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Message from the director

Barney Barnier

Another year is upon us, and I haven't figured out where most of '89 went. It was a good year for the Museum, and ALL departments pitched in and worked hard for our mutual benefit. We were able to run several special trips to Jacumba to help raise some badly needed funds, and we were also able to offer to the children of San Diego a railroad experience during our Student Appreciation days. Our members came thru again, some even taking time off work to run these weekday trips so that hundreds of children could feel the thrill of a train ride. Our acquisitions director has been busy, and we have added a UP stock car, an ATSF horse/baggage car, an ATSF Caboose, a G.E. 44 ton Diesel, and, Oh Yes! our long searched for R.P.O. car to our collection. The R.P.O. will arrive sometime after the first of the year. The facilities department has also done well. After the wind removed the roof from the car shop, we were able to install a new roof AND skylights with the insurance proceeds, thanks to a generous contractor. We also were able to reroof the line shack, and also the Depot. Right after the roof job, the depot got a fresh coat of paint, the parking lot was graded and oiled and we are starting to even LOOK like a first class museum. We were able to locate a building to house our library, and our collection is moving in. We hired an office manager to keep our paperwork in order, and we have just moved into our new office with 24 HOUR access for important after-hour work. We have been awarded a grant of \$100,000.00 from the state for construction of our new display building and hope to start construction soon. Looking back, we have been as busy as beavers all year, and looking forward, 1990 will challenge us again. We must install our new east entrance to the yard, erect a building, and continue the work on restoring our collection. The restoration dept. has done a magnificent job, as usual, with very little to work with. They expect to add two or three restored cars to our growing fleet in 1990. The Steam dept. is proceeding on 2353 and is teaching steam crews with the Shay on holiday weekends. We are also studying the possibilities of OPERATING in Carrizo Gorge! At the very least, 1990 will be interesting!

Reflections on the new year*Steve Oualline*

Now that new year is upon us I feel that we should pause and look back and see how far we have come in the last year.

The museum has undergone many changes. Most of these are visible, restored railroad cars, special trains, gift shop and visitor's center. But a real revolution has gone on behind the scenes. The museum generates a lot of paperwork. Volunteers can only do so much, and this year we established a our San Diego office and hired Bobbie Ringersma to staff it. She is responsible for tickets, press releases, membership lists, mailing lists, accounting, paying bills, keeping minutes and all other museum paper work. This lady has done a tremendous job making sure everything gets done on time and professionally. Her effort has helped transform the museum from a "train club" to a well run professional museum. As the year progressed, it became apparent that Bobbie had too much work for one person. However, since the office was in a bank, we were limited in our hours of operation. The office was not an ideal place for volunteer labor. We have now moved into a new office. Bobbie is in the process of assembling a set of volunteer helpers and we should be able to do much more museum work in the coming year. (Contact Bobbie if you want to help).

This was also the first year of the Hot Scoop. The publication has served as monthly get together for all you fine folks who work for the museum. I am proud to serve as it's editor and hope to continue working for you for a long time to come.

Forum

Remember the members' forum is the 1st Thursday of the month at the Library (7pm). This is where you get to ask the director questions. The director wants your input on the museum's plans.

Jacumba Trip Update

Tickets for the January 1 Jacumba trip are selling well.

Carbarn floor poured

The new floor in the carbarn had been poured. Thanks to all who helped. Also, please remember not to walk on it until after the sealer has been applied on 12/30/89.

Trolley tours

Trolley tours hosted by SDRM personnel start from the Santa Fe depot every Sunday at 1:00.

Great American Train Show

The Great American Train show is coming on January 13 and 14. We will have a small booth there. See Scott if you want to help out.

Office moved to a new location.

Remember the new office is located at:

2870 4th Avenue Suite C

San Diego, CA 92103

Phone: 291-9220

Bobbie would like to know if anyone would like to donate a microwave and a small refrigerator to the office..

Price increase planned

Ever since operations began the museum has kept the same ticket prices. Unfortunately, expenses have kept increasing. Because of this, the museum is raising it's ticket prices. The new prices will go into effect on Jan 1, 1990. They will be \$8.00 for adults (\$5.00 for the train + \$3.00 museum admission). Children age 6 through 12 \$3.00 and children 5 & under free. 10% discount for Seniors and Active duty military.

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..

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 Qualine. 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Due to an oversight (Translation: director goofed) there was no Volunteer of the Month in the December HOT SCOOP. To rectify this error, I hereby Announce December's winner: Charles Alban. This gentleman has been putting in some HOURS for our Museum. Besides being on the Carrizo Gorge study committee, he has been assisting the facilities department with plans and "legwork" for the new display building. Thanks, Charles

The winner for JANUARY, 1990 is none other than Harry Hurry. Here is another of our unsung heroes. Harry's job is to keep the support equipment up and running. If ever there was a thankless job, this is it. Mostly all Harry ever hears is "It's not running." After "somebody" has screwed up some piece of equipment, and, we never hear any body accept responsibility, Our Man of the Month steps in and bails us out again, and gets it running.

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Museum Phone (Recorded Message)	697-7762
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Campo Car Shop.....	478-9917
Site Manager(Don Sanborn)	478-5301
Executive Director..... Albert B. (Barney) Barnier.....	271-1197
Facilities(Assistant Sup.)..... Don Getz	229-0386
Mechanical Dept..... Geoff Scheuerman	465-3635
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Hot Scoop Submissions..... Steve Oualline.....	695-2637

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

Members' Forum first Thursday of each month at the Library building 7pm.

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.

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Hot Scoop Time Card

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