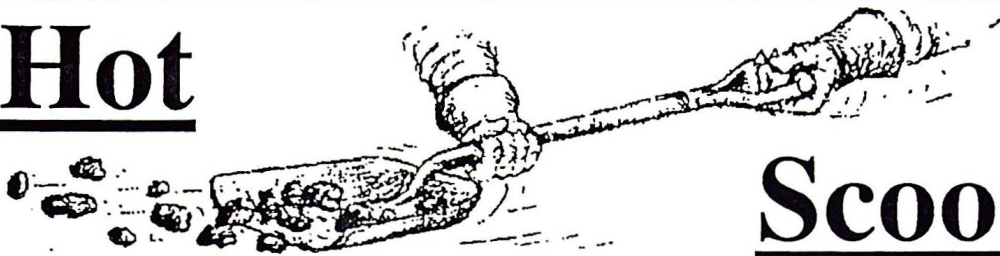


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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSEUM OPERATIONS - Barney Barnier

Railfair Update: Due to the diligence of **CHARLES ALBAN** the Santa Maria Valley # 9 was able to perform at Railfair '91. As you read here last month, the rear gearbox casting broke during loading, and we were afraid we would only be a static exhibit at Sacramento. We removed the gearbox, and Charles was able to find a machine shop and a welder to make repairs. \$800.00 later we air freighted the parts to Sacramento and **HARRY HURRY** and I were able to install the gearbox and be operational by Saturday morning, May 4th. We started out way back in the corner behind the Roundhouse along with several small steam engines. Harry referred to this location as "cute corner," but later we were moved out with the "big kids." We were parked at the north end of the passenger station right across from the Big Union Pacific Locomotives 844 and 3985, both of which were under steam for the whole 10 days. During display hours, the little railbus always had a crowd around her, and we would jack her up and turn around, much to the delight of the fans. At the end of the Railfair, we loaded our little railbus back on the trailer for the long trip home. We left Sacramento Monday morning the 13th at a little after 7, and arrived in San Diego at 10 PM. On Tuesday, I returned our little jewel to Campo. I would like to thank **DENBY JONES** again for the loan of his big truck, for without it this trip would not have been possible. I would also like to thank all of the folks who came by at railfair to help out with the staffing. I wish we had taken down all the names, but you know who you are. Thank you very much.

CAMPO UPDATE: Thanks to **WALLY BARBER**, our east lead is now all bolted together, and with the addition of 29 tie plates and some spikes, will be ready for ballasting, leveling, **AND USE!**

ACQUISITION UPDATE: Our two new engines, the exDODX flatcar and the Northwestern Pacific tank car from SDIV are still awaiting a move to Campo. The SDIV has assured me that they will move soon.

WILD WEST DAYS AT CAMPO: Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend saw lots of folks enjoying the annual "Wild West Days" at Campo. The crowd was shuttled from the Stone Store to the Museum by our shuttle train and many rode the Miller Creek train. It appeared that a good time was had by all.

Please remember our OPEN HOUSE / BARBECUE on June 15th. We need all the folks we can get to show our Museum to the Public, and to show them what we do, and how THEY can help. Each department will be demonstrating their skills, so come out and participate! We will even lay some track! If you are able to help with cleanup, come out on June 8th, and we will make the place look spiffy!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

After our fine showing at Ralifair '91 in Sacramento, We had to have two Men-of-the-Month. HARRY HURRY and CHARLES ALBAN both put in so much to make the Railbus project work, I felt they should share the honor. Harry took two weeks off work and stayed with the railbus every day, and Charles was able to get the gearbox repaired and shipped in short order. Thanks Guys!

JUNE 15th BARBECUE

Reservations are now coming into the office for our upcoming barbecue on June 15th. I am in need of some volunteers to help with selling ice cream and soda as well as trash patrols, parking attendants, ticket sales and information booth, set up, clean up and etc. Anyone interested please give me a call at the office as soon as possible. Time is growing really short and with the office move coming up again I need all my ducks in a row ASAP.

Because the Boulevard/Jacumba and Campo Kiwanis are providing the barbecue as a fund raiser for themselves (they provide scholarships for deserving youths of the community) we are asking that all volunteers working the day of the barbecue pay \$7.50 for their lunch. That is exactly what we are paying with nothing going to the Museum. We wish the Museum were in a financial position to pay for lunch, but unfortunately at this time we are not, so we hope all of you will understand.

Don't forget about the track clearing work party on June 8th. It's really important we get this completed. Call me at the office no later than 12:00 pm on June 5th. I must have the head count in for your lunch by then. Hope to hear from a lot of you in the next few days.

Thanks,
Bobbie

Wanted: ONE RAILROAD BULL

Must be prepared to chase hobos, tramps, and bums from environs of SD&A yards at Campo, California on June 15, 1991. May also be pressed into service in pursuit of border bandits known to be lurking in the vicinity of Miller Creek. Irascible and pugnacious personality helpful. No experience necessary, will train (no pun intended). Apply Superintendent of Interpretation Department. Phone 447-3297 or 544-5875 ASAP. Training begins this week.

Wanted: ASSORTED HOBOS, TRAMPS, AND BUMS (ersatz)

To populate up-and-coming hobo jungle at Campo, California, on June 15, 1991. Limitless opportunities for travel. Explain to passersby the lure and dangers of the rails. No experience necessary. Help in developing persona, backstory and costume will be provided during briefing. Age and gender no limitation. Apply Superintendent of Interpretation Department. Phone 447-3297 or 544-5875 ASAP. Background briefing this week.

**Trainman/Guide Course
and General Enrichment Session for Any Active Volunteer**

THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND of the SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA RAILWAY is the topic for this dynamite class taught by Bruce Semelsberger, Director of Research for the Museum. Newly discovered information as well as basic facts on the "Impossible Railroad" (also known as the Slow Dirty & Agrivatin') will be presented. Wednesday, June 19, 7:00 p.m. at the Museum Library unless the move of that facility is under way. This is a necessary completion class for move of that facility is under way. This is a necessary completion class for Trainmen/Guides but is of broader interest to anyone involved in our demonstration train operations for fascinated with the railroad of San Diego County. This is also the next opportunity for those ready to become active volunteers and begin training. Call Rich Borstadt (447-3297) or the Museum office number (595-3030) to confirm location as the date gets closer.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF 1991

Join us to keep up with the latest developments in the Museum and San Diego Railroading. The special topic on the agenda is Santa Fe's Plan for the San Diego area, including changes in their yards. The meeting convenes at 7:00 p.m. in the SDG&E Auditorium (1st and Ash, downtown) on Friday, June 21st. Refreshments will

be served.

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CLOVER FLAT WATER TOWER

The original SD&A Clover Flat water tower, which once stood at Miller Creek, appears to have been located and may be destined for the Museum. The 30,000 gallon tank was built of redwood and oregon pine at a cost of \$3453.51 to the SD&A. An Industrial Archeology Team is needed to survey its condition, research its past, develop a Usage Plan and prepare a restoration Feasibility Study. Interested parties should contract Interpretation Superintendent Rich Borstadt to join the effort. Special talents are not required. We can, however, make use of someone with knowledge and experience as a cooper (one who makes and repairs wooden water containers, such as barrels). If you have that skill or know of someone we can recruit who has, please get in touch. (447-3297 or 544-5875).

THE SAFETY CORNER - Lew Wolfgang HELP WANTED

As most of you know, the Museum has an obligation to provide fire protection for our Demonstration Trains during the fire season, starting July 1. Well, the fire season is upon us and we are experiencing a critical lack of speeder crew members and operators. If you are currently qualified for either position please contact the Crew Caller, George Boggs, at (619) 789-4210 to indicate your availability. This is a critical problem, as the potential exists for having our operations shut down if fire protection is not provided.

For those of you who may not know what is involved with fire protection, here is a brief description:

A speeder towing a trailer follows the Demonstration train by five or so minutes looking out for brush fires started by sparks or cigarettes. The trailer contains a water tank with a pump and hose to be used to rapidly extinguish any fires encountered. The speeder runs around the train at Miller Creek after the locomotive has swapped ends, and then follows the train back to Campo. Additionally, a track inspection may be called for on Saturday mornings before the noon train departure.

Personally speaking, there are few things in life as satisfying, exciting and downright fun than riding a speeder. I would be volunteering every weekend if time and wife permitted.

You are probably asking yourself: Gee whiz, how can I have some of this fun too! Glad you asked. Give me a call at 553-3106 days, or 428-0691 evenings and I will arrange with John Mercer to give you the Operations Orientation Class in June at Campo. The dates are tentative at this time, so please give me a call.

Thanks for your support,
Lew Wolfgang

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Campo Car Shop.....Jim Callahan	478-9917
Campo Caretaker.....Tom Wood	478-5301
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Director of Museum Ops.....Barney Barnier	271-1197
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Mechanical Dept.....Mike Reading	277-5168
Operations Dept.....Mike Reneau	466-5402
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Administration Dept.....Harry Doering	465-7261
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Steam Department.....Robin Becker	943-7161
Safety Officer.....Lew Wolfgang	553-3106

Facilities meeting first Friday of each month. DON GETZ

Interpretive Committee, last Friday of each month. RICH BORSTADT

Steam Work Day, third Saturday of each month. ROBIN BECKER

Steam meeting, Thursday preceding Saturday work day.

Operations meeting, second Friday of each month. MIKE RENEAU

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SDRM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00am Library Work Day Train Crew
2 Train Crew	3 6:30pm Staff Meeting	4 7:00pm Library Work Day	5	6	7 6:30pm Facilities Meeting	8 9:00am TRACK CLEARING WORK PARTY 10:00am Library Work Day Train Crew
9 Train Crew	10 6:00pm MOVE OFFICE 7:00pm Mechanical Department	11 6:00pm MOVE OFFICE 7:00pm Library Work Day	12 6:00pm MOVE OFFICE	13 7:00pm Steam Team Meeting	14 7:00pm Operations Dept. Meeting	15 9:30am Steam Work Day 9:30am MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE/ BARBECUE Train Crew
16 Train Crew	17 6:30pm Staff Meeting	18 7:00pm Library Work Day	19 7:00pm Trainman/Guide class-SD&A History	20	21 7:00pm Second Quarterly Meeting-SDG&E	22 10:00am Library Work Day Train Crew
23 Train Crew	24	25 4:00pm HOT SCOOP SUBMISSION DEADLINE 7:00pm Library Work Day	26	27	28	29 10:00am Library Work Day 10:00am Interpretation Department-Campo Train Crew
30 Train Crew						

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Project Leader

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