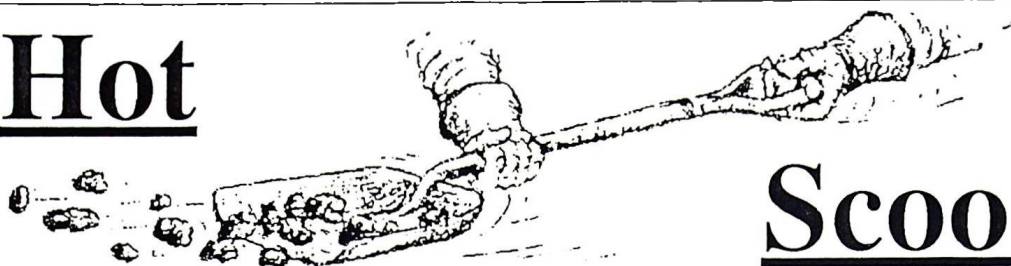


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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Denby Jones*

While we were in the Military, we had the occasion to travel quite a bit, and the one thing we learned rapidly was which service stations or rest stops were "appropriate." The appropriate ones were reasonably clean, fresh, and were reasonably appointed to take care of what services we required.

Usually our first impression was what established whether a stop was appropriate or not.

Well, if I were to decide whether the lounge and restroom area of the barn were "appropriate" this weekend, I am afraid it would be totally out of consideration.

This newsletter is supposed to go out to the people that are doing regular hands on work, as a way of passing on the news, good and bad. And last weekend the lounge area was bad. Dirt and trash on the floor, dirty plates, old papers, trash on the tables, afghans wadded up and laying on the floor covered with cat hair, clothes strewn about, the vanity top and wash basins caked with grease and grime. As for the bathrooms, it was a toss up as to which was cleaner, our bathrooms or the portable toilets. None of us live like that at home, so why at Campo? If a visitor needs to use a restroom during a tour, the car barn is where they are going to go, and the way it looked is definitely not the impression we want to leave.

So, for our own people, and any visitors, lets clean it up and keep it clean. It doesn't have to be "spit shined", but it does need to be presentable, at all times. You don't know who will be the next person to come through the door. So lets all pitch in, put it in shape, and keep it that way. If this offends anyone, I am sorry; but on the other hand if the shoe fits ..... 'nough said.

On the bright side, last weekend was one of the most productive weekends we have had in a long time. Just to give you a short list of the tasks accomplished: Roof repaired on the Perry; Trucks assembled for the Postal Car; radiator replaced on the fork lift; air tanks on the 2104 hammer tested, hydro tested and re-installed; all four air tanks hydro tested on the 1820; unit batteries installed on the 1820; race ways for electrical wiring installed in the barn;

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and major prepwork done on the wooden reefer; plus we received and unloaded two truck loads of ties from Simi. Everyone worked together, helped each other, and the work just flowed. It was a real pleasure to be out there this weekend, and I hope to see many more just like it.

We now have roughly 750 ties on the property and in the next couple of weeks expect to have two more #7 90 lb switches and rail. So break out the liniment, warm up the muscles, because we will soon be laying more track.

Simi valley almost done, basically all that is left is rail. It has been a struggle, but it is worth it.

#1820 is looking like a new machine. **Dave Slater** and his group are doing wonders with this machine. I mentioned earlier that she was quivering just a little, well I do believe they have to keep a 20 pound set on her just to keep her from running off. Seriously, if you have not seen it, take a good look. This is a classic example of what can be done with a lot of determination, hard work, limited funds and a lot of TLC.

#2353 looks like 1176.5. Half of it is missing, and down at **Fraser Boiler**. Talk about progress. The steam team is on the way and determined to meet their goal. And you know what? I think they will. 🐾

'nough for now, see you at Campo,

Denby.

P.S. As of 10:08 pm July 18, 1992 Jeanie and I welcomed our first Grandchild Brianna Noelle Jones. Grandma and Grandpa doing fine.

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OPERATIONS REVIEW

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*Mike Reneau*

As July comes to a close, I am happy to say that Ops. has carried 1,247 people on our Demo train this month. That figure includes 73 kids and adults for School Day. While that figure is less than this time last year, it is still a fair amount of people. When compared with last year's ridership, we are doing fairly well. Last year ridership was 14,748 people from January through July. This year we had 13,794 for the same time frame. While that is 954 fewer people this year, last year figures included 464 for the Bar B Q, and 410 to Tecate.

As far as the cars go, I have some bad news. The Mechanical Department Superintendent has informed Staff that four of the coach cars that we are using have wheels that are at or near the condemnable limit. Three of the coach cars are fixable to the tune of \$1,500 per wheel set, maybe. On the bright side of life, a small group of people have started doing repair work on the Perry. On Saturday, July 26, **Mike Retz**, **Maryanne Thompson**, **Jim Friedlan**, and **Mike Reneau** started sealing the roof, filling the holes to try to stop the leaks inside the car. On Sunday, **Jim** and his son returned to work on the side roofs of the car. Once the roofs are done, plans are to clean and polish the car and try to get the air conditioning and the generator working again. 🐾

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## RESTORATION NEWS

*Ted Kornweibel*

**Painters needed:** Final painting of the FGEX Reefer is set for Saturday, August 8. Lettering begins on Saturday, August 15. Call Ted Kornweibel at 461-0098 if you can help.

Help is also needed for painting of the UP caboose. Again, call Ted if you can help.

**Looking ahead:** The "christening" celebration of the FGEX Reefer and the UP caboose will be held this Fall. This is your last chance to work on these two pieces of equipment and be honored as part of their respective restoration teams. 🚂

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## OERM *Continued*

We regret the tragic loss of irreplaceable historic artifacts and equipment. We're also reminded that we must be prepared for the inevitable brushfires that will (not "may"!) strike at Campo in this year of extremely high fire danger. We need to keep all brush cut back on and near our property, and insure our own fire protection measures and systems are adequate, in place, operable, and understood by all! We must protect our priceless artifacts! 🚒

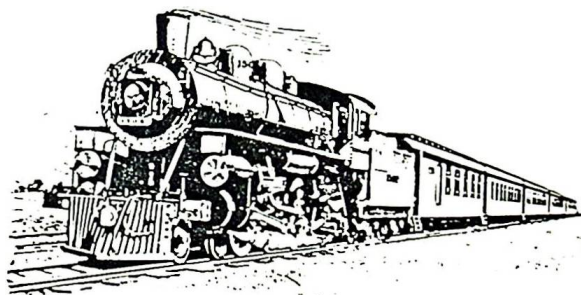
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## FIRE DESTROYS OERM EQUIPMENT

*Bill Schneider*

A fire that broke out on property adjoining the *Orange Empire Railway Museum* at Perris on July 6th and was fueled by high winds, destroyed several pieces of OERM equipment. Lost were eight pieces of rolling stock, several motor vehicles including a double-deck bus, and the entire collection of electrical hardware, including items that were to be used on a crossing site.

Fortunately, the OERM had the foresight and membership support to fund and install a fire prevention system last year, which included water mains and hydrants. These, plus the efforts of the property's northwest portion and prevented more serious losses. There are still some phases of the system not yet completed.



## THE STEAM TEAM UPDATE

Larry Williams

"A picture is worth a thousand words..."

The following picture appeared in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* on Saturday, July 11, 1992, and its caption just about says it all. We're all "steamed up about [our] old engine." The picture and article covered the transportation of 2353's boiler from the Museum grounds at Campo to Fraser Boiler Service in San Diego.

To recap another part of the article, "As the boiler is being restored in San Diego, Williams and the project's "Steam Team" will put in long hours at the museum in Campo to restore the frame, drive gear and tender." Volunteers are still needed for this exciting and historical restoration project. Be a part of the team by calling Larry Williams at 744-4845 or the Museum office, 595-3030. ♫

## Steamed up about old engine

1912 locomotive may again haul passengers in 1994

By MARK ARNER  
Staff Writer

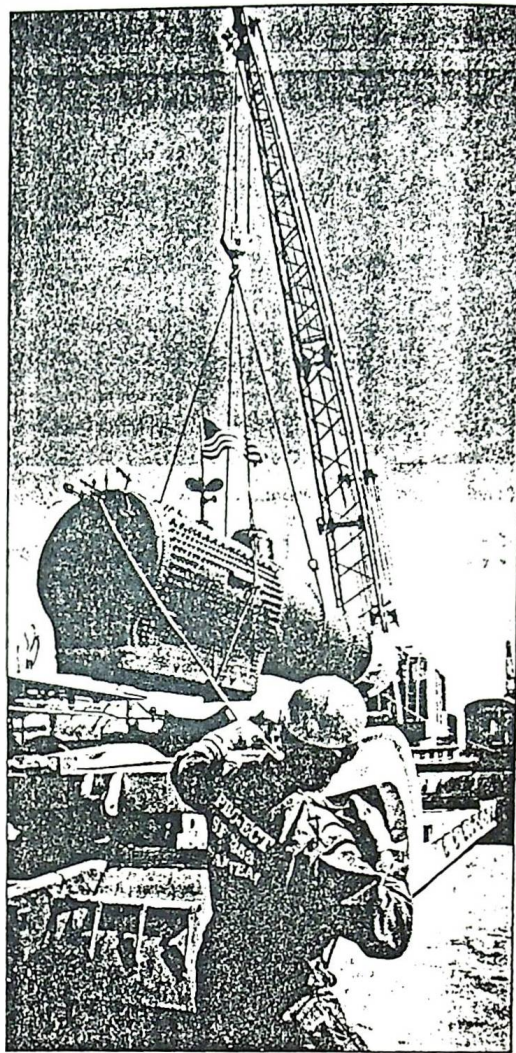
An ambitious plan to get a steam-powered locomotive back on the tracks for the first time in four decades advanced this week at a back-country railroad museum.

Volunteers from the San Diego Railroad Museum watched as a huge crane lifted a 25-ton boiler off Southern Pacific Steam Locomotive No. 2353 and placed it on a truck headed for Fraser Boiler Service in San Diego.

The 31-foot-long, 11-foot-tall, 26-foot-wide boiler is to be restored by Fraser under a \$50,000 contract, which is reportedly half their normal price. In addition, the company required only a \$10,000 down payment on the work, with an understanding that the balance will be due only after the locomotive chugs into life in November 1994 and starts pulling paying passengers.

The project is part of a preparation by museum officials for the 75th anniversary of the completion of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railroad. The line was started in 1906 and completed in 1919 by one of San Diego's pioneers, John D. Spreckels. The "Diamond Jubilee" event will be commemorated in part by the reenactment of the first historic trip on the railroad from San Diego to Campo and beyond.

The locomotive being restored is one of the last steam locomotives to operate on the line. It is commonly referred to as a "10-wheeler," said museum spokeswoman Kay Carter. It was built in 1912, in Philadelphia, by the Baldwin Locomotive Co.



Chugging ahead: Dick Pennick holds tightly to a rope guiding the locomotive's 25-ton boiler onto a trailer.

Larry Williams, a business professor at Palomar College in San Marcos and one of the museum's many volunteers, is coordinating the project. He said the county has not had an operating steam locomotive for more than 40 years.

As the boiler is being restored in San Diego, Williams and the project's "Steam Team" will put in long hours at the museum in Campo to restore the frame, drive gear and tender.

"We are all volunteers who share a love of steam and the common goal of getting this piece of equipment operational again,"

he said. "Steam locomotives are living, breathing vestiges of an important part of our history."

Carter said she is looking for more volunteers to help with the project. Further information may be obtained by calling her at 595-3030.

## FROM THE OFFICE

*Bobbie Ringersma*

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the following volunteers who manned our booth at the Del Mar Fair.

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| B.V. Parks         | Mike Reneau       |
| Chop Kerr          | Maryanne Thompson |
| Gaylen Dyreng      | Ann McVeagh       |
| Carol Dyreng       | Rita Cloud        |
| Harry Doering      | Bill Schneider    |
| Jerry Gillam       | Rene Scheurman    |
| Randy Houk         | Cindy Scheurman   |
| Rich Borstadt      | Mark Landguth     |
| Bruce Semelsberger | Cliff Pennick     |
| Mike Retz          | Roy Pickering     |
| Jack O'Lexey       | Peter Henry       |
| Greg Henry         |                   |

A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Mike Reneau and Jim Hamill for their help in setting up and tearing down the exhibit. These two guys **always** come through for me when I need muscle power and a truck. Thanks again! 🚚

Condolences to Corrine Gallagher on the loss of her husband Jim on June 25, 1992. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim and Corrine have been long time members of the museum. Corrine has served on the Board of Trustees for the last two years as well as working in the office and on the Excursion Committee.

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## Schedule of Events

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| <b>Cost</b>                                                         |        |
| Adult All Day                                                       | \$7.00 |
| Children under 15                                                   | 3.50   |
| Museum Members                                                      | 5.00   |
| Museum Members under 15                                             | 2.50   |
| Above price includes Swap Meet as a buyer or seller and all events. |        |
| <b>Swap Meet only:</b>                                              |        |
| Buyers                                                              | \$2.00 |
| Sellers (bring your own table)                                      | 5.00   |

For more information contact:

Jim Nemitz (619) 281-6928 (Swap Meet Info)

John Rotsart (619) 656-0199 (Film & Contest Info)



## SDRM ADMINISTRATION/CAMPO PHONE NUMBERS

|                                  |                                                   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Museum Phone (Recorded Message)  | 697-7762                                          |
| Business Office                  | Bobbie Ringersma . . . . . 595-3030/FAX: 595-3034 |
| Director of Operations           | Denby Jones . . . . . 279-2419                    |
| Executive Director               | Kay Carter . . . . . 265-7682                     |
| Hot Scoop Articles/Subscriptions | Carol Westover . . . . . 272-3523                 |
| La Mesa Depot                    | 465-8444                                          |
| Campo Depot                      | 478-9937                                          |
| Campo Car Shop                   | 478-9917                                          |
| Campo Caretaker                  | Thomas Lee & Linda Braginton . . . . . 478-9344   |
| Campo Gift Shop                  | George & Nancy Boggs . . . . . 789-4210           |



## DEPARTMENT HEADS

|                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Facilities               | Steve Wade . . . . . 469-8029     |
| Interpretive/Exhibits    | Rich Borstadt . . . . . 447-3297  |
| Mechanical Dept          | Mike Reading . . . . . 277-5168   |
| Ground Support Equipment | Mike Panger . . . . . 263-4439    |
| Museum Library           | Roy Pickering . . . . . 462-3392  |
| Museum Services          | (VACANT)                          |
| Operations Dept          | Mike Reneau . . . . . 466-5402    |
| Track Foreman            | Paul Westover . . . . . 581-3821  |
| Restoration Dept         | Ted Kornweibel . . . . . 461-0098 |
| Safety Officer           | Lew Wolfgang . . . . . 553-3106   |
| Steam Department         | Bill Donovan . . . . . 632-0156   |

# SDRM CALENDAR OF EVENTS



| SUNDAY                                                          | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY                                              | WEDNESDAY                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                                    | FRIDAY                                                                                                | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                     |
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|                                                                 |                          |                                                      |                                                     |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                       | 1<br>8:30 AM<br>- Train Crew<br>10:00 AM<br>- Library - Kettner Bl.<br>12:00 NOON<br>- Restoration Mtg.<br>Car Barn<br>- Steam Team Work Day |
| 2<br>8:30 AM<br>- Train Crew<br>Campo                           | 3                        | 4<br>7:00 PM<br>- Library Work Day -<br>Kettner Bl.  | 5                                                   | 6<br>- Steam Team<br>Work Day                                                                               | 7<br>- Steam Team Work Day                                                                            | 8<br>8:30 AM<br>- Train Crew<br>10:00 AM<br>- Library - Kettner Bl.<br>12:00 NOON<br>- Steam Team Work Day                                   |
| 9<br>8:30 AM<br>- Train Crew<br>Campo<br>- Steam Team Work Day  | 10<br>- Staff<br>Meeting | 11<br>7:00 PM<br>- Library Work Day -<br>Kettner Bl. | 12<br>7:00 PM<br>- Operations<br>Mtg. - Kettner Bl. | 13<br>7:00 PM<br>- Steam Team Mtg.<br>Kettner Bl.<br>- Student<br>Appreciation Day<br>- Steam Team Work Day | 14<br>- Steam Team Work Day                                                                           | 15<br>8:30 AM<br>- Train Crew<br>10:00 AM<br>- Library - Kettner Bl.<br>7:00 PM<br>- Steam Team Work Day                                     |
| 16<br>8:30 AM<br>- Train Crew<br>Campo<br>- Steam Team Work Day | 17                       | 18<br>7:00 PM<br>- Library Work Day<br>Kettner Bl.   | 19                                                  | 20<br>- Steam Team Work Day                                                                                 | 21<br>HOT SCOOP<br>DEADLINE<br>7:00 PM<br>- Interp. Comm. Mtg<br>Kettner Bl.<br>- Steam Team Work Day | 22<br>8:30 AM<br>- Train Crew<br>10:00 AM<br>- Library - Kettner Bl.<br>- Steam Team Work Day                                                |
| 23<br>8:30 AM<br>- Train Crew<br>Campo<br>- Steam Team Work Day | 24<br>- Staff<br>Meeting | 25<br>7:00 PM<br>- Library Work Day<br>Kettner Bl.   | 26                                                  | 27<br>- Steam Team Work Day                                                                                 | 28<br>- Steam Team Work Day                                                                           | 29<br>8:30 AM<br>- Train Crew<br>10:00 AM<br>- Library - Kettner Bl.<br>- Steam Team Work Day                                                |
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Railfest is an annual educational and entertainment event hosted by the San Diego Model Railroad Museum.

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| • Swap Meet     | 7:30 a.m.  | Sellers may set up tables at the museum.                  |
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| • Model Contest | 9:00 a.m.  | Ticket office opens at Prado Theater;                     |
|                 |            | Model and Photo contest setup at Prado Theater.           |
| • Photo Contest | 10:00 a.m. | Film Festival begins at the Prado Theater.                |
|                 | 12:00 noon | Lunch break at theater; swap meet ends at museum.         |
| • Feature Films | 1:15 p.m.  | Film Festival resumes.                                    |
|                 | 4:15 p.m.  | Photo and model contest awards and door prizes presented. |
| • Slide Shows   | 5:15 p.m.  | Railfest '92 ends.                                        |

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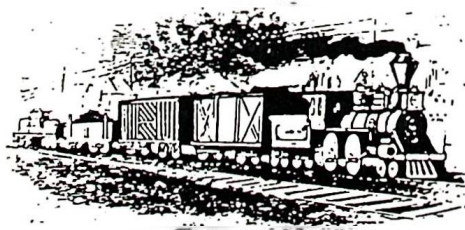
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