



A publication for the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum members

Campo Railroad Museum

September 2026

La Mesa Depot



SP #5119 is eastbound with the Golden State demonstration SD&A train one-half mile west of Campo on Saturday, August 22, 2026.

Photo by Jim Lundquist



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Campo Railroad Museum

Campo Depot
Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Rd, Campo
619-478-9937

La Mesa Depot Museum & Office

4695 Nebo Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941

PSRMA Board of Directors

Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month except Dec at 6:30PM. A link to join the Zoom meeting will be provided on our website at <https://psrm.org/members-only-board-information/>.

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Special Events:

September 19 & 26 - Brakeman class at Campo

October 4 - Backcountry Wine Train

October 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Sip & Scare

October 24, 25 & 31 - Pumpkin Trains

November 27, 28, 29; December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20 - North Pole Limited

Regular Schedule:

At Campo Railroad Museum:

Saturdays & Sundays- Golden State train rides at 10:30 A.M, 1:00 P.M & 2:30 P.M.

Saturdays and Sundays - volunteer work days.

Wednesdays and Saturdays - Library open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Call Bruce Semelsberger at 619-264-7282 for an appointment.

La Mesa Depot Open:

Tuesday & Thursday Noon - 3 p.m.

Volunteers are at both locations during the week as well.

For more information, please email: volunteer@psrm.org

Demonstration Trains on Weekends Now in Our 41st year

By Jim Lundquist, Editor and Director of Museum Services

It's hard for your editor to believe that almost 41 years have past since I first climbed into the cab of our diesel-electric locomotive SD&A #1809 and departed from the Campo Railroad Museum heading towards Miller Creek. In those early days, we sold tickets from a donated ticket booth from PSA which stood where the Exhibit Hall now stands. We departed west on what is now track 1, parked the train on the house track at the Campo Depot, ran around the train and headed east on the mainline of the San Diego & Arizona Railway. Seven and one-half miles later, we arrived Miller Creek, where we had installed a run-around track the summer before. Once more we ran around the train, headed back west to the house track at Campo and backed into track 1. The entire run took one hour and forty-five minutes. With departures at 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M., lunch was whatever you packed in your cooler inside the locomotive while we unloaded and reloaded the train.

Since that start in 1986, I have seen many volunteers come and go as the years pass. Lots of great members have had a hand in making and keeping this operation going for our visitors. Way too many to list, and, many are no longer with us since that time.

The existence of this museum, still providing a real train ride on a real railroad, is truly only because our volunteers lovingly donate and continue to donate many hundreds and thousands of hours to the cause.



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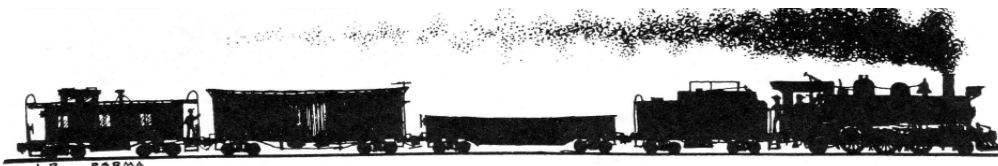
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Comments are always welcome.

Send your feedback to:

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SPECIAL EVENTS SEASON APPROACHES

As Fall approaches, our museum starts our busy season again. As always, now is when new and seasoned volunteers step up to make these special event trains a great time for our visitors. If you can assist, we need you.

This is when we shine!

Backcountry Wine Train



The *ONLY* wine train excursion
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Snack on some charcuterie
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Brakeman Training Classes

By Stephen Hager, Brakeman Class Instructor

The next hands-on class for the entry level train crew position, Brakeman, will be held this September. The class is open to anyone, age 16 and above, who is interested in becoming a member of our volunteer train crew (don't let the brakeman title scare away any ladies.) Class size is limited to eight people. There will be two sessions of the class; attendance at both sessions

is necessary to complete the class. The two sessions will be held on September 19th and 26th (Saturdays), all day, at Campo. There are only two prerequisites for the class; those interested in taking the class must hold a current museum membership and must have completed two brakeman "observation runs". Visit the brakeman class webpage to view more details and information on signing up: <https://www.psrn.org/brakeman-class/>

New Video for the Backcountry Wine Train

Many thanks to member Joseph Davies for filming and editing a short video for our Backcountry Wine Trains. These are used on our web pages and our media outreach efforts to tell people what the experiences are on the trains. Visit this web page for a look-see. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bHsCitZi4kaYlf5SGP0ONQ_0mVcHb6UR

Thank you Joseph.



Long time Member Rita Cloud Passes

by Jim Lundquist

In the early days of our railway museum, we had no permanent site to build our museum or raise funds. In order to support the museum and cover our costs, volunteers would run excursion trains for members and guests. The most famous of these were the annual Puerto Penasco trips leaving out of Mexicali. BV Parks and Eric Sanders were the main volunteers putting these trips together. Along came two "take charge" ladies who expanded the trips - Ann McVeagh and Rita Cloud. Suddenly, trips were offered to Copper Canyon several times a year, plus additional trips to Puerto Penasco and Scotland, Las Vegas—anywhere where our travelers wanted to go. Rita and her husband Joel had a large family in El Cajon and operated Hester's Granite Pit for decades. Someday, ask me about the gift we gave Rita for her 50th birthday. Lots of love was shared over the decades. RIP Rita Cloud.

From the Back Platform

By Stephen Hager, President



We are in the midst of a scorching summer in Campo. In spite of the heat, Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association volunteers are hard at work keeping the museum open and projects moving forward. Our dedicated volunteers in the Operations Department have kept our Golden State trains running every Saturday and Sunday. We have several volunteers currently in the brakeman training and locomotive engineer training pipelines. As of this month, we have a newly qualified locomotive engineer; please join me in congratulating Ryan Hodge for passing his initial qualification check ride!

In the Equipment Department, multiple projects are proceeding in parallel. Project manager Bryon Anderson has completed work on the birthday party caboose. With that part of the project complete, he has now turned his attention to the locomotive that will accompany it. The locomotive, former Arco Products 6920, was gutted and primed several years ago in anticipation of





the project. Bryon and team are now busy painting and reinstalling parts on the locomotive. We will soon have a professional window contractor at Campo to install both new and salvaged windows into the locomotive. We will also be installing a digital sound system in the locomotive cab to give kids a more immersive experience as they visit.

After a hiatus of a few weeks, restoration work has resumed on SP 3709. We have finished welding in new framing members on the fireman's side of the cab, and we've started welding in the new external sidewall panel. Next on the list is the curved portion of the roof where it meets the sidewall. After the external wall is complete, we will be installing new insulation in the wall, followed by welding on the new internal wall panel. The engineer's side of the cab requires similar work; demolition has already started on the sidewall panels and roof/sidewall transition. The goal is to have the locomotive back in one piece and ready to operate in time for the North Pole Limited season this year. Any unfinished restoration work will resume early next year.

As detailed elsewhere in the Hot Scoop, Facilities Department volunteers led by Jim Lundquist have been toiling away in the direct sun, installing bricks for the new platform at the Campo Depot. Thank you to all our members who purchased custom bricks for the platform! Your contributions to this project will help provide a more comfortable boarding experience to Museum visitors for years to come.

Special Events season is right around the corner! We are actively recruiting volunteers for the Wine Train, Pumpkin Express, Sip N Scare Sunset Special, and North Pole Limited. These events are great opportunities for those interested in volunteering, but who only have seasonal availability. Speaking from personal experience, it is incredibly rewarding operating these events and seeing all the happy visitors enjoying their time at our museum. Ready to try your hand at volunteering? Email our volunteer coordinator, David Choy, at volunteer@psrm.org to get started.

As always, if you would like to get in touch with me, please send a note to president@psrm.org. Until next time, keep it on the high iron!



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Fundraising for August — Donna Spevack, Administrator of Fund Development (fundraising@psrm.org)

The warm weather is upon us and will stick around for a bit but then again it is the middle of summer! I don't know about you but I have begun thinking about fall and the cooler temps, Pumpkin Express (**tickets on sale now**) and the North Pole Limited (NPL) (**Members Only pre-sale tickets available August 1, 2026! General public tickets available September 1, 2026**). Check our website for details at: www.psrn.org and click on "Train rides."

I know that the fall is a busy time at PSRM with the holidays and special train rides; Jenn and the other volunteers could use some extra hands if you would like to volunteer, www.psrn.org, "Get Involved" and then "Volunteer with PSRMA."

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If I forgot anyone on the list I apologize and thank you!

Just a few projects in progress at this time:

- As you know there are always many ways in which you can help assist with PSRM projects. At this time the mechanical work is being completed on the **SP #3709 Locomotive** through a small grant from **Emery Heritage Rail**. After this work is done the only thing that this magnificent iron horse needs is a coat of paint to make it shine and bring it back to its original Southern Pacific glory.
- Jim Lundquist & Frank Denison has been busy laying bricks on the loading platform and if you missed the brick purchase deadline you can still donate to the project.
- Track work is always an ongoing project in order to keep the tracks safe and in good working condition for our excursions.
- There are numerous ways to donate to PSRM including financial contributions, volunteering your time or participating in gift-matching programs.

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3. **Gift Matching:** Many employers offer gift-matching programs, where they match your donations to qualified nonprofits. This can effectively double your contribution

Volunteering

Donate Your Time: Volunteering is a valuable way to support nonprofits. PSRM relies on volunteers to help with various tasks, from administrative work to direct service. www.psrn.org, “Get Involved” and then “Volunteer with PSRMA.”

By exploring these various methods, you can find the best way to support PSRM that aligns with your values and interests. Each contribution, whether financial or in-kind, makes a meaningful impact on saving railway history and supports the community. [Www.psrn.org](http://www.psrn.org) and click on “Donate.”

If you would like to contribute to any of these project funds or have any questions, please contact us at PSRM and we would be glad to assist. As you know we have many options available and we also welcome volunteers as they are always needed as well.

More Community Outreach

Our thanks to Morgan Snyder for putting together a quick booth in Campo to help get the word out about our Campo Railroad Museum.



Membership News By Lena Ibarra

Fall is just around the corner, bringing a full lineup of special train rides at Campo. Many new members joined this month, and we hope they will take advantage of the members-only pre-sale for these upcoming rides.

Please welcome Daroll Dimanche with a Family membership, Austin Cancino and Ameneh Racine with individual memberships, and John Goff, Mary Meade, Michael Paul, and Dave Premeaux with individual senior memberships. Thank you for your support!

Operations Volunteers

by Rich Paulus, Chief Operations Officer

Train Service - those who are qualified train crew members, speeder operators/crew, and trainees who have helped us run 28 Golden State trains and the number of days they have volunteered through August 23: Colin Atwood 7, Alyssa Andersen 1, Jim Baker 1, Carl Brooker 2, Ken Brown 2, David Choy 2, Jaxon Dixon 3, Greg Flores 5, Chloe Giron 2, Leo Giron 3, Stephen Hager 1, Ryan Hodge 5, Randy Houk 1, Justin Hyland 1, Dave Little 4, Bob Nickles 2. Congratulations to Ryan Hodge who was promoted to engineer this month.

MOS – maintenance of signal volunteers who con-

ducted the annual, quarterly, and monthly maintenance and tests of highway crossing signal systems this month: Chad Baker 1.

MOW - maintenance of way volunteers who have assisted Track Foreman James Caestecker in maintaining tracks and right-of-way this period: Jim Lundquist 1.

Yard switching - these are the volunteers who have worked in Campo and PSRM yards this period doing switching: Colin Atwood 2, Jim Baker 1, Greg Flores 1, and Ryan Hodge 2.

There was a total of 50 volunteer-days this period.

Down at the La Mesa Depot by Timothy Miller, Station Agent

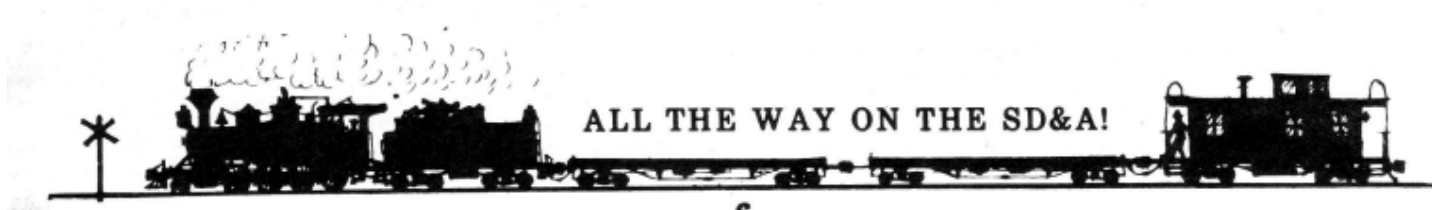
Jeff Devenberg and I had a pleasant breeze through the La Mesa Depot today, but when we left at 3:00 PM my car's thermometer reading was 100 degrees! It was a little warm to work outside, but we did have a steady flow of visitors, both regulars heading for the play table and first-time visitors. In a month we will be in Autumn--the start of PSRM's busy season of Wine, Pumpkin and NPL trains, and, fingers crossed, a drop in temperature.

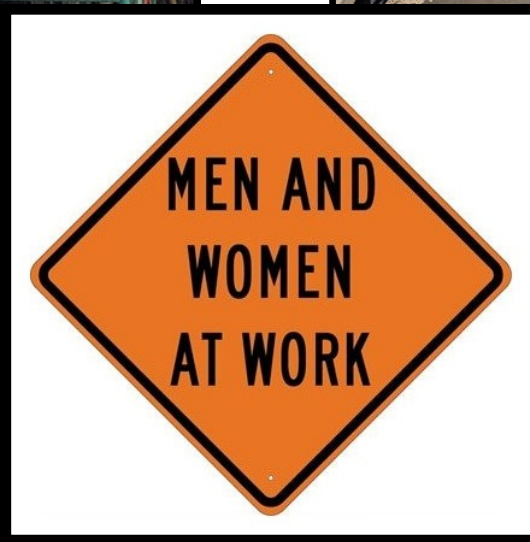
I like to think of Depot volunteers as the PR Department. Whether changing banners on the reefer, en-

gaging our visitors, or handing out brochures, we are getting the word out! I want to thank:

BG Miller for making sure visitors get a brochure. Jeff for his friendly chats with visitors, besides being my extra set of hands. Bruce Semelsberger for changing out banners with me and filling in when needed. Rob Repass for running trains on the HO layout and greeting guests.

Halloween falls on a Saturday this year. La Mesa will be holding its annual downtown trick-or-treating celebration, so the sidewalks will be full of potential riders for the North Pole Limited. Another PR opportunity, while we're handing out treats. All volunteers welcome!





Ticket to Tecate Train Remembered by Jim Lundquist

For several decades, our museum operated passenger excursion trains from Campo to Tecate. These were very popular with our visitors and train crew. In late 2009, these came to an end as tunnel 3 burnt in Mexico and was never reopened. Since that time, some rail has been removed and a trestle east of Tecate also burnt. Finally, the Border Patrol welded a fence across the tunnel four entrance at the border. The Tecate brewery used to get freight service up from Tijuana, but that has also ended. I recently visited the Tecate Depot and took these photos. All was very quiet.



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Part I Summary				
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE MUSEUM'S MISSION IS THE COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND OPERATION OF VINTAGE RAILROAD EQUIPMENT AT ITS OWN FACILITY AND ON THE HISTORIC SD&A RAILWAY FOR THE EDUCATION.		
	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	7	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	7	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2025 (Part V, line 2a)	0	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	80	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.	
Revenue	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	0.	
			Prior Year Current Year	
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	632,615. 153,016.	
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	491,738. 521,864.	
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,361. 8,732.	
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	17,100. 23,700.	
	12	Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,142,814. 707,312.	
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
		14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	
		15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	624,910. 765,459.	
18		Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	624,910. 765,459.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	517,904. -58,147.	
			Beginning of Current Year End of Year	
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	4,350,239. 4,796,813.	
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	164,562. 114,226.	
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	4,185,677. 4,682,587.		

Part II Signature Block					
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.					
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Fifty years ago, on September 11, 1976, Hurricane Kathleen passed through San Diego County and washed-out miles of the SD&AE Railway. Owner Southern Pacific decided that they wouldn't repair the railroad and ran a work train on December 2nd to pick up anything of value along the line. That decision opened the way for the building of both the San Diego Trolley and the Campo Railroad Museum. Little did they know that this train was far from the "Last Train Thru Campo." In fact, it was simply the beginning of a new chapter in its long and storied life.

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