
SDRR Museum

HOT SCOOP

Message from the Director

Barney Barnier

As many of you already know, I was attacked by the Flu bug and laid low for two weeks of February. Many thanks to those of you who were so thoughtful, for the get well card and the many telephone calls. A great deal of thanks also goes to the crew who took over in my absence and handled the loading of the CYZ No. 1 on it's way back to Iowa and a new, active life as a Live Steam Engine! Ross Robinson, Mike Reading, Don Sanborn, Cliff Pennick, Jim Hamill, Ed Duling, Scott Thompson, John Buzzell (I hope I didn't miss any body) put in over 130 Man Hours preparing and loading the little 3 foot gauge teakettle. We had to separate the boiler from the frame, and after the better part of a century, It was not willing to come apart easily. Mike Reading even took off work on Monday for the final Crane work, and the engine departed late on February 13th. Again, My thanks to all. This will add some badly needed funds to the Steam Restoration Department in 1989.

If the mild dry weather continues, we plan to replace the truck under 1509 on March 4th, and hope to have her back in service soon after.

By the time you read this, the Roof Repairs should be completed on the Car shop, the Depot, and well along on the line Shack.

We also have a full time Office Manager now on staff at our office in the San Diego Trust & Savings Bank at 6th & Laurel. Bobbie Ringersma may be reached at 233 7908 any weekday from 10 to 4. She has access to all museum key personnel and will take messages and pass information and find answers to questions for all callers. She also keeps up our membership rolls, issues membership cards, keeps records and just about anything else that an office manager does.

LATE FLASH!!!! Our New President of the Board of Trustees has pulled off a whizbang!!! He has managed to get a 105' Truss type TURNTABLE donated to the museum. This venerable jewel comes from the S.P. yard at San Luis Obispo. Dr. Dan Marnell heard it was going to be scrapped and went after it for the museum and scored big!! The move logistics are still to be worked out, but it is ours.

New Office Manager

Bobbie Ringersma has accepted the position of office manager. She will answer the phones, handle the membership, man the San Diego office and do other paperwork and bookkeeping.

Rain rain go away.

The weather at Campo has been terrible. This has prevented us from completing some of the outside projects that desperately need to be done.

As soon as the weather breaks, the rest of the siding will go up and we will finally have finished the outside of the carbarn.

The 1509 needs to be put on it's trucks. This will occur as soon as the ground can support the cranes. Steel plates may be used to help support the load.

No Trespassing

David DiGorgio has been receiving a lot of flack lately because people have been caught on the Carrizo Gorge or other parts of the SD&IV track. The most common excuse given by the trespassers is "Some fellow at the museum told us we could go here." Please make it very clear to all our visitors that the track is private property. We do not own it, the MTDB and the SD&IV control it.

Official Museum Policy: No one. Absolutely no one, is allowed on any of the SD&IV right of way. This specifically includes the Carrizo Gorge.

Jacumba Trip

The Jacumba trip tickets are selling nicely. Jim Lundquist is talking about adding another car. The Jacumba Kiwanis are arranging for a great feast.

Roofing

We are getting new roofing. Work started on Feb. 20 on the Machine shop and Lounge area and will be followed by the Depot roof and Line Shack if all goes well. All the material is on site now at a great savings thanks to Don Taylor of the East County Lumber.

Track

Dick Engle, Vice President of the SD&IV has inspected the track from the International tunnel to the Carrizo Gorge. He reports that the line is in fair shape and has asked us to repair the east end of the passing track at Jacumba ASAP.

Work done last month.

Larry Rose, Dick McIntyre and Ross Robinson completed a 5 rail-iron deadman and tie-down for the caretakers trailer.

Membership News

Steve Oualline

As of this printing we have 1354 members in the database. (Up from 1333 last month) This includes all membership types including complementary, family memberships are counted as one.

Restoration

Norm Hill

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

- *Carriso Gorge 050*
 - Interior wall paint stripping
- *SP-1061 Caboose*
 - Paint preparation
- *FGEX REEFER*
 - Paint preparation
- *UP Caboose*
 - Carpentry

- 1413 Caboose
 - General cleaning

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.

These trips are filling up fast, and there are still many kids that want to go, so we are probably going to add one more day to the schedule (probably 4/18). We need docents, the more the better, at least 2 per car is desired.

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.

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

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.

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.

New rule books and Air Brake books are available for Transportation Department Members. See David DiGorgio.

Volunteer of the Month

Ross Robinson.

Ross comes down from Canada every winter just in time to bail us out of a jam. He usually works at Campo 2 or 3 days each week, November through March. - Thanks again Ross.

[Editors note: Anyone who complains about the long drive from San Diego to Campo should talk to Ross. He made it here from Canada. - sdo]

SDRR Museum Department Heads

Phone numbers

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 (Barney) B. Barnier	271-1197
Facilities(Assistant Sup.)	Don Getz	283-7446
Mechanical Department	Geoff Scheuerman	465-3635
Operations Department	Don Sanborn	465-7261
Equipment and Restoration Department	Norman Hill	442-6922
Administration Department	Harry Doering	465-7261
Public Services and Education Department	Scott Thompson	444-6121



All Aboard for an Old Time Train Ride!

**A Special Invitation for School Teachers
and Students**

As part of San Diego's "Year of the Child" activities, the San Diego Railroad Museum has designated April 19-21, 1989 as **Student Appreciation Days** at the Museum's operating site in Campo. Students from elementary through high school grades will board the Museum's vintage rail equipment for an hour long, sixteen mile round-trip from Campo Junction to the old watering station at Miller Creek and return.

During this visit to the "Golden Age of Railroading," students will also be able to learn a little more about the **history of railroads** and their importance to the San Diego area and its growth. They may also learn about **bicycle and auto safety around rail crossings and tracks.**

Two trains will be scheduled each morning at 9:30 and 11:45 AM. Each train has capacity for approximately 350-400 children. The Museum requests at least one adult supervisor for every 8-10 children. There is no charge for adult supervisors. Some accommodations in the schedule may be possible to fit particular needs of large groups if requests are made early enough.

To help support the Museum, donations of \$1 per child are requested, but will not be required for admission.

A Museum gift shop is available which offers some snack foods. There is ample parking area for busses and autos, and an adjacent outdoor picnic area also offers limited facilities.

Campo is located approximately 45 miles east of San Diego. It is most easily reached by going out I-8 to the Buckman Springs Road turnoff (just past Pine Valley), then south 12 miles to Highway 94, then turn right 1 mile to the center of Campo and the Museum. **Approximate drive time from the intersection of Interstate 5 and I-8 is 60-70 minutes.** A more detailed map will be provided with confirmation of your reservation.

Please make reservations early, since availability is on a first come first serve basis. For reservations and additional information please call Maxine Sanborn at the Museum, 478-5301, or Mike O'Leary at 233-7908.



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