

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 appears to be hot food, possibly chili or stew, and steam is rising from it. The hand is wearing a sleeve. The entire illustration is framed by a decorative border with ornate corner pieces.

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**Pacific Southwest Railway
Museum Association, Inc.**
www.psrsm.org

Train Operations

PSRM Campo Depot
State Hwy. 94 at Forrest Gate Rd.
Campo, California
619-478-9937
Lat: 32°36.8'N Lon: 116°28.2'W
Open weekends 9 AM to 5 PM
See website for complete train
schedule.

La Mesa Depot Museum & Business Office

4695 Nebo Drive,
La Mesa, California, 91941
619-465-psrm (465-7776)

Open Saturdays 1 PM to 4 PM
Other times by appointment

Meetings of the PSRMA Board
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Cover Photo:

Greg Heyser poses with one of
three new mine train passenger
cars he constructed at his home
in Alpine.

Jim Lundquist

To the Membership of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association.

Presented below are highlights of your Association's financial status for the year ending December 31, 2018. These statements are prepared internally and have not been reviewed or audited by outside professionals. Numbers are rounded to the nearest \$100. PSRMA is incorporated as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

Profit and Loss statement:

Income

Donations	\$24,500	
Grants	80,000	
Membership dues	35,600	
Excursion revenue	322,900	
Gift Shop Receipts	96,400	
Other Income items	14,300	
Total Income		\$573,800

Expenses

Administration	\$13,100	
Banking/Bookkeeping	16,100	
Equipment	39,800	
Facilities	117,500	
Museum Service	14,300	
Operations	97,900	
Other Expenses	82,800	
Total Expenses		\$378,200
Net Income		\$195,600

Balance Sheet highlights

Bank/Endowment accounts	\$607,000
Other current assets	41,200
Total Current Assets	\$648,200
Fixed Assets (land, buildings, equipment)	3,889,900
Total Assets	4,037,100
Current Liabilities	19,300
Long Term Liabilities	132,600
Net Worth	\$3,885,100

PSRMA had a good year in 2018 and is in solid financial condition as we operate in the early months of 2019. However, we have more projects to complete than we have projected financial resources. The Board is constantly reviewing priorities regarding meeting immediate needs to keep the Campo and La Mesa properties in good operating condition and provide safe, welcoming venues for our members and visitors while also working towards long term goals. Our excursion train rides provide by far the largest source of revenue, dominated by



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Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association Mission Statement:

The Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association, Inc., is dedicated to preserving the physical legacy and the experience of rail transportation. Programs address the historical, social, economic and technical impact of railroading with particular emphasis on railroads of San Diego County and the systems with which they connected in the United States and Mexico.

The Museum is a member of the Heritage Rail Alliance and is a non-profit educational corporation. Donations are tax deductible under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Submission guidelines: All articles should be limited to no more than three single spaced pages and submitted in Microsoft Word format. Photographs should be in jpg format no larger than 8 x 10 inches at 150 to 240 PPI resolution, but please no cell phone pictures. Send all submissions to hotscoop@psrm.org.

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Comments are always welcome. Send your feedback to the Editor at hotscoop@psrm.org.

the continuing success of our Christmas-time North Pole Limited trains. We are grateful for the donations made by the membership and for the grants we receive from local government and rail history organizations. We review the financial performance of the Association at every Board meeting, and should you have more detailed questions about this summary, please attend the next meeting. ►

Submitted by: Robert M. Stebbins, Treasurer

Board Nominations Now Open

By Stephen Hager, Secretary

It's that time of year again! The nomination period for the 2019 Board of Directors Election is now open through August 15th. The board positions up for election for the 2020-2021 term are Vice President, Treasurer, Director of Facilities, and Director of Operations. As always, any ten Regular Members in good standing may nominate any other Regular Member in good standing for the position of an executive officer of the corporation or the position of division director, provided the person so nominated evidences in writing a willingness to serve if elected and the person so nominated is associated with the corresponding division of the corporation.

Members wishing to petition for a position on the ballot should visit <https://www.psrma.org/election2019/>. This webpage contains a download link for the petition form, information on important dates for the 2019 election, as well as information about the duties of the positions up for election.

Petition forms are due to me by August 15th, either in person, or by mailing the form to:

PSRMA ATTN: Secretary Stephen Hager
4695 Nebo Drive
La Mesa, California 91941

For those positions where more than one candidate submits a petition

form, a ballot will be mailed out by October 4th and will be due back to me either in person or at the above address by November 6th.

Remember, whether you chose to run for a board position or simply have to choose which candidate to support, all members have the power to shape our museum's future. Thank you! ►



Celebrate100! Progress Report

By Reena Deutsch, Chair, PSRMA C100! Planning Committee

Even as lectures and slide shows continue almost weekly to spread the word about the 100th anniversary of our local railroad, we are excited about the three biggest Centennial events coming up. Please mark your calendars! The tentative schedules of activities planned for the Sept. 7 SD&A Groundbreaking Festival and the Nov. 16 SD&A

Centennial Celebration Day at Campo Park and Railroad Museum are now posted online and can be accessed from psrm.org/Centennial. The Groundbreaking Festival schedule and other information about that day are also reported in a separate article in this issue of the Hot Scoop. Our chance to emulate the 1919 banquet held by John D. Spreckels at the

Hotel del Coronado in celebration of the first incoming SD&A through-train to San Diego on Dec. 1, 1919, will occur on Friday evening, Nov. 1. You won't want to miss this opportunity to attend our Centennial Gala Dinner which will be held in Coronado. A wonderful menu that will mimic, with a modern-day flair, that of the 1919 banquet, pleasant

music during happy hour, and an interesting program will delight all attendees. The next Hot Scoop issue will present more details of the Centennial Gala Dinner and a preview of what is planned for the big finale SD&A Centennial Celebration Day.

We want to thank museum volunteers Bruce Semelsberger, Marv Munzenmaier, Jim Baker, and Reena Deutsch for representing the museum over Memorial Day weekend at the Maritime Museum's Festival of the Sea with our Early San Diego Railroad/Marine History and SD&A Centennial themed displays (see photo). That weekend was also the debut of the new C100! traveling exhibit "Impossible Railroad 1919-2019."

Many locals and tourists wandered by and received information about the SD&A and Centennial celebrations. Jon Everett from the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, one



of our Centennial partners, lent us his model train lettered for the San Diego & Arizona Railway for the

fairly large display. Interestingly, a large number of folks became curious and were drawn to the exhibit because of the SD&A lettering, as they were visiting San Diego for the long weekend from Arizona!

The C100! Committee has been blessed with many behind-the-scenes volunteers who have been a tremendous resource so far. We still need more volunteers, especially to help out on the three biggest events described in the first paragraph and to staff a table with the C100! exhibit at the Aug. 31 SD&A silent movie and organ concert at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Please contact C100@psrm.org to offer assistance. Needed tasks and your interests will be matched. ►

San Diego & Arizona Railway Groundbreaking Festival

By Reena Deutsch, Chair, PSRMA C100! Planning Committee

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, will be a day of merriment during this 100th anniversary year of the line's completion. That is when PSRM will celebrate the 112th anniversary of the SD&A Railway Groundbreaking. Visitors to our east county museum site may purchase an early breakfast (unconfirmed at press time), then have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the producer and cinematographer for KPBS's acclaimed "Impossible Railroad" documentary and several local San Diego County authors of rail-related books. Book and video purchases and signings will be available. Two slide-illustrated lectures ("The 100-year history of the San Diego & Arizona (Eastern) Railway – The Impossible Railroad" and "Why and how the SD&A's Goat Canyon Trestle was built") and an interesting discussion on some of the baffling place names associated with the San Diego & Arizona Railway ("What's

in a name? – Unraveling SD&A curiosities") will be interspersed with musical performances, a behind-the-scenes tour of the Car Shop, and, of course, exhilarating rides on special Groundbreaking Trains with a take-away memento.

A catered lunch will be available, and for the children and young-at-heart, a face painter, a balloon twister, and a hobo jungle will be there to entertain. The 1912 Julian stage and hay rides to shuttle people around the expansive museum grounds will also be a part of the Festival. The highlight of the day will be a program marking the anniversary of the 1907 SD&A Groundbreaking, including a reenactment of the ceremony itself which will include excerpts from some of the speeches given during that auspicious occasion.

The C100! committee welcomes any museum member who is interested

in getting involved with these and other Centennial events – to assist with some of the myriad of details needed to provide John D. Spreckels' historic railroad the honors it deserves for a century of overcoming one disaster after another and continuing to operate after all these years, including on our museum weekend excursion rides in the lovely Campo backcountry area.

More information, including a listing of C100! activities, can be found at psrm.org/Centennial. Spread the word!!! ►

Museum Services And Facilities Reports

By Jim Lundquist, Museum Services Director

Museum Services

Bruce Semelsberger and volunteers in the Library have continued making great progress. Shelves have been completed and moving materials from the old "Exhibits Lab" into the Library is also completed. Interior reorganization inside the Library continues. A local IT specialist has completed work on the Library computers and all are up and running now. Excellent news from Bruce as the San Diego History Center will be transferring SD&A/SD&AE materials to our Library, bringing together the majority of information on this railway in one location. Our thanks to Bruce Deck as Docent during our heavy visitor days with tour groups and school groups. La Mesa Depot docents are lead by Duane Dubke, who has asked us to find a replacement when we can. Duane has been doing a great job for us for 20+ years! The membership runs smoothly with Alex. Thanks to Frank Chaco for the re-keying of the display cases inside the Display Building. New exhibits are underway for those cases. I recently made contact with the Gem Society which has indicated they will be sharing their expertise and an exhibit which shows an underground mine in operation for the California History: Railroads, Mining and Agriculture exhibit. The farm equipment and barn donation

continues to move forward for the exhibit. Greg Heyser has completed about 80% of the work required for the three new mining train passenger cars. Dawn and Jim Lundquist have been sanding and painting the boards for these cars at home. Three new passenger cars for the mine train are under construction at Greg Heyser's house in Alpine. Greg took flat car bodies donated by Roy Athey and constructed a steel frame upon them. Dawn and Jim Lundquist have been sanding and painting the boards for these cars at their home. The cars follow the pattern established by the original car from Alpine and will allow the train to pull about 24 adults through the Early California History: Railroads, Mining and Agriculture exhibit under construction at the Campo Railroad Park and Museum. Larry Rose has moved to Indiana and donated a portion of his garden railway collection. It is currently in storage in the Library.

Facilities

Construction of the western mine village has been put on hold these past two months awaiting the return of either the forklift or backhoe. Various options for ties are being reviewed for the mine train as the steel fence post idea is being revisited. Used ties and new 4"x4" ties are under consideration. Steven Pohjola

and Jim, with a day from Jarod Black, have applied weed spray on the SD&A and our yard tracks. That work has not been completed as yet. Pablo has been working on weeding as well. New volunteer John Porcella spent a day adjusting the DAP Depot and surrounding structure doors, reworking the locks and installing a new lock. A new cedar fence has been installed by Steve and me around the relocated propane tank at our rental house. Steve and Jim also installed a new water heater in the rental house.

In **Equipment**, Jim and Dawn Lundquist with help from Steve Pohjola have installed a new clear plastic door inside UP #576 blocking access into the Men's lounge and as well blocking the door to the Women's lounge. This work was completed in anticipation of putting UP #576 on display on track 6 in the Display Building.

As you can see, there are many ongoing projects at our Museum by an ever increasing group of volunteers. Most of these projects are occurring during the weekdays. If you would like to get involved, please call Jim Lundquist at 619-417-7059 or email Jim@psrm.org. We would love to welcome you to our group of volunteers as we move our Museum forward. ►

All photos June 21, 2019 by Jim Lundquist

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New to the La Mesa Depot

La Mesa Depot Monthly Coffee/Meet and Greet



Please join our hosts Diana Hyatt, President and Donna Spevack our Administrator of Fund Development for a “Meet and Greet Coffee”. Join us for tea, coffee and treats and learn about our railway excursions, Engineer for an hour, railway museum, educational programs, memberships, planned giving, volunteer opportunities and more Everyone is welcome!

Date and Time: Tuesday - July 23, 2019 - 9:00am to 10:00am

Where: The La Mesa Depot, 4695 Nebo Dr., La Mesa, CA 91941.