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Message from the director

Barney Barnier

The Steam Team is now a separate department of the Museum, and Robin Becker is it's first Superintendent. Robin is charged with the responsibility for all steam engines, and for crew training as well as repairs and restoration. He is organizing his department, and I believe they will be a great asset to the Museum. I have pledged the cooperation of all of us in our goal to own an operating steam locomotive as soon as possible, funding permitting. Their current project, in addition to the 2353, is to return the Shay to active service as soon as possible.

When Scott Thompson resigned to accept employment in Palm Springs we divided his department into two separate parts. Charles Alban now heads up Museum Services, and Rich Borstadt is responsible for exhibits and interpretation.

Geoff Scheuerman has resigned as Mechanical Department Superintendent due to personal time commitments. Mike Reading has been appointed to fill this most important position. He will need all the help he can get to bring our rolling stock and motive power into a more reliable condition. If you have some time, and want to learn more about what makes our equipment "tick", see Mike.

The Santa Fe-Pacific Property Co. has announced in the press that they are planning to furnish space for exhibits for us in the old baggage shed at the San Diego Depot. The baggage building is to be renovated for retail space, and we will be given space for a downtown museum display in this area.

Wally Barber's expert track crew has installed the switch in the main line for our new East Entrance. We will start laying track as soon as we acquire some additional rail. There are several projects in the Los Angeles Area that should yield enough rail for this job. Roger Garrett is organizing some LA area members with the able assistance from Ken Garges who has lost of experience with track.

Train Crews

Mike Retz

It seems there is some confusion on the time schedule for the train operations on Saturday and Sunday. The conductor's safety meeting is scheduled for 1030 to 1100. At 1100, one trainman will do the long tour and be back by 1155. The second trainman will make sure the train is ready for the first run. Also at 1100, the train should be moved to the main, if it is not already on it. At 1600 (or when the train is off-loaded, whichever is later) the conductor should have a debrief of the day's operations. If everything has gone perfectly, this can be nothing more than a "well done" to the crew. But if something has gone amiss, this is the place to mention it so it can be corrected.

A note to the trainmen

Mike Retz

Most weekends we have two trainmen. If both ride the two trains, it makes for a long day and no time to eat lunch. To make your day of volunteering more enjoyable, we have worked out the schedule shown below. If you want to work both trains, please feel free to do so. On most days, the number of passengers can be accommodated by one trainman. If you see the ridership is going to be small, keep the last two cars closed until after you brief the people. It cuts down on the number of times you have to give your spiel.

Trainman #1

10:30-11:00	Safety meeting
11:00-11:55	Tour of museum
11:55-1:25	Ride Train
1:25-2:00	Lunch
2:00-2:15	Short talk (under tree)
2:20-4:00	Free time (or ride train)
4:00-5:00	Tour of museum

Trainman #2

10:30-11:00	Safety Meeting
11:00-11:30	Prepare cars (open windows, fill 1509 water tank)
11:30-11:45	Short talk (under tree)
11:45-12:00	Assist in boarding
12:00-1:30	Lunch and free time
1:30-2:25	Tour of museum
2:25-4:00	Ride train
4:00-4:30	Attend crew debrief
4:30-5:00	Secure train

Each trainman has his way of making the trip a safe and memorable one for the passengers. To help you in this, here are some items to pass on to the riders at departure time and a few to give them prior to our return to Campo. I suggest you write them on a small card and put them in your wallet so they are available to you when you need them:

Departure

No Smoking
Stay on train
Location of Rest Rooms
Snacks
Water
Location of trash cans
Hand hold at all times
Small Children accompanied by an adult
Stay inside windows

Arrival

Stay seated till 1 long blast
Check your articles
Lost & Found in depot
Museum tour reminder
Thank you for riding with us

Student Appreciation Days

Student appreciation days went well. About 700-800 students rode our trains on May 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Trolley Tours Suspended

Due to congestion caused by new construction, trolley tours have been suspended. They will resume as soon as construction is complete.

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..

Change of address

The addresses used for the *Hot Scoop* mailing list come from the membership database. If your address changes, all you have to do is to notify the museum office.

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

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

tour guide while they learn how to interpret our museum and railroads to our visitors. Begin at Campo (call Mike Retz (619)-466-8808).

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

Steve Link

This month we honor Steve Link as our Man of the Month. Steve has spent a great deal of time on the ALCO, and as of May 19th, it was running. It still needs Main Line trials, but between Steve and Stan Paulson it runs again! Thanks Steve.

SDRM Museum Department Heads

Museum Office

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

Library

John Muir Elementary School
69th & Mohawk

Phone numbers

Museum Phone (Recorded Message)	697-7762	
Business Office (Bobbie Ringersma).....	291-9220	
La Mesa Depot.....	465-8444	
Campo Depot	478-9937	
Campo Car Shop	478-9917	
Site Manager(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.	David DiGiorgio	280-3989
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 Dept.....	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

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