

# HOT



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Message from the Director  
Barney Barnier

May is already a busy month! We go to Jacumba on the Sixth, and the very next day, the Seventh, we will be moving SD&A 1809, ATSF 1509, and one of the SD&A coaches to San Diego in preparation for the Opening of the La Mesa Trolley on the weekend of the Thirteenth. We will be offering shuttle rides from the Spring street park-&-ride down to our own La Mesa Depot on Saturday to 13th.

The next Saturday we are planning to move in some more DG for our parking lot and roadbed for the new east entrance to the yard!

As a small way of saying Thank you to the hard working volunteers (THAT'S YOU FOLKS WHO ARE READING THIS NEWSLETTER!!!) I would like to invite you to ride the train "down the hill" to San Diego on the 7th. To reduce some of the logistics problems, we will be walking across the border at Tijuana, and you will need to make arrangements to car-pool to Campo, and be picked up at San Ysidro. We will plan to leave Campo at 9AM Sharp. There will be space for only 90 folks, so sign up with David DiGorgio at the agents office in the Depot at Campo as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

I would also like to say THANK YOU to all of you for the help you have given me. In the hustle & bustle of our all too short days at the Museum, these two words sometimes go unsaid, but they are never far from my mind. I am sure you all know I could never do even a small part of my job without the extensive help I get from you folks. Thank you very much. --

Ask the director

I will try to answer a few of the regularly asked questions

in this space each month. If you have a question for me, send it to the Editor.

How can I get in on the planning at Campo? That's easy - Like most other things at Campo, start with the Superintendent of the Department you are interested in, and tell him of your intersets and concerns, and ask him for the date of his next departmental meeting, and plan to attend. That's the way into the "System".

How do I become a Steam Engineer? You see Doug Mick, the Master Mechanic-Steam, and enroll in his steam course.

### Jacumba Trip

The Jacumba trip tickets are sold out.

### Time Cards

The San Diego RR Museum has grown. Because there are so many people working with us, it is impossible for any one person to keep track of how much time people have given to the museum.

Starting in May we will using time cards to keep track of volunteer hours. The cards will be kept in the operations office. Please fill one out whenever you do any work for the museum.

The time cards for May will be sent to the Museum office the first week in June where they will be entered into the computer. A summary of this information will appear in the July issue of the Hot Scoop.

### 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

Rules retraining.

Don Sanborn will be conducting a special class on the consolidated (FRA) rulebook that all operating crew need to take. This class will highlight the rules important to our operation. In preparation, get a rulebook at Campo from David DiGorgio (Deposit:\$12.50). Thursday May 18 at Madison High School Building 100 (7-9:30pm). Attend the one most convenient for you.

Madison High is at SW corner of I-805 and Clairmont Mesa Blvd. 4833 Doliva Dr.

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 rental from the Campo yard office.

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.

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.

Rideshare to Campo

Do you want to go to Campo but think it's too far to driver 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.

#### Volunteer of the Month

Jennifer Callahan

Jennifer comes to Campo with her Dad, Jim Callahan our Master Mechanic - Diesel, and spends her time serving our passengers on the train and helping Maxine in the Gift Shop. Thanks, Jennifer.