
SDRR Museum

HOT SCOOP

Message from the Director

Barney Barnier

Old Man weather has been kicking us while we were down in January, and as I write this for the February *Hot Scoop* it doesn't look that much better. We were deep in the mud as we tried to change out the wheel set on the ATSF 1509, and the cranes could not get a good enough footing to lift the car. We will try again as soon as the ground dries up.

We will be planning to lay out some snap-track to move the CYZ locomotive up alongside track 1 to allow the rail crane up to help lift the locomotive onto the truck for it's journey to a new home. Stan Mathews of Shop Services, Inc in Mt. Pleasant Iowa has purchased this engine to rebuild and operate, and will be moving it soon.

Planning for the continuation of the re-siding of the car shop will be discussed at the facilities department planning meeting on Friday Feb. 3rd, and as usual we will need all the help we can get for this project. I hope to be able to complete the entire exterior of the car shop before the heavy heat of summer. The roof on the depot should be underway this month also, as it was surveyed by the roofing contractor on Jan 25, and we anticipate a start date in early Feb. Here again we will need help with clean-up of the old shingles as they come off the roof. This project is planned for a Friday, Saturday & Sunday job, with most of the clean-up on Saturday. If you are interested in helping out on any of these projects, let me know.

Reminder: Hard hats are REQUIRED on speeders and whenever working around Cranes and rigging. These, and other safety gear is available in the gift shop. See Maxine's for sale ad.

Membership News

Steve Oualline

As of this printing we have 1333 members in the database. This includes all membership types including complementary, family memberships are counted as one.

Restoration

Norm Hill

Projects for Feb. Call Norm Hill if you want to help.

- *Carriso Gorge 050*
 - Interior wall paint Stripping
 - Car wiring/lighting
- *Union Pacific Caboose*
 - Metal Work, interior
 - Woodwork, interior
- *FGEX REEFER*
 - Stripping Exterior
- *C&O Caboose*
 - Exterior Painting

Student Appreciation Days

Steve Oualline

Student appreciation days are scheduled for April 19, 20 and 21. We are running 2 trains each morning for kids from the city and county schools. If you want to staff on these days contact Maxine Sanborn or David DiGorgio.

[Editors note: Hand written articles for the *Hot Scoop* are perfectly all right, just make sure your handwriting is readable. (What is the CADDI7O 60DBE?)]

Jacumba Trip

We are making a special trip to Jacumba on May 6th - if you are interested in working crew on the 1st passenger train to Jacumba in 38 years, call David DiGorgio.

Don Getz gets new position

Don Getz has accepted the new position of Assistant Superintendent of Facilities. Please give him all the help you can! We are planning to complete the siding this spring as soon as the rains are over.

La Mesa Depot Opens

After several months of closure due to trolley construction the La Mesa Depot is again open on weekend afternoons. If you would like to help staff, contact Margaret Barksdale at 464-0061. Watch for an announcement of East Trolley Line which is scheduled for the beginning of July 1989.

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 at Campo.

Submissions may be on paper, IBM floppy, or Kaypro-CP/M floppies. Send your articles to the editor: Steve Oualline. The address is on the cover of this newsletter.

Getting into training!!!

by Dick Ruppert

March 11 - Save that date!!

1989 offers some exciting opportunities in the Museum's railroad operations training program: a new diesel locomotive course, another brakeman/trainman course, the continuing steam locomotive course and a special all day (March 11) workshop on railroad airbrake operation. Check the listing below and get signed up for the courses of your choice.

Trainman Course

This course is the place to start!!! It covers all the basics in our tourist railroad operation: safety, Museum organization and history, local railroad history, railroad operations procedures, serving the public, natural history, and Museum equipment.

To get into this fun activity, come to classes Saturday Feb 25 and March 11, 9:30 at Campo, (carpool leaves La Mesa Depot at 8:00). Fee \$6.00. Call Dick Ruppert 459-2573 for more information.

Diesel Locomotive Course

Jim Callahan

CORRECTION: Please note that the Diesel Locomotive course is meeting on the *FIRST* Saturday of each month. This class will meet in the Crew Lounge at Campo at 9:30 AM for classroom training, and will proceed to some Hands-on training in the afternoon. Some of the topics to be covered are Diesel locomotive engines, electrical systems, traction motors, mechanical systems, and brake systems.

The opening class on February 4th will cover basic diesel construction and diesel locomotive inspection. Emphasis will be on the design, construction, and operation of the locomotive types in service at Campo.

To sign up for this course, call Dick Ruppert at 459-2573, and bring the \$6.00 course fee to the first class.

Brakeman Course

Brakeman classes will be given later in 1989, probably in September and October (9/23?? and 10/28??), but all hoping to become brakemen must start with the Trainman course listed above.

Steam Locomotives

This course, already under way, meets the third Saturday of the month, November through April. 9:30, Campo crew lounge.

Airbrake Workshop - March 11

Everybody should attend this all day seminar on railroad air brake operation! We've arranged for an 8 hour workshop with the S. P. Transportation Training Service. Ted Turpin, who is Senior Training Specialist, will conduct the workshop along the lines of the workshop he gave in November at the T.R.A.I.N. (Tourist Railroad) Convention at Sacramento.

All our members who attend the airbrake workshop at T.R.A.I.N. were very enthusiastic about it and supported efforts at making it available to our Museum. The Museum Superintendents have decided to make this course mandatory for themselves and all diesel engineers and trainees. It's highly recommended for all brakeman and for all others with interest in railroad equipment.

This is a great opportunity to get some "pro" training. We'll hold it in a classroom in a central San Diego area. Space may be limited so sign up as soon as possible. The fee for this 8 hour workshop is \$20.00.

Sign up.

To sign up for any of these classes, send your course choice, your name, address, phone and a check for the appropriate amount (payable to SDRM) to Dick Ruppert, 8236 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037. Any questions or problems, call Dick at (619)459-2573.

Rideshare to Campo

Do you want to go to Campo but think it's too far to drive on your own? Some people do, and want to carpool. The idea is to gather at the La Mesa depot at 8:00 am, rideshare to Campo, and leave Campo in order to return to La Mesa by 5:30 pm. The carpool will start in January, on Saturdays.

To keep the carpool going we'll need people to agree to coordinate each of the Saturdays of the month. The coordinator goes to La Mesa before 8:00 on his or her Saturday, helps a rideshare group form, and drives if no one else will. Leonard Rimicci has agreed to set this thing up, so if you can be a coordinator for one Saturday a month, call him at (619)-484-8159.

If you can't be a coordinator, there's no need to call. Just be at the La Mesa Depot by 8:00 on the Saturdays of your choice and come prepared for a fine day with the Museum.

Wanted and For Sale

For Sale:

Maxine Sanborn: We are now stocking Hard Hats, Rain Gear, Leather Gloves, Cotton Gloves, and safety glasses/goggles for the working staff, and we are selling these items *at cost*. If there is an item you feel we need in the gift shop, let me know. AND if you would like to work in the gift shop please call me at 478-5301.

Attention

If any one knows the where about of the La Mesa Depot Phone Machine, please contact Scott Thompson immediately at 444-6121. This machine is badly needed back in its place.

Volunteer of the Month

The *Carriso Gorge 050* is one of our oldest and most valuable cars. Unfortunately this beautiful old car is hidden under a layer of ugly green paint. Olivia Neece has been laboring *almost* unnoticed for YEARS on this car, stripping paint and doing research on her own.

Thank you Olivia Neece

P.S. You can help Olivia by **not** removing her lights and equipment – Thanks – Barney.