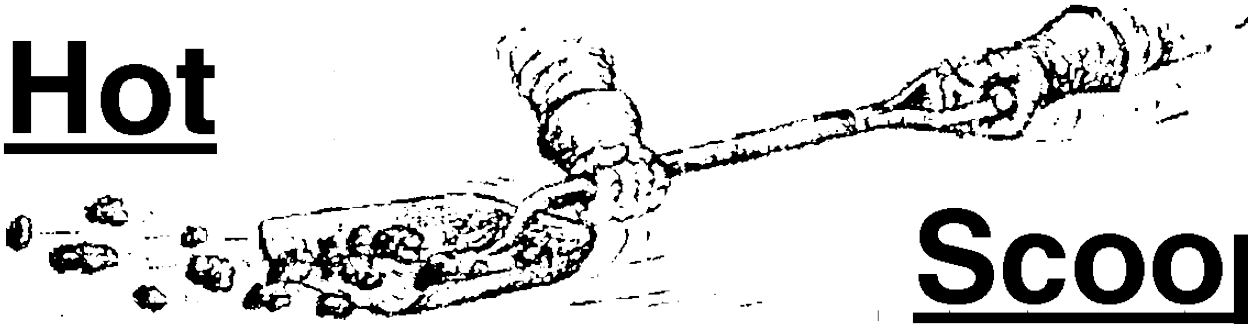


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***** President's Report ***** *Jim Lundquist*

I am happy to report that we have been able to recruit several additional volunteers into the Operations department with advertising in Southern California newspapers! Yes, the most dynamic railroad operation open to volunteers has indeed attracted additional members to join up and assist us in operating our excursion passenger trains. Over the years, we have had members go into the railroad business and drift away without a strong effort to replace them. That process brought us into a huge need for additional volunteers. Please go out of your way to say hi and welcome these newest members into the fold. Some are former railroaders, and some are new to railroading - and all are WELCOMED to our family. Running our excursion trains is the top priority for our museum - without trains, many of our visitors would not come out to our museum. THANKS to all the new members helping out.

The backlog of deferred maintenance on the passenger excursion fleet has now become a focused effort of the mechanical troops. Ron Hyatt and gang have started the effort to rebuild those parts which simply wear out as the years and miles add up. It is impressive to go into the shop and see couplers and coupler pockets in our large machines being drilled out and repaired. There are many jobs to complete as we go through the fleet - how about considering coming out to Campo, finding Ron and lending a hand? The weekday troops, who can't make weekends, are really helping out this effort. Give Ron a call if you can help out: (619) 390-9045.

With additional volunteers and equipment, we can now schedule trains from Campo to Tecate again. This trip is popular with our members, friends and the volunteers. Look for the flier in this issue and pass it around at your neighborhood or work site. If you'd like to assist on these trains, contact me and I'll find the right person to put you in contact with.

After a one year effort, revised bylaws have been adopted by the Board and will soon be coming to your mailbox for ratification. We owe a huge THANK YOU to Fred Vandever of the law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton and Scripps (San Diego's largest legal firm) for his donation of many hours putting together the new bylaws. Fred merged California laws dealing with Non-Profit Corporations with our Articles of Incorporation to draft an entire new set of bylaws. The main difference is bylaws again call for one Board of eight elected Directors (consistent with our bylaws) to run the Museum. If these bylaws are passed by the membership, we will start the nominating process from scratch to elect eight volunteer members to serve on the Board beginning in 2005. Speaking of Board meetings, I would like to encourage all active

members to sit in at the meetings to see the tremendous work going on "behind the scenes" to keep this California Corporation going and growing.

We owe a huge thanks to the entire Hyatt family for their efforts for our Museum. All 5 ½ of them are usually found at Campo on each weekend working mechanical tasks, cleaning and cooking. In addition, they just toured other Northern California railway museums at our request. Each is currently a Board member, with Ron the VP Operations and Diana the Treasurer. Cary also helps out the mechanical troops from time to time, and 2 year old Aaron is a huge railfan. Without this level of effort, our Museum would be hurting indeed. Many, many thanks to the entire Hyatt family.

See you at Campo or La Mesa Depot soon?

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

All crew need to pay attention to performing the Initial Terminal Road Train Air Brake Test (Rule 30.2). Make sure you use a gauge at the rear of the train. The PUC and FRA are observing railroads for compliance with this and all other brake tests.

***** 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 demonstration trains running. These folks ran 20 trains and led the walking tours in August. 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	Robin Becker	Darrel Bivans	Roger Challberg	
Dave DiGiorgio	Don Getz	Larry Hieshetter	Diana Hyatt	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	Dawn Shaffer	Frank Stites	Bruce Semelsberger	

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***** Donations *****

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

\$100	Kehr, Herbert G.	Report
\$ 30	Reynolds, Bryce T.	Charity Matching Donation
\$250	Staunton, Ralph J.	General Fund

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

Steam Team foreman **Jim Baker** and Depot coordinator **Dick Pennick** - in addition to long-time membership in PSRMA - are also members of the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, a volunteer support group that works with the operators of that northern New Mexico steam tourist railroad. At **Jim's** invitation, **Dick** accompanied him to Chama, NM for two weeks in early August. With a week of travel time thrown in, **Dick** and **Jim** were "out of Dodge" for three weeks, sniffing coal smoke.

But, thanks to Depot docents **Sid Saltzstein, Bruce Semelsberger, Duane Dubke, and Sandy & Bob Schussler**, our La Mesa Depot Museum exhibit was adequately staffed in **Dick's** absence. Thank you all for a job well done, and for allowing your coordinator to enjoy the break without worrying about staffing problems.

The La Mesa Merchants Association's annual "Back-to-the-'50's" car show wound up its 2004 season on Thursday evening, August 26th. So the Depot will be open on Saturday afternoons only (1 - 4 p.m.) through the rest of the year. Special hours will be observed during LMMA's annual Oktoberfest celebration - which runs for three days -- and during the holiday "Christmas in the Village" festivities in December, which runs for 6 days on two long back-to-back weekends. Wanna be involved in this "in-town" activity? Give **Dick** a call (619) 463-2276.

Campo Diner Now Open

The new **Campo Diner** at Cameron Corners has been open for business for a month now. Members who have sampled its menu seem to agree that it's an improvement over the former Old Oak Café.

Another local food option - on Thursday evenings - is the local VFW Post 2080 up behind the Border Patrol headquarters about ¼ mile south of Campo Depot. Fare ranges from steak to Mexican to (I think) barbeque. If interested, call them at (619) 478-9212. (Dick Pennick)

Two Museum Steamteam Members Snort Coal Smoke In New Mexico Mountains

PSRMA **SteamTeam** members **Jim Baker** and **Dick Pennick** - also Museum locomotive engineers - recently returned from a two-week volunteer stint with the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad at Chama, New Mexico.

The Friends is a non-profit support group that performs a variety of support functions for the C & TS, a fabulously-scenic 64-mile narrow-gauge steam-powered railroad between Chama and Antonito, Colorado.

Jim's job was Train Docent on the daily through train, which departed alternately from the two terminals and bussed the return direction. He spent as much time as possible in the open gondola and was forced (it's a tough job, but someone's gotta do it!) to work the train most of the days they were there. A minor derailment near 10,000 ft. Cumbres Pass marred one of the first trains he worked, but no one was injured and all passengers were properly delivered two hours later than the scheduled arrival.

Dick's assigned volunteer project, in the railroad yard at Chama, was the restoration of one of a number of wooden telegraphophone booths originally installed by the Denver & Rio Grande Western Ry. all along the narrow-gauge line. **Dick's** primary task was to develop a set of "existing condition" drawings prior to the beginning of the restoration work. He also had to design a new roof structure based on photos and other data compiled over the past several years by other Friends volunteers. When brought to Chama earlier this year, the roof was very badly deteriorated almost to the point of extinction.

Guidelines issued by the State Preservation Offices of Colorado & New Mexico - the bi-state owners of the line - must be observed in all restorations. So when the original, badly-deteriorated door had to be replaced with a new door, **Dick's** replacement door was a nearly-exact duplicate of the original, right down to a tin patch on one front corner and hammering the nails over on the back side.

The Friends lunch crew kept everyone well-fed and watered, but the most impressive factor was the obvious high level of effort and coordination required by the volunteer leaders to pull off an entire season of these week-long sessions almost flawlessly. The estimated number of active volunteers involved in various projects onsite during Aug. 9 - 13 was about 50, with more working at the Antonito end. One project involved the construction of a "new" narrow-gauge freight caboos on a former stock car underframe, patterned after an existing original caboos onsite. It was amazing to watch the framing for this car gradually take shape during the two weeks. Mortise and tenon floor & wall framing and roof bows were assembled, but completion will have to wait for next year. The car is planned to be used for railfan charter trips.

The Friends has definitely set the standard for volunteerism, not only in railroad preservation but in historic preservation in general. It's a model that many railroad museum organizations could only hope to emulate.

Of course, the big perq was working in the clean, thin air of Chama at almost 8000 ft. above sea level, with hand-fired coal-burning steam engines chuffing around the yard fueling up or taking water, turning on the wye south of town, or just steaming quietly outside the enginehouse, punctuated frequently by the unmistakable wail of a steam whistle. On certain days, the train thundered out of Chama with two engines on the point, in an unbelievable cacophony of whistle, smoke and steam as they prepared to tackle the 4% ruling grade to Cumbres. It was sometimes very difficult to concentrate on the project at hand! A three-engine train charter is planned for October during the fall colors, and the third engine is being readied as this is being written. (Dick Pennick)

***** August 19 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 Lundquist

Present: Barber, Gallagher, Getz, Helm, D. Hyatt, R. Hyatt, Lundquist, Rose, Ruppert, Schussler, Wolfgang

Absent: Houk, Luiz, Owen, Pennick

Excused: Houk

2. Introduction of Guests and Guest Speakers - Mike Deeble and Dan Roddy, HMDB; Ted Kornwiebel
3. Additions and corrections and Approval to Agenda - Consensus to adopt with additions 24, 25 & 26
4. Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2004 Board Meetings - MOTION by Rose, Getz: Approved as submitted - PASSED 8-0-3 (D. Hyatt, R. Hyatt, Gallagher)

OLD BUSINESS

10. **Restoration Guidelines Proposal - Helm**

At the request of Larry Rose, final action was postponed to the September Board meeting.

11. **Approval of Bylaws for Members Vote - Lundquist**

Discussion: Several edits were made to the revised draft bylaws submitted to the Board.

MOTION by Lundquist, Barber - Accept the draft bylaws as modified and direct that they go to the membership for a ratification vote supported by the Board - PASSED 11-0-0.

12. **Library Planning Effort - Lundquist**

Discussion: In June, the Board directed the Library committee to make a final recommendation for a location for our library to the Board. In a written report, the committee has asked for additional time to review any options until June 2005.

MOTION by D. Hyatt, Getz: Begin the planning effort for an onsite library at Campo and suggest the library committee continue the effort to identify other locations and potential funding. PASSED 11-0-0.

13. **Report from the Nominating Committee - Lundquist**

Discussion: At the June meeting, the Board appointed a committee of Gallagher, Ruppert and Schussler.

MOTION by Getz, Rose: Accept the slate of Barber, DiGiorgio, Duling, Houk, Lundquist, Owen, Ruppert and Wolfgang to stand for election of a three year term under the existing by laws. The top three will be elected to the Board as voted by the membership. In the event new bylaws are voted into existence by the members, the new bylaws will replace this action and start the new procedure. PASSED 9-0-2 (Ruppert and Barber abstained).

14. **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. Outside, 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. At the July meeting, the Board asked Museum Services to make a recommendation on this proposal for this meeting.

There was no recommendation and this item will be brought back to the Board at the September meeting.

15. **Excursion Train Schedule - Lundquist**

Helm leaves meeting.

Discussion - At the July meeting, the Board asked for 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). The operations department suggests holding off of any changes and mount an aggressive effort to recruit additional volunteers.

MOTION by Lundquist, R. Hyatt: Authorize the President to place multiple advertising in newspapers and potentially other media in Southern California as well as Workampers publications for additional volunteers, at a not to exceed cost of \$1,500. In addition, an aggressive weed spraying effort in the fall along with the continued aggressive spark arrestors to reduce or eliminate the motorcar position should be budgeted, with an estimated cost to be brought back to the Board. PASSED 9-1-0 (Ruppert).

16. Possible Acquisition of ex-Southern Pacific #4004 ALCo RS-32, former Santa Fe S-2 and other locomotives - Lundquist

The Feather River Railroad Society has made a locomotive available to us as well as to the San Francisco group. In July, by Board consensus, we expressed an interest in acquiring the locomotive, asked the mechanical department to inspect, and bring back additional information on costs to acquire. Ron Hyatt has completed his inspection and will be bringing back recommendations for the Board consideration.

Ron Hyatt reported the following:

ATSF 2356, ALCo S-2 at Golden Gate RR Museum: "fixer", 3 bad wheels, rare, will need to be trucked or flat cared, figure \$6-8,000 for new wheels to operate, \$3,500 to acquire + transportation

SP 4004, ALCo RS-32, Portola: This unit operated in Campo on the SD&AE by Kyle Railway, OK wheels, \$10,000 to purchase, roller bearings, traction motors included but not on engine.

SP 5253 Baldwin AS-616 at Portola: plain bearing, 1 bad wheel set, replaced steam on the SD&AE.

KC 908, ALCo RS-2 at Portola: bad wheels, mechanically intact, good prime mover, plain bearings

KC 2, ALCo RS-3 at Portola: good wheels, good prime mover, plain bearings

65-00612, Navy, ALCo MRS-1 at Rio Vista: Great wheels, running, plain bearings

65-00614, Navy ALCo MRS-1 at Rio Vista: hasn't run in a while, seems OK

MOTION by Barber, D. Hyatt: Continue to express an interest in three locomotives: ATSF 2356, SP 4004 and 65-00612, and bring back additional moving expenses. PASSED 9-1-1 (Lundquist voted against the MRS-1, Gallagher abstained).

NEW BUSINESS

20. Insurance Agent visit - Lundquist

(maybe taken out of order)

Our insurance agent, Daniel J. Roddy, CEO of Hamman, Miller, Beauchamp & Deeble out of Long Beach outlined our current insurance coverage and answered questions about insurance. The Board asked for additional information on Workers Compensation costs for the potential of hiring laborers.

21. School Train Advanced Reservations Policy - Helm

The Board asked the operations department for a recommendation at the September Board meeting to establish the number of students and the amount of advanced notice of any cancellation of trains due to not meeting the number set.

22. Establishing the date for the next Campo to Tecate train - Lundquist, Wolfgang, Helm, Getz & Barber

MOTION by D. Hyatt, Getz: Establish the dates of September 18, October 16 and November 20 with a fare of \$45, early bird discount of \$5 if 10 days in advance to operate from Campo to Tecate. PASSED 10-0-0.

23. Appointing a representative to the ARM and TRAIN conventions- Lundquist

The Board should ask someone to attend and represent us.

Association of Railway Museums (ARM): The 2004 conference will be held in Ogden, Utah, Wednesday - Sunday, October 13-17 with a pre-conference trip scheduled to Ely, Nevada (Nevada Northern Railway Museum) October 12-13. Conference will be hosted by the Ogden Union Station Museums, 2501 Wall Avenue, Ogden, UT 84401 www.theunionstation.org

Tourist Railway Association, Inc (TRAIN): The 2004 convention will be held in Kansa City, MO on November 3 through 7.

POSTPONED action to the September Board meeting.

24. TRAIN SHED naming - Ruppert

MOTION by Ruppert, Getz: Rename "Display Building" - PASSED 6-3-1.

25. **MOTOR CAR WHEELS - Hyatt** Tabled.

26. **Cincinnati Machine Repairs - Lundquist**

Lundquist reported that Fred Carnathan asked for \$1200 to purchase repair parts. Fred will install

MOTION by D. Hyatt, Barber - authorize \$1200 for parts - PASSED 10-0-0.

REPORTS

- 30. Presidents' Report - Lundquist submitted a written report.
- 31. Treasurer's Report - D. Hyatt
- 32. Vice President, Administration Report - Wolfgang
- 33. Vice President, Museum Services Report - Ruppert
- 34. Vice President, Facilities - Rose
- 35. Vice President, Operations Report - R. Hyatt submitted a written report.
- 36. Coronado Line/National City Depot ad hoc Committee Report - Wolfgang
- 37. Library Ad Hoc Committee - Pennick submitted a written report.
- 38. Marketing Committee - Ruppert

50. **CLOSED SESSION**

60. **CARRY FORWARD - Lundquist**

Items 10, 14, 16, 21 and 23.

70. **ADJOURN** at 11:00 PM.

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

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 *****

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

***** 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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