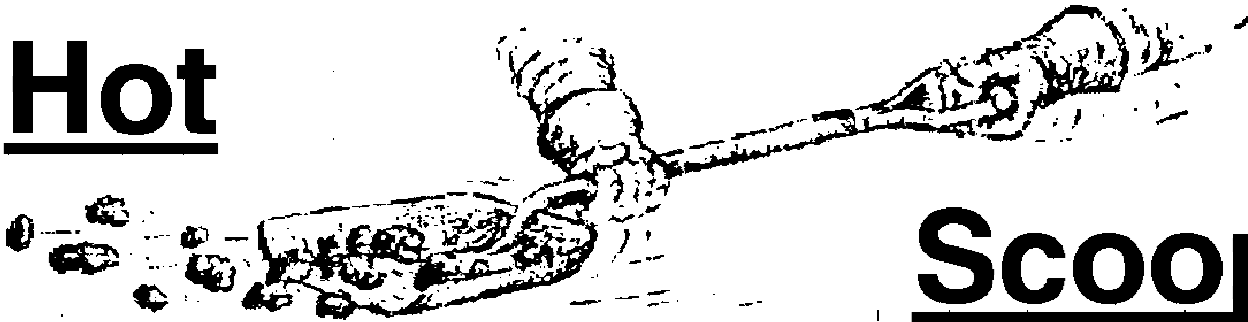


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*** President's Report *** *Jim Lundquist*

Wow! What a last five days (June 14th - 19th) for our Museum. I'll try to included names, but please allow me to beg forgiveness up front because I didn't see everyone all the time.

Starting on Tuesday, four axles and wheels arrived for our SD&AE former power cars. These were offloaded at Campo.

On Wednesday, our new forklift and small trailer arrived - off loaded by **Darrin Apedaile** with help from **Rich Warner, Mark Olivia and Carl Calvert**.

On Thursday, we had a Board meeting lasting late - hard working members making hard decisions. Meanwhile, **Rob Stebbins** was off to Vandenberg to pick up two big screen TV's for us, along with a wheel chair. Further, **Bill and Linda Palmer** drove from Valley Center, to Snowflake Arizona, to City of Commerce, to City of Industry, back to Valley Center, and later this week to Campo to deliver various parts needed for the RS 32, most importantly of these is the new coupler so the locomotive can get to Campo soon. **Paul Kennedy** and **Dave DiGiorgio** put in several hours of phone calls and such to line up these parts and getting them where they need to be!

On Friday, we had a terrific evening meeting old friends and museum members with a dinner and trolley tour at SDSU. A GREAT time was had by all. Thanks to **Dick Ruppert, Corrine Gallagher, Don Getz, Elaine Getz, Randy Gibson, Terry Clark** and a host of others. Good food, good trolley ride, good time. Also, Rob Stebbins dropped off the TV's and wheelchair at Campo.

On Saturday, a sold out train went off to Tecate and we ran three trains on the Golden State route. The gift shop was busy. Many thanks to **Dave DiGiorgio** for the ticket sales as well as filling in as brakeman for CZRy as they had the mainline blocked in with a sand train. Super Dave! Many thanks to **Corrine Gallagher, Don Getz, Elaine Getz, Randy Gibson, Terry Clark**, the train crew and a host of others for a great day.

On Sunday, we had great ridership on father's Day - with many families celebrating with Dad's of all ages. Again, the gift shop was busy as stock kept flying out the door. Behind the scenes, **Ron and Diana Hyatt** keep going around Campo, helping where needed. I saw **Larry and Hector, Mike Chisholm, mechanic Dave, Mark Olivia** and others all working.

Can you say "busy week"?

THANK YOU ALL for your volunteer hours and days for our Museum. It gives me great pride to see us all working together for the community good.

*** 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. We ran 19 trains in June, carrying 1332 passengers.

Jim Baker	Tommy Batts	Darrel Bivans	Terry Clark	Dave DiGiorgio
Don Getz	Elaine Getz	Randy Gibson	Dave Houk	Randy Houk
Jim Lundquist	Seth Miller	Bob Nickles	Jack Ohmstede	Linda Ovadia
Mark Ovadia	Jack O'Lexey	Dick Pennick	Don Pope	Bob Schussler
Sandy Schussler	Rob Stebbins	Robin Wonders		

Congratulations to newly qualified brakeman **Rob Stebbins**. Rob has worked hard at learning this new skill, driving many miles from his home in San Juan Capistrano!



Letters from Visitors *Jim Lundquist*

Today (6/4/05) my husband and I took our 4 yr. old twins out to Campo to ride the San Diego and Arizona Railway Short Line. We had Jim Baker as a Conductor and a whole lot of other wonderful people as engineer, brakeman, office support, museum docent, builder, painter, etc etc etc. We were overwhelmed with what a wonderful experience all of you are able to provide. Your website is very helpful, your directions to the Museum and train were perfect, the site was well marked, the depot and museum were interesting, the ride was more fun than we could have imagined, and our stop back at the playground before heading home was very pleasant. I can't wait to tell all of my friends about the amazing opportunity that your volunteers all provide. Thank you to each and every one of you. Your efforts are truly appreciated. Toot toot!

Cynthia, Dan, Makena and Cade

Congratulations on a terrific, innovative and most enjoyable Barbecue and Trolley Preview and tour. It couldn't have been planned and executed without a barrel of planners and hard workers and co-workers. You had them all. From our point of view it went without a hitch and we had a wonderful time. Please publicize our wholehearted vote of approval. Thank you so much. A donation is in the works.

Rick [Life Member #8] & Joyce Tullis

On behalf of the N Scale Collector organization, I wish to thank you for the wonderful time I had as your guest on yesterday's Tecate trip. Please accept the attached photo montage as my small way of adding a most sincere and grateful bow.

Best wishes, Hugh Cox

*** Donations ***

Thank you to all of these folks for donating \$ at our Trolley fund raiser.

\$ 50	G.N. Bedell	\$100	Frederick Miles
\$500	Bernie DeSelm	\$ 5	Jack O'Lexey
\$ 30	Harry & Marilyn Doering	\$ 15	Michael Palmer
\$ 30	Don & Elaine Getz	\$ 10	Nels Soderberg
\$ 65	Captain E.B. Lester		

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

This will be short and quick this month, as I am leaving town in a couple of days, and won't be back for about a month.

On Friday, June 10, we had **Dick Pennick, Larry Owen, Fred Carnathan, Tom Walker, Bob Nickles** and myself present at Campo. Larry and Dick started the major job of cleaning out our steam boxcar. This will take several sessions to accomplish. Fred, Tom, and I finished securing all the moving controls in 2353's cab, so we can have visitors up there. We secured the controls to both prevent wear and to prevent little fingers from getting pinched. Bob Nickles completed needle gunning the underside of the Lavino's saddle tank. It is now ready for painting.

On Saturday, **Bob, Larry, Mike Lucek**, and I were there. Bob got some of the saddle tank painted, and we spent more time cleaning out the boxcar. We also put some new safety chains between the cab and tender on 2353, and put in some temporary steps to access the cab from the fireman's side. I've asked **Mark** to have visitors in the cab only when he is present in the cab with them.

Mike also delivered an historic addition to our bell collection: the bell from SDA 104. A gentleman in the Santa Barbara area donated it, and Mike drove up there to get it. While the donor stated that it was from 104, the bell is stamped 105.

Interestingly, I took a look at the bell on 2353, and it is stamped 606! Thanks Mike!

***** Nominations Open For 2005 Board Positions *****

In accordance with the bylaws, for all members in good standing, we will be electing four Board members for two year terms from 2006-2007. The positions open are: Vice President, Treasurer, Operations Division Director, and Facilities Division Director. Any ten (10) Regular Members in good standing may nominate any other Regular Member in good standing for the position of an executive officer (and concurrently director) of the corporation (namely the Vice-President and the Treasurer), provided the person so nominated evidences in writing a willingness to serve if elected. Any ten (10) Regular Members in good standing may nominate any other Regular Member in good standing for the position of Division Director (namely the Operations Division Director and the Facilities Division Director), provided the person so nominated is associated with the corresponding division of the corporation, as described in Section 4.12 of the Bylaws, and evidences in writing a willingness to serve if elected.

Each nominee may submit a maximum 200 word statement with respecting to their qualifications, vision and intentions respecting the office to which nominated,

All petitions and any statements are required to be turned in to the Secretary of the Museum not later than 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 15, 2005.

Address all petitions to:

Secretary, PSRM, 4695 Nebo Dr, La Mesa, CA 91941-5259.

Thank you for your interest in serving our Museum.

PETITION FOR BOARD

I, _____, being a member in good standing of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, do hereby submit this petition signed by at least ten members in good standing, to stand for election for the position of _____. I agree to serve the Museum in this capacity until the next election for this position.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2005. _____

The following members in good standing support this candidate for the above position (must contain at least 10 signatures, write legibly):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

***** Fund Raising Kicks Off ***** *Jim Lundquist*

The Museum has started two public and members fund-raising efforts to assist us in making needed improvements to our Museum.

The first is a medium length effort with the goal of raising \$50,000 to construct a permanent restroom at our Campo Depot site. Efforts to date have involved a preliminary cost estimate by a local contractor and a funding request from the County of San Diego. The need for a permanent structure for restrooms is immediate - with our goal to pull the first handle in late 2006 or early 2007. Restrooms are consistently rated as the #1 priority of our visitors to Campo - with good cause. After an hour+ ride in the car for our visitors, most people are ready for a break when they arrive. Each side will have three stalls and double wash basins.

The second is a longer range, big-ticket type of request. As you are aware, the city is coming to the country at Campo. We need to purchase additional land around us to allow for expansion and to help keep Campo rural in nature. This is a long term goal of raising in excess of \$1,000,000 to allow us to control our destiny. We will be soliciting grants for this effort as well, and looking at all options to acquire land in Campo. If you have a desire to assist our Museum in a big way, consider an endowment of your in-town property for the Museum which we can use to leverage property in Campo.

Each month, on the back of the Hot Scoop, we will post the progress of these fundraising efforts, as well as on signs at Campo.

If you can make a donation to either effort, please send your contributions to: (Restroom) or (Land Acquisition), PSRM, 4695 Nebo Dr, La Mesa, CA 91941-5259. If you would like to talk with an officer to discuss larger donations now or in the future, call the main number at (619) 465-PSRM and leave us a message. We'll call you back to sit down and discuss our plans with you.

Help Wanted

Our extremely popular Campo to Tecate trains have stretched our ticketing volunteer Dave DiGiorgio to ask for help. Currently, Dave is the second man in operations and works very hard with logistics in the mechanical department for Ron Hyatt. We need to find a responsible person to take over the duties of ticketing for the Tecate train.

At a minimum, the volunteer will need to be able to get to the La Mesa Depot twice a week, be accessible via phone and email, and have internet access. The duties for the position require the processing of all Campo to Tecate ticket requests, entering the required customs information in a spread sheet, interfacing with the public and group leaders, sending out tickets, calling back passengers with questions and a whole lot of personal attention for the passengers.

As these trips are very popular, please be prepared to set aside 10-20 hours per week in the volunteer position. All members with an interest in helping out at home are encouraged to call Dave DiGiorgio directly at (619) 334-5188 to discuss the job duties directly with Dave to gain a full understanding of the requirements for the job. These at-home administrative jobs can be very rewarding for a member who can't get out to Campo or doesn't have mechanical skills but would still like to be involved with our Museum.

Are you interested? Please call Dave at (619) 334-5188 to discuss the job.

Board meeting in July date change

The Board will meet on July 14 instead of the 21st. As usual, all members are invited to attend. The location remains the same at Trinity Church, 3902 Kenwood Dr, Spring Valley starting at 7:00 PM.

Labor Day Members Only BBQ Planned

All members are encouraged to join us at Campo on Monday, September 5th for a member's only BBQ and music festival. This get-together will allow us to meet and greet each other in an informal setting; as well as enjoy each other's company with train rides, food and music. It all starts with the 2:30 PM train ride, followed by a steak dinner and capped off with music. Members Diana & Ron Hyatt will do the cooking, and we have the famous Tanya & Larry Rose signed up for the musical entertainment, joined, I'm sure, by other members as well. (As this was written, details were still being worked out).

For the low donation of \$15.00, with a suggested fund-raising donation (restroom fund) of \$25.00 per member (children 5-12 \$10.00), members will enjoy the train ride, dinner and music, as well as all the stories and visits to our equipment as you care. Send your checks payable to PSRM to: Members BBQ, PSRM, 4695 Nebo Dr, La Mesa, CA 91941-5259. Hope to see you there - let's have fun as the summer winds down for everyone.

***** Funding Requested from the County Tourist Tax *****

On June 7, 2005, Jim Lundquist gave the following speech in search of funding.

Good afternoon chair Pam Slater-Price and supervisors:

I am Jim Lundquist, the president of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. We first purchased county property in Campo in 1980 to build our Campo Railroad Museum, and we are now in our 20th year of public train rides into the mountains or to Tecate. I am sure many of you have visited with us. We are a 100% volunteer organization - from administration to train crew, mechanics to track workers - a fact we are extremely proud of. Using volunteers, we are able to stretch our money.

We have visitors from all over the county, as well as other California counties and a surprising number of out of state visitors. Our location in Campo on highway 94 is midcounty from the center of the county to Imperial County. Highway 94 is a popular drive with many visitors - all going different destinations. All come to us with the same request: "where are the bathrooms?" We are the only public restrooms for many miles on highway 94 - and as the needs of the traveling family become pressing - they come calling.

Our current toilet trailer is old, run-down and inadequate to serve not just our visitors, but all visitors coming off highway 94. While we are happy to provide this public service, the old trailer is falling apart.

Our request is for a cooperative effort to provide bathrooms for the many travelers. Using a modest grant from the county - and this is a good time to point out that we are located in the county and not in any city which has their own taxes to use - using this modest grant and our volunteer labor; we can build a new restroom to serve all the visitors who come to us. We are happy to provide restrooms - we will keep them cleaned, maintained, stocked, pay the water, sewer and electric charges - if we can partner with the county in the construction of a new restroom at the campo depot.

Please keep this request in mind to help us help the running families who dash up to us asking: "where are the bathrooms?" Thank you.

*** Annual Dinner Survey ***

Each year, the Museum members gather to share our accomplishments and recognize those of us who have been able to further the cause by volunteering at the Museum. These dinners have been staged at a variety of places, from the simple restaurant with member's music to huge fund raisers at the Santa Fe Depot with invites from outside the Museum ranks for assistance in the fund raising efforts. There are truly thousands of possibilities for these events: at a local restaurant to keep the costs low, at Campo with a BBQ and train ride, on the USS Midway, on the Berkeley, at the Santa Fe Depot, at the Top of the Cove in La Jolla; as well as a cost difference of \$30 - \$100+.

The purpose of this article is to solicit input from you, the members, as to what you would like to do for next year's dinner. Simply take a moment to fill out this questionnaire and send it back to us. Thanks for your time - see you soon at our Museum.

1. Over the past 10 years, how many annual dinners have you attended?

☐ 0 ☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-5 ☐ 6-10

2. What is the primary reason you haven't attended more often? _____

3. Are you interested in a simple affair, to recognize our volunteers at a lower cost, a median affair at a nicer venue, or a fund raiser/guest speaker at \$100+?

☐ low cost (\$30) ☐ medium cost (\$50) ☐ high cost (\$100)

4. Are you interested in a BBQ dinner at the Campo Railroad Museum, with a train ride during the early evening?

☐ yes, as the annual dinner ☐ yes, in addition to the annual dinner ☐ no

5. Should we offer a guest speaker or just a gathering for ourselves?

☐ guest speaker ☐ Museum officials

6. Please give us the primary things we could do to improve your experience at the annual dinner. _____

Thank you for your time and interest.

Please send this page to: Jim Lundquist, President, PSRM, 4695 Nebo Dr, La Mesa, CA 91941-5259 We appreciate your feedback in your railroad museum.



Larry Rose building a safety rail near the Campo Depot.



PSRM charter at SDSU station. Dick Pennick photo, 6-17-05

***** Mechanical News ***** *Ron Hyatt*

MECHANICAL

A special thanks to **Dave DiGiorgio** for finding and ordering all the special parts and tools we need to repair our equipment and keep it running!! Many thanks as well to **Sandy Schussler** and **Al Brill** who work hard to keep the shop clean.

SDA 7285

Aside from a few minor repairs made to a pinched brake pipe by **Seth Miller** and **Ron Hyatt**, this locomotive has only required scheduled maintenance to keep it in top condition. Now that the GP-9 is pulling the weekend demonstration trains, this 80-tonner is always at the ready if back-up power is needed.

GP-9 SP #3873

Switches and relays that were causing problems with the dynamic brakes have been received and replaced by **Mike Chisholm**, **Dave Roesch** and **Ron Hyatt**. Damage to the brake rigging was repaired by **Bill Palmer**, **Seth Miller** and Ron. This locomotive has reliably pulled our Tecate trains this year as well as the regularly scheduled weekend operations.

Alco MRS-1 #2104

Dave Roesch steam cleaned the prime mover in preparation for work by **Paul Kennedy**. Dave and Paul worked on repairing the exhaust leak on the number three head and found the problem to be caused by a missing bolt in the manifold. Paul removed all the injectors in preparation for the installation of new nozzles. The fuel injection pumps will have to be removed and rebuilt. **Steve Clark** continues to work on needle-gunning the exterior. **Al Brill** continues to perform work on the cab doors replacing rust-damaged areas. **Stan Paulsen** spent a Saturday at Campo to lend his expertise with some of the electrical issues.

SDA Coach #253

Rust damage and general age-related wear to the steps required attention before this car was placed back in service. **Dave DiGiorgio** located a metal fabricator in El Cajon who was able to fabricate four new sidesills for two sets of steps. **Bill Palmer** has replaced the sidesills and fabricated four new step treads that were installed with the new sidesills (some of the step treads were in good enough condition to re-use) along with new kick plates. Bill cut out and replaced sections of steel in both vestibules with the assistance of **Al Brill**. The draft gear and coupler were replaced by Bill, **Mike Chisholm**, **Steve Clark**, **Dave Roesch** and **Ron Hyatt**. Bill straightened and remounted one of the trap doors on the A-end while Al rebuilt the floor latch and remounted it onto the trap door. Steve replaced all the worn wooden brake hanger alignment blocks that were made by **Larry Rose** in his free time. With **Don Getz** skillfully operating the rail crane, Bill and Al were able to realign the leaf springs after the car-body was lifted one end at a time using the crane. Thanks to **Jim Lundquist**, **Cary Hyatt**, **Alanna Hyatt** and Ron the interior of the car has been cleaned and the windows have been washed. This much needed coach has been returned to service just in time for the June Tecate train/Father's Day weekend.

ATSF 1509

Thanks go to the various crew members, particularly the **Conductors**, who have been servicing the toilet holding tank and making sure this car remains clean. **Larry Rose** continues to work on the wooden window frames for the windows on the open platform. **Al Brill** and **Bill Palmer** will be working to replace some of the rusted steel in the window openings of the car-body.

SP boxcar

Jack O'Lexey and **Dave Greene** have removed more Alco parts from the Car barn and placed them into the boxcar. Thanks to their efforts, the parts have been inventoried, organized AND they are exposing more of the shop floor in the process.

STEAM

SP 2353 is now on static display. Its imposing presence greatly enhances the overall aura of the Display Building. **Jim Baker, Bob Nickles, Mike Lucek** and others have been working on organizing steam locomotive parts in the UP boxcar. They have also begun needle gunning the saddle tank from the E. J. Lavino in order to prepare it for painting.

SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Rail Crane

The rail crane was used to pick up SDA 253 in order to realign the leaf springs. Thanks again to **Don Getz** for getting this vital piece of equipment back on line.

15-ton crane

Don Getz and his helpers have been very busy with this newly acquired crane. He continues to work on overhauling the brake system. It is missing one outrigger, so **Dave DiGiorgio** is working on finding us the best deal we can get on a replacement.

Hyster 4-ton forklift

This was recently acquired through DRMO. We are waiting for manuals before a complete evaluation can be made in order to bring this piece of equipment into general service.

Industrial steam cleaner

Two were acquired through DRMO: one for use and one for parts. **Steve Clark** disassembled and boxed up the parts for future use. **Dave Roesch** performed various repairs to the steam cleaner and tested it on 3873's running gear: it proved to be so powerful that it took more than just the grime off - it even removed paint in various areas not properly prepped.

Mechanical/Facility electric carts

Two carts were acquired through DRMO. **Larry Rose** cleaned up both carts and has managed to paint one of them.

*** Library Search Committee Update *** *Dick Pennick, Chairman*

A more comprehensive look at the Museum's **Southwest Railway Library** research archives, their historical and cultural importance, and their significance to the advancement of knowledge throughout the community and the region, was completed in time for presentation to the SD & AE Railway board at its May 10th meeting.

PSRMA member **Bruce Semelsberger**, assisted by **Paul Straley, H.C. "Chop" Kerr, Roy Pickering**, and **Dick Pennick**, put the compilation together. **Straley** added a PowerPoint component to the mix, and we were ready to rock 'n' roll.

Problem was, the SD & AE board wasn't quite ready for that much information, at least until they have an opportunity to make a market appraisal of the 2.2 acre El Cajon site we have proposed for a new library building. It was not wasted effort, as it was good practice for the grant requests that will need to be written eventually to help fund the construction.

The Committee is hopeful that the SD & AE board will eventually look with favor on the Museum's proposal for this site, since many of the railroad's original operating, right-of-way and legal records are included in the Library's extensive archives.

A recent fund-raising activity netted more than \$800 for the Library fund (see "Trolley Party" story in this issue).

*** Trolley Pre-Opening Party A Rousing Success *** *Dick Pennick*

The weather was perfect, the food was wonderful (and plentiful), and the ride over the new Mission Valley trolley extension was a real hoot.

PSRMA Marketing Director **Dick Ruppert** broke the mold on this one. Although Dick was out of town and unable to attend the event he put together, our ever-faithful volunteers leaped into the breach -- dodging land mines and enemy fire from every direction -- to assure that all was in order and everyone had a good time. A last-minute change in the parking location necessitated having warm bodies and signage onsite to direct everyone to the new area. This was ably handled by **Bob Schussler** and **Bruce Semelsberger**, who also handed out navigation charts to the on-campus party site.

At the new Campus Green, on the campus of San Diego State University, **Don and Elaine Getz**, **Randy Gibson** and **Terry Clark**, **Corrine Gallagher**, **Jim Lundquist** and **Sandy (Mrs. Bob) Schussler** were on hand to greet the 115 arriving guests. The food was catered by Aztec Shops, Ltd., an on-campus concessionaire, and was delicious. The grilled tri-tip steak and marinated chicken breasts were tender and succulent. Accompaniments included hot buttered corn-on-the-cob, three salad options, rolls and drinks. Drink options, which were included in the price, featured a variety of wine, beer, sodas and other beverages. A delicious apple crisp rounded out the tasty menu.

Many familiar faces were in the crowd, including Museum life member and former California Senator **Jim Mills**, whose efforts and enabling legislation in the late 1970's were responsible for the creation of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB; now Metropolitan Transit System) and the present light-rail trolley system. MTS owns the San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway, a portion of which is utilized by the Museum for its demonstration trains.

The weather was mild, the evening was balmy, and the sound of breaking forks resonated across the Green (for an explanation of this, ask one of the participants!). Around 7:30 p.m., an announcement was made that it was time to gravitate to the new underground trolley station, just a stone's throw from the party site. As we entered the spacious two-level underground station, our chartered brand-new Siemens model SD70 light-rail articulated vehicles awaited on the lower level, about 50 feet below us. These car sets are 88.5 feet long and will seat 68 (56 with wheelchairs). Each double-ended set weighs 49 tons. The eleven cars are fully-ADA-compliant and will eventually be numbered 3001 - 3011.

Mr. **Tom Doogan**, San Diego Trolley's Special Event/Operations Coordinator, gathered everyone around to introduce us to the new trolley extension - officially the "Mission Valley East Light-rail Transit Extension", dubbed the "Green Line" - and the spanking-new railcars built at Siemens' Sacramento, Calif. plant earlier this year. These cars are so new that the plastic protective covers still haven't been removed from the Motorman's seat cushions, and no vehicle numbers show yet on the Ferrari-red body panels.

This extension links the existing Blue Line at the Mission San Diego Station, with the Orange Line in La Mesa, along the Interstate 8 freeway corridor. Once the line officially opens for revenue service on Sunday, July 10th at 4:15 a.m., it will be possible to complete a "grand circle tour" entirely by rail from San Diego to La Mesa and return without retracing your steps.

Mr. Doogan then took us down to track level to inspect the new cars and to get a glimpse of the "tunnel" that took about a quarter mile of the track under the ridge of ancient seabed that supports the campus of SDSU. This section is really not a true tunnel, but rather a large, rectangular, reinforced-concrete tube constructed by a process called "cut and cover". Instead of tunneling through the ground, a huge open trench is excavated from the surface, a concrete floor and retaining walls on each side placed, and finally a concrete roof completed the box. Backfill or other structures would then be placed on top.

We knew this would be the only opportunity any of us would have to stand on these tracks, in the tunnel. Once regular service begins, this area will be restricted to the trolleys and SDT personnel only.

Soon, the "All Aboard" call gathered us all back to the boarding platform and we took our seats in the cars. My wife and I, both long-legged, noted that the seats immediately adjacent to the articulated sections were a little shy on the leg-room, but otherwise the cars were nicely appointed and well-lit.

Our initial run was eastbound, with photo stops at the new stations of Alvarado Medical Center and 70th Street. Veteran motorman **Jeff Johnson** pulled away smoothly from the platform and accelerated to 40 mph in places (max. speed is 55 mph on certain stretches). Beyond 70th Street, our cars were switched through a cross-over to the westbound track. We reached La Mesa, near the new junction with the existing Orange Line, as the final glow of daylight disappeared in the western sky.

Everybody piled aboard again, and we were off westbound to the new aerial station of Grantville, near I-8 and Mission Gorge Rd. We arrived about 8:20 p.m. Then it was time to return to SDSU, climbing over the freeway and pacing the auto traffic on parallel I-8 at about 45 mph. We rolled into the cavernous SDSU station by 9 p.m.

Everyone I spoke to had a great time and gave rave reviews for the food. The award for the farthest distance traveled to attend this special event goes to member **Martin Davis** and his wife **Estelita** of Prescott Valley, Ariz. Second place goes to member **James Caballero** and his party from L.A. Member **Ray Krum** made the journey from Hemet.

The Museum expresses a warm "Thank You" to **Dick Ruppert** and the other Museum volunteers that helped make this event a great success. Special thanks to **Elaine (Mrs. Don) Getz** and **Corrine Gallagher** for jumping into the breach to handle ticket reservations, volunteer coordination and "other duties as required".

Note: For those intrepid train riders who must make the very first revenue trip over a newly-opened line, the first such trip from the Old Town station to the Santee Town Center station will depart Old Town at (yawn) 4:15 a.m., Sunday, July 10th. (Thanks to Mr. **Wally Clack**, Operations Schedule Analyst for San Diego Transit, **Corinne Gallagher**, and other sources for information contained in this article).

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

Special thanks to my newest pair of docents, **Terry Clark** and **Randy Gibson**, who have jumped into their new role at our in-town museum venue with both feet and both hands. **Randy** is a former Museum locomotive engineer and engineer-instructor, and a veteran Museum project volunteer and Scouting Coordinator. **Terry** has been involved with off-line train excursions and other special events.

Thanks to their efforts, my coordination job is made simpler, and this dynamic duo has also attacked my long list of "to do" projects. Recently, the two sets of wood steps at each end of our displayed caboose have been repainted, and new chain has been placed across the steps leading to the back (track) side of the display train there. They then donated and installed a set of new steel storage shelves in the depot bathroom that has greatly improved the storage and orderliness of that space. They have also trimmed back overhanging tree branches and provided a more secure chain for the "Old No. 3" sign at the locomotive.

La Mesa's annual "Back to the '50s Classic Car Show" promotion began on Thursday, June 2nd, and we again have the depot and train display open for the many visitors coming into the city. Attendance has been brisk, and we are making many new friends for the Museum and greeting old ones. On Monday, March 21st, we opened the doors to the throngs of people attracted to the city's "Antique Faire".

Other docents who have contributed their valuable time to help greet our visitors include: **Dr. Sid Saltzstein**, **Bruce Semelsberger**, **Sherwin Dorris**, **Duane Dubke** and **Dick Pennick**. Muchas gracias to all of you!

*** In Memoriam ***

Museum Life Member and train buff **V. Wayne Kenaston, Jr.** passed away at his Spring Valley, Calif. home on June 15th from complications of prostate cancer. He was 82. **Wayne** was a native San Diegan, and an ordained minister, with an abiding interest in history. He owned Eastgate Insurance, an independent insurance agency, for 40 years. He graduated from the former San Diego State College in 1947 with a B.S. degree in Social Work.

Wayne was a Master Mason and a member of Squibob chapter, E. Clampus Vitus, a history and social group. He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Silvergate Masonic Lodge #295 for more than 50 years. He was also a muzzle-loading cannoneer.

The family has planned a memorial service and celebration of life on July 2nd at 3168 Fair Oaks Drive, Spring Valley. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Mr. Kenaston's memory may be made to the Museum at: PSRMA, Wayne Kenaston Memorial, 4695 Nebo Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941-5259.

On June 3, 2005, member **George Dull** lost his wife Ann. She was 73. Services were held June 26th.

The Museum extends its heartfelt condolences to the families left behind.

*** June 16 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.

Board members present were D. Hyatt, R. Hyatt, J. Lundquist, R. Pennick, L. Rose, S. Schussler. G. Luiz and R. Ruppert were out of town.

2. Introduction of Guest and Guest Speakers - J. Lundquist

Guests present were Wally Barber and Don Getz.

3. Additions, Corrections and Adoption of Agenda - J. Lundquist

Items 31, 32 and 33 were added to the agenda.

4. Adoption of Minutes for meeting May 19, 2005 - S. Schussler

After approval of 4 minor changes, a motion to adopt the minutes as corrected was made by L. Rose, 2nd by R. Pennick. Motion was passed 5/0/1. R. Hyatt was excused from the last BOD meeting and abstained.

At this time, **Item 31** was taken out of sequence for participation of the guests.

OLD BUSINESS

10. Investment advice - R. Pennick / L. Rose

R. Pennick presented the Board with a draft Investment Policy Statement. The Board needs to read and review the draft, so a motion by R. Pennick 2nd by D. Hyatt to table approval until the July BOD meeting was made. Motion was passed 5/1/0.

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

This item is tabled for lack of activity and response. It will return to the agenda when an agreement can be presented.

12. Organization Chart - R. Ruppert

There are still 2 outstanding inputs. It is agreed that we have to receive all inputs to enable the development of an organization chart. Review needs to begin.

13. La Mesa property lease - J. Lundquist

J. Lundquist has approached the City and the Mayor, and there was some discussion. It appears another lease would be no more than 25 years. The City's interest in increasing our insurance is not a problem. Care of landscaping is done by La Mesa Parks. There seems to be no urgency on the City drawing up a new lease agreement. J. Lundquist will continue contact to prod them into action. This item will be removed from the agenda until some agreement is ready for approval.

14. Toilets at Campo Depot - J. Lundquist

This item is still on hold pending adequate estimates and identification of funding. This will be one of two fund raising targets for the next year. Look for more in the *Hot Scoop*.

15. Display Building toilet costs, electrical service & concrete - L. Rose

Final drawings are in work and paper processing by an associate of L. Rose.

16. Art Train - J. Lundquist

Paul Straley is pursuing local tribes to ascertain if one or more of them is interested in sponsoring the Art Train since the focus of the train this next year is Native American Art. If there is no interest from any local tribes, this item will be dropped.

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

Coordinating individual schedules and proper facilities is still a problem. **This item will be taken off the agenda until progress can be reported.**

18. Meeting Minutes: Standing Rule topic - R. Ruppert

S. Schussler requested Board members to remind everyone to send copies of committee and department meetings the Library and the Secretary.

19. Additional Visitor Parking - R. Pennick

R. Pennick has approached the Bangs property owner and PSRM can use the property for overflow when necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

20. Nominations - J. Lundquist

The Petition form and Nomination information will appear in the next *Hot Scoop*. Offices up for election this time are Vice President, Treasurer, Facilities and Operations.

21. Should an alternate date be set for July BOD meeting? - J. Lundquist

J. Lundquist will be unable to attend a BOD meeting on July 21, the scheduled date. D. Hyatt made a motion 2nd by L. Rose to reschedule the July BOD meeting from July 21 to July 14. Motion passed 6/0/0.

22. What does the public want and are we delivering it to them? - J. Lundquist

A review of a recent Trains article was reviewed with some proposed priorities. It was suggested that the Board adopt J. Lundquist's concept as a model to work toward even if all will not happen tomorrow. The Board agreed by consensus, and requested J. Lundquist to break down the priorities into manageable segments for formal approval and agreement.

23. Fund raising projects - develop a list and priority. - J. Lundquist

Of the projects on a long list of needs and wants, the two most critical projects were deemed to be Campo Depot Toilets, and the acquisition of real property to support our future needs. J. Lundquist made a motion, 2nd by R. Hyatt, that these items will be the target of 2 formalized fund raising projects this year. The motion was passed 6/0/0.

24. Convention attendees: TRAIN and ARM. - J. Lundquist

J. Lundquist will attend the ARM Convention scheduled for October in Chicago this year. No one has been named or volunteered for the TRAIN Convention.

25. Is it time now to schedule Special Events? - J. Lundquist

There was a Motion by J. Lundquist, 2nd by L. Rose to offer a steak BBQ for members @ \$15 per person (\$25 for donation) on Labor Day. Attendees could ride the train, and we would have music supplied by the many more than competent musicians in our membership. Passed by consensus. For details, watch the *Hot Scoop*.

26. Leasing #6008 - a 15 gauge steam locomotive. - J. Lundquist

The Board agreed, by consensus, to pursue the possibility of obtaining a locomotive for display, and possible future operation. The owners have a strong attachment to this locomotive and may want to see it on display instead of in storage. Other donations could result.

27. Request for \$5,000 for acquiring and transporting outrigger for new 15 ton crane. One is missing from our rig. - J. Lundquist

It was agreed that this cost was excessive, and mechanical will continue searching for a used outrigger.

28. Approve storage and/or lease agreement, with long-time museum member Dan Robirds, for a non-operational, privately-owned diesel locomotive at Campo. - D. Hyatt

The 70 tonner owned by Dan Robirds frequently ran on the El Cajon line, and other lines in the San Diego area. The locomotive is in bad condition, which D. Robirds intends to correct. He would like to locate the locomotive at PSRM yard at Campo where he could work on it, and pay for storage, and possibly lease it back to PSRM after repair, for display and/or operation. An agreement must be prepared that would protect both parties if either fails to perform, and to define what constitutes "performance" on both sides.

29. Bank signatures and review of two signatures requirement - J. Lundquist/D. Hyatt

The policy is to require 2 signatures for any check over \$1,000. Board members authorized to sign include J. Lundquist, D. Hyatt, L. Rose and R. Pennick.

30. Museum Policy of payment in advance for reservations and refund policy - J. Lundquist

For reservation required events, and activities, payments will not be refunded. PSRM will attempt to fill the vacancy created by the cancellation and reschedule the canceling customer for some future date.

31. Storage of non-Museum owned equipment for Dan Marnell - J. Lundquist
(Item taken out of sequence just after item 4) Wally Barber offered to contact Dan Marnell to inquire about his plans for his caboose and also the lifting of a lien he hold against PSRM that should have been lifted years ago. (Addition to the Agenda)

32. Request to spend up to \$4,000 to have all of the fuel injection pumps for the #2104 rebuilt - R. Hyatt
This request came from D. DiGiorgio, and the cost is below market. A motion was made by R. Hyatt, 2nd by R. Pennick to authorized up to \$4,000 for repair of the pumps. Passed 6/0/0. (Addition to the Agenda)

33. Acquire a Single Car Testing Device - R. Hyatt

Motion by R. Hyatt, 2nd by L. Rose, to acquire a Single Car Testing Device at a maximum cost of \$4,000. Motion passed 6/0/0. (Addition to the Agenda)

REPORTS

40. Presidents' Report - J. Lundquist

The written President's Report centered on the issue of SP # 2693, the Harriman coach. At issue is the need for a curatorial staff that will make recommendations on restoration projects and historical artifacts. Curatorial expertise is essential for preservation and identification of rolling stock and all contents therein. With the current number of volunteers, it is unlikely that any major restorations projects will be undertaken in the near future. Still, the desirable expertise should be formally identified so it may be used for determining artifacts stored through out PSRM facilities, from the items that should be discarded.

41. Treasurer's Report - D. Hyatt

D. Hyatt presented a written report showing a positive net income of \$19,847.27 for the first 5 months of 2005. (See Attached Report)

42. Vice President's Report - D. Pennick

R. Pennick has been in contact with Paul Altamirano, Site Manager at ISP Alginates, Inc. to inquire about surplus equipment that the company may like to donate as the close operations in San Diego.

He also presented our page in the "Tourist Trains 2005" publication and informed the BOD about surplus express Boxcars on the Santa Maria Valley and at Fenton, Mo.

43. Facilities Report - Rose

Repair of toilets and bathroom sinks, and kitchen sink have been completed. Work on the Depot continues and a railing is being installed on the Boxcar Theater/rest room platform. Additional segmented electrical estimates are in the works to identify costs for power to the Display Building, inside the building, and laying power line to a planned building site on the East end of our property.

44. Operations Report - Luiz

No Report submitted.

45. Equipment Report - R. Hyatt

According to a written report, much has be accomplished to keep us rolling. R. Hyatt reports scheduled maintenance on SDA #7285, and repairs to #3873, #2104, #1509 and coach #253, which will be rolling to Tecate after being out of service for a year. Much progress has been made on support equipment as well. (See Attached Report)

46. Museum Services Report - D. Ruppert

No Report submitted.

47. Library Committee - Pennick

No committee activity.

48. Marketing Committee - Ruppert

No committee activity.

50. CLOSED SESSION No need for a closed session.

60. CARRY FORWARD

Items 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 26, 28 and 31.

65. TABLED UNTIL PROGRESS CAN BE REPORTED

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70. ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 11:08 pm

6/20/2005 5:10 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".

We now have a page describing the film work PSRM did for the CBS movie "Greyhounds" in 1993: <http://www.sdrm.org/films/greyhounds/index.html>. We also have a photo of newly qualified brakeman Rob Stebbins: <http://www.sdrm.org/gallery/people/brakemen/>.

*** Year 2005 Dates of Note ***

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
School Train	--	16	20	18	15	20
Tecate Train	16	20	17	15	2 & 19	17
Board meetings	14	18	15	20	20	15
Museum Services meeting	19	16	20	18	15	20
Steam meeting		14				
Deadline for Hot Scoop articles	28	28	28	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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