

# HOT



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Message from the Director  
Barney Barnier

This has been a busy month. We went to Jacumba with a trainload of folks, and a good time was had by all. Cox cable did a substantial amount of video for our upcoming documentary. The Museum owes Jim Lundquist a vote of thanks for another very successful trip. This trip NETTED the Museum over \$17,000.00 in cash. We will use this to help repay the debts we incurred during our preparations for RailFair 88.

Scott Thompson and his "Traveling Road Show" were very busy with an appearance at Orange Empire, The big Celebration of Steam at LAUPT, and at the Spring Street Park & Ride for the opening of MTDB's East line to La Mesa. Scott had lots of help, but the names were not available at press time, but A BIG thanks to all for putting our name out there to be seen by the public!

I owe another BIG thanks to the multitude of folks who turned out for our "Student Appreciation Days" at Campo. We have received many letters from some of the grade school kids expressing their gratitude and telling us how much fun they had. This is this is what we are all about. And, remember, their enjoyment of this experience is due to your sacrifice of time and your enthusiasm for this Museum we all love. I thank you, and so do the kids.

More Thank You's are due to the Tremendous effort put forth by the crew of the Work train. You folks cleared more right-of-way in a day than any of us thought possible. I noticed that some of the weeds at Titus were young TREES from the size of them, and yet you

managed to clear the entire runaround. Fantastic. Special thanks to NORM HILL who managed to rally the troops to finish up before dark. If you folks enjoy this type of fun, let me know, and we will put together another one of these "excursions" to the great outdoors.

We now bid farewell for several months to DON SANBORN who returns to the Cal Western for the summer. Thanks Don, for all your help with the operations dept. as well as keeping an eye on the Museum. Maxine will be staying on at Campo to operate the Gift Shop thru the summer. We will be experimenting with weekday open hours thru the summer to evaluate the demand for this service by the vacationing public who seem to "show up" at Campo during the week.

What I do as office manager  
Bobbie Ringersma

Steve has asked me to write a short description of my job duties for the Museum. Let me start by first saying how much I enjoy working with all of you. You have made me feel welcome from day one and are willing to patiently explain railroading to me, which makes my job a lot easier. My hours at the office are from 10:00 am to 4:00pm Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Friday (bank hours). I start my day by going by the La Mesa Depot every day to pick up the mail on my way in. I go to the Post Office and pick up any parcels if necessary. I arrive at the office usually around 9:30 am, and being such nice people at the bank they let me in early so I can get a head start on some of the days work. The following are my responsibilities:

1. All membership applications and renewals.
2. Correspondence pertaining to a host of subjects.
3. Filing - set up filing system
4. Accounting - writing all checks, posting all invoice and income into all accounts. Balancing journals and etc.
5. Staff agenda, take and type staff meeting minutes, distribute to staff.
6. Phones - PR with Museum staff, volunteers, and public.
7. Support to Barney, Mike O'Leary and Dan Marnell.
8. Support to Board of Trustees Secretary Chop Kerr. Type Board minutes. Distribute packets to Board members before next meeting.
9. Order and coordinate all printing.
10. Update database on computer.
11. Establish various mailing lists for Museum activities.
12. Ticketing for all special trips, excursions, annual dinner & etc.
13. Communications with media and press releases.
14. Schedule coordinator.
15. Anything else that comes up that I can help with.

I'm sure I have forgotten some things I do, but this will give you an idea of what I am responsible for. As you can see I don't find myself very often with nothing to do. Anyone wishing to help out in the office please give me a call. I will be needing help setting up files for all the boxes of paperwork and photos that are being brought into the office from garages and homes.

The office needs a Bissell sweeper or upright vacuum cleaner if any one has an extra. We are not on the cleaning service with the bank and could sure use one.

Again, thanks to all of you for your support and good will.

[Editor's note: Would anyone brave enough please explain to Bobbie the meaning of the word 'Short']

#### Time Cards

We are now including time cards in each issue of the Hot Scoop. Please fill them out and turn them in at the dispatcher's office at Campo. At the end of the month they will be collected and tabulated by the staff. If you can't get to Campo, you may mail your time card to:

San Diego Railroad Museum  
4695 Nebo Dr.  
La Mesa, CA 92041

#### Scheduling

If you are planning any special event, meeting, class, work party, special train or anything else, you must contact Bobbie Ringersma (233-7908) at least two weeks in advance and tell her what you are planning. She is responsible for making sure there is no schedule conflict, putting all events on the official calendar and publicity.

Every event MUST be called in so that we can avoid problems and better serve our membership.

#### Profile: Jeanie Jones

Jeanie Jones started working with the Museum about 4 months ago helping Oliva Mece on the Carriso Gorge (050). She has spent many hours stripping paint on this fine old car. She also serves as a Trainman and worked on the Jacumba trip. In short she is just one of the many volunteers that keep the museum running. She is also in a wheelchair.

The membership database

Our membership roster is kept on an IBM-PC compatible with a 40MB hard disk. It contains 1417 entries taking up a total of 236546 bytes. It is maintained by our office manager Bobbie Ringersma using a custom program. The program is 53662 bytes long. The source contains 5062 lines of C code taking up 130816 bytes of storage. Also this article contains no less than 7 useless statistics.

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 Qualline. The address is on the cover of this newsletter.

Getting the Hot Scoop

To get on the Hot Scoop list, call or write Bobby Ringersma at the museum office (233-7908).

Getting into training!!!

by Dick Ruppert

Rule Retraining

If you missed Don Sanborn's class on the consolidated FRA rulebook, you can obtain a copy of the test from David DiGorgio at Campo or from Dick Ruppert. (459-2573). All operating crew are required to complete this test.

Fire Safety Training

The good people at CDF (California Department of Forestry) will be giving a demonstration on June 10 at Campo beginning at 9:30AM. All active Campo volunteers are urged to attend. Especially recommended for all speeder crew.

Steam Class

Doug Mick has started another phase of his class/workshop on steam locomotives. It covers valves, pistons, valve gear, reversers and such. The class meets on June 10 beginning after the CDF demonstration. Starting July, the class will return to it's regular schedule day, the third Saturday of each month. Fee for course material is \$6.00.

Airbrake Seminar

If you went to the March 11 Airbrake Seminar you know how good it was. Those who missed it can check out a video for \$5.00 deposit from the Campo yard office.

Diesel Locomotive CourseJim Callahan

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. This is the last regularly scheduled class.

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

Sign up.

To sign up for the class, 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.

Volunteer of the Month

Craig Tomlinson

Craig works in the steam program with Doug Mick's troops. He was instrumental in arranging for the donation of equipment from Solar. We'll miss Craig this fall when he goes north to school for his engineering degree.

| Sun              | Mon                         | Tue                          | Wed | Thur | Fri                    | Sat                                                                          |
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|                  |                             | Work Day<br>Jim Hammil       |     | 1    | 2<br>Facil.<br>Meeting | 3<br>Train Crew<br><br>Diesel Class                                          |
| 4<br>Train Crew  | 5<br>Staff Meeting          | 6<br>Work Day<br>Jim Hammil  | 7   | 8    | 9                      | 10<br>Train Crew<br>CDF Demo<br>Steam Class                                  |
| 11<br>Train Crew | 12                          | 13<br>Work Day<br>Jim Hammil | 14  | 15   | 16                     | 17<br>Train Crew<br>No Steam Class<br>Operations<br>Dept. Meet<br>Campo 4:15 |
| 18<br>Train Crew | 19<br>Staff Meeting         | 20<br>Work Day<br>Jim Hammil | 21  | 22   | 23                     | 24<br>Train Crew                                                             |
| 25<br>Train Crew | 26<br>Hot Scoop<br>Deadline | 27<br>Work Day<br>Jim Hammil | 28  | 29   | 30                     |                                                                              |

Facilities meeting first Friday of each month. Call Don Getz. 283-7446. Pizza at 6, meeting at 7.

Operations department meeting third Saturday at Campo after second train. (About 4:15 about the 1509).

Work day each Tuesday at Campo. Contact Jim Hammil 277-2626.

Hot Scoop information: Steve Oualline 695-2637.

Hot Scoop subscriptions: San Diego office, Bobbie 233-7908.

## SDRR Museum Department Heads

## Phone numbers

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| Official Museum Phone               |                            | 697-7762     |
|                                     |                            | (MY PSRMA)   |
| Business Office (Bobbie Ringersma)  |                            | 233-7908     |
| La Mesa Depot                       |                            | 465-8444     |
| Campo Depot                         |                            | 478-9937     |
| Campo Car Shop                      |                            | 478-9917     |
| Site Manager(Don Sanborn)           |                            | 478-5301     |
| Executive Director                  | Albert B. (Barney) Barnier | 271-1197     |
| Facilities(Assistant Sup.)          | Don Getz                   | 283-7446     |
| Mechanical Dept.                    | Geoff Scheuerman           | 465-3635     |
| Operations Dept.                    | David DiGorgio             |              |
| Equipment and Restoration Dept.     | Norman Hill                | 442-6922     |
| Administration Dept.                | Harry Doering              | 465-7261     |
| Public Services and Education Dept. | Scott Thompson             | 444-6121     |
| Hot Scoop Submissions               | Steve Oualline             | 695-2637 (H) |

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