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HOT SCOOP

Message from the Director *Barney Barnier*

The beginning of the year is a time for new year's resolutions. This year I am going to make a few for the San Diego Railroad Museum.

The Museum will try to improve planning and coordination. The department heads will work to see that the people working with them have the tools and parts to do their jobs right.

Communications with the members will be improved. People will be informed about what is happening and what is going happen at Campo in a timely manner.

I will do my best to see that we all work more efficiently and productively in the coming year. We have done great things in the past, we can accomplish even greater things in the year to come.

Instruction to the Hot Scoop *Steve Oualline*

This is the first issue of the SSRR Museum's newsletter, *The Hot Scoop*. This newsletter is an informal publication for providing scheduling and planing information to the people who work at Campo. Our policy is to publish almost anything related to current museum activities.

This is not the *Report*. The *Report* is and will remain the publication for the general membership.

The *Hot Scoop* is normally published monthly. The distribution of this publication will be limited to people working for the museum. If you wish to receive the *Hot Scoop* there is a sign up sheet at Campo.

Membership goes on line *Steve Oualline*

Up until November 1988, the membership was kept on an APPLE-III computer. The machine was too small to handle the whole museum roster and a number of clever tricks had to be employed to make it work. I was asked to convert the database from APPLE-III format to IBM-PC. This proved difficult because the APPLE-III is an obsolete machine which is incompatible with other computers.

After much work the roster was transferred and cleaned up. A custom program has been written for PSRMA that allows us to do many things not possible with the old system. Currently we are catching up with our data entry and everything should run smoothly from now on.

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 January 28 and February 25, 9:30 at Campo, (carpool leaves La Mesa Depot at 8:00). Fee \$6.00.

Diesel Locomotive Course

Jim Callahan is designing a new course on diesel locomotive, their care and nurturing. This will be a hands on course with some class time in the morning and some hands on experience in the afternoons. Diesel locomotive engines, electrics, mechanicals, and brake systems are some of the topic to be covered in this four month course.

This course will be offered twice in 1989, and participating in one of the two times is required for diesel engineers and trainees.

Second Saturday of the month February through June (except March 11, see below) (:30 at Campo, (carpool leaves La Mesa Depot at 8:00) Fee: \$6.00.

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 enthusiast 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.

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