

HOT SCOOP

A black and white line drawing of a hand holding a long-handled spoon, scooping a bowl of food. The bowl is filled with what looks like small, round items, possibly dumplings or meatballs. The word "HOT" is written in a large, bold, serif font to the left of the bowl, and the word "SCOOP" is written in a large, bold, serif font to the right of the bowl. The entire illustration is enclosed in a decorative border with ornate corner pieces.

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Installing new carpet in the Robert Peary.

Alanna Hyatt

From The Back Platform

By Diana Hyatt, PSRM President

November and December are by far the busiest months of the year for us at Campo. November is spent cleaning up from Pumpkin Trains and planning, shopping and preparing for a successful North Pole season. The 2018 North Pole season went exceptionally well during the holiday season and was perhaps our smoothest season yet. During 2018, PSRM operated four week-ends of North Pole trains for a total of 16 trains where 14 of those trains were 100% sold out!

If you were watching KUSI's Morning Show on Thursday, November 15, 2018 you might have seen a group of PSRM representatives gathered to talk about the San Diego & Arizona Railway, celebrate the 99th anniversary of the SD&A and stir up interest in the upcoming 100th anniversary of the completion of the railroad in November, 2019. The appearance was made possible through the public relations assistance of Rick Griffin who has been working on promoting PSRM since November and will continue to do so through this year.

November also saw the culmination of many discussions with Ms. Jean Lapham Landmesser and her brother Kenneth Lapham. Jean and Kenneth are the children of Henry J. "Hank" Lapham who served as SD&AE Railroad Clerk from 1946-1976 and as a U.S. Customs Officer stationed at the Campo Depot from 1949-1976. Jean regaled us with a few stories of her youth including time during the 1940's and 1950's involving a very active Camp Lockett Army base. Kenneth donated \$4,100 to pay for a professional installation of a G gauge overhead layout in the Campo Depot Gift Shop and Jean donated her late husband, Ralph Landmesser's collection of LGB equipment and track as well as her father's personal typewriter that he used at the Campo Depot during his employ. The layout was installed

and made operational just in time to be enjoyed by all of our North Pole passengers and is a welcome and cheery addition to our Gift Shop atmosphere.



Jean Lapham Landmesser holding a plaque remembering her father, Hank Lapham
Alanna Hyatt

Thanks to the large amount of assistance, mainly from our younger volunteers, the preparation and operation of the North Pole trains was an effort shared by many. A special thanks is extended to Shaine Neale, Stephen Hager and Robbie Smith who unbegrudgingly cross all department barriers and pitch in wherever they are needed at a moment's notice. Other volunteers who stuck with it for many, if not all of our eight nights of trains were Bruce Deck, Martin Caestecker, Charles Smith, John Shannon, Russ Walker, Rosalba Duran, Tim Wamsley, Tim Miller, Steve Clark, Travus Clark (no relation), Jarod Black, Austin McAddams, Grace Brown and workcampers: Roark Stump, Teresa Gonzalez, Pablo Martinez and Jackie Anderson. Naturally, the Hyatts were orchestrating in the shadows with Ron Hyatt overseeing numerous areas



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including making sure the volunteers were fed. Dinner was provided every night thanks to the efforts of Cary Hyatt and Rosalba Duran. Alanna Hyatt assisted Diana Hyatt with numerous miscellaneous tasks including cookie retrieval and daily preparation of the train and elf stations before each evening. Aaron and Ian Hyatt maintained, cleaned and tended the bars in the UP 576 and ATSF 1509 respectively.

The Equipment Department was



Santas and their helpers: Shaine Neale, Diana Hyatt, Sienna Rogers, Boyd Applegate, Jackie Anderson, Dan Wheeler, Lee Neale and Grace Brown.

particularly busy during November and December. Stephen Hager, Martin Caestecker and Robbie Smith sealed the roof on 252 using fabric and FlexSeal; in the past, all of the SD&A coaches have needed roof sealant applied annually but that was also due to using a lower quality product. FlexSeal is a more expensive product but it should last for several years before needing further attention. Annual mechanical inspections and air brake tests were performed on all seven cars used on the North Pole trains. Minor maintenance on the GP-9 SP 3873 was needed and performed. Sons of the late Anne McVeagh, Tom and Chris McVeagh, donated their time and talents to professionally installing new carpet in the hallway, bedrooms and dining room of the

Robert Peary. **[Cover Photo]** Removal of the old carpet, padding, doors, floor register covers, etc., was accomplished by Diana and Alanna Hyatt. Charles Smith and John Shannon prepared the North Pole site, transported Santa's house to the North Pole and set up and furnished the house and surrounding area. Earl Soladay performed further repair and maintenance on the track mobile. Robbie, Roark Stump, Teresa Gonzalez and Pablo Martinez decorated the exterior of the Campo Depot and the upstairs Gift Shop while the downstairs waiting room was decorated by Diana, Alanna and Ian Hyatt.

This January our railroad mainline was visited by ENSCO and their track inspection geometry hi-rail truck along with FRA and PUC track inspection agents. It was a successful trip whereby our right of way was analyzed from MP 67.14 to MP 60.1. The technical information from this visit will greatly benefit our efforts to continue to operate a safe railroad and has provided us with the accurate information we need in order to focus on particular spots that are most likely to cause issues if left unaddressed. We are very grateful for the inspection, which would have cost PSRM upwards of \$18,000 if we had hired a civil engineering firm.

Looking forward:

2019 is the year marking the 100th anniversary of the completion of the San Diego & Arizona Railway with the driving of a ceremonial gold spike by John D. Spreckels in Carriso Gorge on Saturday, November 15, 1919. Woodrow Wilson was president and Cecil B. DeMille's silent film *Male and Female* starring Gloria Swanson was one of the most popular movies of the year. Along with various activities planned by our centennial committee, the celebration will culminate at Campo on Saturday, November 16, 2019 with a ceremonial recreation of the driving of the golden spike while the San Diego City Guard Band plays the march written and performed for the occasion 100 years ago once again. Dates of note include PSRM's Annual Dinner & 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Saturday, March 23rd – **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**, a round trip train ride from Tijuana to Garcia with lunch sponsored by Baja California Railroad, a book signing and author meet with local authors Reena Deutsch, Daniel Marnell, Jim Price and more. Make sure you check our website for the most up-to-date information as it becomes available.

Until next time, may your road be paved with good iron and green signals! ►



Martin Caestecker and Stephen Hager on the roof of SD&A coach 252
Alanna Hyatt

Celebrate100! Status Report

By Reena Deutsch, Chair, PSRM C100! Planning Committee

Happy New Year – the San Diego & Arizona Railway's Centennial year! November 15, 1919, was when the gold spike ceremony occurred in a remote part of southeastern San Diego County's Carrizo Gorge. John D. Spreckels pounded the last spike, plated with gold and inscribed for the occasion, to signify the meeting of the rails and completion of his binational "Impossible Railroad," originally called that before the line was even built because of its route through ultra-rugged mountainous and desert terrain. Completion of construction was a significant milestone for San Diego and Imperial counties as well as for our neighbors

bordering to the south, as it opened up freight and passenger service directly eastward.

The museum is honoring this accomplishment by celebrating the Centennial all year long. In fact, PSRM volunteers, board members, and staff were interviewed on local television on Nov. 15, 2018, the SD&A's 99th anniversary of its completion, to "officially" kick off the Centennial celebration year. Additionally, a flurry of promotion on local radio, newspapers, and online magazines occurred that day.

Slide-illustrated lectures on topics related to the SD&A are already

scheduled at numerous venues. A list of them and other programs can be accessed from PSRM.org/Centennial. We hope you can attend some of the events, especially Centennial Celebration Day at the Campo Railroad Park and Museum on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Mark your calendars so you won't miss them!

To volunteer for the centennial planning efforts, please email C100@PSRM.org. Interests and availability will be matched, hopefully, with a task on the C100! Committee to-do list. ►

Museum Services Report

By Jim Lundquist, Museum Services Director

In 2018, our volunteers have continued working on membership, newsletters, staffing the La Mesa Depot and working in the Library. All these jobs require many hours of dedicated members working hard every week or month. In addition, we had many Docents step forward during our North Pole Limited trains assisting our visitors. The La Mesa Depot was staffed during the three day Oktoberfest this year. Our parade float appeared at several parades throughout the County. We have been welcoming various Boy Scout troops at our Campo Railroad Park & Museum facility. The Scouts camp out and earn their Railroading Merit Badge. What a terrific way to introduce our youth to the railroads so important to our nation. We also welcomed members for the behind-the-scenes tour and we hosted three special events during the weekdays for model railroaders, a group from the Buffalo Soldiers/E Clampus Vitus and a motorcycle club. The

never ending cleaning of the Display Building included washing all the display equipment outside and the entire passenger consist as well.

In 2019, a new display is under construction on the Dining Car Experience, which will feature some of our railroad china in our collection. Other planned displays are also in the planning stages, with display cabinets already in place. It is hoped that the long awaited additional passenger car can be exhibited this year inside the Display Building as well.

There are many opportunities for volunteering in the Museum Services Department. We need someone with a trailer hitch to take the parade float around the County. Multiple Powerpoint programs are under construction, with many opportunities to show them around the County. We also need cleaners for the equipment and displays in the Display Building. The La Mesa Depot could be staffed more hours if additional

volunteers were found. The Library always needs more volunteers. On-board Docents, Trainmen, as also needed. As you can see, there is a lot of work going on at our Museum. Many tasks are being completed by volunteers during the week. If you are available, I'd like to invite you to join with us. Simply call Jim Lundquist at 619-417-7059 or email Jim@psrm.org and let me know you can assist. We go out 2 to 3 times per week – join for one day or all! Love to hear from you.

Our continuing thanks to the department volunteers – in our Library, La Mesa Depot, Membership and publishing the Hot Scoop. Thank you one and all. ►

Facilities Report

By Jim Lundquist, Museum Services Director

This article will review the progress made in 2018 and lay out the plans for 2019.

There certainly was a lot of great progress moving forward last year because of the great work by volunteers! The last of the mine train railroad was moved by volunteers donating 70 days to the cause. (For a photo story board of the railway and the move, go to: www.psrn.org/minetrain/construction.) Since the move was completed, all three of the buildings that came with the railroad have been sanded, primed and painted. Additional grading has been completed. .

The Museum closed escrow on 100 acres donated by the County. We hired Accurate Land Surveys in Alpine to find or set all corners of the property. Our new property was a fire hazard which was cleared to reduce fire risks. The next huge job was to install 3,000 feet of fencing around our property adjacent to the Campo Depot. This was a multiple month's long project, which also included relocating or installing new gates and a donation which allowed automatic gate openers to be

installed. There are still a few issues with the new property which should be wrapped up in 2019.

A County of San Diego grant assisted in covering the cost of foaming and water sealing our expanded library complex. Those funds, along with restricted donations made for the Library, allowed that project to be completed, and it looks great. Painting the inside of the library was completed.

A vandal took a hammer to our award winning historic La Mesa Depot siding. Repairs have been completed thanks to our great volunteers.

We replaced the two toilets in the Shop Building, including new toilet floor rings and new tile. They look and work great,

There were many smaller projects; these were the never ending weeding and tree trimming, reinstalling electrical lights for the train order signal and adding emergency power options for electrical lights at the Campo Depot and the Shop Building if SDG&E turned off power in a high wind shut-down.

There are multiple projects planned for 2019. Among those include finishing the grading for the Mine Train, adding utilities to the DAP Depot buildings and actually start laying track. Work for new water lines and additional workamping places will continue. Also underway is the installation of electrical service out to track 11 for our new jacks. These were funded by the remaining restricted funds we had donations for years ago. Still unfunded is the \$12,000 necessary for two concrete pads upon which the jacks will rest, as a railroad car or locomotive is raised.

As you can tell, much is being accomplished by our hard working volunteers. If you would like to join us as we build our museum, we work both weekdays and Saturdays, depending upon availability for the volunteers. Our group sessions involve between 2 to 5 volunteers. We would love more help with all skill sets welcomed. Simply email Jim@psrn.org or call Jim at 619-417-7059 and join our happy group! Love to see you. ►

\$50,000 Donation From The Underhill Family

By Jim Lundquist, museum Services Director

Last year, we lost long time member and active volunteer Bob Underhill. He will be missed in the Library and around the museum. It was Bob's wishes that the Bob Underhill Memorial Fund be established

with our museum to fund the library and other educational exhibits and activities. \$50,000 has been received to fund the memorial. This is truly an outstanding gift to our Museum. While we dearly miss Bob, his hard

work and sense of humor, we are truly thankful that his legacy of education and saving history, along with his love of trains, will continue for years to come. Thank you Bob, our friend. ►

Facilities Pictures



Frank Denison and Steven Pohjola working on the DAP Depot at Campo.
Dawn Lundquist



Frank Denison is on the tracked trenching machine installing new water pipe on January 10, 2019
Jim Lundquist



Frank Dennison is on the tracked trenching machine installing new water pipe on January 10, 2019
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Dan Cottado, Steven Pohjola and Adolfo Rico are installing conduit and water lines for the DAP Depot on January 10, 2019.
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Operations Volunteers for November - December 2018

Train Service - those who are certified/qualified crew members and speeder operators/crew and trainmen who have helped us run 8 days of Valley Flyer in November and 16 North Pole Limited trains and the number of days they have volunteered:

Jim Baker	5	Jon Frost	1	Candy Obetz	3
Jarod Black	4	Hector Gonzalez	1	Mike Obetz	10
Ken Brown	7	Stephen Hager	7	Rich Paulus	4
Mark Brown	3	Ryan Hartmann	1	Dick Pennick	3
Nathan Brown	2	Rany Houk	1	Glen Rogers	7
James Caestecker	1	Diana Hyatt	1	Dave Smith	1
Martin Caestecker	2	Jim Lundquist	2	Rob Stebbins	3
Travus Clark	7	Mike McIntyre	4	Dave Tomeraasen	1
Mike Edwards	2	Shaine Neale	9	Tim Wamsley	7

Yard switching - these are the volunteers who have worked in PSRM yards this period:

Jim Baker	1	Ron Hyatt	1
James Caestecker	1	Rich Paulus	1
Martin Caestecker	2	Dave Smith	1

This totals to 106 volunteer-days in November and December 2018, 32 on Valley Flyer and 74 on North Pole Limited.

Behind-The-Scenes Tour Scheduled

Join Museum Services Director Jim Lundquist for a 2 hour Behind-the-Scenes on Saturday, March 2 starting at 12:30 PM at the Campo Depot. The tour will lead members on the history of our Museum and include visits to our Library, Shop Building and Display Building. The tour will end in time for members to ride the 3:00 PM Golden State train to Canyon and return. Please RSVP by February 23rd to allow for proper preparations. Send an email to Jim@psrm.org or call Jim at 619-417-7059.

Hot Scoop Editorial Guidelines

Submissions

Submit all articles to John Wright at hotscoop@psrm.org. List the title of the article in the subject line. Articles must be submitted via email as a Microsoft Word document (.doc or.docx) or similar and must be attached to the email, rather than in the body of the email. DO NOT SUBMIT ARTICLES AS .PDF DOCUMENTS!

Document File Name

Each submitted document must have a concise and applicable name. For example, a Museum Services report should have the words “Museum Services” in the file name.

Article title

Each article needs to contain a working title and writer byline, in this format:

Museum Acquires Imperial Bird Pullman Car
By Diana Hyatt, President

Do not submit article titles in all upper case. Capitalize only the first letter of primary words.

Narrative

All articles must be written in the third person.

Spacing and indention

Do not indent paragraphs, use one line between paragraphs, and use one space between sentences.

Spelling

Utilize spell check before submitting articles.

Picture submissions

Pictures should be e-mailed to the editor in one of two formats, Joint Photographic Experts Group (.jpg) or Tagged Image File Format (.tif). Do not imbed images in the body of the e-mail. Submit them as attachments.

Name pictures with a concise name that is similar to the corresponding article name. Do not use the camera's assigned file name.

Pictures should be 200 to 300 dpi and no smaller than 4 inches by six inches. When obtaining courtesy photos, note that website images are usually posted at 72 dpi, which isn't normally high enough quality for publication.

Pictures scanned from newspaper articles will not be accepted.

Poorly exposed or out-of-focus images will not be used.

Despite what manufacturers may claim, cell phones are not cameras. In many cases cell phone cameras lack the quality necessary for publication. The editor reserves the right to reject cell phone photos.

Captions

Captions must be submitted for all photos. Captions should be included in the body of the submitting email and should contain the following information: The name of each picture submitted, the name of photographer, full names of people appearing in the photo, (as much as practicable) what activity they are engaged in, the location where the photo was taken and the date of the photograph. Photos without adequate caption information will not be used.

Writing style

Although there are some exceptions, the Hot Scoop (always written as two words) follows the Associated Press Stylebook. The following are Associated Press guidelines that seem to be sources of confusion:

Titles (e.g. president, captain, are capitalized only when placed immediately before a person's name. The word “museum” is capitalized only when used in the organization's full name.

Spell out numbers one through nine only. Numerals are used for the number 10 and larger. An exception to this rule is when using the number of a piece of railroad equipment.

If printing a date, abbreviate the appropriate months if used with the year: Sept. 21, 1972.

Use quotation marks sparingly. If the writer is unsure of usage, it is best to leave them out.

Acronyms

Before using acronyms, spell out words once. Don't put the acronym in parentheses after the words. For example, spell out San Diego and Arizona Railway the first time used and then use SD&A thereafter.

Contractions

The Hot Scoop has adopted an informal style. Contracted words are permissible, but should be used sparingly.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, or have any other questions regarding photography or editorial content, contact the editor at hotscoop@psrm.org. ►

Hot Scoop Deadlines For 2019

The submission deadlines for materials to be included in future issues of the Hot Scoop will be the first of the month the issue will appear in. For 2019 those dates will be March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1, 2019. ►

New Editor Needed

By John Wright, Hot Scoop Editor

My intention is to resign my position as Hot Scoop Editor at the end of this publishing year. My plan is to pursue other interests and perhaps travel some.

My replacement should be ready to assume the editor duties with the January 2020 issue. The ideal candidate for editor should be computer literate and familiar with desktop publishing using the Adobe InDesign software package. A background in journalism is a plus.

If anyone is interested, contact me at hotscoop@psrm.org. ►

