

HOT



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Museum gets \$100,000.00 Grant

It has just been announced that the Governor has signed a bill granting the museum \$100,000 for improvement in our Campo facility. It all started when state senator Larry Stirling visited our museum in the summer. He was so impressed by the efforts of our volunteers and the work they had done, that he inserted a request for \$100,000 in the state budget.

The money will go toward building permanent toilet facilities at the depot, a visitors center and supplying handicapped access to the museum train.

This grant came about because some people took the time to show an interested visitor around the museum grounds. They didn't know who Larry Stirling was, nor did they know that his visit might result in a grant for the museum. They were just being their usual charming selves. All the volunteers deserve a special thanks. (Also write Larry Stirling's office and thank him too).

He liked the museum so much, he came back for our Jacumba trip on Sept. 30 and brought his two sons with him.

Also, a big thanks to all the people who made phone calls or wrote letters in support of Mr. Stirling's efforts.

It saddens me to report that long time member Dale Prescott's wife Karen passed away on September 28 of pneumonia. Our sincere condolences go to Dale.

— Albert Barnier

Message from the Director

Barney Barnier

Welcome home to Don Sanborn, just in time for our Special to Jacumba.

The museum is going to test a "*Tour on the San Diego Trolley*" on Sunday October 22, for members and guests. There will be reservations available after Oct. 10. The cost is \$6.00 which will include an all-day Trolley pass, a brochure of the historical areas along the right of way, and a narrated tour of the east line. We will be riding the 1st train after 1 PM leaving from India & C St. It is our intention to offer this tour to the public on a regular basis. This trip is the initial test run. Bobbie will have further details available AFTER OCT 10. Call and sign up then.

On Sunday morning, October 1st, I received a phone call from Harry Nicholls of Dallas telling me that he had closed the deal on our RPO car in Houston, Texas. (Harry is the General Manager of the McKinney Ave. Transit Authority in Dallas, and has been acting as our agent in this matter). The owner has until January 1st to sell and remove the rest of the gift shop items in the car, and then we will truck this car to Campo for restoration & display. The final purchase price is \$7,500.00. We have enough money in the RPO fund for the purchase and moving of the car, But we could sure use a few donations to fund a new paint job (it's now a faded blue) and some additional restoration. If you remember, Herb Kehr, a retired railway postal clerk started the RPO fund with a personal donation of \$10,000 which made this acquisition possible.

I held off printing of the *HOT SCOOP* so that I could report to you on the success of our Special trip to Jacumba. Thanks to the extra effort of the Mechanical and Operations departments, the trip was a very enjoyable outing. All of the mechanical problems were handled by train time (as of last Thursday we were down to ONE operating engine). The mechanical department came through in full crisis mode and all three road engines were up and running by train time. The only bad news is that the ALCO, #2098, may have damaged its turbocharger. It was shut down and returned from HiPass dead in train. Jim Callahan will tear it down and report its condition as soon as he can. A Big thanks also goes to the Operations department for a job WELL DONE. The passengers were very impressed with the way we presented this trip.

Due to some misunderstandings in the past, I must remind **EVERYONE** that any communications with the San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad and their staff **MUST** be routed through Barney. In an emergency when Barney is not available, Bob Eikel will be 1st contact person. **NO ONE** in the Museum is to conduct any Museum business directly with the SDIV.

Carriso Gorge Committee Formed

With SD&IV operations emanate in the Carriso Gorge, the board of trustees has appointed a committee and charged them with exploring the possibility of running excursions into the Carriso Gorge. The first meeting will be an organizational one, but starting in November meetings will be open to all members. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Campo-Lake Moreno Historical Society

We have been approached by the Historical Society in regards to a collage of Campo history, Stone Store etc. being displayed at the depot. We are currently planning the type and location of the display.

Hydro Crane

Ron Levine has donated a rail car mounted Hydro Crane. He will bring it down and set it up himself, as he did with our black brown hoist crane.

First Aid Kits

We are in the process of upgrading our first aid kits on our excursion cars.

Badges

Maxine has SDRM name badges for sale in the gift shop. Everyone who deals with the public should get one. Stop by and take a look at one, they are quite impressive. Cost is \$5.00.

Jacumba Trips.

The museum will be making another trips to Jacumba on Oct. 7. The last trip sold out fast, so order early. The price is \$60.

Time Cards

Bobbie is working on entering the time card data into the computer during her spare time. It is being collected, so please keep the time cards coming in. This data is very valuable for our budget and planning processes.

Student Appreciation Days

Student Appreciation Days have been scheduled for November 14,15,16 and possibly the 17th if needed. Contact Maxine for more information. See David if you can work this train.

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 anywhere for the museum.

Submissions may be on paper, or IBM floppy. Send your articles to the editor: Steve Oualline. The address is on the cover of this newsletter.

Getting the Hot Scoop

To get on the Hot Scoop list, call or write Bobbie at the museum office.

Getting into training!

by Dick Ruppert, Director of Volunteer Training

Classes.

Steam Team, third Saturday each month 9:30 crew lounge. Campo. Still time to join this informative course and help restore our historic steam locomotives and learn to run them. \$6.00.

Brakeman course. Two sessions required, September 23 and October 28. 9:30 crew lounge in Campo. \$15.00 covers all training materials.

Diesel engineer class, first Saturday each month. 9:30 Campo. For now, this class, a training train, is only for engineer trainees already in the pipeline. (You already know who you are.) Space for senior brakemen should be available in late 1989. Watch the Hot

Scoop for information in the Fall.

Steam cab crew, major long weekends. Open to Steam Team members.

The number for Dick Ruppert: (619)-459-2573.

Spelling checker humor.

I use a computerized spelling checker that does not know the names of the museum volunteers. Every time it encounters one, it suggests a correction. Here are a few selected corrections.

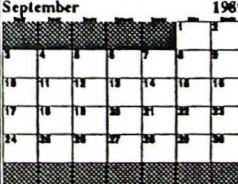
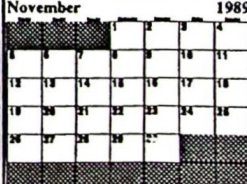
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Scheuerman	Screaming	Ruppert	Report
Maxine	Maxim	Getz	Get
Sanborn	Sunburn	DiGorgio	Dogtrot
Bobbie	Boo-Boo	No. man	Normal
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		Hammil	Homily

Volunteer of the Month

RICH BORSTADT

Rich has taken on the chore of unofficial Administrative Assistant to the Operations Superintendent and has provided the Museum with some excellent documents which obviously took a great deal of work and careful thought, and which will be of great benefit to the Operations

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Train Crew	2	3 9-5 Campo Work Day (Jim Hamill)	4	5	6 Facilities Meeting	7 Train Crew Jacumba Trip
8 Train Crew	9	10 9-5 Campo Work Day (Jim Hamill)	11	12	13	14 Train Crew
15 Train Crew	16 Staff Meeting	17 9-5 Campo Work Day (Jim Hamill)	18	19	20	21 Train Crew 9:30am Steam Class at Campo Operations Dept. Meeting
22 Train Crew	23 Hot Scoop Deadline	24 9-5 Campo Work Day (Jim Hamill)	25	26	27	28 Train Crew 9:30am Brakeman Class at Campo
29 Train Crew	30 Staff Meeting	31 9-5 Campo Work Day (Jim Hamill)				
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SDRM Museum Department Heads

Phone numbers

Museum Phone (Recorded Message)	697-7762
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 280-3989
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

Facilities meeting first Friday of each month. Call Don Getz. 283-7446.

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

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

Hot Scoop information: Steve Oualline 695-2637.

Time Card

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Project Leader

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