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July 27, 2012
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September 28, 2012
October 26, 2012
November 16, 2012
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Ken Helm
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Greg Luiz

From the Head End

President's Report

By Diana Hyatt

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The best news of the past several months is the culmination of negotiations regarding adjacent property acquisition along the railroad right-of-way at the Campo Depot! Thanks to **Rob Stebbins**, the museum has entered into a lease-to-own agreement on the property at 1118 Sheridan Road: 6.25 acres with a 3 bedroom 3 bath house and barn (the old Camp Lockett veterinary stable). Additionally, the owner of the property just south of this parcel has agreed to sell his 12.9 acres of unimproved land to the museum. Over six years ago the museum's board determined the acquiring of adjacent land to be a number one priority for the long term viability of the museum. With these acquisitions, the museum will secure another 19 acres for a total of 27 acres owned outright by the organization! Add in the 12 acres at the Campo Depot we lease from SD&AE and we will have a nearly 40 acre facility! This is spectacular news for our organization and the first time we will have made a substantial land purchase since 1981. That purchase was a leap of faith that would not have been possible without the support of our members, friends and family. We will need to call on the loyal support of our members and benefactors once again as we raise the down payments on these properties, about \$77,000, and continue to make the ongoing payments for years to come.

LOCOMOTIVE ACQUISITION

Progress has been made towards bringing the former SP 3709 short-nosed GP9 currently in Oceanside, home to Campo. Upon further inspection of the locomotive as well as the loading and proposed unloading sites by the crane and trucking companies, the unfortunate result was an increase in costs. The museum is now looking at costs around \$27 K for transportation and related costs to move the locomotive. One of the differences between this move and last summer's movement of the 70 tonner from Modesto is the substantial difference in weight and the fact that the locomotive will have to be removed from its trucks, which will be shipped separately. With this unforeseen increase in monetary outlay, and the sluggish fund raising response, the museum was not in a position to move the locomotive anytime in the near future. Fortunately, once again, **Larry Rose** has come to the museum's rescue and donated \$21,000 towards the move. Nevertheless, the museum is still soliciting donations so that the difference will not have to come from our general operating funds which cover other important expenses such as utilities, fuel and insurance.

CHEFS FIRE UP THE IRON HORSE

The second annual Chefs Fire Up the Iron Horse event took place on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the museum's Display Building in Campo. This is a collaborative food and wine event between the San Diego Chapter of the American Culinary Federation, known as the Chefs de Cuisine, the San Diego County Vintner's Association and our museum. Many planning meetings took place between the three groups over a period of six months and much preparation occurred at Campo as well. The event sold over 320 tickets and grossed nearly \$10K. I'd like to extend a special thanks to the following people who assisted in one way or another: **John Brunetto**, Special Events Coordinator for the Vintner's Association, **David Chenelle**, President of the San Diego Chefs de Cuisine, **Rick Northcote** of the Campo Kiwanis, the **CZRY Police Department**, **Ron Hyatt**, **John Shannon**, **Rusty & Cheryl Hoar**, **Sheila Edwards**, **Pat Filicicchia**, **Thomas Goforth**, **Crissy Prantil**, **Marie Denison**, **John Wright**, **Mikki Hansen**, **Paula Strong**, **Walt Richards**, **Larry Rose**, **Alanna Hyatt**, **Glen Rogers**, **Kelly Weiss** and

Dave DiGiorgio; my apologies to anyone I may have inadvertently forgotten! A date has already been set for the 3rd annual Chefs Fire Up the Iron Horse event on Saturday, April 20, 2013. We are actively soliciting sponsors for next year's event, if you have any leads or would like to be a sponsor yourself, please send an e-mail to: ironhorse@psrm.org or me personally at ronhyatt@aol.com.

BUNNY TRAINS

The museum's annual Bunny Trains came on the heels of the Chefs Fire Up the Iron Horse event. With help from **Ron Hyatt, Alanna Hyatt, Rusty Hoar** and **John Shannon**, we set to work on Sunday, March 25th cleaning up the Display Building, returning RS&S #3 and the RPO car to track 5 plus the east end staircase and returning displays to the center aisle. We then proceeded to erect the Toddler Yard for Easter egg hunting. Thanks to **Jack O'Lexey**, we now have a short, white picket fence to surround the yard we reserve for the very small children to hunt for Easter eggs. Alanna and I spent the rest of Sunday March 25th decorating the Display Building for the beginning of the Bunny Trains on the following Saturday. This year, we operated three days of Bunny Trains: the Saturday and Sunday before Easter weekend and the Saturday before Easter. This event seems to be building in popularity and is becoming an annual event for families like our Pumpkin and North Pole Trains.

GROUPON

Towards the end of August, 2012 the museum participated in a Groupon promotion that sold about 1,200 tickets good for two adults. At the beginning of 2012 there were still over 70% of these Groupons unredeemed. Fortunately, many of the ticket holders decided it was time to visit Campo and the weather cooperated as well. With this influx of new visitors to the museum came a significant increase in Gift Shop sales, much to the delight of our Gift Shop staff. Another added benefit is the increase in ridership figures for the first quarter of 2012 overall. Upon review of the past five years, our ridership for the first quarter of the year has not been this high since 2008:

3,001 passengers 2012
924 passengers 2011
1,006 passengers 2010
2,483 passengers 2009
2,987 passengers 2008

One might reach the conclusion that the Groupon promotion attracted a demographic who either had never heard of the museum before the Groupon offer or may have never bothered to visit Campo otherwise. With this in mind, the board has decided to enter into another Groupon contract to help boost summer ridership.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

This year the Operations Department will be expanding upon a summer schedule that tentatively began during the summer of 2010. In an ongoing effort to attract passengers during the summer, we will be offering two evening train rides every Saturday, one at 5:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. These trains will be the normal Golden State route traveling from Campo to Tunnel 4 and return. On Sundays a train set will provide rides within the Campo Valley stopping at the Stone Store and operating on half hour intervals from 11:00 AM until 3:30 PM. This schedule will be effective the weekend after Father's Day (Saturday, June 23) and continue through the Labor Day weekend (Sunday, September 2).

OPERATIONS CLASSES

We are very fortunate to have **Mike Edwards** agree to be our Training Officer.



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Mike has enthusiastically been working on organizing our records and updating the training our Operations volunteers need this year. Throughout the month of May Mike held classes every Friday night in Spring Valley and every Saturday in Campo. If you were unable to attend the classes in May, Mike is considering holding additional classes in the fall if there is a demand. The class offerings include Safety & Security, G.C.O.R., Airbrakes, and Airbrakes/Train Handling. Mike has exerted a tremendous amount of energy and effort in organizing and teaching these classes. Please thank him for all he has done to keep our Operations Department at the top of their game when you have the chance.

PUMPKIN TRAINS & NORTH POLE TRAINS

It is never too early to start asking for commitments from people who are interested in volunteering for these two museum events. These two events net the majority of annual funds for the museum and have become the backbone of the Special Events department. There are several projects that will be ongoing through the summer, one of which is the complete rebuilding of Santa's North Pole. We will be utilizing the existing trailers and have a design for the new and improved North Pole. Getting the job done will require commitments from several people who are willing to work as often as they can to finish the North Pole before October. Further, the Pumpkin Trains usually require two weekends prior to the beginning of the event to set up all the decorations and the haunted car; that begins towards the middle of September. Please contact me at ronhyatt@aol.com if you are interested in assisting with either or both events.

ANNUAL DINNER

The PSRM Anniversary Dinner and Annual Membership Meeting was held on Thursday, April 26th at Tom Ham's Lighthouse restaurant on Harbor Island.

Guests were treated to a wonderful buffet dinner and a video presentation produced by **Frank Denison** highlighting the past year's activities. In addition, awards were presented to the following individuals for service to the museum.

Administration: **John Wright**

Facilities: **Glen Rogers**

Museum Services: **Ted Kornweibel**

Mechanical: **John Shannon**

Operations: **Seth Miller**

The Railfan of the Year award was presented to **Rusty Hoar**.

A special thanks goes out to **Janet Paulus** for the marvelous quilt presented as one of the door prizes at the dinner.

Board Briefs-April

Submitted By Rob Stebbins, Secretary

Your Board of Directors met on the evening of April 27th. Attending the meeting were: President **Diana Hyatt**, Vice President **John Shannon**, Secretary **Rob Stebbins**, directors: **Ken Helm**, **Ron Hyatt** and **Larry Rose**. Guests included PSRM members **Jim Lundquist** and **Mike Edwards**.

The Museum is moving ahead on several important acquisitions. First, Rob Stebbins closed on the purchase of the adjacent "Duran Property" on March 20, and will lease the property to the Museum until the Museum is in a position to purchase the property. The Museum intends to sub-let the house on the property and prepare it for rental. Diana engaged **Brian Elmore** to paint the interior as well as perform some other minor repairs; that work is nearing completion at this writing.

Second, the low-nose GP-9 (SP 3709) has been officially awarded to the Museum. Plans are underway to transport this locomotive from its current location in Oceanside to Campo. The cost of truck transport and related expenses is expected to exceed at least \$25,000, between renting two large cranes at both locations and hiring the trucking company for the actual road move. **Larry Rose** has made a substantial personal donation to cover a significant portion of this total cost to ensure the museum is able to take advantage of this opportunity. Additional donations to the 3709 fund are needed and welcomed.

The Board discussed several pending projects. Through a grant from the County, funds have been allocated to purchase air conditioning equipment for the Campo Depot. It is hoped that this project will be completed prior to the arrival of the blazing hot summer season. There may be additional grant money available for capital projects, and the Board considered several projects it feels are immediately important to improving the Museum's infrastructure. Jim Lundquist will be coordinating the submission of the grant request to Supervisor Jacob's office.

Diana Hyatt reported on the success of the "Chefs Fire Up the Iron Horse" event held March 24th. Attendance was up compared to last year, and many improvements were made in how the event was managed among the three sponsoring organizations. The three organizations grossed \$9,786.00 from the event. All three organizations are already looking forward to next year's wine and food tasting fund- raiser, which is set for April 20, 2013.

Diana also noted that the Boy Scouts of America's Heartland District will be holding a "Camporee" at Campo on the weekend of May 4-6. Up to 300 scouts are expected to attend, which should lead to increased

ridership on the Golden State trains as well as increased gift shop sales that weekend.

Members **Ken Helm** and **Dick Pennick** have arranged for the Museum to have a booth at the upcoming "Fullerton Railroad Days" event being held at the former Santa Fe station in Fullerton, CA the weekend of May 5 and 6. In the past, this event has drawn large crowds (reportedly up to 35,000 people for the weekend), so we look forward to spreading the word about PSRM to many people.

Diana announced that the summer train schedule will take effect the weekend following Father's Day and will feature 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. departures each Saturday from late June through the Labor Day weekend. On Sundays, it is likely we will run a one-car "Valley Flyer" train on an "as-needed" basis throughout the day.

A final note: New Training officer Mike Edwards has been busy in his new position and will be teaching Operations classes throughout the month of May. Mike's classes will review vital areas such as airbrakes, the General Code of Operating Rules, train handling and safety. As many of you know, Mike formerly was very active with the Museum, and used the knowledge and skills he first learned at Campo to propel him into an exciting full-time career within the railroad industry.

Board Briefs-May

Submitted by Rob Stebbins, Secretary

A full complement of Board members attended the May meeting, May 25. Present were: **Diana Hyatt, John Shannon, Rob Stebbins, Ken Helm, Ron Hyatt, Greg Luiz, Larry Rose**, and acting Treasurer **Scott Thompson**. PSRM member **Dave DiGiorgio** also attended the meeting.

The Board had several "Old Business" items to discuss. First off, Larry informed the group about the Campo Depot air conditioning project. Equipment costs have gone up some, so we need to supplement County Grant money from our general fund to purchase and install the equipment. The use of general fund cash was approved by the Board, and this project should move forward quickly as most preparation work at the depot has already been completed. We would like to get the air conditioning working before the hot weather starts in earnest at Campo. Second, Diana reported that no MOW work has been performed recently on either the east lead or within the yard. Now that everything has been dried out for weeks, it is a good time to get the work done. We may need to look for alternatives to getting some of the heavy work done such as encouraging interest within our volunteer pool. Freedom Ranch has been contacted for assistance but it appears that may not be an option with new requirements and insurance

issues.

Concerning the purchase of the "Duran" property, Diana reported that Brian Elmore still has additional work to finish up refreshing the house. She also stated that a renter has been found and a monthly rent agreed. Effective date of house rental is expected to be July 1.

PSRMA is in the early stages of negotiating the purchase of the "Bangs" property, which is almost 13 acres of undeveloped land south of the Duran/Stebbins property along Sheridan Road. We will have much more to say on the property acquisitions and related financing at the appropriate time.

The Board is still looking for additional donations to the SP 3709 fund. With Larry Rose's substantial donation, we have most of the costs of moving the locomotive from Oceanside to Campo covered. However, we would sure like to fund this acquisition and move entirely from donations, and not have to use general account funds, so please consider making a donation specifically to the SP 3709 fund.

Museum Services director Ken Helm reported on several items. Importantly, the Museum has been active in the recent past participating in local town events in order to spread the word about the Museum. Notable recent events include attendance at the Poway Train Song Festival and at Fullerton Railroad Days, where large crowds visited our booth staffed by Museum volunteers on May 5th and 6th. Ken intends to do more of this style of marketing to talk to the public and encourage their visits to the Museum. Ken also requested that the Board approve a \$1724 expenditure for two display cases for use inside the Jim Crow car. These display cases will hold black history railroad artifacts. The Board approved the request. Ken also shared his research about membership fees at other California museums. While there are some differences in structure, over all PSRMA's dues structure is currently fairly comparable to the other museums.

In her President's report, Diana mentioned plans for next year's "Chefs Fire Up the Iron Horse" wine and food tasting event. Concerning this year's event, the final numbers are in: 332 paid attendees which generated total revenue of close to \$10,000. The Museum's portion of the net was about \$2,600, both numbers a substantial improvement over last year's event.

Diana also commented on the well-attended memorial service held at the Campo Display Building on May 23 for long-time member and former Executive Manager **Richard Borstadt**.

Greg discussed the successful Rules Review classes led by member **Mike Edwards**, as well as the impending need for PSRMA to arrange for bridge inspections on the main line.

Operation Report-April

By Rich Paulus, Chief Operating Officer

Saturday and Sunday, April 7th & 8th:

The last Bunny Trains of 2012 carried 273 passengers as reported by Conductor **Seth Miller** on Saturday. His crew was Engineer **Rob Stebbins**, Brakeman **Bob Nickles**, and Train Attendant **Bruce Deck**. Motorcar Operator was **Stephen Hager** and Motorcar Crew was **Jack O'Lexey**. Station Master was **Ken Brown** and Display Building Docent was **Evan Hinkle**; **Diana Hyatt** headed up Bunny Operations.

Conductor **Seth Miller** headed up the crew again on Sunday and reported over 40 passengers for the day. Crew was Engineer **Dick Pennick** and Brakeman **Alex Fiori**.

Motorcar Operator was **Diana Hyatt** with **Cheryl Hoar** as Motorcar Crew in the morning and **Alanna Hyatt** as Crew in the afternoon. Station Master was **Dave Tomeraasen**.

Saturday and Sunday, April 14th & 15th and School Train Tuesday, April 17th:

Saturday was windy, wet, and cold, with traces of overnight snowfall on the ground. The Motorcar Crew for an early track inspection was **Jim Baker** and **Glen Rogers**. Train crew was Conductor **Rich Paulus**, Instructor Engineer **Mike Edwards**, Student Engineer **Seth Miller**, Brakeman **Bob Nickles**, and Train Attendant/Docent **Glen Rogers**. Despite the weather, 37 passengers rode the train. Station Master for the day was **Dave DiGiorgio**.

Sunday's crew was Conductor **Dick Pennick**, Engineer **Seth Miller** on his first solo run, Brakeman **Mike Edwards**, and Brakeman Trainee **Glen Rogers**. 64 passengers rode the Golden State on a fine back country day. **Ken Brown** was Station Master.

Tuesday's school train hosted 3 groups: Pleasant Knoll School, Julian Elementary, and Black Storytellers of San Diego, Inc. Conductor **Don Getz** reported 142 passengers boarded the train on a great, warm, sunny, spring day in Campo. The rest of the crew was Engineer **Rich Paulus**, Brakeman **Bob Nickles**, Brakeman Trainee/Docent **Glen Rogers**, Motorcar Operator **Steve Clark**, and Station Master **Dave Tomeraasen**.

Saturday and Sunday, April 21st & 22nd:

Conductor **Dick Pennick** reported that 57 passengers rode the trains on Saturday, including a group of approximately 24 representing Prime Health Care's "Comebackers' Neuro Club", a therapeutic recreation program of Alvarado Hospital in La Mesa. The wheelchair lift was kept busy loading/unloading approx. 5 seniors with some ambulatory impairment.

The crew was Instructor Engineer **Jim Baker**, Student Engineer **Kyle Jensen**, Conductor **Dick Pennick**, Brakeman **Don Getz**, Motorcar Operator **Seth Miller** and Motorcar Crew **Darrell Stankey** on the 11:00 a.m. train and another new member whose name I didn't get (Sorry!) as Motorcar Crew on the 2:30 p.m. train. Station Master/Ticket Agent was **Dave Tomeraasen**.

Sunday's crew was Conductor **Seth Miller**, Conductor Trainee **Alex Fiori**, Engineer **Don Getz**, Brakeman **Bob Nickles**, and Motorcar Operator **Jack O'Lexey**. Seth reported that 45 passengers enjoyed the train ride. Station Master/Ticket Agent was **Ken Brown**.

Saturday and Sunday, April 28th & 29th:

A full crew for Saturday's Golden State with Conductor **Seth Miller**, Conductor Trainee **Alex Fiori**, Instructor Engineer **Jim Baker**, Student Engineer **Ken Brown**, Brakeman **Robin Becker**, Brakeman Trainee **Glen Rogers**, and Train Attendant **Mike Edwards**. Earlier in the morning, Motorcar Operator **Glen Rogers** inspected the tracks between Campo and Division and ensured a safe ride for 91 passengers for the day. Station Master/Ticket Agent was **Dave Tomeraasen** and **Bruce Deck** was docent in the Display Building.

On Sunday, Conductor **Rich Paulus**, Instructor Engineer **Mike Edwards**, Engineer **Jack O'Lexey**, Brakeman **Bob Nickles**, Brakeman Trainee **Glen Rogers**, and Train Attendant **Seth Miller** carried 80 passengers for the day. On the afternoon train, several of our riders were Air Force reservists working at the La Posta facility north of Campo, one of whom is an engineer for Norfolk Southern. Station Master/Ticket Agent was **Alex Fiori**.

Thanks to all for volunteering.

Operations Report-May

By Rich Paulus, Chief Operating Officer

Saturday and Sunday May 5th & 6th:

Great weather in Campo this weekend as the Museum hosted the Boy Scouts of America Heartland District Camporee – Steam Punk 2012. The scouts arrived Friday afternoon & evening and set up camp near Campo Depot. Scout activities were already in progress as the crew arrived Saturday morning and during the day a good part of Museum property, particularly around Workamper Hill, got cleaned up and the trash sorted and stacked. Saturday's crew was Conductor **Rich Paulus**, Engineer **Seth Miller**, Brakeman **Tom Bispo**, and Train Attendant/Docent **Ann Ruppert**. First thing in the morning, Tom Bispo and Rich Paulus went out in the motorcar to do a track inspection from Campo to Division; the requirement to run a fire protection speeder with the train had been waived for the weekend. Then 65 passengers boarded the 11 AM Golden State for the excursion to Division.

Over lunch, the crew did the switching to make up a 4-car train in anticipation of the scouts riding the 2:30 PM train. Conductor Paulus, Brakeman Bispo and Train Attendant Ruppert boarded and seated 49 regular passengers and 237 scouts with much appreciated help from scout leaders in seating scout troops together. Even so, we were left with standing room only with a total of 286 passengers on the train, comparable in number to our North Pole Limited trains. Station Master/Ticket Agent **Ken Brown**, assisted most of the day by **Dave DiGiorgio**, worked hard to keep with the flow of business in the Depot ticket office and gift shop. In the PSRM yards, Certification and Training Officer **Mike Edwards** was conducting a day-long course for operations personnel in the General Code of Operating Rules in the Chief Manakaja car set up as a classroom. Truly a busy day in Campo.

Conductor **Mike Edwards** reported his crew of Engineer **Seth Miller**, Brakeman **Tom Bispo**, and Brakeman Trainee **Hector Gonzalez** entertained 50 passengers on two Golden State trains Sunday. At the end of the day, the crew switched Coos Bay #11 into the car shop for upcoming Steam Team work on Friday. Station Master/Ticket Agent was **Alex Fiori** assisted by **Katie Reed**.

Saturday and Sunday, May 12th & 13th and School Train Tuesday, May 15th:

Saturday's crew was Conductor **Diana Hyatt**, DSLE **Randy Houk**, Engineer **Dick Pennick**, Brakeman Trainee **Hector Gonzalez**, Motorcar Operator **Glen Rogers**, and Motorcar Crew **Cary Hyatt**. DSLE Houk conducted a check ride for Engineer Pennick. 117 passengers rode the trains on a particularly nice back country day. Station Master was **Dave DiGiorgio**. Also, Training and Certification Officer **Mike Edwards** conducted the first of two Air Brake and Train Handling classes this month in the Chief Manakaja car and the first Air Brake class Friday night for Conductors and Brakemen.

On Sunday, Conductor **Seth Miller** reported his crew of Engineer **Bob Nickles** and Brakeman **Jim Lundquist** carried 54 passengers on two turns to Division on a pleasant Mother's Day. **Ken Brown** was Station Master. At the end of the day, the crew did switching to set up a 3-car consist for Tuesday's School Train.

On Tuesday, Conductor **Dick Pennick** reported his crew of Engineer **Don Getz**, Brakeman **Bob Nickles**, Train Attendant/Docent **Seth Miller**, Motorcar Operator **Rich Paulus**, Motorcar Crew Observer **Ron Bacon** (new member), and Station Master **Dave Tomeraasen** accommodated approximately 220 students and adults with a 4-car consist to Division and back. Passengers were made up by three distinct groups plus several walk-ins. The groups were: Campo Elementary School, San Diego City College's "Rediscovering San Diego" group, and Calexico School District.

Saturday and Sunday, May 19th & 20th:

Another fine Spring day in Campo found Conductor **Jim Lundquist**, Engineer **Don Getz**, Brakeman **Bob Nickles** and Motorcar Operator **Glen Rogers** working 2 Golden State trains to Division and back for 69 passengers. Station Master **Alex Fiori** minded the Depot. Certification and Training Officer **Mike Edwards** conducted the second and last 8-hour GCOR (operating rules) class utilizing the Chief Manakaja as a classroom after holding a 4-hour Safety & Security class the night before in Spring Valley.

Sunday's crew was Conductor **Don Getz**, Engineer **Dick Pennick**, Brakeman B, and Motorcar Operator **Seth Miller**. Station Master was **Ken Brown**. 34 passengers rode the trains.

Saturday and Sunday, May 26th & 27th:

Conductor **Seth Miller** reported Saturday that 96 passengers rode the Golden State including one Make-A-Wish child and a group from the San Diego Miata Club. The crew was Engineer **Bob Nickles**, Brakeman **Alex Fiori**, Motorcar Operator **John Shannon** with Motorcar Crew **Cheryl Hoar** on the first train and **Rusty Hoar** on the second train. Station Master and Ticket Agent was **Dave DiGiorgio**. Certification and Training Officer **Mike Edwards** taught the second and last 8-hour Air Brake and Train Handling class and conducted a 4-hour Air Brake class Friday night.

Sunday's crew was Conductor **Dick Pennick**, Conductor Trainee **Alex Fiori**, Engineer **Rich Paulus**, and Brakeman **Mike Edwards**. Motorcar Operator was **Ken Brown** and Crew was **Seth Miller**. Station Master **Stephen Hager** and Ticket Agent **Dave Tomeraasen** greeted visitors at the Depot where 95 passengers rode the Golden State.

During the month of May, **Mike Edwards** held 48 hours of classes and examinations necessary for PSRM Operations volunteers to gain or maintain their certifications and qualifications. Including preparation and travel time and being on train crew for 2 days, this was a big commitment of Mike's time to help the Museum. Thanks Mike.

Long-time Operations volunteer **Don Getz** made his final runs this month, running as engineer twice and conductor once, to retire to a more leisurely volunteer schedule. Don was always a pleasure to crew with and always emphasized safety in our operation. Thanks Don for your many hours on crew and your continued support for the Museum.

Thank you all for volunteering.



Library Report-April

By Bruce Semelsberger, Librarian

The weekend of April 7th saw the completion of a job I had been somewhat dreading—removing the last of the bookshelves and all of the steel heavy shelving from the AC&Y boxcar in the Car barn. Thanks to **Jeff Cauthen**, **Roy Pickering**, and assistance from **Rusty Hoar**, the job is done! Everyone arrived at Campo around 9 a.m. to get started. While Jeff and Roy worked on the magazine collection, I drove to the Car barn to check on conditions there. I found the train crew preparing to start the locomotive for the day and I found the GP parked in front of the AC&Y boxcar door. The crew graciously agreed to move the GP out of the barn. When we came back a couple of hours later, the Car barn had been cleared out and there was plenty of room for a forklift. Rusty parked the forklift with the forks just inside the door and we removed enough stuff to get access to the loft area inside the boxcar. We were then able to drag down the bookshelves and move them out to the library two at a time on the forklift.

After lunch, we started on the steel supports and large sheets of particle board, moving them out on pallets to the library site. We covered the particle board with a tarp in case of rain (which we got!) and were done by 3 p.m. The steel shelving was really dirty after 9 years in the boxcar, but it looks like Mother Nature has now rinsed all the metal off for us. Jeff and Roy had to leave (probably to go home and apply Ben-Gay we're not exactly a bunch of young studs, you know) and I stayed long enough to finish putting the magazines on the shelf; TWO projects got completed that day! Thanks to all involved and especially to Rusty for giving up his time to help with the forklift operations.

Now we can begin on the railroad files, the bulk of our archive. These will fill most of unit 2 and some of units 1 and 3. Slow but sure, it's coming together!



The inside of one of the units showing the process being made on organizing the library. *John Wright Photo*

Steam Whistling-March, April, May

By Jim Baker, Steam Foreman

After our big push in February to get the ultrasound work done, things have slowed down a bit. But, we are still making progress, more in paperwork than physical stuff.

Our March session on the 9th & 10th had **Bob Nickles**, **Larry Owen**, **Rich Paulus**, **Dick Pennick**, **Walt Novinger**, and myself on hand. When we did the ultrasound work in February, all the thicknesses were written on the boiler with a paint pen. This month all that data was transferred to paper by those in attendance. Transferring from paper to a spreadsheet is being done by me at home. LOTS OF NUMBERS! We also measured the axle diameters to ensure they were in spec. Unrelated to #11 specifically, we moved all the parts we bought from the now-scrapped #10 into our storage trailer.

Our April session on the 13th and 14th found **Bob Nickles**, **Larry Owen**, **Rich Paulus** and myself there on Friday, and only me on Saturday, since there were several vacant train crew positions that needed to be filled. First, I verified that the thickness numbers for the boiler drum input to the spreadsheet were correct. Others removed some piping on the outside of the drum. The brackets holding these pipes were quite rusty, and after cleaning these areas, thickness will need to be determined. In addition, all the nuts and studs on the front heads of both engine cylinders were loosened, so we can remove the heads to inspect the insides of the cylinders.

In May, we only worked on Friday the 11th, because of a required crew certification class on Saturday. **Bob Nickles**, **Rich Paulus**, and I did an ultrasound exam of the dry pipe and some spots that were missed in February at the lower front of the drum.

Looking ahead, SP 2353, our 1912 ten-wheeler, will be 100 years old in August. At minimum, we'll have cake in the Display Building on the 11th to celebrate. Plans are still in the discussion stages for something more elaborate.

Taking the Museum on the Road

By Dick Pennick, Media Coordinator

On Saturday, April 28th, the museum was represented at the annual Poway Train Song Festival, with the Poway Midland R.R. steam train passing behind our booth all day. **Bruce Semelsberger** and **Dick Pennick** represented the museum to the many visitors. Members **Paula Strong** and **Walt Richards** were also there playing a gig in the Tanya Rose Memorial Pavilion. Several current and former members, including **Sandy and Bob Schussler**, and **Barbara Ann Parker** stopped by. The Schusslers had coordinated the museum's

involvement in past years. Thanks also to **Ken Helm** for coordinating our booth this year.

Over the weekend of May 5th/6th, the once-popular “Fullerton Railroad Days” again returned to the Fullerton Amtrak station grounds and PSRMA was there to “show and tell.” The effort was a great success, with hundreds of visitors enjoying our booth displays and leaving with new information on PSRMA and its programs. As we expected, most had never heard of us, so we made lots of new friends.

Helping to make this a rousing success were **Dave Tomeraasen** and **Stephen Hager**, who staffed 8 hours a day both days; **Dick Pennick**, setup and staffing on Saturday; Museum Services Director **Ken Helm**, who coordinated our participation this year and set up our popup tent on Friday. Others who stopped by or staffed for a short time were **Rob Stebbins**, **Kyle Jensen** and **Jack O’Lexey**. Special thanks to **Dave Tomeraasen** for taking down and packing up on Sunday afternoon and unloading it all at La Mesa Depot by himself that evening. This event is definitely a “keeper.”

Any member interested in staffing these periodic events should contact **Ken Helm** at khelm924@aol.com.

Make-A-Wish

Story and Photos by John Wright

On May 26, 2012, the Museum hosted Saul Rosas, a Make-A-Wish child whose wish was to be conductor for a day. Once the train had arrived at the depot, Engineer **Bob Nickles** gave Saul a cab tour of SD&A 7285 and let him blow the horn and sit in the engineer’s seat.

Once on board the train and enroute to Division, Saul assisted Conductor **Seth Miller** with the collection of tickets from the other passengers. When the train returned to Railroad Museum, Saul was given a personal tour of the Display Building and he and his family were treated to lunch with the crew.



Volunteer **Jim Lundquist** recently installed the first of several informational signs on the museum grounds.

Frank Stites Photo

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Seth Miller** for recently qualifying as an Engineer and to **Glen Rogers** for qualifying as a Brakeman. Way to go, guys!

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WHEN

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From 10am to 4pm

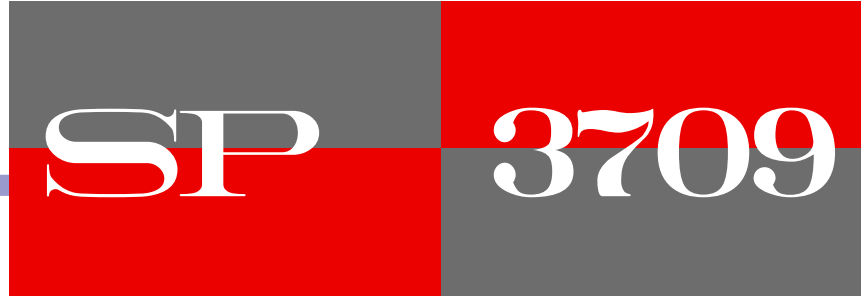
WHERE

The Campo Train Depot at
Highway 94 & Forrest Gate Rd., Campo CA

Bring your camera as "The Grand Old Lady" will be out for Display Only.



PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM



PSRM has just acquired an ex-SP GP-9 locomotive. This loco was built in August of 1959, and was among the last order of GP-9s for SP. This loco was one of the first low nose GP-9's built! It was built as SP 5873 and was later re-numbered by SP to 3709, then purchased by the military, and eventually numbered 1401 and made it's way to Camp Pendleton. Now we need your help moving this loco to Campo ASAP. It is estimated we can purchase and move this to Campo for about \$25,000! Just think how good this locomotive MU'd with the SP 3873 would look!



Photo by Charles J Freericks

Even before this locomotive was allocated to us, we raised \$3000! Thank you Jim Lundquist, Rob Stebbins and Larry Rose for kicking off this fund raiser!

More photos and information can be found soon at www.psrn.org as soon as we get all the details and photo permissions.

Online donations can be made at:

www.psrn.org



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Please send your donations to:

**SP 3709 Fund
4695 Nebo Drive
La Mesa, CA 91941-5259**

Unfortunately due to the conditions of the SDAE we will need to truck this locomotive to Campo, which will require cranes on both ends!



CHRISTMAS TRAIN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Morgan Run Club & Resort August 20, 2012

Date: *Monday, August 20, 2012*

Format: *Four-Person Scramble*

Time: *7:30 a.m. "Wake-Up" breakfast with 8:30 am Shotgun Start
\$150.00 per person or \$500.00 foursome
(Includes: green fees, light breakfast, group cart, entertainment,
gift bag, prizes and Luncheon Ceremony)*

Location: *Morgan Run Club & Resort
5690 Cancha de Golf
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92091
858.367.9729 www.clubcorp.com/MorganRunClub*

***Please join us at the Appreciation Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. after the
Tournament***

To make this tournament a success, we are currently seeking golfers, sponsors and other supporters, as well as auction and raffle donations.

For more information on how you can participate and help us continue bringing smiles to over 5,000 children, please contact:

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*Monday, August 20, 2012
Morgan Run Club and Resort*



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Player #1: _____

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Player #4: _____

Player #3: _____

Entry: \$150 per person or book a foursome and save! \$500.00 per foursome

Number of Entries: _____ Sub-Total: \$ _____

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