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Farewell from the Director of Museum Operations - Barney Barnier

At the Staff meeting on Monday, August 26, 1991, **Denby Jones** was officially approved by the Advisory Staff to assume the duties of Director of Museum Operations. I congratulate him, and wish him well in his new position of responsibility. I also know he will do a good job for the Museum Membership, and help to advance the cause of Rail Preservation.

Since this is the last Hot Scoop column I will write before I leave for my new job in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the folks who really ran this Museum that I was given credit for. All you guys and gals who pitched in and took over when departments became vacant, and all of the others who stayed and "hung in there" have helped to move us toward our goal of a first-class OPERATING Railroad Museum. I am especially going to miss all of the wonderful friends I found in Campo each weekend. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness, your help and your encouragement.

I know these are trying times, and there are some folks who are unhappy with the Museum, but as I leave I would ask that we all do our best to work TOGETHER to better our Museum. I have full confidence in our Director, **Kay Carter**, and I firmly believe that she, with the assistance of the Membership and the support of the Board of Trustees, can advance this Museum into it's rightful place as the premier Railroad Museum in this corner of the country.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

My final choice for our Man of the Month goes to **MIKE RETZ**. This fine gentleman has labored long and hard to maintain an excellent trainman program for the Operation at Campo, and I have been very remiss in not recognizing him sooner. Thanks, Mike.

RESTORATION

Ted Kornweibel

Many thanks to restoration loyalists **Steve Wade**, **Charles Alban**, **Norm Hill**, **Jim Hamill**, **Duane Leal**, **Frank Stites**, and **Ted Kornweibel** for erecting weatherproof "doghouses" to cover the heavy FM parts stored on the SD&A flatcar. **Barney Barnier** and **Jack O'Lexey** helped out with the fork-lift. Hopefully the car will leave the car barn soon so that restoration projects can be moved indoors.

Here's a good opportunity for not only the regulars, but also some restoration drop-outs as well as newcomers: The wood Fruit Growers Express reefer, #56415, is 80% stripped and primed. Come out Saturdays to finish stripping, sanding, and priming so that we can put on a fine, permanent finish coat and preserve this 1920's-era jewel from the elements. Some day this car may have an interior interpretive display like the wood reefer at the California Railroad Museum in Sacramento. **Norm Hill** has graciously agreed to superintend this job, and most of you know he and his buddies have done most of the work on it up to this point. This is immediate priority #1; let's get this done in September and October!

Background information on Fruit Growers' Express #56415 from the SDRM Equipment Roster...

A classic wooden "reefer" typical of those used across the nation in the mid-20th century.

Built in 1928. (?)

This Class C refrigerator car has four axles, a steel frame with wood body, and rooftop ice hatches. FGEX # 56415 was used for the shipment of perishable fruits and vegetables throughout the United States. It was rebuilt in 1949 by Fruit Growers' Express.

In 1971 this car was donated to PSRMA by fruit Growers' Express Company.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mike Reneau - Superintendent of Operations

I wish to congratulate all who have taken the Rules Test. So far, we have 23 people who have completed the test. If you need to take the test, please call me or Tom Meyer.

Training Director **Tom Meyer** is planning a brakeman's class starting October 12. If you are interested, call Tom or George Boggs.

In October, two special trips are planned. October 12 is a special to Hi Bridge, and on October 22, a student appreciation day is planned.

Due to the retreat that is planned for September 13-15, the Operations meeting has been canceled until October 11.

See you there!

SACRAMENTO RAIL FAIR

Bob Nickles

In addition to the people mentioned in last month's Hot Scoop who worked hard to make our exhibit a great success, the Museum would also like to thank a few more people. They are: **Jim Baker, Roger Clegg, Denby Jones, Jeanie Jones, Roger Garet, Rich Borstadt and Bob Nickles**. These members made sure there was always someone available to answer questions about the railbus and the San Diego Railroad Museum. They worked many hours to make sure our exhibit was a hit. I must also include they had a lot of fun too. Again, thanks!

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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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SDRM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 6:30pm Special Staff Meeting - Dept. budget 7:00pm Library Work Night - Kettner Blvd.	4	5	6 6:30pm Facilities Meeting - Kettner Blvd.	7 10:00am Library Work Day - Kettner Blvd. Train Crew - Campo
8 Train Crew - Campo	9 6:30pm Staff Meeting - Kettner Blvd.	10 7:00pm Library Work Night - Kettner Blvd.	11	12	13 7:00pm Museum Retreat - 101 Ash Street, San Diego	14 10:00am Library Work Day 9:00pm Museum Retreat - 101 Ash Street Train Crew
15 9:00pm Museum Retreat - 101 Ash Street Train Crew	16 7:00pm Mechanical Dept. Meeting	17 7:00pm Library Work Day - Kettner Blvd.	18 7:00pm New Mem.Orient. -2552 Deerpark-D. Pennick 463-2276	19 7:00pm Trainmen Guide- Rest.&Interp.-Mission of Museum 7:00pm Steam Meeting- 2552 Deerpark-R.Dick 276-2222	20 7:00pm Quarterly Meeting	21 10:30am Tecate Special Train Crew Steam Day
22 Train Crew	23 6:30pm Staff Meeting - Kettner Blvd.	24 7:00pm Library Work Night - Kettner Blvd. 7:30pm Board Meeting- SD Trust & Savings-6th & Broadway	25	26	27 7:00pm Interpretation Dept. Meeting - Kettner Blvd.	28 3:00pm Excursion Committee Fundraiser - "FIESTA !" E. Clampus Vitas Placque Presentation-Campo Train Crew
29 Train Crew	30					