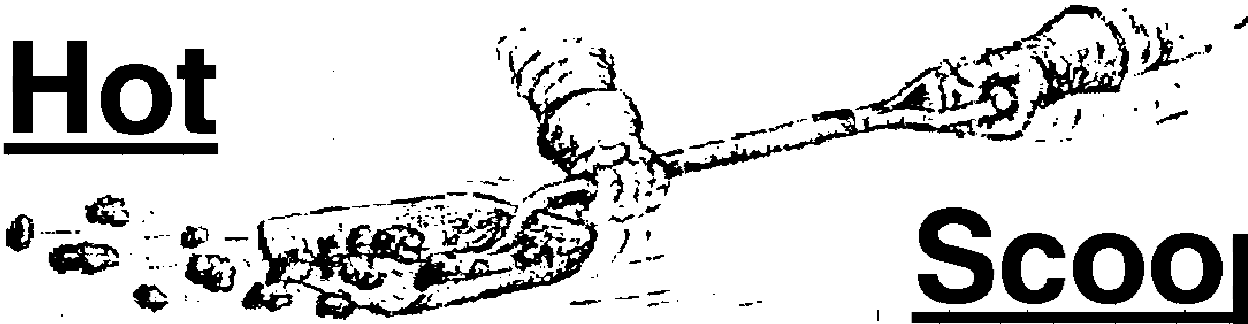


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***** President's Report ***** *Jim Lundquist*

The last of the hot months should be passed us now, and the number of visitors at our museum site typically goes up this time of year. It can really be beautiful at Campo this time of year. Try staying late some night - the sunsets are unreal and the stars just scream out for you to gaze at them!

Work continues on the #1 priority job at Campo - that being the ongoing improvements to the Campo depot and surrounding public area. Thanks to Brian Elmore and his family and friends and Jim Lundquist, progress was made on securing the footing for the back storage room as well as new decking for the landing for the baggage room upstairs. Brian had real 3" lumber milled for the platform to match what was already there. We also leveled the floor, removed the old plumbing and started on the subfloor replacement where required. The back storage room will feature a new toilet and window, with a sink for the bathroom and a double sink for the County needs for serving food. Still to start is the drainage project by Wally Barber and Don Getz, but they tell me to expect good news next month, new electrical and phone connections and exterior siding. We had a professional arborist recommend removal of the Elm tree. Now that will be a big job for us. We'll have to plant replacement trees and construct shade structures prior to next year's heat. Join us sometime - we need the help on this first impression project as our priority 1 effort.

The new electrical service to the display building should also be starting next month. Funded with our outstanding donation of \$210,400 last year, this \$37,000 project will add permanent power to the display building and overhead lights as well as electrical service out towards the "Back 40". Larry Rose has been taking the lead in bringing this project along. There was switching of railroad equipment to complete for the contractor to start work. In order to avoid any impacts to our volunteers, the switching moves were scheduled on a Sunday/Monday timeframe. Thanks go to Seth Miller, Larry Hieshetter, Jim Lundquist and David Green for their assistance.

Our Tecate train and *Golden State* trains continued this month. I'm excited to report we have a number of volunteers who are working towards becoming qualified in train crew. Man, do we need that! It's not too late to join them. Call Dave DiGiorgio to schedule the next class at 619-334-5188. This month will feature our Pumpkin Patch trains.

We welcome a new workamper with us, Kathy Reeves. Kathy comes with many years of experience in dealing with the public. She is a natural as a Trainman, and will be working in the giftshop, on the train, with tours and cleaning our railroad equipment each week. Please look for her and say hello to this friendly face at Campo.

Many thanks go out to Hawthorne Equipment Rentals for their continuing donations to our Museum. Hawthorne took in our sick manlift and installed a replacement pump, installed new seals and generally did maintenance on the manlift, then delivered it to Campo, ready to go! Thank you, Hawthorne. The manlift will be put right to work installing electrical wires, overhead light panels, roof jobs on passenger cars, depot painting and roof, and the list goes on and on.

After years of planning, we are taking the next step in offering new train experiences to our public, and we are excited about this opportunity. The North Pole Christmas Express trains are a cooperate effort between our Museum and the Mountain Empire High School. We will offer a unique family experience this year, and hopefully, for years to come. They will be our first night trains in years. Look for the flier in this month's Hot Scoop to order your tickets and join us as we venture up the tracks to see Santa.

There are so many good things going on at your railroad museum. Please read the other articles on the many activities we are doing together. We can always use the help - come on out and bring your gloves - we'll find something to do for you. See you soon at Campo.

MAJOR FUNDRAISING REPORT

Our two announced fundraising efforts - \$50,000 towards the depot restroom project and the land acquisition fund with our goal of \$1,000,000 are both still awaiting their first donation. Will you help us out?

***** Pumpkin Express *****

The Pacific Southwest Railway Museum is proud to present the Second Annual Pumpkin Express on Saturday/Sunday, October 22 and 23 and Saturday/Sunday October 29 and 30. Each youngster with a child-fare ticket will be allowed to pick out their favorite pumpkin from the Pumpkin Patch at the Campo Depot to take home with them. Children will have an opportunity to decorate their pumpkins while waiting for the train. A walking tour of the Museum is included with your train ride, of course!

The Pumpkin Express will leave the Campo Depot at 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM on each day. The regular excursion fares of \$15 for adults (13 & over), \$5 for kids (6 - 12), with under 5 free, will apply. Reservations are not required, but please let the Great Pumpkin know that you will be visiting by sending a message to pumpkins@psrm.org.

***** 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 20 trains in September, carrying 782 passengers.

Jim Baker	Robin Becker	Darrel Bivans	Rich Borstadt	Rich Childs
Dave DiGiorgio	Sherwin Dorris	Don Getz	Larry Hieshetter	Randy Houk
Jim Lundquist	Seth Miller	Bob Nickles	Jack Ohmstede	Linda Ovadia
Mark Ovadia	Dick Pennick	Don Pope	Jerry Reed	Ann Ruppert
Bob Schussler	Sandy Schussler	Rob Stebbins	Frank Stites	Robin Wonders

***** Donations *****

Arthur, Jr., William M.	General Fund	\$20
Hieshetter, Tom	General Fund	\$10
Kehr, Herbert G.	Purchase #4004	\$200
Kehr, Herbert G.	REPORT	\$100
Landguth, Mark A.	Restoration Fund	\$550
Pickering, Roy L.	Library Building Fund	\$500
Thometz, Michael E.	General Fund	\$50

***** Labor Day BBQ At Campo A Huge Success ***** *Jim Lundquist*

About 50 members and friends gathered together at Campo to celebrate the traditional "End of Summer" together and a GREAT time was had by all. Starting with a 2:30 PM departure out of Campo in #1509 on the *Golden State* passenger train, we traveled in class to Miller Creek and return. The car was spotless, thanks to the late night and early morning efforts of Ron and Diana Hyatt and family, along with Steven Clark and Jim Lundquist. They all cleaned up inside the car and washed windows. This effort goes on about twice a year for our old Santa Fe Café-Observation - the pride of the fleet. During the ride, Cary Hyatt served sodas and finger food was available. On the trip back, live music was featured as well.

Once back at Campo, the activities started in the Display Building. Inside, Larry & Tanya Rose had been working all day with setting up the stages and tables donated by the Rose's. Earlier in the week, Mark Ovadia and David Green had been cleaning up the building - a good Fall cleaning. Meanwhile, back in the kitchen, Ron and Diana, along with Sandy Schussler, Linda Ovadia, Dick Pennick and Ann Ruppert were busy preparing the beans, salads, and side dishes. Everything was just about ready. With Ron at the BBQ with the steaks (with assistance from Dick Pennick in a relief appearance), Walt Richards and Paula Strong, who provided and set up the sound system, started the music with their "Rails and Trails" songs from their CD of the same name. The pickers for "Tanya Rose and Her Buds" were Dave Avery on bass, Bob and Paula Pearson on vocals and guitar, Jason Wiess on banjo, Clarke Powell on dobro, and the Roses on mandolin, guitar and vocals. The music was VERY fine.

Out came the feast. The meat (SD&A steak) was terrific. The Southern Pacific Signature Salad Bowl, "CB&Q" Baked Lima Beans, "Santa Fe" Deviled eggs, "Union Pacific" Green Beans, and Northern Pacific" Baked Potatoes were all prepared using a railroad recipe and they were better than terrific. The meal finished with cake for dessert and an assortment of soft drinks. While the meat smells were bringing out the best in everyone, the music continued. Mostly train songs were the featured in the entertainment venue on the west end of the building. As the evening wound down, out came the volunteers to assist in the clean-up, none more so than Ed Duling with Doris pulling KP duties in the kitchen in the shop building.

That night, after everyone else had gone home, Ron, Diana and Jim enjoyed the stars in the evening, and began to reflect on the day. It was really swell that so many of us could gather together and enjoy the company of each other. We really have a terrific group of members who are working hard to bring together a first class museum for our community. We started talking about how to make improvements for next year - maybe a Saturday night to allow a recovery period before going back to work. We felt that \$25 was a steal which included a first class train ride, drinks, food and entertainment. Then, we started planning for a Spring gathering - maybe a pot luck type of affair which could allow our families to get together and enjoy our museum.

So - watch for future details on the next event - and do not miss it. A great time was had by all. A special thanks goes to Larry and Tanya Rose, Ed Duling, Ann Ruppert, Sandy Schussler and especially Ron and Diana Hyatt - who never cease to amaze me with what they do between them - mechanical, Treasurer, kitchen details and special events - with four kids too. THANK YOU Ron and Diana.

See you next year?

*** Equipment Department Report *** *Ron Hyatt*

Progress has slowed down during the summer months due to heat and vacations. With the weather cooling off, we hope to see more smiling faces in Campo eager to help out with the myriad projects available.

A special thanks to **Sandy Schussler** for targeting disorganized and dirty areas of the shop and then cleaning and organizing them.

MECHANICAL

SDA 7285

This locomotive has not required any repairs aside from regular maintenance and a 92-day inspection performed by **Mike Chisholm** and **Randy Houk**.

GP-9 SP #3873

This locomotive is used on the weekend Demonstration Trains and has been the power for the Tecate trains. A 92-day inspection was performed by **Steve Clark**, **Bill Palmer** and **Ron Hyatt**.

Alco MRS-1 #2104

Steve Clark and **Dick Cochran** have been working tirelessly on needle-gunning the exterior which is about half-way to completion. **Jim Lundquist** picked up the rebuilt injectors from **Advanced Diesel Injection** who donated their labor to the Museum.

SDA Coach #250

Bill Palmer has been fabricating brackets for the sewage waste tank to be mounted underneath the floor. **Al Brill** is working on the interior cabinet doors patching holes and installing new latches.

SDA Coach #254

Bill Palmer, **Ken Hansen** and **Ron Hyatt** installed rebuilt ABDW valves. The car had an issue with the auxiliary reservoir bleeding back into the brake pipe and **Ken Kahan** assisted Ron and Bill in troubleshooting the problem.

ATSF #1509

Ken Helm and associates finished stripping and sealing the roof. **Larry Rose** has added a few more coats of paint onto the window frames to be re-installed on the Observation end of the car. Larry also primed rusty areas on the exterior with rust inhibitor. **Mike Chisholm** and **Ron Hyatt** serviced and charged the batteries and evaluated the electrical system of the car. **Diana Hyatt**, **Cary Hyatt**, **Jim Lundquist** and Ron cleaned the car, washed the windows and removed bird nests from the clerestory roof vents in preparation for the Labor Day BBQ train trip.

STEAM

Jim Baker and associates have rigged electrical power to the cab lights, backhead lights, number boards and headlights on SP 2353. **Mike Lucek** installed some display boards interpreting the 2353 for our visitors. **Jim Lundquist** acquired a large screen television for presenting a video on SP 2353 recently created by a small production company to be played in the Display Building

SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Mechanical/Facility electric carts

Ron Hyatt and **Dave Greene** have been performing repairs and maintenance on the two electric carts keeping them charged and operable as much as possible.

Motorcars

Seth Miller and **Bob Nickles** replaced a cracked wheel on the motorcar trailer. Bob was the motorcar operator when he noticed the wheel was cracked at Division and slowly moved it back to Campo for repair.

***** Restoration Report ***** *Ted Kornweibel, Supt. of Restoration*

The Restoration Department logged 96 hours of work at Campo during September, all on the Jim Crow car. Volunteers were: Harold Whalen, Frank Stites, John Berg (new volunteer), David Green, 2 days each; Bruce Semelsberger, Roger Garrett, 1 day each; Ted Kornweibel, 5 days. (This does not include the many hours spent during the week on planning, materials procurement, consultations, etc.) Though small in the number of volunteers, Restoration is an extremely productive department, whose forte is fine craftsmanship.

The greatest expenditure this month was for sanding disks. We have sanded, sanded, and sanded the Jim Crow car, from roof to platforms to steps. We expect to wear out our random orbital sanders before the project is finished, just as we've worn out air grinders. Another expenditure has been Sculpt-Wood, which we have used to patch large areas of rotted wood. September saw major priming, patching and sanding on the north side of the car, on the roof and fascia, as well as almost complete sanding of both end platforms, including steps. After we sand thoroughly, we apply a primer coat, which exposes any further dings or cracks which need to be filled with polyester putty.

The clerestory windows were also painted this month. These are the first parts to receive the car's finished Pullman green paint. We can now begin to glaze these windows with the cast glass squares which we previously salvaged and cleaned up. The clerestory window area presented a problem: the movie studio nailed flashing into the bottoms of the windows, so that they could never be opened again. Once we removed the windows, we had to cut the flashing back, and this was accomplished on most of the north side of the car as well, using an air-operated metal shear.

Work is progressing steadily, with significant progress each Saturday. Restoration welcomes all volunteers. We can use anyone, with any degree of skill, or even no skill. And Restoration is one of the most rewarding aspects of our Museum.

***** Letters from our Public *****

Dear Campo Railroad Museum:

My wife Sandy and I had the chance to go to visit some relatives in San Diego (we're from Texas), and we had the chance a few weeks ago to ride both the Tecate Trains and the Miller Creek special. We had a great time, it's nice to know that there's a great initiative in railfans around your area, you volunteers are the perfect example of what railfans should work on! By the way, the Tecate Depot is beautiful! Kudos for the brewery there, and the Campo Depot... not to say, good work!

I have always been a big fan of the SD&AE, I had the chance to climb on a freight over the 70's over the Carriso Gorge...

My kids saw the big bridge beyond Miller Creek, they wanted to go there! I hope in the future people have the chance to ride over that High Bridge. Not to say, Carriso Gorge! I would come back again just to ride all the way to the Gorge!

About the train ride, not to "throw cold water", but I think some of the passenger cars I rode on needed some repainting, specially the Santa Fe Private Car. This would help a lot with the passengers, just my suggestion...

About the steam engines, yes, I missed that one and wish you best luck to run it again. That SP Geep also looks flashy.

Kudos and keep those trains rollin'!!!

Homer Johnson

*** 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".

You can see a photo of our new trainman Kathy Reeves at
<http://www.sdrm.org/gallery/people/trainmen/index.html>

*** Year 2005 Dates of Note ***

	Oct	Nov	Dec
School Train	18	15	20
Tecate Train	15	2 & 19	17
Board meetings	20	20	15
Museum Services meeting	18	15	20
Steam meeting			
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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