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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Denby Jones

The other night I received a phone call from one of the Museum members, and during the conversation he stated, "Well, I don't even know you. I know nothing about you." I have worked with this man for three years at Campo, and was involved with him in another group before that. Now I am wondering how many people at Campo are also "unknown."

Well, let me break the ice. My name is Denby Jones. I am 52 and have been married to my wife Jean for 32 of those 52 years. We have two sons: Rick, 32; and Kelly, 31. I work at General Dynamics Convair as a Facilities Specialist in the Maintenance department. My friends at Campo say I "carry a lot of weight" (those who know me will understand the quotation marks), and will tackle almost any project. I have been with the Museum for about three years, am interested in all facets of the Museum, but have been primarily working in the areas of Steam, Operations, and Mechanical. I have enjoyed every minute of the time we have spent at Campo.

My wife Jean is actively involved in the restoration of the Private Car Carriso Gorge and is trying to set up activities to bring more wives to Campo Operations. Both Jeanie and myself will be spending a considerable amount of time out there. I hope to eliminate the "unknowns" and get to know you all. See you at Campo.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - THANK YOU !!!

In this issue for the HOT SCOOP I would like to extend my personal thanks, and the thanks of the Museum to a very special gentleman.

Bill Niedrich, Life Member number 42, and former Board of Trustees member, has spent untold hours driving the width and breadth of this state searching for and acquiring equipment and material for the Museum. He has located and followed up on everything from lubrication oil and anti-freeze to locomotives. I do not have the room in this publication to list all of Bill's accomplishments, but a partial list would include locomotives 1809, 1820, 2104, the 44 tonner, and the DODX flat car. He has initiated work on a pressurized tank car, and two more DODX flat cars from Yermo loaded with spares such as six wheel trucks, couplers, etc. He is also responsible for acquiring the loader and most recently the barrels of lube oil and anti-freeze, which saved the Museum almost a thousand dollars.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - *Continued*

When he is not on the road, he can usually be found at Campo cheerfully assisting with whatever needs to be done.

Thank You Bill, from myself and the rest of the Museum. Without your expertise and diligence we could not have progressed nearly as far as we have. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by all.

VOLUNTEER NEWS & ACTIVITY***Denby Jones***

It was with deep regret that I recently accepted the resignation of Charles Alban as Superintendent of Public Benefit. Charles has developed a deepening interest in restoration, and would like to further pursue those interests. Thank you Charles, for the time and effort you have put into your department. It is appreciated by all.

MACHINE SHOP CLEAN-UP/RESTORATION***Ted Kornweibel***

ATTENTION ALL ACTIVE WORKERS AT CAMPO: Norm Hill, Steve Wade, and Charles Alban are spearheading the transformation of the car barn's interior. The machine shop is beginning to look like a machine shop. Some items that were neither "machine shop" nor tagged have been temporarily moved to the exterior of the car shops. Other larger pieces have already been moved to the "back forty," including surplus shelving and cabinets.

PLEASE EXAMINE ALL PARTS, FIXTURES, ETC., AROUND THE EXTERIOR OF THE CAR BARN ASAP. ALSO, WALK THROUGH THE "BACK FORTY" TO IDENTIFY ANY ITEMS YOU WANT WHICH MIGHT BE DAMAGED BY THE WEATHER. IF YOU "STORED" ANYTHING IN THE CAR BARN, ESPECIALLY IN MACHINE SHOP, LOCATE IT NOW OR RISK LOSING IT.

If you find something in the "back forty" that is useful to your Department, like metal shelves or cabinets, claim it.

RAIL POSTAL CAR UPDATE

Denby Jones

This is an update on the progress of the rail postal car. Mr. Macintyre has manufactured new pedestal liners for the trucks, and is busy removing the old ones. When the new liners are installed and the rest of the trucks cleaned up, we will re-assemble the trucks and retruck the car so it can be moved into the barn for further work.

The target date for moving it inside the car barn is the end of November. For further information, contact **Ted Kornweible**, Superintendent of Restoration at (619) 461-0098.

OPERATIONS

Denby Jones

This last weekend there was a seminar given for the Museum by Mr. Ray Crapo. Unfortunately, due to space constraints not everyone could attend. However, some of those who were invited sacrificed their opportunity to attend to ensure that the demonstration train at Campo was properly staffed and operated. I would like to extend my thanks to the crews at Campo this weekend.

A large **THANK YOU** to the dedicated volunteers who contributed their knowledge and expertise to make sure the demonstration trains were operated safely and on schedule. **APPLAUSE** goes to **Dave Slater Tony Neece, Leonard Lovett, Tom Meyer, Roger Clegg, Dave Finney, Jack O'Lexy, Jim Freidlan, and Jim Baker.**

Your diligence was a big factor in allowing this event to happen. I would like to add a special thanks to Jack O'Lexy for finishing the ballast on the east lead, and to the Freidlans for assisting in the gift shop.

TEN SURE WAYS TO SMASH ANY ORGANIZATION

1. Don't come to meetings.
2. If you come, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and the other members.
5. Never accept office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, get rebellious if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, don't attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matters reply you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how it ought to be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, tell the world that the organization is being run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
10. Don't bother about getting new members. Let George do it.

*Taken from "TEN WAYS TO SMASH ANY CHURCH ORGANIZATION" - Author unknown
Contributed by Carol Westover, Volunteer*

My Turn**Kay Carter, Museum Director**

As I get more "on track" with the volunteers at the Campo facility, I have noticed an acute lack of wives and girlfriends around on a Saturday and Sunday afternoon. "After all," you say, "they really have no interest in chipping paint on the reefer car or driving the locomotive to Miller Creek." But I'll bet they are interested in sharing your interests and spending the pleasant Fall days with their husbands and boyfriends. Jeannie Jones and I were discussing just this fact and she has come up with a possible solution that could solve the problem and give the Museum a boost at the same time.

So, men and boys move over! We're inviting the ladies to Campo. You may want to work on the restoration projects underway in the Museum and believe me, there are a wealth of jobs available. But, if that isn't up your alley, we propose that you pick a project (Jeannie and I can help with materials, supplies, etc.) and bring it to Campo to work on. It can be needlework, knitting, crafts, woodwork, Christmas ornaments, any small project that you might have in progress or have wanted to start. Jeannie will set up the lounge in the Car Barn as a work area. Our request is that you consider making at least "two" of each item so we can sell one in the Gift Shop. What a concept! You'll get a jump on your Christmas gifts and the Gift Shop benefits with extra inventory. Even if you've never tried anything like this and hate doing "crafty things", you'll enjoy the conversation and fellowship. Please give it a try and call Jeannie to say you are interested. She can be reached at 279-2419 and would love to hear any ideas you have about group projects, necessary supplies, etc. Let's show the Restoration Department that they're not the only creative ones at the Museum!

The Excursion Committee fundraiser was held on September 28 at the home of Rita and Joel Cloud. Proceeds will be used for restoration of the Mexicali cars. The Committee reports that they raised approximately \$3,000 after expenses for this fund. Special thanks go to Rita and Joel for generously sharing their home with everyone who attended. It was the perfect setting for a Fiesta! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this event a delightful way to spend a Saturday - good food, music, conversation, and lots of fun along with raising a sizable amount of money for a Museum project. Sounds like a perfect combination to me! And by the way, look for some really relaxed friends or members who won the raffle prizes of a romantic evening downtown and a weekend of fun on the Puerto Penasco trip, as well as some really beautiful people who have been coiffed and manicured as a result of the beauty packages!

SPECIAL THANKS DEPARTMENT

This probably falls into the category that "good things happen to the squeaky wheel". (In this case, Bobbie "I'm Always Calm" Ringersma) After much lamenting about our malfunctioning computer, Bill Donovan, Acting Steam Superintendent, generously donated some very capable talent and materials to have it repaired. Thanks so much, Bill, for your assistance. You are the office staff's Knight of the Week!

Our other candidate for Good Guy of the Week is Barney Barnier, who donated the repair service on the office copier. We thank you Mr. Barnier and so does the copier! Hotscoops should be clearly readable these days.

My personal thanks to all of the members who are working so hard in **all areas** of Museum development on projects that are not as visible as, say the railbus, but just as critical. Repairing track, pulling weeds, cleaning up the Car Barn and grounds, and re-organizing the Gift Shop are plain hard work, but members have put countless hours of labor into successfully accomplishing these tasks.

Carol Dyreng has generously volunteered to man the Gift Shop for the month of October due to Diana Woods' resignation and relocation to Yuma. Bobbie Ringersma, Bob Eikel, Carol, Galen and I worked to restock and organize the merchandise. George Boggs has offered to help with updating the inventory. Stop in and say hello to Carol and lend a hand if at all possible. Additionally, Carol's son David will be staying in the trailer for added security until we replace Diana. Thanks to the Dyrengs for their support!

Further thanks go to Corrine Gallagher for giving of her time and talent to help in the office. So far, we've been unable to lure her into a full-time position but we keep hoping. Corrine has been handling phones, ticketing, correspondence, ceiling repairs, and the Fiesta with professional style and grace. We couldn't have done it without her. The office still needs volunteers to help. Bobbie will be leaving on vacation on October 11th through the 28th. The Museum has several trips and activities planned requiring extra help in ticketing and phones. Call 595-3030 if you can help Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Carol Westover is responsible for typing our Hotscoop these days and assisting with minutes, transcribing, etc. She is a computer whiz and we appreciate her willingness to lend a much needed hand.

UPDATE ON BOARD ACTIVITIES

At their meeting of September 24, 1991, the Board of Trustees considered a draft proposal from the Ad Hoc Committee to amend the Bylaws. The amendments were approved in concept with a special board meeting called for October 8th at San Diego Trust and Savings to consider in detail the proposed changes. In summary, the change calls for 9 elected members to serve on the Board along with 12 appointed board members, bringing the total board to 21 and leaving a few seats available for high donors who could be invited to serve as well. A nominating committee was put together consisting of Dale Busch, Randy Gibson, Bob Hinshaw, Denby Jones, Dan Marnell and Mike Retz to consider a slate of members who will run for election and board appointees. The first meeting is scheduled for October 2, 1991 at the office. Results of their recommendations will be brought to the October 8th meeting.

Additionally, upon the recommendation of the superintendent staff, Denby Jones was appointed to replace Barney Barnier as the new Director of Campo Operations.

A draft budget was forwarded to the Board of Trustees from the Superintendents for FY 1992. The budget will be approved in its final format at the regularly scheduled November Board meeting. Superintendents can answer any questions you may have concerning this issue.

The September Retreat is being hailed as a rousing success. Ray Crapo did an outstanding job as leader of the planning process and we did all the work! But, as everyone who attended will attest, we've only just begun. The very next step is to develop quantifiable goals and objectives for the Museum, both long and short term. A meeting was set for September 20th at City College. Unfortunately, lightning and lack of electricity slowed us down. That meeting has now been rescheduled for **Thursday, October 17th at City College** in room C-227 Creative Arts Building at 7:00 P.M. Please mark your calendars and give your input to Staff Superintendents prior to this date.

One thing Mr. Crapo stressed is the appreciation of each person's gifts and recognition of their contributions to the organization. All of us have different talents, different valuable contributions to make to this Museum. As I sat down to write this article, I was amazed at the variety of contributions members are generously making in support of Museum activities. Added together, these abilities can move mountains! Take a bow, one and all.

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MEETINGS

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.	ROBIN BECKER
OPERATIONS MEETING , second Friday of each month.	MIKE RENEAU
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