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Museum Services Director Jim Lundquist makes the final installation on the new entrance sign for the Campo Facility.

Frank Denison

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Open weekends 9 AM to 5 PM
Trains depart at 11:00 AM and
2:30 PM.

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From the Back Platform

By Diana Hyatt

Shining Stars

In past years, January and February have normally been months with poor weather and below average ridership in Campo. This winter has proven to be the one that never happened, which has been great for our sudden increase in visitors! A constant fixture in the Gift Shop, Tessa Trefney has been there to greet every single Campo visitor. Tessa and her husband Tom arrived last October to be work-campers at our Campo facility: Tom docents the Display Building and drives the electric cart loaded with visitors between the Display Building and the Campo Depot. Tessa's retail sales skills were immediately recognized by Gift Shop Manager Dave DiGiorgio and she set to work learning the myriad procedures in the Gift Shop. I am told that Tessa accepts quite a few membership applications every weekend as well which means that she is going above and beyond ringing up people's transactions and making the additional effort of informing them of not only the values of membership but the benefits of supporting PSRM. The Trefneys are a wonderful addition to our Campo volunteers and their hard work and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated!

Presidential Duties

On January 5, I attended the *El Dia de Tres Reyes* event, aka *The Three Kings*, aka The Christmas Train event in Tecate, B.C., Mexico with Rosalba Duran. This event was established some years back by Charles & Margaret Coval and originally administrated through PSRM. The event is for the benefit of the underprivileged children of Tecate who are invited to enjoy the day at the Tecate Stadium and receive a gift bag from one of the three kings. PSRM provided the train aspect of the event every year up until 2009; tunnel 3 in Mexico burned and collapsed in December, 2009 precluding our involvement in January, 2010.

I attended a feasibility focus group of the Heritage Tourism committee to determine whether this is an idea that is likely to receive financial support from the community as well as local and state government. It was determined that every heritage site representative at the meeting held on the Berkeley, over 40 in attendance, continues to feel strongly towards the long term success of this partnership and all are supportive towards pushing it forward. This idea of heritage tourism is one that has been utilized for years by such east coast attractions as Salem, Plymouth Rock, Jamestown and others. The idea grew from the San Diego Maritime Museum's project of constructing a full-size replica of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's flagship the *San Salvador*. Cabrillo's arrival is considered to be the first recorded discovery of San Diego Harbor on September 28, 1542. But there were already Native Americans here and San Diego is purported to be the only area of the United States that contains representation from all eight known Indian dialects found throughout the U.S. Long story short, America began here in San Diego years before settlers were dying of starvation in Jamestown. This "twist" on accepted history also plays nicely into the upcoming 250th anniversary of San Diego in 2019 (based upon the founding of the first mission in California in 1769). Incidentally, this coincides with the 100th anniversary of our SD&A Railway. From this meeting a steering committee of eight was formed of which I am one of the participants. More updates to follow in the future.

On January 8th I had the privilege of meeting with the new mayor of Tecate, Cesar Moreno and his wife Claudia in order to garner his support towards building momentum in Mexico to acquire funds towards the re-opening of tunnel 3. In my estimation, the meeting

was successful and the mayor, also an owner of a maquiladora in Tecate, is highly motivated to re-establish a secondary if not primary route of export for



Left to Right: PSRM President Diana Hyatt, Tecate Mayor Cesar Moreno and Claudia Moreno. *Diana Hyatt*

the over forty maquiladoras within his district. Of further interest of course, is the proposed trans-border tourism concept which will be the primary focus of museum involvement. The mayor already has plans to develop a promenade in front of the Tecate Station that will direct foot traffic towards the central plaza.

Also in January, the fourth quarter 2013 SD&AE board meeting was held. The situation with the freight operator of record, Pacific Imperial Railroad, was beginning to look incredibly promising with the addition of several new employees with professional railroad experience in operations and administration. PIR had contracted with an engineering firm who has conducted a full inspection of the railroad and are still in the process of compiling that information into a several hundred page report. Also in attendance at this meeting were representatives from Mexico including Baja Rail investigating the progress of the Desert Line.

This year's Del Mar Fair aka the San Diego County Fair's theme will be the "Fab Fair" encompassing the British Rock invasion and the 1960's. As part of their promotional efforts, they approached civic leaders within various

communities to pose for photos in sixties garb and hairstyle to be placed on banners throughout San Diego. I was chosen as one of the representatives and my photo and our museum name is slated to be on a banner displayed along the main street in Alpine sometime in May.

At the Association of Tourist Railroad and Railway Museum conference held in Riverside last October, Jim Lundquist and I met Don Evans. Don is a board member with the West Coast Railway Association in Squamish, B.C., Canada as well as a professional strategic planner with DJE Holdings, Ltd. Don has been a force in guiding WCRA towards their goals; for more information about WCRA, please visit their website: www.wcra.org. Don was invited to visit our Campo facility and at the end of the day make a presentation to the board as to the possibilities he sees for PSRM's future. From this visit in February, Don submitted a proposal to assist PSRM in formulating goals and plans and putting them into effect over a three year period. This proposal will be an item of discussion at the March board meeting scheduled for March 28.



Don Evans of the West Coast Railway Association giving a presentation to the PSRM Board of Directors. *Charles Siegle*



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Special Events

The museum annual dinner will return to Tom Ham's Lighthouse on April 17, tickets can be purchased online. DTS has again agreed to waive their obligatory ten percent ticketing fee so there will be no additional charges to your online purchase. Make plans to attend and find out who will be this year's recipient of the coveted Railfan of the Year award!

The Chefs Fire Up the Iron Horse committee began meeting again in January and set a date for this year's Fourth Annual event to be held on Saturday, April 5 from noon until 4:00 p.m. There are a few minor changes this year: the food will be served buffet style and the event has been shortened by one hour, however, most of last year's wineries will again participate with one to two new participants. Beer from Ballast Point and coffee from Caffè Calabria will also be available. Prices remain the same as last year with a \$5 per person break for groups of twelve or more. This year's entertainment will again be provided by the Trails & Rails trio, two of whom are long time PSRM museum members Walt Richards and Paula Strong.

Bunny Trains will quickly follow CFUIH beginning the next weekend on April 12, 13 and 19. Additionally, your Special Events Coordinator will be working on a few improvements to this event to increase the fun factor. So, make plans to bring out the kids, grandkids or rent-a-kids (the best kind) and pay us and the Easter Bunny a visit in Campo in April!

Thank you for entrusting me with the task of leading this wonderful organization into the future. Until the next installment of the *Hot Scoop*, may you enjoy good iron! ♦

Board Briefs—January 2014

By Rob Stebbins, Secretary

The Board started its formal activities for the New Year at a meeting held January 24. Attending the meeting were Diana Hyatt, President; Sheila Edwards (by phone), Treasurer; Rob Stebbins, Secretary; Frank Denison, Facilities Director; and Mike Edwards, Operations Director. Ron Hyatt, Greg Luiz, and Jim Lundquist were not able to participate, although Ron and Jim had provided written reports on their area's recent activities. There were no guests at the meeting, so once again I want to remind members that the Board meetings are open and we encourage your involvement in the Association's activities. We look forward to seeing members and guests at future meetings. Just to refresh

- - - meetings are typically held the 4th Friday of the month at Trinity Church in Spring Valley starting at 6 PM. However, this year, we will hold some meetings on the 3rd Friday to accommodate special events. The February meeting is on Friday, 2/21. The May meeting will be held on 5/16, and the November meeting will be on 11/21.

At the January meeting, we confirmed the results of the recent election. Members cast 162 ballots. Taking their positions for the full two year 2014-15 term were: Greg Luiz, Vice President; Sheila Edwards, Treasurer; and Frank Denison, Director of Facilities, and Mike Edwards, Director of Operations. The membership also approved the deaccession of the Chesapeake and Ohio caboose by an overwhelming margin.

Sheila provided a comprehensive "first look" at the financial results of the 2013 calendar year. The North Pole Limited trains, our major fund-raising effort of the year, generated revenue in excess of \$115,000. We ran 12 sold-out trains during the four weekend period between Thanksgiving and Christmas. As of January 24, we had \$149,824 in the Association's general account, and total balances in excess of \$305,000 which includes several restricted and contingency accounts. Overall, we are starting the year in good financial condition, but we have many calls on these financial resources, so it will be another year of prudently managing our financial assets.

Mike and Sheila Edwards confirmed the date for our Annual Dinner, which will be held at Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant, San Diego on Thursday evening, April 17. Please note that on your calendars now, and plan to attend. Ticket sales are already available on the psrm.org web site.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included the need to develop formal policies relating to volunteer and workkamper participation that are actively involved at Campo and La Mesa. Mike Edwards introduced an outline of policies currently used at the California State Railroad Museum for the Board's consideration. This topic will be reviewed more thoroughly at subsequent Board meetings.

The Board is looking forward to the February meeting and Board Workshop in which a guest "facilitator" will bring his expertise in Long Range Planning and Fund Raising to share with the Board. ♦

Board Briefs–February 2014

By Rob Stebbins, Secretary

All eight members of the Board were present at the February meeting held on Friday, 2/21 at Trinity Church. Two guests attended the meeting – Dave Di Giorgio and Charles Siegle.

The Board focused much of the discussion on Treasury-related topics. First, a financial update - - we have in excess of \$161,000 in our general checking account as of February 20th, and restricted funds hold another \$104,000. That's the good news. The flip side is that our expenses continue to climb, partially because of the expense of financing the recent land acquisitions, but also a more general increase in utility and rail-related maintenance costs. Second, the Board held a thorough review of the Association's bank card practices. Only a few select members have Association-authorized bank cards, primarily for the purpose of purchasing weekly supplies at Campo and for Gift Shop inventory. Sheila Edwards had drafted a new Bank Card Usage policy, which with minor typographical adjustments, was approved by the full Board. Members being issued cards will be required to sign their agreement with the policy and its procedures. Third, this second discussion about card usage led to a long discussion about the preparation of lunches at Campo on Saturdays and Sundays, a well-entrenched tradition started years ago by the Hyatt family. Most members of the Board agreed that this tradition should continue - - but with tighter controls. Thus, going forward, there will be a sign-in sheet for those purchasing the Campo-prepared lunches. I am sure all our volunteers recognize the need from a management and accountability perspective for better controls over activities that easily can affect the Association's finances.

Some of the other topics discussed included the recent deaccession vote by the Association members on the Chesapeake and Ohio caboose. Diana Hyatt suggested, and after a good discussion, the Board agreed in a formal vote, to retain the caboose and use it as a display item near the Campo Depot. The intent is to restore the caboose so that it can be rented out for children's birthday parties and other special events.

The board also authorized Jim Lundquist to apply for a San Diego County grant for the coming fiscal year. The Board had a small list of priority projects. Jim will get the grant application into the County very soon, and we'll then wait to see how much money and which

potential project the County feels is a good use of their Community Enhancement funds.

On Saturday, the Board hosted Don Evans from the West Coast Railway Museum in Squamish, British Columbia. Don had agreed to be a "facilitator" for a workshop in which the Board is looking at future usage and future plans for our "Campo Campus." Don is well-known within the museum and tourist train industry for the successful growth of the West Coast Railway Museum and the methods used to plan that growth and raise the necessary donations to fund that growth. We had an enlightening presentation by him Saturday evening, with a good Q and A session which included not only the board but also a handful of members that had stayed on at Campo to listen in and participate. The Board encourages all of our members to become engaged in the planning process. There are many big ideas on how to sustain and grow our museum. We need to translate those ideas into a consensus action plan followed up by a dynamic fund-raising effort. We need your hands-on and financial support!♦

Operations Report

By Michael K. Edwards; Operations Director

Now that the Holiday season is behind us, most people tend to believe that the early part of the new-year is a slow period which offers time to reflect on our successes (and sometimes failures) of the year past. Apparently, none of those people work for the Railroad! For us, as soon as the last cup of cocoa has been poured and the last whistle has blown after departing the North Pole, there's only a few short minutes to catch our breath and proceed forward. And this year is no exception!

Our first big project that kicks off on January 1 is our annual "turn-around". This is usually an all-day event which entails moving all the previous year's paperwork to archive and setting up files to accommodate the incoming paperwork for the new-year. Conductor Delay Reports, Revenue Reports, Sign-In sheets, Numerous FRA and CPUC forms must be gone through and filed as needed.

Next, we continue finalizing our 2014 administrative plan. This includes finalizing dates for things such as classes and operations meetings. For 2014, we're hosting three Operations Department meetings. These meetings are open to any museum members who are currently involved with operations, or anyone who

would like to become involved. This year's meetings are scheduled for Thursday; April 3rd, Monday; June 30th, and Friday; September 5th. They will be held at Trinity Church Ward Center located at 3902 Kenwood Dr. Spring Valley, CA 91977. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

Another one of our long term plans is to begin cleaning up the crewbase trailer at Campo. Over the next several months, you'll see slow but steady changes as we work to get our crewbase trailer more organized and user friendly for crew job briefings and administration.

We have many other plans and agendas for what will be a busy and exciting 2014! But as always, NONE of it would be possible without you, our volunteers. Thank you for all you do.♦

Museum Services Report

By Jim Lundquist, Museum Services Director

Good news all around for this report.

Dick Ruppert and Ed Osborne, along with Francis and Paul Lundquist have been spending considerable time over the years making great strides in catching up with the big backlog of artifacts that need registering. Our museum has a bunch of store display cases that we can use for the next few years while the museum develops a top quality display system. One item to overcome is the need to address storage of tables, chairs and supplies outside of the Display Building. Our thanks to Jim Osborne of Spring Valley for his donation of 125 top quality storage boxes will be very helpful for us as we go through the process of registering our artifacts and organizing the way that we store them.



Jim Murphy and Roger LaFrance of the San Diego "O" Gauge 3 Rail Toy Train Club assisted in the refurbishment of the popular layout in the Display Building.

Dave Tomeraasen

Our thanks to Dave Tomeraasen, Bruce Deck and Jim Murphy and Roger LaFrance from the San Diego 'O' gauge 3 rail toy train club of the San Diego Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park for maintenance on our toy train layout in the Display Building. They spent time lubricating the gears and wheels on the locomotives and various rolling stock. All of the track was cleaned and the track settings were adjusted for proper operation. The entire layout was vacuumed, toy buildings repaired, and Plexiglas surrounding the layout was cleaned. Be sure to stop by and see this layout that children of all ages enjoy.

Larry Rose and Frank Stites have started refinishing the floor at the La Mesa depot. This is a hands and knees thing that involves stripping the old paint, etching the concrete slab and painting one room at a time in the four room depot. Moving furniture and scraping up the stripper goop is a tough job and they could use some help. Every Wednesday is the work day. Lunch is always at near by Swami's. Work starts between 8:00 and 8:30 AM and goes to mid afternoon.

Bruce Semelsberger, with assistance from Diana Hyatt, have been working on an upcoming presentation for the annual symposium of the Congress of History on March 7th (if you are interested, visit their web page for details and to register). The history of PSRM and the library is the subject of our talk.

The library has a new sign for the outside. There is also a new photo scanner and a new USB hub for the office. Boxes of materials are being labeled inside the library. Jim Baker obtained a very comprehensive group of plans for Coos Bay #11 steam locomotive, copied them all on paper and onto disks and even created a file number system. We now have all of the originals by file number in our archive. Thanks Jim We need to purchase a new flat screen video monitor for the VHS and DVD machines. Bruce also reports that the remainder of the Trains and Railroad magazines duplicates are now in storage in a boxcar, freeing up more space. Bruce brought up some shelves to assemble, which will make some more space. Bob Underhill continued to work on updating the magazine collection and the listing of issues therein. Jim Lundquist purchased and delivered our initial order of archival storage materials! We can now begin boxing magazines, transferring ATSF and SD&A archives into proper boxes and getting photos into proper envelopes. This is really basic work that anyone can do with little experience, so if you've been waiting for an easy starter job, this is your opportunity. To wrap things up, the

wording for our library dedication plaque was approved. As soon as the plaque is in hand, we will schedule the ceremony and be “officially” open for business. Lastly, we still need to schedule a training session for the Past Perfect software, possibly on a Sunday afternoon as some volunteers are unable to drive at night. Bob Underhill is there on most Saturdays and won’t mind the company if you want to join him. He is at runderhill@mail.sdsu.edu.



Thanks to the Operations Department, freight equipment has been placed on the house track east of the Campo Depot. This train features our AT&SF steel caboose, five freight cars and AT&SF 2098, our 1949 diesel-electric locomotive RS-2. Also in the works will be a freight train on track 1 between the Section House and Display Building.

Our next sign at the museum will cover the SP wooden coaches immediately east of the Campo Depot and the railroad phone booth. Those posts were installed by Frank Denison and Jim Lundquist. More signs will be following.

Our thanks to Tom Trefney, Ann Ruppert, Tom Gray, Sid Salstein, Duane Dubke and Bruce Deck for working as Docents these past few months. I’m sorry if I missed anyone.

Our thanks to Heather Wright for her continued efforts as the Membership Coordinator. From June 1 to Dec. 31, 2013 Heather donated 158.5 hours as Membership Coordinator putting out renewal notices and processing membership checks. Thank you Heather.

Our thanks go out to Marie Denison, Frank Denison, their neighbor George Mc Kely and Frank Chaco for spending a day cleaning up inside the Campo Depot

and the Display Building, concentrating on the ticket counters.

2014 will again have a heavy schedule of museum “road shows” throughout the southland. Any member interested in staffing these shows should contact coordinator Dick Pennick at pennick@psrm.org.

Museum Services continues to go strong in many areas of our Museum. If you’d like to help us out in any area, please drop me a note at Jim@psrm.org. See you soon at Campo or La Mesa. ♦

New Members and Donations

Submitted by Heather Wright, Membership Coordinator

Welcome to the following new PSRM members:

Mike Torbett, Tom Trefney, Richard Unis, Robyn Wallace, Andrew Zlotnik, Sonja Baars, Robert Pierson, Juan Aldrete, Daryl Leininger, David Williams, Dennis and Julie Richardson, Bob Rohal, David Rohal, Jack Rohal and Shelia LeMire.

A big thanks to the following for their generous donations to the museum:

Roy Pickering, Bruce Deck, Charles Delp, Owen Paulsen, Alex Wirtz, Stanley Jarosin, Michael Carroll and David Rohal. ♦

Museum Ambassadors Needed

By Dick Pennick, Media Coordinator

If the three keys to success, as the saying goes, for a lemonade stand are “location, location, location”, then the keys to a successful railway museum 50 miles out in the boondocks are: advertise, advertise, advertise.

As Media Coordinator, I spend most of my time each month helping to make sure the museum and its activities are well-represented in both the print and digital media. The other important element is personal contact. We don’t normally consider advertising a contact sport, but that kind of interpersonal activity can perform miracles when it comes to promoting a cause. And do we ever have a cause!

Handing a museum brochure or event flyer to a complete stranger or people you deal with in your daily life creates an advertising event and opens an opportunity for dialogue about the organization we all love and cherish. Handing a flyer announcing our Easter Bunny or Pumpkin or Santa trains to a mother with

two young children in tow is taking advantage of a target-rich environment to promote the museum as a wholesome, low-cost family-friendly activity, as well as adding three or four more ticket sales. If it sounds like fun, they may bring the family next door, their friends from across town and even the grandparents! One simple hand-to-hand gesture and the comment: "Here's something I think you would enjoy!" could result in maybe ten tickets sold.

These opportunities are everywhere: Retail stores, the workplace, schools, church, group gatherings; the list is endless if you make it a point to include the museum in your daily list of priorities. On a recent visit to my optometrist to replace a broken frame on my glasses, I stuffed a couple of the new full-color museum brochures in my pocket as I left the house. While the technician examined the broken frame, I casually asked him if he had ever visited the big railroad museum out at Campo. When he replied in the negative, I laid a brochure on the desk in front of him, and we spent the next 15 minutes talking about the museum. Turned out he was passionate about planes, trains, ships and classic cars! Another potential volunteer scored. It's that simple!.

Think about the benefits to our museum if each member was a "Museum Ambassador". More volunteers; increased revenue; new display buildings erected; more artifacts restored; more interpretive programs; more train crews. And you meet some really interesting people!

All members should carry a half-dozen museum brochures in their glove compartment. If you need brochures or flyers, call me on the museum phone (619-465-PSRM) and leave your phone number or e-mail address. I'll get you fixed up as a new "Ambassador"!♦

Steam Whistling **Sept. 2013 through Feb. 2014**

By Jim Baker, Steam Foreman

Since last September we have accomplished the following:

The axle diameters have been measured, and it looks like they are all ok.

We have started removing the "plumbing" that runs below the cab and running boards so that we can get at the lower staybolt caps.

The Board approved our request to hire Mr. Efsthios "Stathi" Pappas as a consultant. Stathi is the chief

mechanical officer of Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad, and is just in the final stages of a complete overhaul of their Hammond Lumber Co. #17, a near twin to Coos Bay #11. His experience in working on #17, gives him a very good idea of what to look for on the Coos Bay. He came to Campo in mid-October to look at the Coos.

"Form 4" calculations for the boiler are being done by Ron Amberger, a new volunteer in the last year. He is a professional engineer, and is qualified to do these calculations, and has previously done several Form 4 calculations for other locomotives. These calculations, using the ultrasound thickness measurements, size of various braces, etc. are used to calculate a theoretical strength for the boiler. These calculations need to show that the boiler can handle a pressure four times higher than the actual working pressure of the boiler.

Stathi's report has been received. The quick, short, summary is, "This locomotive will not be an easy restoration, but is quite achievable given institutional commitment to the project, and the realization that its return to steam will be a multi year project requiring grant money and aid from other institutions with the more technically challenging aspects... If this locomotive was part of this author's fleet, the work could be completed in three years for approximately \$200,000."

The biggest surprise is the following: "First, and perhaps most interesting is the fact that it appears all the frame connections leading to and from the cylinder saddle were broken and welded back together. It is possible that this occurred during one catastrophic event, or could have been the cumulative results of long term heavy service and/or abuse. The weld repairs appear to have been very competently carried out in terms of their outward appearance. However, it would be good insurance to radiograph some or all of these welds before investing a great deal of resources into the locomotive in order to prevent surprises later such as incomplete penetration, incomplete fusion, or extensive internal flaws. Regardless of the quality of welding, this condition is something that warrants careful observation if the engine is returned to service to ensure the welds do not begin to crack. Let me know if you'd like a copy of Stathi's 15 page report.

As a consequence of the above, we are in the process of getting bids from nondestructive testing organizations to radiograph and dye penetrant test and evaluate the welds.

Regular volunteers doing this work include : Bob Nickles,

Walt Novinger, Ron Amberger, Rich Paulus, Jim Baker, Dwight Koller, and two new recent volunteers, Harry Lineback, and Raymond Lee. ♦

Maintenance of Way Report

By Martin Caestecker

January 10, 2014

The New Year started on a positive note for the Maintenance of Way department. Under the close supervision of Roadmaster Glen Rogers, some of the museum's youth including Martin and James Caestecker, Charles Siegle, and Hector Gonzalez headed to Chicken Ranch on the SD&A main line to change some defective ties in an effort to help lift the ten mile-per-hour speed restriction in the area.

Our day began at 9:30 AM on a mild summer-like Campo morning by warming up the orange A5 Gang Car, loading ties onto one of the MOW trailers, and heading west towards Chicken Ranch. We arrived at our work site – roughly at MP 64 – and began to prep four ties for replacement.

After the two pairs of old ties were dug out and removed, we cleared and prepped each area to receive two new ties, lifting the new ties into position with tie tongs. The new ties were then carefully inserted back beneath the rails. Once inserted, everyone took turns tamping the first pair of new ties to firmly secure them under the rails. We broke for lunch around 12:30 PM.

After lunch, we tamped the remaining two ties. After the tamping was completed, it was necessary to clean off the ties and prep them for new spikes to hold the rails to our new ties. Martin, Charles, and Hector shoveled and swept debris off the ties while James cleaned the holes in the tie plates. Glen then drilled into the new ties with a large drill bit to expedite the spike-driving process.

With holes drilled in the ties, we began driving spikes. Even after a quick lesson from Glen on spike-driving technique, we quickly wore ourselves out driving more than 30 spikes into our four fresh ties.

As the sun started to sink lower in the sky, we decided to call it a day and collected the four rotted ties we had discarded earlier in the day and headed back East to the yard at the Museum. We off-loaded the ties into our ever-growing pile of worn-out ties.

The Maintenance of Way Department is always looking

for more volunteers to accompany us on our work days. If you have any interest in lending a hand in replacing ties, inspecting track, or other maintenance duties, please contact James Caestecker at jamescaestecker@gmail.com or by calling Roadmaster Glen Rogers at 949-351-1528. No previous experience is required; we only ask that you have a valid museum membership before participating. ♦



Left to right: Hector Gonzalez, Glen Rogers, Charles Siegle and Martin Caestecker.

Courtesy Martin Caestecker



Charles Siegle, left, and Hector Gonzalez position new ties while Glen Rogers and Martin Caestecker look on.

Courtesy Martin Caestecker



Hector Gonzalez, left, and Martin Caestecker take turns spiking down the rails.

Courtesy Martin Caestecker

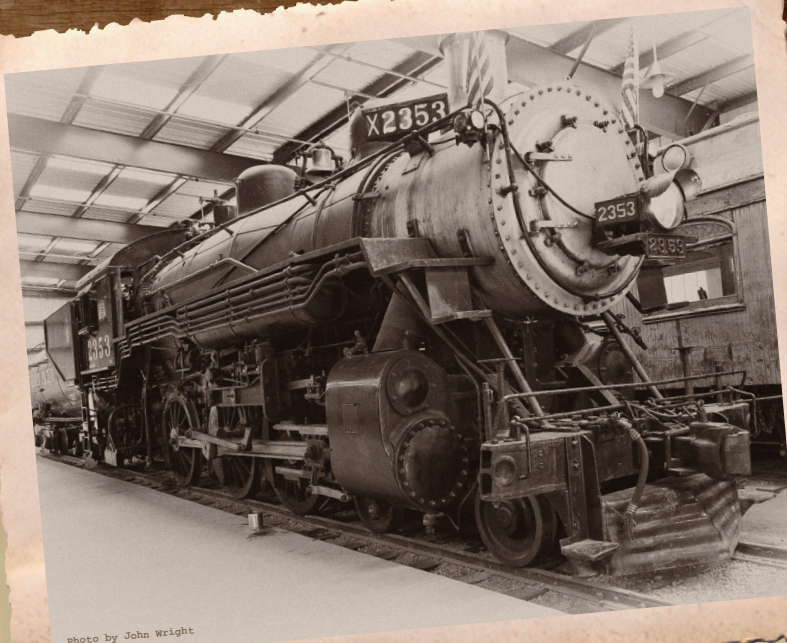


Photo by John Wright

COME AND ENJOY!

CHEFS FIRE UP THE

APRIL 5, 2014



12:00 - 4:00 PM

IRON HORSE

PRESENTED AT

THE CAMPO RAILROAD MUSEUM

The Chefs de Cuisine & The Campo RR Museum are celebrating
over fifty years of service to the San Diego community
together with The Southern California Vintners Alliance

**KNIFE & FORK BUFFET • LOCAL WINE TASTING • RAFFLE
SILENT AUCTION • LIVE MUSIC • VINTAGE TRAINS**

(MUST BE OVER 21)

TICKETS \$25 PER PERSON | \$30 DAY OF EVENT

\$20 PER PERSON FOR GROUPS OF 12 OR MORE

TICKETS AT WWW.PSRM.ORG | 619-465-7776



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PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM

Annual Dinner and Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 17th, 2014
6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Tom Ham's Lighthouse
2150 Harbor Island Drive
San Diego, CA 92108

\$35 Adults/\$25 children 16 and under

Tickets may be purchased online at: www.psrsm.org

*Please purchase tickets or RSVP no later than Friday, April 4, 2014.
RSVP to Sheila Edwards, sheilastrain@hotmail.com or 530-681-1039,
(leave message.)*

6:00 PM: Social Hour

7:00 PM: Buffet Dinner

8:00 PM: 2014 in review, award presentations, special guest and raffle.

No Host Bar

