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Message from the Director

At a recent, fairly well attended, meeting of the restoration/mechanical departments, I was asked about the possibility of more such meetings where questions could be asked and answered by workers, staff, and myself. I reminded all present that our quarterly meeting were available for just such a forum. Some of those in attendance were not comfortable in a general membership atmosphere, therefore as long as there is interest in and attendance at this type of meeting, I, and as many of the superintendents as are available will meet at the Museum Library the First Thursday of each month for a public "forum" to answer questions, discuss planning, and anything else that may come up. The next forum will be December 7th at 7PM at the library.

The Navy recently offered the Museum a G.E. 44 ton switcher, powered with CAT diesels. After some negotiation, Bill Neidrich closed the deal for \$1,000.00. We took possession of the engine on November 27, when it was moved from 32nd street Naval Base to the SDIV yard courtesy of the Santa Fe and Mr. Bing Torpin, Sup. Dick Engle is storing it safely pending it's move to Campo. The same Bing Torpin was also responsible for the donation by Santa Fe of a Heavyweight Baggage car. This car was also known as a "Horse Baggage" due to it's special end doors allowing for the movement of race horses between race tracks in the 20's and 30's. As soon as our stock car arrives, along with the baggage car, we can start planning the Great Freight IV.

The Budget has been approved by the board of Trustees and we will have our first fare increase since we started operations. As of January 1st, our adult tickets will be \$8.00 and children 6 through 12 will be reduced to \$3.00. This decision was made to hopefully provide additional revenue to assist us in our goal of restoring and operating vintage railroad equipment and help us show the present and future generations what Trains are all about.

Student appreciation days successful

Student appreciation days were on November 14, 15, 16 and 17. Again, they were a complete success. Thousands of students from the San Diego area came out for a train ride and a learning experience. Thanks to all who helped.

Work on trailer progressing

The toilet trailer has been put on site and leveled. Work still needs to be done to get it completely hooked up.

Carbarn floor to be poured

This Saturday December 2 the concrete will be poured for the carbarn floor. Please help us to keep everyone off for at least two weeks so we can properly seal the fresh concrete from oil and grease.

Holiday schedule

Please note the holiday schedule.

December 23	Train
December 24	No operations
December 25	Merry Christmas No operations
December 30	No operations
December 31	No operations
January 1	Jacumba trip only

Great American Train Show

The Great American Train show is coming on January 13 and 14. We will have a small booth there. See Scott if you want to help out.

New membership representatives appointed.

George Boggs and Roy Pickering have been appointed membership representatives for the board of trustees.

Office is moving to a new location.

On December 1 we will be moving into our new office. Bobbie and the rest of the office staff are cheering. We no longer have to keep office hours. (Are you sure you want to cheer, Bobbie?).

The new office is located at

2870 4th Avenue Suite C

San Diego, CA 92101

Phone: 291-9220

New Jacumba trip

A new Jacumba trip has been scheduled for January 1. What a way to start the new year! The cost is \$40 with members receiving a 10% discount.

Price increase planned

Ever since operations began the museum has kept the same ticket prices. Unfortunately, expenses have kept increasing. Because of this, the museum is forced to raise it's ticket prices. The new prices will go into effect on Jan 1, 1900. They will be \$8.00 for adults (\$5.00 for the train + \$3.00 museum admission). Children age 6 through 12 \$3.00 and children 5 & under free. 10% discount for Seniors and Active duty military.

Badges

Maxine has SDRM name badges for sale in the gift shop. Everyone who deals with the public should get one. Stop by and take a look at one, they are quite impressive. Cost is \$5.00..

Hot Scoop Submissions

Anyone can submit an article for the Hot Scoop. Almost any subject is allowed, but I am mainly looking for things dealing with work being done anywhere for the museum.

Submissions may be on paper, or IBM floppy. Send your articles to the editor: Steve Oualine. The address is on the cover of this newsletter.

Getting the Hot Scoop

To get on the Hot Scoop list, call or write Bobbie at the museum office.

Getting into training!

by Dick Ruppert, Director of Volunteer Training

Classes.

Steam Team, third Saturday each month 9:30 crew lounge. Campo. Still time to join this informative course and help restore our historic steam locomotives and learn to run them. \$6.00.

Brakeman course. Two sessions required, September 23 and October 28. 9:30 crew lounge in Campo. \$15.00 covers all training materials.

Diesel engineer class, first Saturday each month. 9:30 Campo. For now, this class, a training train, is only for engineer trainees already in the pipeline. (You already know who you are.) Space for senior brakemen should be available in late 1989. Watch the Hot

Scoop for information in the Fall.

Steam cab crew, major long weekends. Open to Steam Team members.

The number for Dick Ruppert: (619)-459-2573.

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