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Roadmaster Glen Rogers tamps under the ties while Michael Obetz (L) and Rich Paulus look on. *John Wright*

From the Back Platform

By Diana Hyatt

March-April Report and Annual Dinner

The primary focus of March and April seems to have been track work, end of the quarter reporting, preparing and running the Bunny Trains, preparing and holding the museum's annual dinner and bringing our new Administrator of Fund Development up to speed. After much track work following the February 19th incident and thanks to a number of passionate volunteers, we were able to forego operating Valley Flyer trains and resume operation of our Golden State trains on Sunday, March 26. Yours truly had the honors, again, of pulling the throttle and the day was event-less – my kind of day!

Our first quarter reporting revealed a severe decline in ridership and of course, revenue, thanks to the weather and our inability to operate our Golden State trains for five weekends. Fortunately, our three day Bunny Train event helped ease the pain and we were able to entertain almost one thousand passengers for this event. A special thanks to my daughter Alanna Hyatt, without whom I would not have been able to pull off this event single-handedly. We also enjoyed some help hiding eggs by our bunnies-in-training: Aaron Hyatt, Ian Hyatt and Travis Edwards. Thanks also to those who volunteered on train crew during this time and to Ron, Cary, Aaron and Ian Hyatt who made sure the crews were fed lunch at the depot between the second and third trains of the day. During Bunny trains and Pumpkin Trains, we operate three trains per day which leaves a thirty to forty minute lunch break for the train crews and it pays to keep our train crews happy!

This year's PSRM Annual Dinner was held on Thursday, April 13th at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Harbor Island. With a beautiful view of downtown San Diego, Coronado and the Bay, we couldn't ask for a better venue. I am pleased to announce that we honored several of our own on this night: the excellence in Administration was awarded to Alanna Hyatt, Equipment was awarded to Steve Clark, Facilities was awarded to Dawn Lundquist, Museum Services was awarded to Alex Fiori and Operations was awarded to Martin Caestecker. The prestigious and coveted Railfan of the Year Award was bestowed upon a very special individual whose enthusiasm is contagious, his people skills are unparalleled and he is now permanently ours as one of this year's newest life members! Jim Peterson has been the Project Manager for the new State Courthouse building downtown for the past three years and we will soon be losing him as a San Diego resident with the impending opening of said building. It will be sweet sorrow to see him leave us for a new and well-deserved position in Sacramento but Jim promises he will return on a regular basis to continue to volunteer on train crew and complete his student engineer training which will make him qualified/certified in all Operations positions: motorcar, brakeman, conductor and engineer. We wish Jim the finest of everything and the best of luck in his new position!

The beautiful hand-made, train-themed quilt at the annual dinner has become a tradition since Janet Paulus exposed her world-renowned quilting skills to us many years ago. As with all good traditions, Janet came through once again with the most popular raffle item of the evening and four bags filled with raffle tickets to prove it! The lucky winner this year was former board member and equipment department volunteer, John Shannon. John

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was so overwhelmed with the lucky windfall of victory that he chose to gift the quilt to Robert Smith's long-time girlfriend, Rosalba Duran. Now Rosalba is stylishly keeping warm and the rest of us will continue to purchase raffle tickets twice a year!

As we celebrated 56 years of this organization at our annual dinner, we also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Campo Depot. To celebrate, a special three-dimensional cake of the Campo Depot was made by a very good friend of mine, Robin Blankinship. Robin spent days looking at photos and designing the cake to find just the right combination of colors and mediums to use in its' construction; it was literally kit-bashing with food. Purists may find mistakes, but I think the end result was fantastic and it turned out to be a donation as well, so a special thanks to Robin Blankenship!

By the way, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL DINNER!!!!!!!

Thursday, April 12, 2018 @ 6:00 pm @ Tom Ham's Lighthouse

As promised in the previous edition of this publication, I informed you that we were interviewing potential candidates for a new, paid position with PSRM that will be tasked with writing grant requests and acquiring funding for our many projects. The hiring of a fund raiser has been a topic of conversation for the past two years and the Strategic Planning committee and the PSRM board gave their blessing for this new venture at the last Strategic Planning review with Don Evans in 2016. I am pleased to announce that we have found a wonderful lady who has been writing grant requests and working with southern California organizations for the past thirty years – her name is Anne Bolzoni. Anne has recently been instrumental in her work with the Ramona Town Hall project and previously worked with the U.S.S. Midway raising funds for its move to San Diego. Anne's list of accomplishments is long and varied and we are thrilled to welcome her into our organization. Anne has now worked for us the entire month of April on a part-time basis and has been familiarizing herself with our organization, working on our Case Statement and working with me to find a user-friendly and multi-functional fund raising database.

Another project of note during this period are the preparations for the birthday party caboose at the Campo Depot. Thanks to a Community Enhancement Grant from the County, we will be relocating the Chesapeake & Ohio #90751 wooden cupola caboose and the Arco #6920 switcher locomotive to a piece of snap track on the museum-owned property east of the Campo Depot. The Arco switcher has been sitting on the lower level of track 8 ½ since the delivery of the Alco S-2 Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe locomotive number 2381, acquired from the California State Railroad Museum in 2007. Moving the switcher off of track 8 ½ took some doing as there was no switch installed to access this piece from track 8; instead, four lengths of rail from track 8 needed to be unspiked, slid over and re-spiked to access track 8 ½. Our Equipment Department personnel of Ron Hyatt, Robbie Smith, Charles Smith and Martin Caestecker first moved a very old mechanized spike puller into the Shop and made it operational once again. The spike puller was then taken over to track 8 where it took four people to operate it and pull the spikes out of two lengths of rail on the south side. Then, it needed to be spun around to access the spikes on the other side of the track. Unfortunately, the "turntable" only worked if you were able to completely balance the spike puller while spinning it but since its weight was largely distributed on one side and without a counterweight, one could see why this piece of machinery was obsolete. Enter the forklift to re-rail the spike puller and the return to spike pulling followed.

Then, the rails needed to be slid over and of course, the rail sections didn't line up as it was a warm day and the rail sections were too long. Robbie decided to try again at 5:00 am when the rail was cold and it lined up perfectly! The rail was then spiked in place and the Arco switcher was pulled out by the railcar mover and taken to the Shop. Then, the entire track relocation project was placed in reverse to return access to the full length of track 8. This is a fair example of how things appear to get done miraculously when there are, in actuality, a laundry list of tasks that need to be accomplished just to reach the basic goal!

In the ensuing weekends, the Arco switcher was placed over the pit: all fluids were drained and a general cleaning and cosmetic restoration are now in progress. In the meantime, the C&O caboose has received a glass countertop that also preserves the integrity of the caboose by ensconcing the caboose stove and hand-wash sink. This glass case will be used as a countertop for party paraphernalia. The caboose will see several other upgrades, including some new window frames and new paint before it is moved on snap track to its new play yard across from the Campo Depot in the next one to two months. Once both pieces of rolling stock are in place, a deck and ramp will be constructed to allow easy access into the caboose as it still sports

the ladder style access at both ends which are not conducive to public use.

As you can see, we are continually keeping busy at Campo and welcome members interested in helping us preserve railroad history. Whatever your interests, I am fairly positive I can find one or more things where you can be helpful! Let's not forget the cleaner tasks as well, of staffing the La Mesa Depot, especially during special events such as the summer car show, Oktoberfest, etc. As well as staffing the Campo Depot Gift Shop or acting as a docent on the trains and in the Display Building.

Looking forward to the next six months, North Pole tickets should be ready to go on sale to our members by the middle of July. We are always looking for sponsors for things such as the cookies, hot chocolate and disposable paper cups, new programs/songbooks for the North Pole Trains, etc. please contact me at dhyatt@psrm.org. Also, if you know that your company has a matching grant program or employee contribution program, please feel free to contact Anne Bolzoni at ambolzoni@psrm.org. ►

Donald L. "Don" Bellis

By Dick Pennick

Former PSRMA member Don Bellis passed away in San Diego February 18, 2017 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was 83. Don was a graduate of Hoover High School. He loved trains and was involved with the restoration of our ex-Southern Pacific Railroad steam locomotive No. 2353, now on display at Campo. Bellis was also a member of the Kitsap Live Steamers in Bremerton, Wash. The museum extends its condolences to his widow, Leona, and his family. ►

PSRM Library Update For April, 2017

By Bruce Semelsberger, Librarian

Progress on the Library Expansion

With Summer rapidly approaching with temperatures like an open firebox door, we continue to plan for the protection of our collection. The lighting fixtures for the building addition are almost complete and the LED lighting looks really good, but most important is that it generates little heat and consumes little energy. However, even though it remains Spring for another 60 days, the afternoon temperatures in the new steel bays are already intense. Therefore, we will be asking the museum board to approve a loan to the library account of about $30,000 to install the foam treatment that has worked so well in the existing structure. With that money, we will renew the coating on the existing portion and upgrade the entire facility to a shell with a 15 year warranty. This should bring us close to realization of a new permanent library building as part of the museum master plan. The loan from the general fund will be repaid from donations and grants as soon as possible. Some painting will also be required inside the new work area to cover the exposed container ends and wood panels with a layer of "depot buff" and brown trim to match the rest of the facility. Volunteers welcome.

In preparation for relocating the small artifacts collection to the new facility, we have begun a cleanup of the current Exhibits lab and are putting together the cost figures for sufficient new steel shelving and archival storage containers to properly house the items as they are moved. Each item will have to be cleaned as much as possible to avoid bringing insects or molds into the new facility. We will also attempt to create a system of storage that allows for easy identification of items to facilitate the creation of future displays. Anyone desiring to help with this project will be welcomed with open arms!

As usual, we continue to support ongoing research projects and are now also working with the San Diego History Center to assist in sorting portions of their collection of SD&A materials while simultaneously creating a rough inventory for our records so that we can better refer researchers. We have discovered that they have the original Job Numbers issued to cover work done during the construction of the SD&A while we have many of the Work Order numbers used for major maintenance after the railroad became operational, so between us we have a good record of building and equipment changes that are an irreplaceable resource for researchers and modelers. One item that turned up is the floor diagram and dimensions for the San Diego engine house.

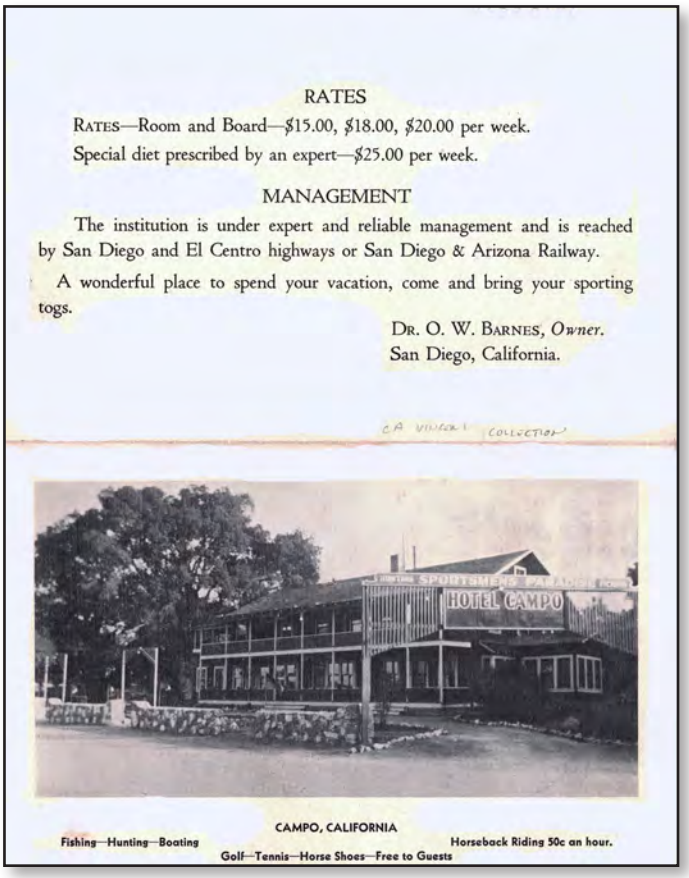
Models have been made based only on photographs, so future efforts can be made with much better accuracy. Job T-196A issued 9-16-1918 was to cover construction of a permanent depot in Tecate, Mexico. It lists a manifest of construction materials but, alas, not a set of blueprints.

Just for fun, here are a few items that turned up in the course of researching other things. The bound invoices of the SD&A have been a surprising source of information about everything imaginable. From 1919: Working on the railroad hard on your skin? A new product offered is a blend of olive oil and palm seed oil commercially marketed as PALMOLIVE. Sounds like snake oil to me.

Care for a weekend of fabulous fishing in the San Diego back country? You might consider a stay at the beautiful Campo Hotel - a "Sportsman's Paradise." $13.75 for a 3-day stay, J.B. Hayden, Proprietor (succeeded by Dr. O.W. Barnes). Actually, photos taken at nearby Campo Lake which existed from 1948 to 1976 show some very pretty strings of lake bass!

Finally, looking for a great financial investment, you might be tempted to buy some INFALSICABLES. Don't. Offered to executives of the SD&A by several US banks, these were advertised as non- counterfeit-able Mexican banknotes produced by the American Banknote Company for the new Carranza government following the Revolution. Issued in 1919 in 5, 10, 20 and 100 peso denominations, they were fixed at ten cents US per peso. In 1922, they were retired at 1/1000 of that value. Apparently, Mr. Titus and the rest of the SD&A brass passed on this "opportunity".

That's it for this month. Thanks for your continuing support in preserving this incredible collection. ►



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Special diet prescribed by an expert—$25.00 per week.

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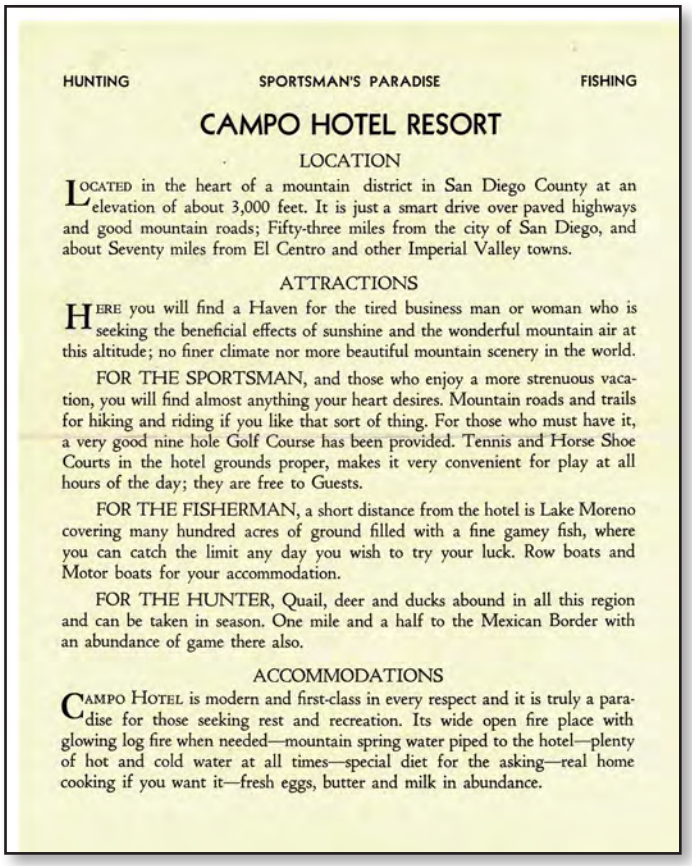

HUNTING SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE FISHING

CAMPO HOTEL RESORT

LOCATION

LOCATED in the heart of a mountain district in San Diego County at an elevation of about 3,000 feet. It is just a smart drive over paved highways and good mountain roads; Fifty-three miles from the city of San Diego, and about Seventy miles from El Centro and other Imperial Valley towns.

ATTRACTIONS

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FOR THE SPORTSMAN, and those who enjoy a more strenuous vacation, you will find almost anything your heart desires. Mountain roads and trails for hiking and riding if you like that sort of thing. For those who must have it, a very good nine hole Golf Course has been provided. Tennis and Horse Shoe Courts in the hotel grounds proper, makes it very convenient for play at all hours of the day; they are free to Guests.

FOR THE FISHERMAN, a short distance from the hotel is Lake Moreno covering many hundred acres of ground filled with a fine gamey fish, where you can catch the limit any day you wish to try your luck. Row boats and Motor boats for your accommodation.

FOR THE HUNTER, Quail, deer and ducks abound in all this region and can be taken in season. One mile and a half to the Mexican Border with an abundance of game there also.

ACCOMMODATIONS

CAMPO HOTEL is modern and first-class in every respect and it is truly a paradise for those seeking rest and recreation. Its wide open fire place with glowing log fire when needed—mountain spring water piped to the hotel—plenty of hot and cold water at all times—special diet for the asking—real home cooking if you want it—fresh eggs, butter and milk in abundance.

Museum Services Report

By Jim Lundquist, Museum Services Director

On Friday, April 15, Frank Denison, Dawn Lundquist and Jim Lundquist installed a new sign at the Pacific Crest Trail crossing on the SD&A Railway. While we were there, three hikers passed by starting their journey to Canada on the PCT.

All photos by Jim Lundquist ►

After literally months of on-again off-again digging with long shovels and spades, a power pole was installed which will serve our rental home property in Campo. This effort to install the pole was by Dawn Lundquist, Brian Elmore and Jim Lundquist. This upgrade electrical service will greatly enhance the safety of the power service to our rental home and horse barn . All photos were taken by Dawn Lundquist on April 15th 2017.

New Members March & April 2017

Alex Fiori, Membership Coordinator

March

Casey Lindow & Family

Ayrat Fayzullin & Family

Derek Myers & Family

Jose Guzman & Family

Ellen Moorhouse & Family

Giffin Lorimer & Family

Sergio Rodiguez

Matt Wilson & Family

Jennifer Muro & Family

Jasmine Mattoon & Family

Debra Sinclair & Family

Ryan Hartmann

Cynthia Friel & Family

Diego Pichardo & Family

Michael Raymond

Lacey Roche

Josh Moorhouse & Family

Carl F. Casale

Michael Overy & Family

Joseph Egan & Family

Dustin Kleymann & Family

Robert Salas & Family

Ed Hale

April

David Winchell & Family

Jessica & Chris & Family

Joe Halsted

Michelle Chavez & Family

Ron Campnell

Nara Hayes & Family

Mary Ekelund & Family

Hollie Stern & Family

James & Julie Jones & Family

Monicka Devine & Family

Joel Griffin

Sean Mckeekan &Family

Jane Darche & Family

Tong Xu & Family

Todd Najour & Family

Carol Forrey & Family

Melinda Lee & Family

Stephen Phan & Family

Dawn Sassi & Family

David Oney & Family

Mike Morton & Family

New Life Members

Stephen Bobbett

Sherwin Dorris

John Baldwin

Thank you all for joining the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum!

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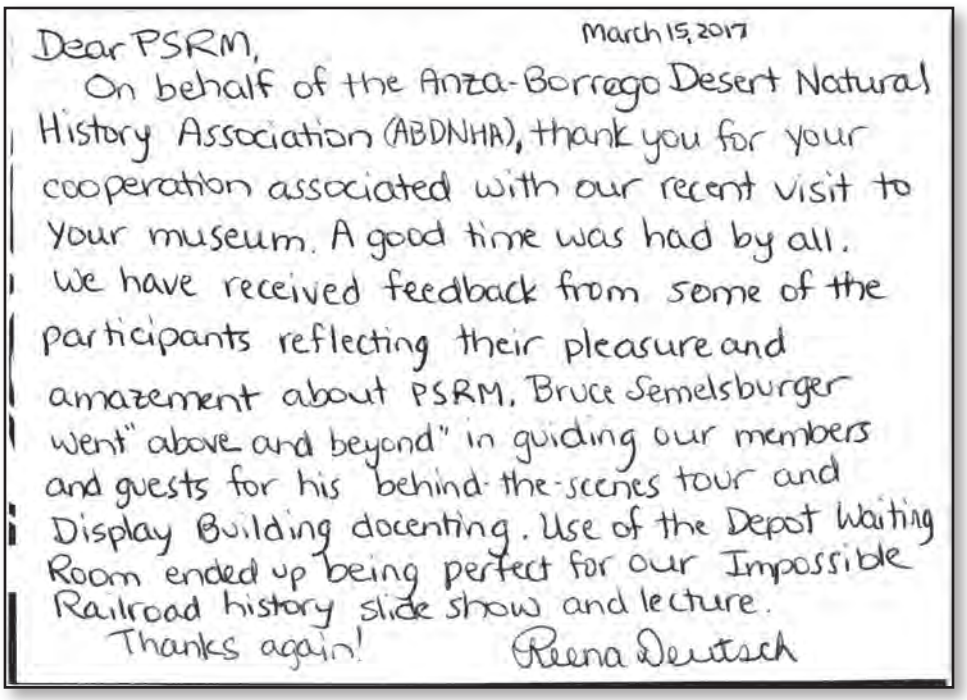

March 15, 2017

Dear PSRM,

On behalf of the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association (ABDNHA), thank you for your cooperation associated with our recent visit to your museum. A good time was had by all. We have received feedback from some of the participants reflecting their pleasure and amazement about PSRM. Bruce Semelsburger went "above and beyond" in guiding our members and guests for his behind-the-scenes tour and Display Building docenting. Use of the Depot Waiting Room ended up being perfect for our Impossible Railroad history slide show and lecture.

Thanks again!

Reena Deutsch

Track Work

By John Wright, Hot Scoop Editor

Photos by Heather and John Wright

As a follow up to the track work reported in the March-April issue, a crew consisting of Roadmaster Glen Rogers, Shaine Neale, Rich Paulus, Michael Obetz and Heather and John Wright conducted additional tie replacement and repairs to the Right of Way in the vicinity of MP 64.8 on March 24, 2017.

We were favored with excellent weather; no rain and mild temperatures. During the course of the day, six ties were replaced and a number of others were re-spiked. ►

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Members Day

A members day is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd, 2017. It is free to members and will include the following:

- A 2:30PM train reservation aboard SF #1509 to Division and return.
- Food and drink in the Display Building after train trip.
- Music by James Caestecker & friends in the Display Building.
- We hope to provide an opportunity to see and perhaps operate a locomotive on track 1.

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750 Depot St, Campo, CA

Donations to offset food and drink costs will be welcome.

RSVP by May 30th to Jim@psrm.org ►