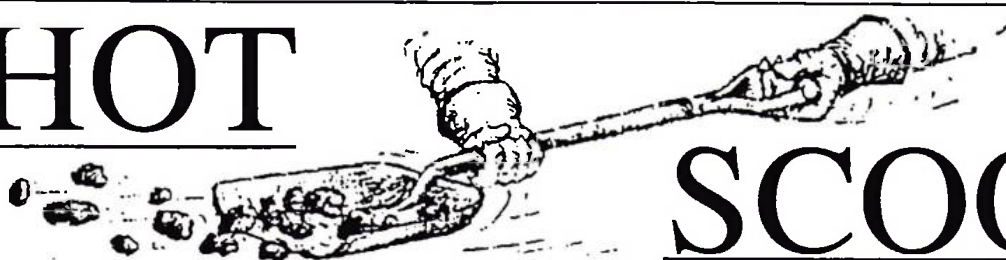


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Message from the director

Barney Barnier

Before I get to the news this month, I would like to remind everyone to practice better meeting etiquette. Our meetings are open to all members, and I encourage anyone who is interested to attend any meeting they choose. **BUT**, remember you are a guest at the meeting. Please do not occupy a place at the meeting table. These places are reserved for participants, be it Staff at a Staff Meeting or Board Members at a Board of Trustees Meeting. Please do not interrupt the business of the meeting. If you have a question that cannot wait, raise your hand and, if possible, the chair will recognize you. Better, see me after the meeting and I will be pleased to answer any of your questions. The intent of this message is not to exclude anyone, but to facilitate the meetings, and more work to be accomplished by the Staff and/or the Board of Trustees.

While I am on the subject of etiquette, I have another request of the membership. Our 4th Avenue office is a place of business, not a membership lounge. If you have business with Bobbie or myself, you are more than welcome. Even if you just want to see the office, feel free to drop by. But please do not use the office as a "hang out", as this disrupts the normal business of the museum and does not permit our office staff to function at maximum efficiency. Remember, **YOU** pay these people to work for US.

I hope the forgoing paragraph does not offend anyone, as it is not pointed at anyone in particular, it is intended to head off what I have noticed as a growing problem.

Big News this month. The long awaited acquisition of the ALCO MRS-1 from Vandenberg Air Force Base has become a reality. Thanks to the diligence of Bill Neidrich who bird-dogged this big baby until finally he got the OK from the salvage people, we are now planning the movement of this locomotive to Campo.

We are also making arrangements to purchase a Baldwin AS 616 from a dealer in Oregon. For those of you who are mechanical buffs, this locomotive has roller bearings AND Dynamic Brakes! We have yet to confirm transportation arrangements, and we are still raising funds to acquire this rare piece. It was Oregon and Northwestern No. 1, and was built as

Baldwin (BLH) Demonstrator 1601. This locomotive should be a great asset to our mountain railroad. According to my sources, it has been stored serviceable since 1985, and was started in February, 1990 for possible lease, and found to be in good operating order, but the lease was not completed and the unit was returned to storage.

Our long-awaited Turntable has arrived in San Diego! We certainly owe Santa Fe a big Thanks for all their assistance in loading at Fresno, and for a No Charge move to San Diego! The turntable is now in the SDIV yard behind the trolley building awaiting shipment to Campo. It can be seen from the Harbor Drive bridge over the Santa Fe tracks.

We are in the planning stages of a special trip from Tijuana to Tecate and return on New Year's Day. This trip is expected to run with our passenger cars and SDIV Power. If you were not able to rider either of the "Great Freight" trains, here's your chance to see and ride the line, including the famed Redondo Loop. Ticket prices and departure times will be announced in the *Report*.

We are also running a special train to Miller Creek for the Wives and children of the men deployed to Operation "Desert Shield" in the Persian Gulf. There will be no charge to these folks, and the train will run before our regular Noon train. Expected date: November 17, Departure at 10:00 AM. If you would like to be a Trainman or Docent on this special train, Call Mike Retz at 466-8808. Lets show these folks we are proud of their Men!

Quarterly Meeting Subject: Railroad Stations of Southern California

Southern California is home to more than 100 buildings that are or were Railroad depots. They represent a wide variety of age, architecture, size and condition. In this talk a general history of bringing the Railroad to Southern California will be pursued. The core of the talk is the historical and contemporary photos of several dozen of the most interesting depots in the are from San Lusi Obispo to the boarders of Mexico and Arizona. Some buildings that are threatened by neglect and vandalism will be highlighted. The take will conclude with a few comments on the function of past Railroads in Southern California. Speaker James Price is the author of Railroad Stations of San Diego County. Book signing follows talk.

Library Finds

Roy Pickering

We have found a number of interesting items while cataloging the SD&A collection. The following is a sample.

A full set of plans for the 400-449 series SD Electric trolley cars class 5 1923.

Roadway completion report #33-12 Date 6/18/32 for the construction of the Goat Canyon Trestle "Bridge 102-A" and Tunnel #15. Work began 3/27/32 and was turned over to operations 2/4/33. Tunnel #15 cost \$30,615.89 Bridge 102A Cost \$78,866.71 total cost was \$172,014.76.

Fire protection was installed 6/1/36 at a cost of \$4,419.08 on Bridge 102-A

Road Completion Report 33-102 date 1/19/33 purchase M59 Fairmont motor car for inspection of gorge. Construct rail fire engine consisting of Ford Truck equipped with flanged wheels and carrying 200 gallon tank. Construction of 500 gallon tank trailer or a push car. Ford Model AA 4 cylinder 131 1/2 chassis with one extra headlight, no fenders, tires, speedometer or steering wheel. Cost 467. Total Cost 1889.66.

Library Hours, Tuesday 7-10, Saturday 10-4

Purchase Order numbers 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's volunteer of the month will be announced in the December *Hot Scoop*.

Calendar

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/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
Saftey..... Louis Wolfgang	428-0691

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

Time Card

Num. Hours	Project Description	Project Leader