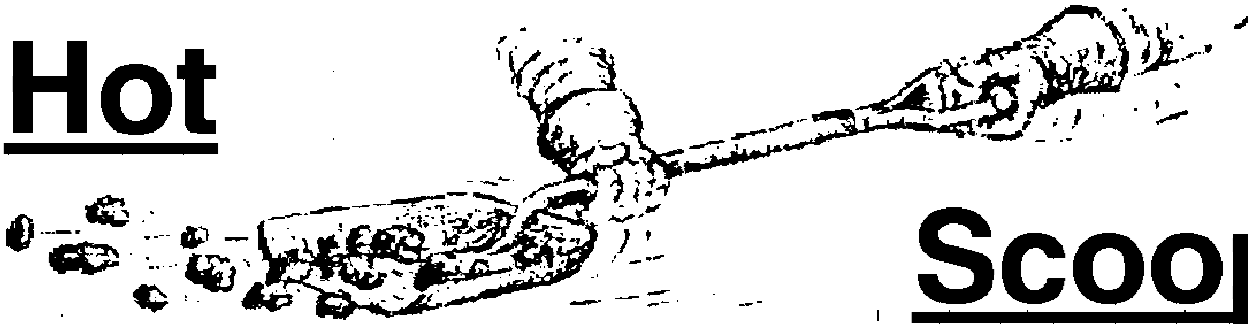


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*** President's Report *** *Jim Lundquist*

A big **Thank You** goes out to member Dave Finney for his \$1000 donation towards the acquisition of locomotive SP #4004. Dave is supportive of acquiring equipment with a history of service in San Diego and class 1 railroads. SP #4004 fits both of these exactly. We had to purchase the locomotive from another museum, and transportation costs from Portola to San Diego also add to the total, not withstanding the costs to rebuild and repaint the unit. All told, I estimate a cost of \$25,000 with donated labor. It is indeed special when we acquire a locomotive to our collection. The locomotive is slowly being transported to Campo as of this writing. Thank you Dave for your outstanding donation to this cause.

During the week, we have many people running errands for us: Ed Duling, Dave DiGiorgio, Dick Pennick, Duane Dubke, Bob Schussler, Ken Hansen, Ron & Diana Hyatt, Larry Rose, myself, and the list goes on. Many thanks for all you do for everyone.

The number of visitors continues to go up each month at Campo. Our Tecate trains are sold out every trip. We remain extremely short of volunteers in train crew positions, with many volunteers holding down 4-6+ runs a month! Please give consideration to stepping in and helping here. Without the draw and financial benefits of us running trains - our Museum can't stay open. PLEASE consider giving us one day a month in operations. Call Dave DiGiorgio to sign up at 619-334-5188. We need help on the #1 all volunteer passenger excursion railroad in America.

Work at the Campo Depot continues to be made on this important project. The back room for the baggage room is being enclosed with new wood all around. Plans are also underway to upgrade the electrical. The depot area, which is the first impression our visitors see when they come onto our property, is extremely important to us. This effort will continue for some time as we make improvements. Come on out to assist or visit and see the transformation of the depot from old to renewed.

We have acquired two forklifts. One is a shop lift, with a lift capacity of 4000 pounds. The other is a large lift to replace the very tired all-terrain forklift we have had for many years. We rely on Don Getz to bring them into service under the guidance of Ron Hyatt.

We still need a big screen TV for the Boxcar Theatre, and a Diesel truck. Keep us in mind as some of you upgrade.

Plans continue for new electrical service to the display building and a new toilet there. Hopefully, good news is on the horizon.

Last month, I asked if any of our members would be interested in having the phone transferred to their house during the day to allow our public the ability to talk to a live person. Jack O'Lexey answered that call. Thanks, Jack. If you are interested in assisting our Museum from the comfort of your home and at no cost to you, please give me a call at 619-470-7553. We would like to have 100% coverage during the weeks if possible, and Jack spends most of his weekends at Campo. Call me if you are interested.

If you want to join the finest group of dedicated, hard working volunteers anywhere, I invite you to come up any weekend at Campo, look around, find a project which meets your skill level and join in. It's that simple!

***** 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 21 trains in May.

Jim Baker	Darrel Bivans	Rich Borstadt	Roger Challberg	Dave DiGiorgio
Sherwin Dorris	Corrine Gallagher	Don Getz	Elaine Getz	Tom Gray
Randy Houk	Bob Kleinschmidt	Greg Luiz	Jim Lundquist	Seth Miller
Bob Nickles	Linda Ovadia	Mark Ovadia	Jack O'Lexey	Dick Pennick
Don Pope	Ann Ruppert	Janet Sager	Bob Schussler	Sandy Schussler
Rob Stebbins	Robin Wonders			

***** Donations *****

\$1000 Dave Finney ALCo #4004 fund



Letters from Visitors - Jim Lundquist

We received two terrific letters from our visitors this past month.

The first was from a school group who came out during our "Focus on Youth" special day on the third Tuesday. The students came out and spent a part of the day riding the train and touring our museum. A few days later, we received a home made card from them saying "thank you" for all we do. The card is framed and on the wall of the Boxcar Theatre. Next time you come up to Campo, look for it.

The second reads: "Dear Jim. Please forgive the tardiness of this note, but I very much wanted to say "Thank you!" to your fellow Museum members ... for the hospitality you afforded me during my visit of April 16-17. The dinner and breakfast prepared by Diana were delightful, the time that members spent with me as I toured the facility, the chance to spend the night at the Museum, and of course, the fabulous trip to Tecate ... all contributed to what can only be described as an absolutely memorable weekend! Again, many (... many, many) thanks to you and your staff for insuring that my visit to the PSRM will be long remembered! I wish you 'green boards and clear rail' as you proceed down the track to the future ... Sincerely, Bruce Shelton." Bruce is a Conductor for Amtrak on the Caltrain service based in San Jose.

For all you do, volunteers, these letters are for you. Thank you.

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

We had another good work weekend, May 13 & 14.

On Friday, our first job was to stand the E J Lavino's saddle tank on end, so that the bottoms of the two sides could be needle gunned and painted. The job was a piece of cake. **Don Getz** was there when I got there at 8:30; he fired up the crane while I got the goat started up. About the time the goat was ready to go, **Dick Pennick, Fred Carnathan & Tom Walker** arrived. Dick and I took the goat and moved the flat car that was just east of the Lavino flat car out of the way. Don and Fred brought the crane down. We lifted the steam dome cover off (it was just sitting there over one stud; no nuts or bolts to unscrew). We discovered that the two sand domes were each about half full of sand, and there were no visible studs on the outside. We figured that the domes were secured under the sand, and that any nuts would be pretty well rusted. So, we just left them in place. They stayed on ok. We rigged a choker cable around the tank, since Don didn't want to trust the lifting eye at just one end. Probably a good idea. Don lifted the tank and it was rigged so that the front end would swing down, so it could be set on that end. Due to some minor difficulties with the hoist brake on the crane, the tank wasn't exactly where we wanted it, but it should work out ok. **Larry Owen** assisted, and also was able to locate the full-size drawings (tracings) of the lettering on the tank. So, when the outside of the tank is repainted, we'll be able to re-letter it accurately.

Later in the day, Dick and I pulled and connected new wire from the front of the cab to the various lights on the front end of 2353. We want to be able to turn on the lights while 2353 is on display, and the ends of the old wires somehow got cut off when the conduit was removed during the tear-down work done in 2000-2001. Tom and Fred secured the throttle and firing valve in place, so when we allow visitors to the cab, little (and maybe not-so-little) hands won't get pinched, and to save wear and tear on these parts. Tom also located and donated a new grease gun fitting that will fit the small button-head Alemite grease fittings on 2353. He also got us a number of replacement grease fittings.

Dick and I also did a bit of switching for **Bill Palmer**. He is working on the wheel trucks of one of the SD&A coaches, and needed to take some measurements when the car was on a level track. We moved the car from Track 13, to the level section of Track 9, where he did his measurements, then moved the car back to 13.

On Saturday, **Bob Nickles** needle gunned the bottoms of the sides of the Lavino's tank up as high as he could get. He then started applying the first of at least two coats of paint that will be needed. Once the painting is done on the lower (front) part of the tank, we'll need to either flip it over to stand on the other end, or rig up a safe ladder or scaffolding system. Jack O'Lexey just found and donated two gallons of Hammerite paint for this job. Thanks, Jack!

Earlier in the month, Dick Pennick and I spent an evening addressing and stuffing 100 envelopes with letters to all the people who had donated money to the steam fund during our 2000-2001 overhaul. The letter was to bring all the donors up to date as to the current status of 2353. A number of the donors are not members of the Museum, so hadn't been receiving the Hot Scoop or REPORT.

We are still working two days per month, with three to four volunteers each day. We have several other steam locomotives that need lots of TLC to preserve them. Come out and join us! Our next work weekend will be June 10/11. We'll continue to work on the Lavino saddle tank, and prepare 2353's cab for visitors.

Next Meeting: Aug. 14, a Sunday. July 11 would be the scheduled date, but the foreman will be out of town. Also, Mike Lucek has suggested that the meetings be moved to Sunday evenings, so he could attend. So, it was decided that the next meeting will be the evening of Aug. 14. For further information or questions, please contact the Steam Foreman at <"baker@sdrm.org">. or 619-670-7441. Hope to see you there!

*** Fullerton Railroad Daze! *** *Rob Stebbins*

To the accompaniment of the melodic whistle of ATSF 3751 parked on the nearby siding, a huge throng of visitors crowded the area around the Fullerton railroad station on May 7 and 8 for the annual Fullerton Railroad Days. This event brings together a wide variety of people, railroad equipment, model railroad displays, and vendors to celebrate both Fullerton's railroad heritage as a key early station on the Santa Fe in southern California, and the place railroading and rail related activities play in southern California today and into the future.

For the first time, PSRM had a booth at this event. The idea was to "spread the word" to more people in Orange County about our museum and its activities. It is fair to say that we succeeded. **Dick and Ann Ruppert** brought all the equipment for the booth north from La Jolla early on Saturday morning, meeting **Rob Stebbins** at the Fullerton train station. With the Rupperts' expert knowledge, the three of us quickly set up the "tent", the computers, the PSRM banner, and the story board. We were soon hosting large crowds of visitors.

Bob Schussler's story board was a great draw. The combination of pictures, maps, and brief notes attracted a lot of attention and many questions from visitors on both days. There were some visitors who knew about the museum, some that had already ridden our excursion trains, some that had seen the Huell Howser TV show on the Carrizo Gorge, but many more were amazed to learn about our existence, the history of the SD&A, and phoenix-like rebirth of the line hauling both our excursions and commercial freight. Fortunately, we had lots of brochures to hand out to the crowd, even though we eventually saw a need to ration them in order to last the full two days of the event. (We finally ran out of brochures about 4 PM on Sunday.)

Our train simulator programs were big hits, with knots of kids (of all ages) crowding our monitors to take a look and give a go at being a railroad engineer. We had two programs running- - first, the Train Sim add-on produced by our own **Mark DiVecchio**, which depicts SD&A territory. The second was the commercial Train Sim, using a "rail driver" 1/3-size model of a Diesel engine control unit. We ran the Marias Pass program most of the time, which gave the neophyte engineers a great experience in climbing up and down a mountain grade with a long freight train, getting the "feel" for throttling and braking the train. It should be noted that **Randy Houk** provided some of the computer equipment used at this event, with other input and guidance for the event from Bob Schussler, **Bruce Semelsberger**, and **Dick Pennick**. Rob Stebbins and Dick Ruppert made arrangements to be at this event.

By late Saturday afternoon, Dick, Ann and I were all tired, but exhilarated by the large number of people that had stopped by our booth. We had talked our heads off with many of the visitors, and found a few that had their own interesting stories about the SD&A. One visitor was an inspector along the right of way during the 60's. A couple of "oldsters" remembered taking the regular passenger train during WW II. A few of our own members stopped by, and even two guys from CRZY came by to chat for a while.

On Sunday morning, PSRM member **Mike Lucek** joined me to man the booth. The crowds started a little slower that morning, but soon built to similar throngs that packed our booth on Saturday. I wish I had a way to capture a total count of the number of visitors to our booth, but I have heard that upwards of 30,000 people attend the Fullerton Railroad Days event. Mike's skill on the computers came in handy on Sunday, as we had some computer glitches causing a need to re-boot them a couple of times. At 5 pm Sunday, the event closed, and Mike and I quickly packed up our equipment, and it was time for our own trip to Tecate with a beer at a local bar.

In conclusion, we hosted big crowds both days, spreading the word about our museum at Campo, membership and volunteer opportunities, excursion trains and cab rides, and Tecate trips. I feel certain we will see increased ridership, and perhaps some new members, out of this two-day promotional effort.



Harold Whalen prepares one of our new depot windows.



Three new windows mounted and looking good!



Chief Mechanical Officer Bill Palmer works on coach #253.



Conductor Jim Baker talks to visitors about Ten-Wheeler SP #2353.

***** Restoration News ***** by Jim Lundquist for Ted Kornweibel

(Author note - Ted regularly posts emails after his weekend work parties. These are a summary of those emails shared for all members to enjoy - Jim)

April 30, 2005

This was been a beautiful Spring in the back country, and today was just perfect: Warm but not hot; blue skies all day; little wind; and everything still green. Come on out to Campo soon, before everything turns brown and the temperature rises.

The day began with dismounting the mail crane at the depot. Mark Ovadia, Jim Lundquist and I got it down easily and onto my truck. Up at the display building, David Green, Mark, and I replaced it next to the RPO car. Mark and David mounted a catcher pouch on the arms, so it's once again on display.

David Green and I constituted the restoration crew today. David used a wheelbarrow to haul nearly all the Rockdale, Sandow & Southern Railroad #3 Baggage/Coach Combination car parts from the north side of the display building to the south side, next to the car which is now on track 6. Then he spent the rest of the day completely sanding one of the baggage doors, down to the bare wood. It will look great, once it's primed and painted. Meanwhile, I used alcohol-soaked rags to soften and remove old shellac from eight of the main windows and a couple of clerestory windows. At the end of the day I raked the earth between tracks two and three, getting up paint chips, old nails, scraps of wood, a dead mouse, and other debris. Now visitors can enjoy the motor car and Santa Maria Valley Railbus in a neater environment.

As usual, we had a great time of fellowship over lunch. Jim Lundquist brought sandwich fixings, and Linda Ovadia and Sandy Schussler got everything ready for the meal.

April 7, 2005

Harold spent the day cutting the plywood for the #3 baggage door panels, plus finishing the trim work and nailing the last battens in place on the body of the Jim Crow car. David Green did some more sanding on the baggage doors. Frank spent much of the day on the clerestory windows, some of which are all new, others of which are all original, and still others repaired and thus a mix of old and new wood. Frank mixed garnet shellac with some medium brown wood dye and burnt umber particles and reached finally a color that he and Harold thought was a pretty good match to the original shellac finish. Then to assure a fair-to-good match Frank applied it to the old wood too. All of the clerestories on hand are now repaired and shellacked. Harold has the remainder of that peculiar mix of shellac to use on the six new windows he is going to make (there are a total of 30 clerestory windows). We had a hearty meal of Sloppy Joes and Greek salad in good company as usual.

***** May 19 Board of Trustees Draft Meeting Minutes ***** *Sandy Schussler*

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

OPENING

1. Call to Order - Lundquist Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Directors and Officers present were D. Hyatt, J. Lundquist, R. Pennick, R. Ruppert, L. Rose, S. Schussler. R. Hyatt was excused because of work, and G. Luiz joined the meeting at 8:20 pm.

2. Introduction of Guest and Guest Speakers - Lundquist

J. Lundquist requested R. Ruppert introduce his guest, Liz Langley, from *San Diegan Magazine*.

3. Additions, Corrections and Adoption of Agenda - Lundquist

Items added to the agenda were suggested program and alternative venues for the annual dinner meeting in 2006 - Pennick; the advertising presentation - Ruppert and guest from *San Diegan Magazine*, and a final briefing on the trolley fund raiser by Ruppert. Motion to accept the changes made by Pennick, seconded by Rose. Passed 6/0/0.

4. Adoption of Minutes for meeting April 21, 2005 - Schussler

Lundquist recommends a modification to item #4: "On a Motion by D. Hyatt, second by Luiz: Approved the purchase of parcel number 655-100-29 and the easements serving the parcel for the appraised value of \$5,000, and authorize the President to execute the documents necessary on behalf of the Museum. Passed 8-0-0." Motion to accept the minutes as modified made by D. Hyatt, 2nd by Lundquist. Passed 6/0/0.

28. Presentation on *San Diegan Magazine* - Ruppert

R. Ruppert introduced a presentation by Liz Langley on the advertising opportunities and costs of using *San Diegan Magazine* as part of our marketing. After the presentation, the Board discussed the possibility of joining with other Hwy 94 interests to advertise in the *San Diegan*. There was a motion by Ruppert, 2nd by Pennick to take out a ¼ page add in the magazine. The motion failed 1/6/0. Should some participation of other Hwy 94 interests be acquired, the Board would reconsider taking out a vertical half page ad.

OLD BUSINESS

10. Investment advice - Pennick

D. Pennick reported that this committee was waiting for the electronic template to be received by their advisor. Rose added the importance of finalizing the template to direct future investment strategy. Pennick/Rose were asked to bring back something definitive to the next Board meeting.

11. Temporary home for Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society Archives - Pennick

There has been no commitment from the Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society at this time. Lundquist presented comments from Attorney Larry Sterling. Pennick was urged to follow-up.

12. Organization Chart - Ruppert

Board members were requested to provide their position descriptions at this Board meeting. R.. Ruppert reported there were still 2 outstanding descriptions. G. Luiz and R. Hyatt were urged to complete their inputs by next Board Meeting.

13. La Mesa property lease - Lundquist

This item will carry forward awaiting action from the City of La Mesa.

14. Toilets at Campo Depot - Lundquist

This item is on hold until costs and resources are better defined and evaluated.

15. Display Building toilet costs - Rose

The estimates for this project will require approval and should include electrical requirements. This project is still being evaluated.

16. Art Train - Lundquist

There is a Government sponsored Art Train which travels around the Country. In 2006, it will feature Indian Art. The train is 450 feet long. There was a motion by Pennick, 2nd by D. Hyatt to host this train if a sponsor can be arranged. Motion passed 7/0/0.

17. Proposal for PSRM Website - D. Hyatt and Pennick

This committee is still trying to mesh schedules and identify a place with internet access.

18. Meeting Minutes: Standing Rule topic - Ruppert

Ruppert moved that "all Department Directors and museum Committee chairs send draft copies of all meeting minutes to the Secretary and to the Museum Library within fifteen days of each meeting, and that the Secretary create an archive of these minutes. Copies of final, corrected minutes may be submitted for archives up to forty-five days after the meeting." Motion adopted by consensus.

NEW BUSINESS

20. Direction to staff regarding financial affairs - Lundquist

D. Hyatt presented adjustments to the Budget and Ruppert moved to adopt the new Budget. 2nd by Pennick. Motion passed 7/0/0. Financial transactions outside of budget must come before the board.

21. Brake Shoes - R. Hyatt This item was combined with Item 27.

22. Operating Insurance - Lundquist

See handout. Should we pay off the insurance in one payment to save the \$1,660.60 in interest (pay ourselves), then put away \$3,000 each month for next years insurance, or, enter into a 12.5% loan? Consensus to allow Treasurer to make decision.

23. Volunteer Recognition - Pennick

This item would require that all volunteers sign in when working for the museum, and some volunteers work away from our facilities or at home. Other concerns were types of recognition and what type of program we might want. This item is tabled for now.

24. Board minutes corrections - Pennick

Pennick proposed that all additions and corrections to the Board Meeting Minutes be attached, even if those changes were not approved. Consensus was to not do this.

25. Membership Perks - Pennick

Pennick proposed that all members be allowed to ride free on the demo train at any time. Members would only have to show their membership card to ride free. The Board decided to not make changes to membership benefits at this time.

26. Additional Visitor Parking - Pennick

Pennick suggested that Campo parking could become an issue on heavy attendance days with the loss of so much space to sand operations. It was recommended that Pennick look into using the Bangs property on occasion.

27. Forklifts - Lundquist

(Considered with Item 21: Brake Shoes) Two badly needed fork lifts have been located which would cost about \$7,000 to acquire and move. Facilities needs addition vehicle maintenance of \$3,000. Rose moved to go ahead with these items, 2nd by Schussler. Motion passed 7/0/0.

29. Trolley Party - Ruppert

Ruppert provided information on the final arrangements for the Trolley fund raiser scheduled in June. In his absence, R. Gibson and T. Clark will be completing arrangements and notices. Motion to go forward on this project made by Rose, 2nd by Lundquist. Motion passed 7/0/0.

REPORTS

30. Presidents' Report - Lundquist None presented

31. Treasurer's Report - D. Hyatt Presented suggested final adjustments to this year's budget under Item

32. Vice President's Report - D. Pennick

Pennick discussed a possible speaker for next year's annual dinner and mention alternate facilities that may be of interest.

He reminded the Board of 3 anniversaries coming up: the 25th anniversary of the first property acquisition for the museum in Campo in 1980, and the 30th anniversary of the first train ride on the main track in 1986. Pennick also mentioned that 2006 was the 45th anniversary of the founding of PSRM.

33. Facilities Report - Rose No report presented.

34. Operations Report - Luiz No report presented.

35. Equipment Report - R. Hyatt Equipment was addressed under Item 27 (and 21).

36. Museum Services Report - D. Ruppert Museum Services Items presented elsewhere.

37. Library Committee - Pennick No new activity on this committee.

38. Marketing Committee - Ruppert No new activity on this committee.

40. CLOSED SESSION None requested.

50. CARRY FORWARD Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

60. ADJOURN - Motion to adjourn by Pennick, 2nd by Rose, Passed 7/0/0. Meeting adjourned 10:30 pm.
5/25/2005 8:24 AM

***** 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".

We now have video clips of RPO #74 performing mailbag catches on April 23rd.
See them at: <http://www.sdrm.org/mpegs/>

***** Year 2005 Dates of Note *****

	June	July	August
School Train	21	19	16
Tecate Train	18	16	20
Board meetings	16	21	18
Museum Services meeting	21	19	16
Steam meeting			14
Deadline for Hot Scoop articles	28	28	28

Your Board meets the 3rd Thursday each month, 7:00 PM at Trinity Church.
Museum Services meets the 3rd Tuesday each month, 7 PM at Ted Kornweibel's house.

***** 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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