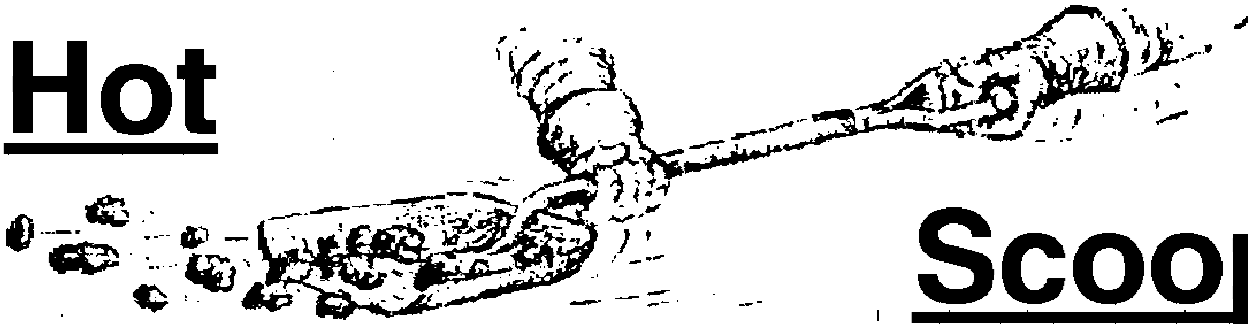


# Hot



# Scoop

*Hot Scoop Shovel Logo by Larry Rose*

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

The month of December was a breakout month for our Museum. After a year and a half of planning, we pulled off three terrific evenings with our North Pole Christmas Express trains. Teaming up with the Mountain Empire High School choir and drama groups, we presented a memorable evening for 250+ visitors each evening. The evening started with caroling by the high school choir, followed by onboard entertainment, cookies and hot cocoa, singing and a visit with Santa. The train was lit with Christmas lights and soft lighting. Upon arrival at Miller Creek, member Brian Elmore had the North Pole and Santa's Village all ready for Santa and the train. Folks, this was one fun weekend for us. I am so proud of the ride we provided for the community. Look for an article and photos of the evening in this issue of the Hot Scoop.

Meanwhile, down at the Campo Depot, additional progress has been made. Bill Armfield, Brian Elmore, Larry Rose, Greg Smith, Jim Lundquist and Ken Hansen have been busy. The large elm tree was recommended for removal by a hired arborist, and has been removed. This was a huge job. We are already looking ahead to provide shaded areas for the summer. The new exterior siding and new windows have been installed at the depot, with a rebuilt vent also. The deck project is well underway trackside, with the ramp coming soon. All materials are onsite. Look for photos of this work in this issue of the Hot Scoop.

Up in the display building, the electrical contractor will have the new electrical service completed by the end of the year. The overhead lights and real electrical plugs will allow us to light the equipment on display and operate the video presentations in the building.

I want to thank you for the several positive responses we received from the membership regarding the Treasurer position. I believe we have a game plan to put into effect now.

Dave DiGiorgio and Jim Lundquist traveled to the Heber Valley Railroad in Utah to observe first hand how they do their evening Christmas trains. We both came away with some new ideas to try for next year's event.

The mechanical troops have continued the effort on equipment – support equipment, operating equipment and restoration on passenger cars and steam locomotives. I am amazed to find the level of activity ongoing during the week at Campo as our volunteer members go about doing their thing during the quiet times.

I would like to finish this article with a reminder of all the blessings we have as a Museum. We are blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers who work very hard to preserve and present railroad history for our community. Without a doubt, our volunteer members allow us to make the great strides we are making now. With great anticipation, I look forward to 2006 and beyond as we go forward with this exciting dream of saving history for future generations. Thank you for your participation – with your time, with your money, with your support and interest.

### **\*\*\* North Pole Christmas Express A Huge Success \*\*\* *Jim Lundquist***

Our Museum has never looked better as three sold-out trains departed the Campo Depot for the North Pole on the evenings of Thursday, December 1; Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3. With 250+ passengers on board, each rider had the opportunity to make a Santa's wish list, enjoy hot chocolate and home baked cookies, listen to a famous Christmas book and sing Christmas carols on the trip. Upon arrival at the North Pole, the train was greeted by Santa Claus at his village, complete with a sleigh and reindeer. On the trip back to Campo, each child was visited by Santa and given a bell as their first gift of Christmas. At the end of the evening, there was nothing but smiling faces as nearly 800 visitors were introduced to night railroading in the spirit of Christmas.

Planning for this event started last year. A committee of Ron Hyatt, Diana Hyatt, Dave DiGiorgio, Ann Ruppert and Jim Lundquist oversaw the details. An early contact with the Mountain Empire High School choir and drama clubs brought a commitment for their participation. Ron then oversaw the upgrading of electrical service for our passenger cars, with help from Mike Chisholm, Larry Hieshetter, Al Brown and Marcus Ferrill. Diana and Ron Hyatt worked tirelessly acquiring everything that would be needed from insulated beverage servers to decorations for the train and Campo Depot. Ann Ruppert purchased table decorations for the 1509, baskets, stickers for the cookie bags, bells and spent time stringing the bells onto red yarn. Ann, Diana and Seth Miller baked all the cookies needed, 690 total! Dave DiGiorgio and Jack O'Lexey worked overtime in ticketing and reservations – not only for the North Pole Christmas Express, but the Tecate train as well. Kathy Reeves and Ann Ruppert worked on Christmas decorations. Mark Ovadia, Bill Armfield, Robin Wonders and Kathy Reeves worked decorating the depot, train and Gift Shop. The train crews were Seth Miller, Bob Nickles, Jim Baker, Jack O'Lexey, Tommy Batts, Dick Pennick and Randy Houk. Jim Baker, Seth, Bob and Al Brown helped park cars in the parking lot. Along with the 25 to 50 students from Mountain Empire High School acting as elves and carolers were the Museum's train attendants Kathy Reeves and Ray Lethbridge. In the kitchen, Diana, Dave and Ron worked overtime, not only providing supplies for the train, but, also cooking a late night steak and potato dinner for the volunteers in the #1509 on Saturday evening.

Working on the Santa Village at the North Pole, member Brian Elmore took charge and really did a terrific job. He took his own trailer and designed and built a house, sleigh, reindeer, star and local children as elves. Assisting Brian were Annette, Shanelle, Cody, Cheyenne, Rick Phillips, Jennifer Inman and Tammy Inman.

Jim Lundquist was the event coordinator and had the extreme pleasure of entertaining over 100 kids each evening as Santa Claus. What a tough job that was! He enjoyed every second.

On Sunday, Ron, Diana, Dave and Jim all sat down and went over next year's event with the improvements planned. The dates of Friday and Saturday, 11/24, 11/25, 12/1, 12/2, 12/8, 12/9, 12/22 and 12/23 have been tentatively scheduled. So, mark your calendars now if you enjoy trains, cookies and fun times.

This was a tremendous, year long effort on the part of many volunteers. This event came off extremely well, and we look forward to making improvements as the years go by. A huge thank you goes out to everyone involved.

### **\*\*\* The Jacobs Family Does It Again! \*\*\* *Larry Rose***

Another \$20,000 gift from Gary and Jerri Ann Jacobs has been received and has unleashed great joy among the volunteers at Campo! The Jacobs family has done this before and is the biggest consistent cash donor over the last five years. They have supported our steam program several times and are one of the big reasons that engine 2353 is now back together and on display in our exhibit barn.

Steam engines are expensive to restore and maintain. The Jacobs family has been a big help in providing funding for another steam engine job on-going now that 2353 is done. "Engineer Bob" Nickles has been cleaning and painting the saddle tank for 2-8-2T No. 11 and has been helping Steam Foreman Jim Baker wherever needed. We need half a million to do the boiler work on 2353 to make it run but we can get all of our steam engines in good cosmetic repair and weather resistant with a donation like this. Thank you Gary and Jerri Ann for making good things happen!

## North Pole Express Photo Page



Santa & elves wait in his sleigh for the train's arrival.  
*Brian Elmore photo*



Brian Elmore with two elves at the North Pole.



Santa's helpers at the North Pole.  
*Brian Elmore photo*



Mountain Empire HS students reading to our guests  
*Diana Hyatt photo*



Conductor Seth Miller and chef Dave DiGiorgio  
*Diana Hyatt photo*



Happy riders on the train  
*Diana Hyatt photo*

## Progress at the Campo Depot



**Brian Elmore cuts down the big tree.**  
*Ken Hansen photo*



**Jim Lundquist works on window framing.**  
*Ken Hansen photo*



**Jim Lundquist & Bill Armfield install plywood siding.**



**Another view of the platform.**



**Another view of the depot.**



**Tecate passengers ready for the "All Aboard!"**

### \*\*\* 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 18 trains in December, carrying over 1500 passengers. Our total for the year was approximately 14,000. A number we're now keeping track of is "passenger-miles." This is the distance we run multiplied by the number of passengers. We surpassed 4 million this year!

|                |               |              |                |               |             |                |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Jim Baker      | Tommy Batts   | Robin Becker | Darrel Bivans  | Al Brown      | Steve Clark | Dave DiGiorgio |
| Marcus Ferrill | Don Getz      | Randy Houk   | Ray Lethbridge | Jim Lundquist | Seth Miller | Bob Nickles    |
| Jack O'Lexey   | Linda Ovadia  | Mark Ovadia  | Dick Pennick   | Kathy Reeves  | Ann Ruppert | Rob Stebbins   |
| Robin Wonders  | Bob Schussler |              |                |               |             |                |

### \*\*\* Donations \*\*\*

|                                                                   |                      |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| William B. Adams, Jr.                                             | General fund         | \$ 50    |
| C. William Briggs,                                                | General fund         | \$ 25    |
| Carl F. Casale,                                                   | Jacumba cars/trucks  | \$ 50    |
| Bruce L. Deck                                                     | General fund         | \$ 2,000 |
| Gary and Jerri-Ann Jacobs Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation | General Fund         | \$20,000 |
| Herbert G. Kehr                                                   | <i>Report</i>        | \$ 100   |
| Herbert G. Kehr                                                   | Jacumba trucks       | \$ 100   |
| Ted Kornweibel                                                    | Restoration account  | \$ 500   |
| Owen C. Peck                                                      | General fund         | \$ 1000  |
| Margaret G. Stahl                                                 | Library Fund         | \$ 50    |
| Frank & Claudia Stebelski                                         | Steam restoration    | \$ 260   |
| Michael C. Thometz                                                | Jacumba car trucks   | \$ 100   |
| Robert H. Watrous                                                 | Library construction | \$ 100   |

### \*\*\* Operations Reminder \*\*\* *Randy Houk*

#### 1.3.1 Rules, Regulations, and Instructions

**Safety Rules.** Employees must have a copy of, be familiar with, and comply with all safety rules issued in a separate book or in another form.

**General Code of Operating Rules.** Employees governed by these rules must have a current copy they can refer to while on duty.

**Hazardous Materials.** Employees who in any way handle hazardous materials must have a copy of the instructions or regulations for handling these materials. Employees must be familiar with and comply with these instructions or regulations.

**Air Brakes.** Employees whose duties are affected by air brake operation must have a copy of the files and instructions for operating air brakes and train handling. Employees must know and obey these rules and instructions.

**Timetable/Special Instructions.** Employees whose duties are affected by the timetable/special instructions must have a current copy they can refer to while on duty.

**Train Dispatchers and Control Operators.** The train dispatchers and control operators must have a copy of rules and instructions for train dispatchers and control operators. They must be familiar with and obey those rules and instructions.

**Classes.** Employees must be familiar with and obey all rules, regulations, and instructions and must attend required classes. They must pass the required examinations. Examinations are required triennially or more often when necessary to insure employees are familiar with all rules, regulations and instructions.

**Explanation.** Employees must ask their supervisor for an explanation of any rule, regulation, or instruction they are unsure of.

**Issued, Cancelled, or Modified.** Rules may be issued, canceled, or modified by track bulletin, general order, or special instructions.

When there is a conflict, Subdivision Special Instructions takes precedence over System Special Instructions.

### \*\*\* Time Cards \*\*\* *Jim Baker, Steam Foreman*

It is now time to start filling out your time cards! I've put sets of time card holders in the Campo Shop, the Campo Ops Trailer, and at La Mesa Depot. These are plastic brochure holders with envelopes labeled, "Blank Time Cards," and "Completed Time Cards." Posted nearby is a list of Time Account Numbers.

The materials in the Shop are above the key box on the wall that is to the left of the phone. The list of account numbers is on the cork board on the same wall. In the Ops Trailer, they are hanging on the wall to the left of the bulletin boards. I gave the materials for La Mesa to Dick Pennick for him to put in an appropriate place there.

As I've said before, there is a two-fold purpose for this record-keeping. One is to recognize our volunteers who put in a lot of time, and the second is to show potential granting agencies how much time our volunteers spend. Plan on coming to the Annual Dinner to see what awards we'll be giving for various levels of time.

If you have any questions about this program, let me know.

## Time Account Numbers

### DEPARTMENT 1      **President & Museum General Administration**

Project 1      Board of Directors meetings  
2      Board committee meetings

Sub-project 1, 2,...      Number committees (if any)

3      Presidential Duties

Sub-project 1, 2... as (s)he sees fit

### DEPARTMENT 2      **Vice President**

Project 1      Vice Presidential duties  
2      Other ?. as (s)he sees fit

### DEPARTMENT 3      **Secretary**

Project 1      Board Minutes  
2      Board agendas  
3      Correspondence  
4      Other

### DEPARTMENT 4      **Treasurer**

Project 1      General bookkeeping  
2      Preparation of financial statements  
3      Banking  
4      Taxes  
5      Other

## DEPARTMENT 5

**Facilities**

|    |                  |                     |                      |   |          |
|----|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---|----------|
|    | Project 1        | Department meetings |                      |   |          |
| 2  | Campo Grounds    |                     |                      |   |          |
|    | Sub-project      | 1                   | Utilities            | 4 | Cleanup  |
|    |                  | 2                   | Roads                |   |          |
|    |                  | 3                   | Weed control         |   |          |
| 3  | Campo Depot      | 1                   | Utilities            | 4 | Cleaning |
|    |                  | 2                   | Paint                |   |          |
|    |                  | 3                   | Structural repairs   |   |          |
| 4  | Section House    | 1                   | Utilities            | 4 | cleaning |
|    |                  | 2                   | Paint                |   |          |
|    |                  | 3                   | Structural repairs   |   |          |
| 5  | Display Building | 1                   | Utilities            | 4 | Cleaning |
|    |                  | 2                   | Paint                |   |          |
|    |                  | 3                   | Structural repairs   |   |          |
| 6  | Shop             | 1                   | Utilities            | 4 | Cleaning |
|    |                  | 2                   | Paint                |   |          |
|    |                  | 3                   | Structural repairs   |   |          |
| 7  | Yard             | 1                   | New track/switches   |   |          |
|    |                  | 2                   | Track/switch repairs |   |          |
|    |                  | 3                   | Roadbed maintenance  |   |          |
| 8  | La Mesa Grounds  | 1                   | Utilities            | 4 | Cleanup  |
|    |                  | 2                   | Roads                |   |          |
|    |                  | 3                   | Weed control         |   |          |
| 9  | La Mesa Depot    | 1                   | Utilities            | 4 | Cleaning |
|    |                  | 2                   | Paint                |   |          |
|    |                  | 3                   | Structural repairs   |   |          |
| 10 | Other            |                     |                      |   |          |

## DEPARTMENT 6

**Mechanical**

|           |                                     |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Project 1 | Department Meetings                 |                                     |
| 2         | Required inspections (92-day, etc.) |                                     |
|           |                                     | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |
| 3         | Air & air brakes                    |                                     |
|           |                                     | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |
| 4         | Diesel engine (prime mover)         |                                     |
|           |                                     | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |
| 5         | Motive power electrical             |                                     |
|           |                                     | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |
| 6         | Other electrical (lights, etc)      |                                     |
|           |                                     | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |
| 7         | Body work                           |                                     |
|           |                                     | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |
| 8         | Steam                               |                                     |
|           |                                     | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |
| 9         | Support Equipment                   |                                     |
|           |                                     | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |
| 10.       | Other                               |                                     |
|           |                                     | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |

**DEPARTMENT 7      Museum Services**

|         |   |                                 |             |                                     |                      |
|---------|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Project | 1 | Department meetings             |             |                                     |                      |
|         | 2 | Restoration                     |             |                                     |                      |
|         |   |                                 |             | Sub-Project: enter equipment number |                      |
|         | 3 | Interpretive Displays           |             |                                     |                      |
|         | 4 | Publications                    |             |                                     |                      |
|         |   |                                 | Sub-Project | 1                                   | Hot Scoop            |
|         |   |                                 |             | 2                                   | REPORT               |
|         |   |                                 |             | 3                                   | Other                |
|         | 5 | Booths at other venues          |             |                                     |                      |
|         | 6 | Library                         |             |                                     |                      |
|         |   |                                 |             | 1                                   | General library work |
|         |   |                                 |             | 2                                   | Rails in the News    |
|         | 7 | Meal Preparation for Volunteers |             |                                     |                      |
|         | 8 | Other                           |             |                                     |                      |
|         | 9 | La Mesa Depot Docent            |             |                                     |                      |

**DEPARTMENT 8      Operations**

|         |   |                                   |             |   |                   |
|---------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------------|
| Project | 1 | Department Meetings               |             |   |                   |
|         | 2 | Miller Creek/ Division Train Crew |             |   |                   |
|         |   |                                   | Sub-project | 1 | Conductor         |
|         |   |                                   |             | 2 | Engineer          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 3 | Brakeman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 4 | Trainman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 5 | Motorcar Operator |
|         | 3 | Tecate Train Crew                 |             |   |                   |
|         |   |                                   | Sub-project | 1 | Conductor         |
|         |   |                                   |             | 2 | Engineer          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 3 | Brakeman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 4 | Trainman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 5 | Motorcar Operator |
|         | 4 | School Days Train Crew            |             |   |                   |
|         |   |                                   | Sub-project | 1 | Conductor         |
|         |   |                                   |             | 2 | Engineer          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 3 | Brakeman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 4 | Trainman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 5 | Motorcar Operator |
|         | 5 | Special or Charter Train Crew     |             |   |                   |
|         |   |                                   | Sub-project | 1 | Conductor         |
|         |   |                                   |             | 2 | Engineer          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 3 | Brakeman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 4 | Trainman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 5 | Motorcar Operator |
|         | 6 | Crew Training                     |             |   |                   |
|         |   |                                   | Sub-project | 1 | Conductor         |
|         |   |                                   |             | 2 | Engineer          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 3 | Brakeman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 4 | Trainman          |
|         |   |                                   |             | 5 | Motorcar Operator |
|         | 7 | Hostler/Yard Switching            |             |   |                   |
|         | 8 | Other                             |             |   |                   |

### \*\*\* Web page update \*\*\* *Randy Houk*

Don't forget that our web page has a link for our volunteers: [www.psrn.org/members/](http://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 2006 Dates of Note \*\*\*

|                                        | Jan       | Feb       | Mar       | Apr       | May       | Jun       |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| School Train                           | 17        | 21        | 21        | 18        | 16        | 20        |
| Tecate Train                           | 21        | 18        | 18        | 15        | 20        | 17        |
| Board meetings                         | 19        | 16        | 16        | 20        | 18        | 15        |
| Museum Services meeting                | 17        | 21        | 21        | 18        | 16        | 20        |
| <b>Deadline for Hot Scoop articles</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>28</b> |

Your Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, 7:00 PM at Trinity Church.

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