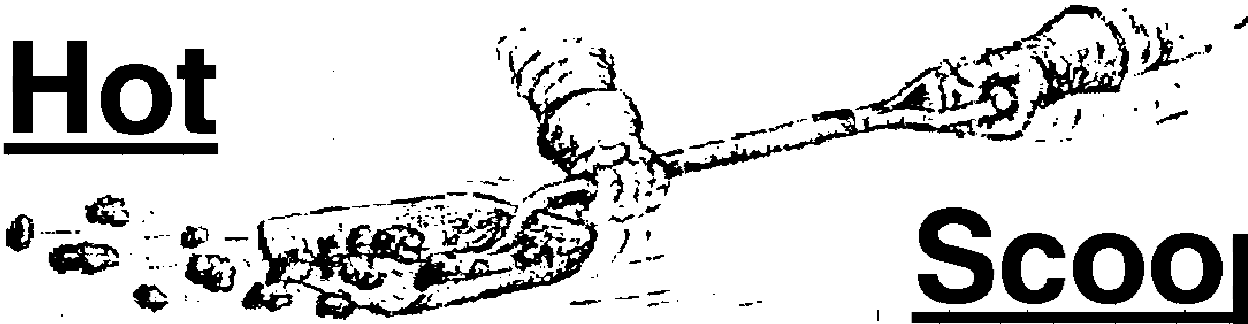


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*** President's Report *** *Jim Lundquist*

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2005 BOARD POSITIONS

In accordance with the existing bylaws, for all members in good standing, we will be electing three Board members for terms from 2005-2007. The process for nomination is two fold: The Board's nomination committee selects a member to stand for election or a member in good standing turns in a petition to stand for election signed by 10 members in good standing with a statement of a willingness to serve on the Board by the member in question.

All petitions are required to be turned in to the Secretary of the Museum not later than 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 9, 2004. Address all petitions to: Secretary, PSRM, 4695 Nebo Dr, La Mesa, CA 91941-5259. You may also notify the Chairperson of the nominating committee, Sandy Schussler at 619-698-1458, of your interest to be considered by the committee.

Thank you for your interest in serving our Museum.

Help Wanted - Join the Operations Team

On January 4, 1986, David DiGiorgio, Rene Scheuerman, Dave Slater, Geoff Scheuerman, Jim Lundquist and Dick Ruppert all volunteered as crew members that day, the day our Museum started excursion passenger trains on the San Diego & Arizona Railway. Since that time, we have been blessed many ways - an extremely good safety record, hundreds of thousands of visitors and many volunteers always ready to join the operations team. As demand for the best volunteer railway positions was high and our limited ability to train and use everyone, requirements for "time-in-service" became the norm. Volunteers were expected to work in other areas of museum service and to work as a Trainman until openings in operations came up.

Jumping forward 19 years, we find ourselves in a unique position, one which I hope many of you and your neighbors take advantage of. Many of our long term operating crew have gotten older and many more have gone on to paid railroad jobs. Right now, we have immediate openings in the operating department as train crew. My hope is to attract those of us interested in running trains for the Museum to step forward right now and be trained as a Brakeman and/or Motorcar Operator. The requirements include museum membership (a \$30 check does that part if you are not a member), classroom instruction as arranged by Dave DiGiorgio, and some "hands-on" experience at Campo. Once certified, we sincerely hope you try to give us at least one weekend day a month as part of the train crew. Concurrent with this appeal to our members, outside advertising is also going forward to announce this opportunity asking for additional volunteers within the California / Arizona area to join us on the San Diego & Arizona.

Our current requirements are for one engineer, one conductor, one brakeman and one motorcar operator for every train. We run at least 9 trains per month, sometime more, which means we have to fill 36 volunteer positions each month. So - can you answer this appeal to become involved in train operations for your Museum? If so - please give Dave DiGiorgio a call at 619-334-5188 or via email at Run8@cox.net.

Swing Set up and Open for Business at the Campo Depot

The vast majority of visitors to our Museum are families with young children. Recognizing this fact, we have been making the visitors center (Campo Depot, display box car) more kid friendly. The sand box, mine cars, push trains and now a swing set are all to entertain our visitors.



The swing set is uniquely made from 60 pound rails, in keeping with our railroad theme (plus, they were free!) **Dick McIntyre, Bob Haney** and **Dick Cupp** were able to cut the rails into the proper length, and weld/bolt them together. **Jim Lundquist** transported them to the depot and drilled holes for the hardware (man, rail is hard - many drill bits were used). Jim, **Diego Lundquist** and **Sabrina Lundquist** all dug holes for the set. Our friends at CZRy also brought over their posthole digger on a Saturday. With some much needed assistance from **Rich Warner**, Jim, Diego and Sabrina put up the set and mounted it in concrete.

Meanwhile, Jim was ordering commercial grade swings (two children, two regular) and purchasing the necessary hardware. Late Sunday evening, on July 25th, **Justin Lundquist** and Jim finished installing the swings. They have been test swung by Jim and found to be OK to use (if it holds up Jim, it should hold up any kid).

The swing set should be a popular attraction for our families as they spend a part of their day with us. Many thanks to all involved. Next up - a model train set for the kids to enjoy.

***** Operations Reminders ***** *Randy Houk*

Since SD&A #350 is usually the west-end car of our consist, pay special attention to the tightness of its handbrake. After the locomotive breaks away and the car's brakes go into emergency, make sure the handbrake wheel is tight. Typically you can get another full turn on the wheel, even after tightening it with a 20 lb. set.

With many of our movements now being west of the depot, and CZRy running sand trains on Saturdays, pay special attention to running at restricted speed. Be certain that you can stop the train within half the range of vision short of another train, engine, railroad car, men or equipment fouling the track, stop signal (**red flag**), derail or switch lined improperly, looking out for broken rail, not exceeding 20 mph. Please be alert, since you may be the recipient of an efficiency test by Museum operations management!

Also, per Rule 5.9.1 engineers please dim the locomotive headlight when in the yard where switching is being done, or when stopped on the main when waiting for an approaching train. These situations will become more common as CZRy runs freight trains while we run our passenger trains.

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

We continue to make slow, but sure progress on assembling 2353.

On Friday, July 9, **Bob Nickles** (the only worker that day) spent about 5 hours needle-gunning the underside of the Lavino's saddle tank. He still has some more to go, especially the bottom of each side. This will require a crane to turn the tank on its side.

On Saturday, the foreman managed to solve the little problem that was reported last month: a wrench somehow got dropped down the injector overflow pipe on the engineer's side. This was recovered by tying a nut to a length of heavy twine, dropping it down the pipe, and jiggling it around a bit until the nut dropped out the bottom, alongside the wrench. The twine was then tied to the wrench, and all was pulled out at the top of the pipe. Real high tech! Took about 10 minutes.

Also on Saturday, the foreman (the only worker that day) completed installing the hand rails along the running boards on both sides of the boiler. He also installed the jacket on the steam pipe on the fireman's side of the engine.

Next, we will continue to install the straps between the jacket courses and the jacket sections that cover the steam pipes between the smoke box and the cylinders. Then continue installing the handrail; the boiler checks, injectors, water lines, sand pipes, and electrical conduit.

A first cut update is now on the Museum's web site. More photos will follow soon.

*** Operations Orientation Class *** *Lew Wolfgang*

The Museum will be offering Operations Orientation Classes on the last Saturday of every month starting on August 28, 2004. These classes, patterned after the ones that were given in the late 1980's, will serve to introduce volunteers to the Museum's operations. The day will include a tour of the Campo facility, a safety lecture followed by a written test, a short introduction to wild-land firefighting and a hands-on fire-speeder class. Successful completion of this one-day class will qualify the volunteer as a Museum Motorcar Crewman.

August Class

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2004

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: Campo Depot

Space in these classes will be limited, so please give Lew Wolfgang a call at (619) 428-9814 to reserve your spot. This class is an excellent way for you to get started as an active Operations Volunteer and will serve as the first step on your way to becoming a qualified brakeman, conductor and engineer.

*** Welcome New SD&A Crewmembers *** *Randy Houk*

Congratulations to newly qualified brakeman and motorcar operator **Darrel Bivans**. Darrel has worked hard qualifying at these positions, and I'm sure he will be an important addition to our operations volunteers.

Also welcome **Zac Armstrong** as a newly qualified motorcar operator. Zac and his wife recently moved here from Texas. Zac's father Mike came out recently and helped Zac work on motorcar #105, installing a new driveshaft among many other improvements.

*** 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 24 trains and led the walking tours in July. 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.

Zac Armstrong	Jim Baker	Robin Becker	Darrel Bivans	Roger Challberg
Dave DiGiorgio	Don Getz	Larry Hieshetter	Diana Hyatt	Dave Houk
Randy Houk	Jim Lundquist	Seth Miller	Bob Nickles	Linda Ovadia
Mark Ovadia	Jack O'Lexey	Dick Pennick	Don Pope	Ann Ruppert
Robin Wonders	Bob Schussler	Bruce Semelsberger	Dawn Shaffer	Frank Stites

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\$100	Rose, Larry & Tanya	Campo Depot Material
\$ 50	Schussler, Bob & Sandy	General Fund
\$ 80	Slingsby, James T.	#2353 Restoration Fund
\$ 25	Walker, Chard L.	Brenda Bailey Memorial Fund
\$ 40	Woempner, Craig & Jeanette	General fund

*** Mechanical Update *** *Dave DiGiorgio*

We are still progressing on the SP #3873. Our main goals on this loco now are to get flange lubricators installed on the locomotive and get a new cylinder head installed. **Mike Chisholm** installed an upgraded radio donated by SD&IV.

Zac Armstrong and I installed rebuilt brake valves on ATSF #1509. We also identified a few small air leaks in the air system that we will address soon. They are small enough that the car still passes the required leakage tests. **Ron Hyatt** removed one of the platform windows so a new set of window frames could be made for it.

SDA #250: We have been working on doing COTS on this car, and should finish it soon.

SDA #253: This car is getting some coupler and undercarriage work.

SDA #105: This is the yellow fire protection motorcar. Zac Armstrong is doing quite a bit of work on this, in anticipation for it taking over the fire protection duties.

Quite a bit of general shop cleanup has been done, and will continue as time and labor permits.

*** Progress On Our Passenger Fleet *** *Randy Houk*

Much progress has been made recently on giving our visitors a better first impression when they arrive at our Museum. One of the first things people see is our passenger cars. After years of deferred maintenance, our SD&A cars are starting to look really good. Jim Lundquist got the ball rolling by getting cars #250, 254 and 350 painted. Much of the work done to spruce up #350 is documented on our website at this link: <http://www.sdrm.org/roster/passenger/ss-350/repaint.html>.

Our "crack" duo of Larrys has been busy recently numbering and lettering some of our coaches. Shown below are photos of newly numbered and lettered cars #254 and #350. **Larry Rose** did the numbering, and **Larry Owen** did the lettering. Great work, guys!



Ron Hyatt and his crew of **Dave DiGiorgio**, **Mike Chisholm** and **Zac Armstrong** have been busy working on many mechanical projects at Campo (see Dave's separate article). Here is a shot of Ron needle gunning the west-end coupler from coach SD&A #253.



***** July 8 Board of Trustees Draft Meeting Minutes ***** *Jim Lundquist*

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

OPENING

1. Call to Order at 7:07 PM by President Lundquist.

Directors Present: Barber, Helm (departed at 9:06 PM during item #27), Houk, D. Hyatt, Lundquist, Pennick, Rose, Schussler, Wolfgang and Owen (arrived at 7:15 PM during item #12)

Directors Excused: Ruppert (work)
Directors Absent: Gallagher, Getz, R. Hyatt and Luiz.
2. Introduction of Guests and Guest Speakers - Lundquist introduced Dave DiGiorgio.
3. Additions and corrections and Approval to Agenda - items # 26 and 27 were added and the agenda was adopted by consensus.
4. Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2004 and June 24, 2004 Board Meetings

MOTION by Houk, Schussler - Approved minutes as submitted for both meetings - PASSED 6-0-3 (abstaining D. Hyatt, Barber & Wolfgang).

OLD BUSINESS

10. **Restoration Guidelines Proposal - Helm**

Helm asked that this item be tabled for the action at the August meeting.
11. **Bylaws - Lundquist**

Lundquist handed out another draft bylaw from attorney Vandever. He asked for comments within the next week. Discussion about the requirements for an annual meeting, proxy votes, quarterly meetings and need to address what happens to the corporate assets in the unlikely event of the Museum going out of business were brought up for consideration. This item will come back to the Board at the August meeting.
12. **Museum Development Committee - Pennick**

Pennick reported that he has found another potential member, but, he's still looking for a chair for the committee. Andria, Greg Luiz's friend, was mentioned.
13. **Library Planning Effort - Lundquist**

Discussion: In June, the Board directed the Library committee to make a final recommendation for a location for our library at the July Board meeting. Pennick reported that they had not met, but, pledged to bring back a recommendation for the August meeting. Action tabled to the August meeting.
14. **Report from the Nominating Committee - Lundquist**

Discussion: At the June meeting, the Board appointed a committee of Gallagher, Ruppert and Schussler. They did not meet. Schussler pledged to bring back a report at the August meeting.
15. **San Diego Museum Council Application Status - Pennick**

Pennick reported on information regarding membership requirements. We meet all requirements except for a paid staff member. Lundquist will review the cost and benefits of meeting this requirement.
16. **Report from Marketing Committee on Fare Structure - Ruppert**

At the May 2004 meeting, the Board asked for recommendations from the Marketing Committee on a pricing structure for train rides and museum admissions by the July Board meeting. There was no report.

MOTION by Lundquist: Due to the fact that the vast majority of our visitors take advantage of the discounted fare of \$12, and, in order to take advantage of being able to advertise that cost, the fare for adults should be lowered to \$12.00 with no discounts. Motion died for lack of second.

NEW BUSINESS

20. **Adoption of Policy Concerning Use of Museum Property - Lundquist**

Discussion: The Museum needs a clearly defined policy regarding the use of all Museum property.

MOTION by Lundquist, Houk - It shall be the policy of the Museum that all uses of any Museum property shall only be considered with proper consideration for the value of such uses. Any loaning, borrowing or sale of any Museum assets, in excess of \$500 requires the approval of the Board. PASSED 10-0-0.

22. Robert Peary Usage - Lundquist

Discussion - The Robert Peary is one of our best assets. Currently, it is being underutilized as a car of charter services only. The idea being put forth is to move the #050 and #14 out of the Train Shed, to be replaced by #2353 and the Robert Peary. With the Peary indoors, it can be set up for visitors with posters and displays regarding the Presidential trains and this type of car in general. Out side, the car gets too hot and there is concern with gravel and dirt. Also, by moving the two wooden cars inside the shop, the necessary restoration work can proceed at the appropriate location returning the Train Shed to display status. This does not preclude the Peary from returning to train service if that need were to arise in the future.

MOTION by Lundquist, D. Hyatt - ask the Museum Services to make a recommendation on this proposal at the August Board meeting. PASSED 9-1-0 (Rose voted against the motion).

23. Excursion Train Schedule - Lundquist

Discussion - We are having a hard time meeting our crewing requirements for our usual train operations on the weekends from Campo. I very much believe in a "truth in advertising" type of approach with our public. The Board needs to seek a recommendation from the Operations department as to if we can continue to staff a full train operation for both days of the weekend, or, if we should adopt a schedule which requires less staff: Campo Valley locals, less days of operation, closed certain months, etc are some possibilities, as well as potentially less crew for operations (specifically, removing the motorcar operator position).

MOTION by Lundquist, Schussler - ask the Operations Department to hold an all operations volunteer meeting to make a recommendation on this proposal at the August Board meeting. PASSED 10-0-0.

24. Purchase of hand-held Radios - Lundquist

Discussion: Led by Dave DiGiorgio - Roger Challberg fronted money for the purchase of 4 MT 1000 99 channel hand held radios with microphones, belt packs, and chargers. The recommendation is to purchase these from Roger for \$2,000.00

MOTION by Wolfgang, Barber - authorize D. Hyatt to purchase the four radios, not to exceed \$2000.00, with payment terms agreeable to Roger and the Treasurer.

25. Fictitious Names - Lundquist

Motion by Lundquist, Barber: Authorize the President to file a fictitious name statement with the County for the names of: San Diego & Arizona Railway, San Diego Railroad Museum and the Campo Railroad Museum on behalf of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. PASSED 9-0-0 (Helm out).

26. Brake Valve Repairs Authorization - D. Hyatt

Motion by D. Hyatt, Houk - Authorize the repairs to two brakes valves for the #350 and #1509, not to exceed \$2900.00. PASSED 10-0-0.

27. Possible Acquisition of ex-Southern Pacific #4004 ALCo RS-32 - Lundquist

The Feather River Railroad Society has made a locomotive available to us. The consensus was to express an interest in acquiring the locomotive, ask the mechanical department to inspect, and bring back additional information on costs to acquire.

REPORTS

30. Presidents' Report - Lundquist submitted two written reports.

31. Treasurer's Report - D. Hyatt - No report.

32. Vice President, Administration Report - Wolfgang - No report.

33. Vice President, Museum Services Report - Ruppert - No report.

34. Vice President, Facilities - Rose - No report.

35. Vice President, Operations Report - R. Hyatt - No report.

36. Coronado Line/National City Depot ad hoc Committee Report - Wolfgang - No report.

37. Library Ad Hoc Committee - Pennick (see agenda item #13) - No report.

38. Marketing Committee - Ruppert (see agenda item #16) - No report.

50. CLOSED SESSION - None.

60. CARRY FORWARD - Restoration Guidelines Proposal - Helm; Bylaws - Lundquist; Museum Development Committee - Pennick; Library Planning Effort - Pennick; Report from the Nominating Committee - Schussler; San Diego Museum Council Application Status - Pennick; Robert Peary Usage - Lundquist; Excursion Train Schedule - R. Hyatt; and Possible Acquisition of ex-Southern Pacific #4004 ALCo RS-32 - Lundquist

70. ADJOURNED at 9:32 PM.

7/9/2004 1:29 PM

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

New this month is a page describing the status of the #2353 project. See it at <http://www.sdrm.org/events/mcsteam.html>. We also have a photo of recently qualified motorcar operator Zac Armstrong: <http://www.sdrm.org/gallery/people/speeders/>.

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 ***

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
School Train	17	21	19	16	21
Volunteer lunch/BBQ at Campo	21	18	--	--	--
Board of Trustees meeting	12	9	14	11	9
Museum Services meeting	17	21	19	16	21
Steam meeting	--	20	18	15	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

*** Article Submissions ***

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