the filter assembly.

Larry Rose cut and fabricated wood shelving for the new mechanical department toolbox. Larry also sanded and painted this metallic silver; Thank you, Larry. This is a former PSP signaling stand; sturdy and just right for the tools and equipment.

The next major job for the "MECH" guy's is the removal of the Santa Fe Gantry crane trolley motor. The motor is burned up and will need to be removed and placed on the ground for repair. It's a big job getting this assembly on the ground. This will be much easier as Don Getz and helpers have made repairs to the railroad crane, which we will be needing for the task. Thank you Don Getz and crew.

Thank you to Diana Hyatt for cooking and feeding the crew.
Thank you to all the volunteers and members!

Mike Chisholm on behalf of the Mechanical Department:
Ron Hyatt "Boss" Dave Miller Mike Chisholm

***** Memorial Day Weekend Reflections ***** *Jim Lundquist*

I'm writing this Monday evening, after spending three days at Campo. My friends and relatives ask me why I spend so much time at the railway museum. Is it the fact that you like trains? Well, yes, but I could have also been at Cajon Pass. Is it the good times with friends sharing lunch, dinner and conversations? Again, yes, but I could have entertained at home or BBQ'ed at the beach. So, what exactly is it that drives so many of us to spend so much time at the museum?

For me, it's the giving back to our community, making it stronger. I'm reminded of my parents and older brother and brother's-in-law who went to off to war to serve our community. I appreciate the coach, Sunday school teacher, the volunteers in the hospital - all are giving back to our community. It all came to a head this weekend as I am reminded by one special event.

Lew Wolfgang and I had just spent the day getting the trailer ready for Customs for the Tecate trains. It's hard to relate taking off flat tires to trains - but it is all part of the big museum picture. The operation department has just finished running seven shuttle trains for 189 passengers that day. I had a Pepsi in my hand, and was enjoying a moment under the shade tree at the Campo depot. There I spotted a young man also enjoying the shade. I asked him how his day went. He responded "Terrific. My boy just loves trains and he was having a ball." Just then, a three-year-old boy came out of the depot with his Mom and aunt. You could see the smile in that boy's heart after spending his day with us enjoying trains. At that moment - it was all worth it! All the hours, all the dollars and all the sore backs.

On behalf of our community, a huge THANK YOU to all of our hard working volunteers - our community is a better place to live for it!

***** May 13 Board of Trustees Draft Meeting Minutes ***** *Jim Lundquist*

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

Opening

1. Called to Order at 7:02 PM by Lundquist.

Directors present: Helm, D. Hyatt (left at 9:15, item #33), R. Hyatt (left at 9:15, item #33), Lundquist, Pennick, Rose, Ruppert, Schussler, Wolfgang, Luiz (arrived at 7:05, item #3, left at 9:15, item #33), Barber (arrived at 7:17, item #10) and Getz (arrived at 7:17, item #10)

Directors excused: Houk

Directors absent: Gallagher, Owen and Thompson

2. Introduction of Guests and Guest Speakers - Lundquist. There were no guests.
3. Additions and corrections and Approval to Agenda (Luiz arrives).

Added:

26. Insurance issues - Ruppert
27. Neighboring Property - Pennick
28. Weed Spraying - Lundquist

Consensus to adopt revised agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2004 Board Meeting

MOTION by Rose, Helm: Approve minutes as submitted. PASSED 6-0-4 (Abstained Schussler, R. Hyatt, D. Hyatt and Luiz).

OLD BUSINESS

10. Restoration Guidelines Proposal - Helm (hold over from December 2003 meeting)

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

Consensus for Helm to send out one last draft, with a deadline of two weeks for all comments, then send out the final document to the Board for consideration at the June meeting. Ruppert asked that the draft be sent to Ted Kornwiebel.

11. Approval of Bylaws for Members Vote - Lundquist

Discussion: Draft bylaws were not ready from the attorney.

CONSENSUS to trail to a continuation of this Board meeting to be held on Thursday, May 27, 2004, 7:00 PM, Trinity Church.

NEW BUSINESS

20. Election of Secretary/Treasurer and bank signature card update - Lundquist

Discussion: Last month, the Board made Acting appointments for this position given the grave condition of the then current Treasurer Brenda Bailey. Sadly, Brenda Bailey passed away since that action. D. Hyatt asked that the two positions be separated. Schussler volunteered to stand for election as Secretary.

MOTION by Lundquist, Pennick: Elect Diana Hyatt as Treasurer. Elect Sandy Schussler as Secretary. In addition, the Board authorizes the following people to sign checks, access accounts and the safe deposit box. James J. Lundquist, Lewis E. Wolfgang, Diana Hyatt, Larry Rose and Richard Pennick, with any two signatures required for checks in excess of \$500.00 and any two to access the safe deposit box. PASSED 12-0-0.

21. Insurance - Lundquist

Discussion: Our general operating insurance is up for renewal. This year we solicited proposals for fire insurance as well. Both of these policies are within the budget guidelines adopted by the Board.

MOTION by Lundquist: Approve the placement of two insurance policies with HMDB for general operating and fire insurance to cover buildings, contents and equipment, approve the financial payment plan and do not purchase Terrorism Coverage. PASSED 12-0-0.

22. Pricing Review - Lundquist

Discussion: The Market Committee approved an internet fare for a demonstration, which has expired. There is also a long standing "family special," lower fares for on-base military sales, shuttle fares and admission only fares.

CONSENSUS: Refer the fare structure for public events at Campo to the Marketing Committee with a report back at the July Board meeting.

23. Membership - Lundquist

Discussion: We currently don't offer a "Senior Family Rate." Do we need one? If so, a \$30 Senior Family rate (for two related adults) would seem in order.

CONSENSUS: Refer the Senior Family membership to the Marketing Committee with a report back at the July Board meeting.

24. Museum Development Committee - Pennick

Discussion: We need a standing committee to seek grants and donations for the major capital improvements we have planned. Several names were mentioned for a potential committee. Board members will contact these members to seek their interest in serving on a committee, with a report back at the next Board meeting.

25. 30 ton crane - Lundquist

Discussion: We have been offered a 30 ton crane which has been inspected by Don Getz and recommended to be acquired, with new wire and recent certification. After it has been brought up to speed, we can reassess the two 25 ton cranes on site.

Motion by Lundquist, D. Hyatt - Accept the donation of a 30 ton crane, authorize up to \$1000 for transportation, and authorize the deaccession of the two 25 ton cranes at Campo when the 30 ton crane is up to speed. PASSED 12-0-0.

26. Insurance issues - Ruppert. A request was made again for insurance details regarding policies in effect, coverage, costs, limits, expiration dates. Wolfgang to provide this information. Lundquist will invite our agent to attend a Board meeting.

27. Neighboring property - Pennick. The Board was brought up to date on the efforts to acquire neighboring properties. No action was required.

28. Weed Spraying - Lundquist.

Discussion: We are concerned about the budding weeds in the Campo valley on the SD&AE and on our property. We are rebuilding our weed sprayer, but, it will be several months before it is ready. The trolley weed spraying contractor is coming into town and is willing to spray the weeds for us. Contacts with the CZRy railway regarding weeds have not been returned.

MOTION by Lundquist, Luiz - Approve \$1000 to spray weeds in the yard limits at Campo and on the museum's yard. PASSED 12-0-0.

Reports

- 30. Presidents' Report - Lundquist submitted at written report.
- 31. Treasurer's Report - D. Hyatt has just purchased a computer and the Museum has purchased QuickBooks. She asked for more time to present a financial report. D. Hyatt reported a working balance of about \$15,000 - \$20,000, with the insurance, weed spraying, GP9 parts and ongoing monthly expenses being covered.
- 32. Vice President, Administration Report - Wolfgang reported on Tecate train work.
- 33. Vice President, Museum Services Report - Ruppert submitted a written report.
- 34. Vice President, Finance Report - Thompson. No report.
- 35. Vice President, Facilities - Rose reported that the President's report covered it well. Pennick reported on the security agreement with the La Mesa Police for the La Mesa Depot site.
- 36. Vice President, Operations Report - R. Hyatt submitted a written report.
- 37. MTDB/SD&AE/CZRy Ad hoc Committee Report - Barber. Has not met. Recommended removal from the agenda.
- 38. Coronado Line/National City Depot ad hoc Committee Report - Wolfgang. The committee has not met. An RFP for the National City Depot has not been issued by the City of National City.
- 39. Library Ad Hoc Committee - Pennick reported on the efforts to secure in town property. He is reconsidering the idea of the library on site at Campo. Discuss about a possible use of refrigerator cars for the library occurred. Rose is discussing a possible long term lease with the Midway Museum group.
- 40. Marketing Committee - Ruppert reported that himself, Pennick and Duling are currently active, that Thompson back off the committee, suggested adding Schussler and Tanya Rose to the committee. Now that a backup locomotive is available, it's time again to look at advertising.
- 50. **CLOSED SESSION** - none.
- 60. **CARRY FORWARD** - Lundquist. Items 10, 22, 23 and 24
- 70. **ADJOURNED** to a continued meeting for Item #11 to be held on Thursday, May 27, 2004 at 7:00 PM at Trinity Church.

*** Web page update *** Randy Houk

New this month is a page announcing the first Tecate excursion:
<http://www.sdrm.org/events/tecate/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 ***

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
School Train	15	20	17	21
Volunteer lunch at Campo	12	10	14	11
Volunteer BBQ at Campo	19	17	21	18
Viva Tecate Excursion	26			
Board of Trustees meeting	10	8	12	9
Museum Services meeting	15	20	17	21
Operations/Mechanical meeting	19	17	21	18
Steam meeting	21	19	16	20
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 submissions is the 28th.**

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