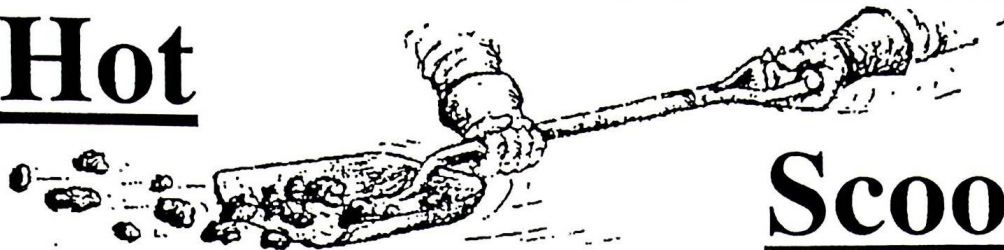


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# Scoop

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## Message from the director

*Barney Barnier*

Not a lot of news this month. The Vandenberg ALCO MRS-1 is still awaiting inspection from SP prior to a move, and the Baldwin AS 616 is still in Oregon waiting for inspection from UP. We still don't know the cost of moving yet either, but the Board of Trustees is in the process of raising the entire \$8,500.00 cost of the Baldwin! Dr. Dan led off, and the pledges are rolling in. I think this kind of spirit deserves recognition, and I propose a plaque in the engine listing the Board as the donors of the Engine.

The Las Patronas have agreed to help us restore the RPO car to the tune of \$6,000.00. Herb Kehr, our retired RPO clerk has agreed to head up the committee to help Norm complete the car in 1991! The New Years Day trip from Tijuana to Tecate and return is in final planning stages, and will depart at 9 AM Jan 1 from San Ysidro. If you are not assigned as crew, tickets are available from the office, with the usual member discount. This trip will be a "first", and possibly become a regular trip until the tunnel repair crews and their equipment are removed from Jacumba.

Paul Westover is still laboring on the east rail entrance to the Museum property, and NEEDS HELP! If you can spare some time please call Paul. His number is 272-3523. It's cooled off in Campo, and we REALLY need the track. Thanks again to Paul for hangin' in there.

**Editorial**

*Steve Oualline*

This issue marks the end of the second year of publication of the *Hot Scoop* and I want to take this time to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. There has been some talk about the good old days. Well, I was a member during those days and they weren't that good.

When I joined the museum, everyone was pretty much free to pursue their own projects. That may sound good, but what it really meant was that there was no coordination or planning. Many people would start a project, disassemble a piece of equipment, find out that they were over their heads and abandon the project, leaving it half done and sitting out in the yard rusting. Or worse, they

didn't know they were in over their heads and ruined equipment. Projects were frequently stopped because of a lack of funds, parts or experience. There were a few notable exceptions, like Larry Rose and Norm Hill, but far too many projects died half finished.

At this time, all the museum's office work was done by volunteers. The problem was that no one realized how much paperwork the museum generates. People were overwhelmed with the volume of work and things slipped. In some cases bills were paid late and our reputation suffered. Tanya Rose handled our membership on an Apple-III. (For those of you who don't know anything about computers, this machine is the Edsel of computers.) For years she handled our membership on that small inadequate computer. It a great deal of determination to keep the membership up to date.

Then something happened that changed the museum forever: we started excursions and *they started making money*. Running excursions ate up manpower. People were required to run and maintain the trains. But now we had money.

With money comes responsibility. Budgets and projects plans were needed. About this time the museum came up with its first 5 year plan. Now we were focusing our efforts. No longer were we half doing 10 different projects, we were completing 6.

Some people were not happy with these changes, especially when their pet projects got deferred in favor of a job more important to the museum as a whole. Many people felt that they were locked out of the planning process.

I have found the secret of making my voice heard. It's called *work*. Barney and the department heads are easily accessible to anyone how actively contributes to the museum.

One problem we used to have was dirty toilets. Barney took the ground breaking step of hiring someone to clean them out. Some people complained that we shouldn't have to hire anyone, that volunteers should do the job. Unfortunately our members want to work on trains not toilets and they *must* be cleaned.

If you still believe that we do not need paid janitors, you are free to voice your complaints to Barney at Campo any Saturday morning. If you show up with a mop in one hand, a brush in the other and ready to work, I can assure you Barney will give you his full attention.

If you have problems with the direction the museum is taking or they way we do things, I have the following suggestions.

First, don't point out a problem unless you have a solution. There are many things wrong with this museum that \$5,000,000.00 and a thousand volunteers would solve. Unfortunately we don't have that kind of money or people. We know we've got problems. What we need are solutions.

Secondly, don't volunteer someone else. If you think something needs to be done, you should be prepared to do it.

Finally, we've got a paid staff, but they are busy. Barney is extremely frugal with museum funds and has kept the staff extremely small. Our office manager, Bobbie is on the phone constantly giving out information about the museum. Additionally, she does tickets, membership, takes minutes

of all the meetings, does accounting and handles the correspondence. She is dedicated and loves her job. (I've seen her on her day off, go down to Campo and volunteer.)

Anyone who wants her to do something for them, should go down to the office one day and serve as her assistant. There is a large backlog of paperwork waiting for someone to get to it.

Finally, I feel that the museum management is very reasonable and you can do what you want, if you work within the system. If you work for the museum you will be listened to. A well planned job, complete with well documented project plan will get notice and consideration. It will probably get funded. If you notify the office of planned work days, they will be put in the *Hot Scoop*. The museum is growing and changing. We've got a long way to go, but if we all work together we'll get there.

### **Purchase Order numbers now required**

All equipment, parts and other purchases made by the museum *must* have a valid purchase order number. Numbers can be obtained from Bobbie at the museum office. Purchase Orders must be approved by a department head before anything can be bought. *Effective Immediately. No exceptions.*

### **Badges**

Diana has a new supply of cap badges (Trainman, Brakeman & Conductor) in stock as well as SD&A collar pins

She also 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.

### **Getting into training!**

*by Dick Ruppert, Director of Volunteer Training*

**Help recruit!** No doubt you are asking from time to time how people can get into training. Tell them, "It's easy!" There's a letter that tells how to get started. People can get the letter at the gift shop at Campo, or they can get copies from the Museum Office (619)-291-9220.

**On the Job Training** People do not need to wait for the New Member Orientation to begin. They can start on the job training as a trainman or tour guide and work with an experienced

### **Help Wanted and Thank You's**

I could use some help from experienced museum members in a number of areas. If you can help with any of the following call Dick Ruppert 459-2573.

**Volunteer Handbook.** Another person or so is needed to help *Lew Wolfgang* create an orientation handbook for new museum volunteers.

**Volunteer Orientation, Campo.** Four or five people are needed to take one Saturday a month and be available to orient newcomers and help them get off to a good start with projects they'll like.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - November 1990 - Albert Keevil**

Mr. Keevil is our Senior Civil Engineer, and spends a tremendous amount of time doing design work for the Museum. He also prepares permit applications as well as drawing all of the many prints necessary to keep our projects moving forward. On top of all this, he comes to Campo., works on the train crew, and still finds time to do the survey work we need. Thanks again, Al.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - December - DR. Dan Marnell, MD.**

Dan does so much work for the Museum that is unknown to the general membership I thought it was time for some recognition. As you know, he is the President of the Board of Trustees, and as such is responsible for the overall control of the Museum. What you may not know, is the amount of extra effort he puts into the Museum. He even takes a day off each week to catch up on Museum stuff. He has donated hundreds of books to our library, and several railroad cars to the collection. From me personally, and from the membership, Thanks, Dan.

## RAIL RAISIN'

DATE: January 12, 1991

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

NAME: John Henry (MUSEUM VOLUNTEER)

OCCUPATION: Steel Driving Man

(YOU DON'T NEED TO BE !! )

EXPERIENCE: None Required

JOB SITE: Campo, CA (EAST LEAD)

PURPOSE: Major step in the completion  
of the east lead

MEALS: Lunch provided

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS MOST PRESTIGIOUS  
POSITION NOW BEING ACCEPTED IN THE  
MUSEUM OFFICE. PLEASE CALL BOBBIE AT  
291-9220 IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

# SDRM Museum Department Heads

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## Museum Office

2870 4th Avenue Suite C  
San Diego, CA 92103  
291-9220

## Library

John Muir Elementary School  
69th & Mohawk

## Phone numbers

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Museum Phone (Recorded Message) .....    | 697-7762                            |
| Business Office (Bobbie Ringersma) ..... | 291-9220                            |
| La Mesa Depot .....                      | 465-8444                            |
| Campo Depot/Gift Shop .....              | Diana Wood 478-9937                 |
| Campo Car Shop .....                     | 478-9917                            |
| Campo Caretaker .....                    | Tom Wood 478-5301                   |
| Executive Director .....                 | Albert B. (Barney) Barnier 271-1197 |
| Facilities (Assistant Sup.) .....        | Don Getz 229-0386                   |
| Mechanical Dept. ....                    | Mike Reading 277-5168               |
| Operations Dept. ....                    | Mike Reneau 466-5402                |
| Equipment and Restoration Dept. ....     | Norman Hill 442-6922                |
| Administration Dept. ....                | Harry Doering 465-7261              |
| Museum Services .....                    | Charles Alban 941-1397              |
| Hot Scoop Submissions .....              | Steve Oualline 538-0304             |
| Interpretive/Exhibits .....              | Rich Borstadt 447-3297              |
| Steam Department .....                   | Robin Becker 481-9028               |

Facilities meeting first Friday of each month at the Library building.

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

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

Interpretive Committee, last Friday of each month, Library. Rich Borstadt 447-3297

Hot Scoop subscriptions: San Diego office, Bobbie 291-9220

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| 16           | 17<br>Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM<br>Library | 18                                            | 19        | 20                                                                                                                           | 21                                                                                                                             | 22       |
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MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT MEETING MONTHLY ON THE MONDAY FOLLOWING  
THE FIRST STAFF MEETING. NEXT MEETING TO BE JANUARY 14, 1991.