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## From the Back Platform

By Diana Hyatt, President

The fourth quarter of every calendar year is typically the busiest and most challenging of them all and this one proved to be no exception. Our two biggest events: Pumpkin Trains and North Pole Limited Trains proved to be a success. Our ridership has not returned to its 2019 levels but earning some viable income for the museum has been a welcome change from 2020.

The Pumpkin Trains for 2021 proved to be quite popular. We operated four trains daily for four weekends during October and carried a total of 2,451 riders who enjoyed the entire Pumpkin Train experience with Halloween themed decorations in: our passenger cars, the Campo Depot and the Display Building, the two car Haunted Train and the Pumpkin Patch.

During 2020, Pumpkin Train ridership was 1,750 and 2019 saw ridership of 2,090. Many thanks to the handful of volunteers who helped prepare, set up and breakdown Halloween including the Hyatts, and workcampers Pablo Martinez, Teresa Gonzalez and Nancy McDonald. In addition to Alana and Aaron Hyatt, Grace Brown and Mariano Curiel were able to assist as scarers on the haunted train. Additional assistance was provided by Glen

Rogers, Jared Black, Kyle Cascadden, Jim Baker and Gabe Zorbas before or during the event.

There were three weekends between the end of Pumpkin Trains (Halloween landed on a Sunday) and the beginning of North Pole Trains, which is never enough time to take down and properly pack away Halloween and unpack and put up Christmas and required multiple weekday Hyatt work parties to get all the work done. Golden State trains were operated on the first Saturday in November with Valley Flyer trains on the first Sunday in November. Valley Flyer trains were scheduled to operate for the second and third weekends of November but due to the lack of crew members available, those two weekends of operations were annulled.

The North Pole Limited 2021 season began the day after Thanksgiving, on Friday, November 26th and went through Saturday, December 18th. During 2020, we attempted daytime Santa Trains, but were quickly shut down by another gubernatorial mandate on December 6, 2020. Ridership was about 67% of 2019's numbers. Notwithstanding, our gross profit for excursion train income during the fourth quarter exceeds \$198,000. After the debacle that was 2020,



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earning substantial revenue that will carry the museum through with its financial obligations for calendar year 2022 is reassuring.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, as many volunteers as I can recall, for their help in making our North Pole Limited train season a success for our organization. Starting with the setting up and operation of the North Pole location itself, which includes the transportation of the North Pole trailer and its interior and exterior requirements: this job has fallen squarely upon the shoulders of Charles Smith who, along with John Shannon, spearheaded this portion of the event for at least twelve years. The passing of John Shannon left more work for Charles who did receive some assistance from Martin Caestecker and Robbie Smith with initial setup. Workcamper Pablo Martinez was able to join Charles at the North Pole with the nightly setup and tear down required all eight nights of the event. Meanwhile, Pablo's wife, Teresa Gonzalez kept the public restrooms at the Campo Depot clean, presentable and clog free—

thank you Teresa! Workcamper Nancy McDonald was on-hand to operate the Campo Depot Gift Shop and volunteer Mark Landguth passed out tickets in the downstairs waiting room for the first four nights of the event. Mark was able to enlist one of our visitors as a member and volunteer, and Lynne Schneider passed out tickets for the last four nights of NPL. The exterior lighting of the Campo Depot and surrounding area was completed by Robbie Smith and Pablo Martinez. The waiting room and gift shop were decorated by Nancy McDonald with some assistance from Diana Hyatt. The six car train was decorated by Diana, Alanna and Ian Hyatt, with some help from Nancy McDonald, Jarod Black and Gabe Zorbas. Online ticketing and ticket issue resolution was handled by Martin Caestecker. Rich Paulus was on-hand all eight nights to ensure the continuity of the Operations personnel and their duties. Timothy and BG Miller as well as Santa Dan Wheeler spearheaded hot cocoa treat bag assembly on a daily basis with additional help from new member Steve Foster

who also assisted the Millers with parking our guests in the parking lot on the last weekend of the event. Ron and Aaron Hyatt were tasked with ensuring the volunteers were fed dinner on Friday night as well as breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturdays. Train crew personnel, listed in Rich Paulus' Operations Report were also crucial and often filled in with other duties as needed. Ron Hyatt was always available for any mechanical or electrical issues, frequently accompanied by Stephen Hager and sometimes Martin Caestecker. Ron Hyatt and Alanna Hyatt could be found driving Santa to the North Pole as well as passing out hot cocoa treat bags to passengers, etc. Bruce Semelsberger and Bruce from the Motor Transport Museum were great additions to the Hobo Camp every night.

All in all, PSRM put on a good show for its visitors and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. With more volunteers next year, we could continue to improve upon our product and we hope to fill all the NPL trains in 2022. Until next time, may your iron always be good iron!



## Board Briefs, October-November 2021

By Stephen Hager, Secretary

### October

The Board held its regular October meeting on the 15th. The directors attending were Diana Hyatt, Martin Caestecker, Stephen Hager, Rob Stebbins, and Ron Hyatt. Board member Mike Edwards joined the meeting telephonically. Vice President-elect Gabriel Zorbas and Treasurer-elect Dave Smith were also in attendance.

Rob reviewed the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement as of September 30th with the Board. He noted that excursion income increased substantially in September due to ticket sales for the Pumpkin Express and North Pole Limited trains. He also presented a comparison of the year-to-date income and expenses against the 2021 budget. Overall, the PSRMA is operating nearly on budget. Rob noted that high expenses for the Operations Department were attributable to MOW work, most of which had wrapped up for 2021.

I gave an update on the Coaster F40PH-2C locomotive acquisition. We are working to iron out an agreement to store the locomotives on tracks owned by the BNSF Railway.

Martin reported that weed clearing on the SD&AE right of way between the Campo Valley and Division

had been completed for \$7,500. Track Foreman James Caestecker received a quote from Quality Sprayers Inc. to spray pre-emergent on the right of way for \$6,860. This spraying must be done during the rainy season, ideally no more than 48 hours before rainfall, in order to effectively prevent future weed growth. The board voted to authorize expenditure in this amount and enter into a contract with QSI to perform this work as soon as rainfall is forecast.

Diana reported that repairs to the cab roof of Mojave Northern #3 Steam Locomotive at La Mesa were complete. She also reported that she met with MTS to discuss the potential land swap in the Campo Valley that was discussed at the previous board meeting. MTS needs time to make a decision, and Diana plans to follow up soon.

The additional epoxy materials for repairs to Bridge 65.27 came out to \$1,023.07 greater than the \$3,000 that the board previously approved to purchase these materials. The board voted to authorize expenditure of this additional amount to purchase the materials.

The Board received a letter from the Friends of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad expressing interest in acquiring

SMVRR Railbus #9. The Railbus was the first piece of equipment that the PSRMA ever owned, and it was also the first piece of equipment to operate on its own wheels at Campo when the organization first constructed the Campo facility in the early 1980s. Given this long history with the PSRMA, the Board does not wish to sell off the Railbus. However, the Board agreed that if the Railbus were ever to be put up for sale, the Friends of the SMVRR would be given the first opportunity to acquire it. The Board discussed a response to the letter, including making an offer to temporarily loan the Railbus to the group.

Back in 2017, the PSRMA received a \$50,000 San Diego County Community Enhancement Grant to purchase a containerized commissary kitchen to install at Campo. This kitchen would be required to meet the county health codes necessary to prepare and serve food for museum visitors during special events in Campo. With an additional \$9,540 from the museum's general fund, a container kitchen was ordered in 2018. Unfortunately, the container manufacturer failed to deliver and the money was returned to the PSRMA earlier this year. After searching for a

new manufacturer, we found that prices had gone up substantially and the previously authorized funds could no longer cover the costs of a fully fitted-out container kitchen. In lieu of this, Diana proposed to purchase a basic container with utilities, doorways, and other appurtenances installed, and then fit it out ourselves as funds become available. Funding for the purchase of the container would come from the previously authorized funds, plus the \$10,000 that was generously donated by Fred Luddy in 2020. The board voted to approve the purchase of the container and allocate the funds as described above.

Board meetings take place on the third Friday of every month, except December, starting at 6:30 PM in the Lakeside Olde Community Church Hall at 12418 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA 92040. All members are welcome to attend.

## **November**

The Board held its regular November meeting on the 19th. The directors attending were Martin Caestecker, Stephen Hager, Rob Stebbins, and Ron Hyatt. Board members Diana Hyatt and Frank Denison joined the meeting telephonically. Vice President-elect Gabriel Zorbas, Treasurer-elect Dave Smith, and volunteer Mark Landguth were also in attendance as guests.

Rob reviewed the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement as of October 31st with the Board. He noted that excursion income in October alone was nearly \$41,000 due to robust Pumpkin Express attendance. The PSRMA's year to date excursion train income was nearly \$110,000. Overall, with donations, memberships, and excursion income, the PSRMA made a net profit in 2021 despite the lingering pandemic effects.

I gave an update on the Coaster F40PH-2C locomotive acquisition. There were some setbacks to the plan for temporarily storing the locomotives. The preferred storage track in Miramar ended up being unusable due to previously unidentified clearance issues, and the BNSF Railway gave the disappointing news that they have a four to six month internal lead time to set up an industrial track agreement with the PSRMA. As of the meeting, the PSRMA was working with the Port of San Diego to lease a track in National City for storage. Delays at BNSF meant that the PSRMA would need to request another extension from NCTD for the current storage arrangement at their Stuart Mesa Yard. While we work to finalize the temporary storage situation, we will be pressing forward with our efforts to get financial support in

Mexico for repairs to Tunnel 3.

Although Director of Museum Services, Jim Lundquist, was unable to attend the meeting, he submitted a request to authorize expenditure of \$50,000 to resume construction of the Mine Train exhibit, including \$10,000 from the Mine Train restricted fund. While the board could not agree to authorize expenditure of \$40,000 from the general fund at that time, it agreed that authorizing expenditure of the restricted funds would be appropriate. The Board voted to authorize expenditure of \$10,000 from the Mine Train restricted fund to purchase additional ties and bolts to continue laying and improving the track for the Mine Train exhibit.

Volunteers recently installed new light poles and LED light fixtures in the Campo Depot parking lot. These new light fixtures are far brighter than the previous ones and Jim suggested purchasing two additional LED light fixtures to replace existing fixtures and improve coverage in the dirt overflow parking lot. The Board previously gave verbal consent to Jim to purchase the additional fixtures and needed to formally authorize the purchase. The Board voted to authorize expenditure of an additional \$800 to purchase two new LED light fixtures for the Campo Depot parking lot.

Years of intense sunlight have caused UV damage to several of the interpretive signs installed around the Campo facility. The Board previously directed Jim to construct shade structures to provide protection for replacement signs. However, Jim researched the costs and found that it was more cost effective to just replace the signs in-kind every 5 to 10 years. Diana reported that there are several grants that have been applied for specifically to pay for replacement signs but the funds cannot be spent prior to the awarding of the grant. The Board elected to hold off on authorizing funds to purchase the replacement signs until the PSRMA receives a grant for this purpose.

At the October Board meeting, the Board authorized funds to hire a contractor to spray pre-emergent herbicide on the SD&AE Right-of-Way (ROW) to prevent new vegetation growth. This treatment is only effective when applied within 48 hours of a rainfall of .25 to .50 inches of rain. Jim requested that the Board authorize additional funds to spray pre-emergent within the grounds of the Campo facility as well. The Board voted to authorize expenditure of \$5,000 to spray pre-emergent on the PSRMA property in addition to already authorized funds for spraying pre-emergent along the ROW.

As the meeting was adjourned, the Board took some time to thank outgoing

Vice President Martin Caestecker and outgoing Treasurer Rob Stebbins for their years of service. Martin and Rob's terms officially end on December 31, 2021. On January 1, 2022, Gabriel Zorbas and Dave Smith will begin their two-year terms as Vice-President and Treasurer respectively.

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## Museum Services and Facilities Report

By Jim Lundquist, Director of Museum Services

As we enter our busy season at the Railway Museum with Pumpkin Trains followed up with North Pole Limited trains, it's a good time to stop and reflect on our efforts. We have multiple volunteers doing a wide variety of jobs, everything

from train crew to putting up decorations to keeping our place clean for our visitors. It is extremely gratifying to me to see so many younger adults volunteering with us. They are the lifeblood of our museum and the ones who will keep us going. I recent-

ly thought of this interesting fact: for 35 years (1916 to 1951) passenger trains operated into or through Campo. Then there was 35 years (1951 to 1986) of no passenger trains in Campo. Since 1986 though today, there have once again been pas-

senger trains in Campo – 35 years! That is truly amazing to see the 35/35/35 years pattern and then stop to realize that next year, in 2022, the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum will be the longest tenure of operating passenger trains in the history of the SD&A/SD&AE. Pretty amazing considering we do ALL of this with volunteers!

I've also been able to spend some time observing our visitors as they come out to Campo and La Mesa. I find it truly rewarding to see the smiling faces as families enjoy the train ride and our exhibits in both Campo and La Mesa. It's these reflections of joy that make my time at the Museum worthwhile. If you have ever considered volunteering with us,

I invite you to join the team. There are a great variety of jobs which require from zero to lots of skill sets. Weekends are our busy times, but many tasks are ongoing throughout the week as well. Please consider this your personal invite. Reach out to

Gabe (volunteer@psrm.org) or myself (jim@psrm.org) to start your adventure. You are also welcomed to call me anytime at 619-417-7059 to volunteer.

In addition to volunteer time, our Museum exists out of the generosity of our members with financial support. We have many worthwhile projects which require financial assistance to accomplish. Projects which need funding can be found at <https://www.psrn.org/>

donate/. Also, as we move forward with developing our master plan, very large donations will be required. If you would like to sponsor a phase of development, please reach out to us and we'll sit down with you to discuss our needs and your desires.

In Museum Services news, Jarod Black will be taking over Memberships from Gabe Zorbas as Gabe becomes our Vice President next year. MANY THANKS to Gabe for his dedicated work in this job. Welcome Jarod.

Finally, we continue to thank our hard working volunteers this past month. As always, we exist because of you.



## Volunteer Report, October 2021

By Gabriel Zorbas, Volunteer Coordinator

The new volunteer hour reporting system is up and running. So far, everyone is doing a great job recording their volunteer hours, I have definitely seen an uptick in reported hours for the month of November!

Remember, not only does reporting your hours allow the museum to provide you with the recognition you deserve, but it also helps us out when we apply for grants!

I would like to thank Jim Baker for all the time he

has spent over the last several years doing the data entry for all the volunteer hours. Without further ado, here are the reported volunteer hours for the month of October:

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Colin Atwood | 27.25 |
| Jim Baker    | 34.5  |

|                   |       |                   |      |                  |      |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Chad Baker        | 14    | Martin Caestecker | 54   | Richard Paulus   | 34   |
| Christopher Baker | 14    | Kyle Cascadden    | 29   | John F Powers    | 4.5  |
| Jarod Black       | 31    | Paul Falk         | 21.5 | Glen Rogers      | 50   |
| Mark Brown        | 35.5  | Stephen Hager     | 98   | David Tomeraasen | 7    |
| Ken Brown         | 23.75 | Ron Hyatt         | 9.5  | Timothy Wamsley  | 7.75 |
| Nathan Brown      | 21.5  | Jim Lundquist     | 80   | Gabriel Zorbas   | 23   |
| Grace Brown       | 21.5  | Michael McIntyre  | 17.5 |                  |      |

#### **All Departments:**

Total Hours – 658.75

Average Hours – 29.94

Most Hours – Stephen Hager, 98 hours

#### **Administration:**

Total Hours – 21

Most Hours – Stephen Hager, 7 hours

#### **Equipment:**

Total Hours – 131

Most Hours – Stephen Hager, 58 Hours

#### **Facilities:**

Total Hours – 75

Most Hours – Glen Rogers, 32 hours

#### **Museum Services:**

Total Hours – 82.5

Most Hours – Jim Lundquist, 42 hours

#### **Operations:**

Total Hours – 349.25

Most Hours – Stephen Hager, 33 hours



## **Have some free time?**

Volunteers are essential to the day-to-day operation of our museum. From the board of directors to the train crew to the mechanical department, thousands of hours are volunteered each year by our 100% volunteer staff. We are ALWAYS looking for more people to help us keep the Museum in good working order.

For more information and how to get involved visit us at

[www.PSRM.org/volunteer](http://www.PSRM.org/volunteer)



## Membership Report, October 2021

By Jarod Black, Membership Coordinator

I want to acknowledge Gabe Zorbas for his hard work and dedication serving as the Membership Coordinator for the past year. The refined database structure and guidelines he devised for this position will make my job easy going forward. As the current Volunteer Coordinator and the incoming PSRMA Vice President for the 2022-2023 term, Gabe's administrative skills and outstanding leadership qualities will continue to prove invaluable to the organization.

As we near the end of the year, our membership continues to grow at a steady rate. We hope to see this trend continue through our busy Holiday Event Season and into 2022.

Current Active Members: 614

Percent Change: +1.3%

### New Members for October

Amelia Anderson

Cathy Jamieson

Leonard Ancona

Avery West

Craig Anderson

Siva Kumar

Barbara Sovich

Dan Bell

William Phillips

Frank Petach



## 2021 Wrap-Up of Library Progress

By Bruce Semelsberger, PSRM archivist

Another year has gone by, and that prompts us to pause and reflect before moving on with new plans and renewed energy. In some ways it was a difficult year with Covid and other issues like the devastating auto accident to volunteer Russel Ray, but it certainly was not exceptional in that regard. Following a recent

tour of the library building for a large group of friends it struck home how much it all has changed over the passing years and even decades. From a motley collection of books and papers and the SD&A "dumpster collection" of documents and maps salvaged under the direction of the late Larry Rose, it has grown into one

of the premier private railroad archives in California. We now occupy almost 5,000 square feet of fire-resistant archival and work space compared to the tiny medical suite in La Mesa donated by Dr. Dan Marnell in the 1980s. The library staffed by Eric Sanders, Roy Pickering and others was sometimes bodily

moved from one donated space to another more than once in a single year!

Dr. Marnell and other Board members fruitlessly pursued a long term home for the library in San Diego for several years. The disappointment at the end of one particular year when the entire collection, much enlarged with records acquired from the San Diego History Center and many private donations, had to be moved into storage for nine long years was bitter indeed. Through all those years the membership, past and present, has steadfastly supported the collections and in 2014 we arrived at last in our current home at Campo. A major expansion since has brought the library/archive to its present state. We occupy a safe and temperature-stable environment (even if it is in the far reaches of the

museum grounds). Our office and work spaces are spacious, well lighted and equipped with modern technology for digital scanning and storage. None of this happened overnight. Each year, including 2021, has brought new advances along with the difficulties. In 2022 we plan to move on, looking for Russel to make a full recovery, continuing to digitize and store the maps and SD&A documents and make them searchable and sorting and storing the thousands of images with the same goal.

Thanks to Jim and Dawn Lundquist, items in the collection are going on display to enhance the museum's mission to entertain and educate the public about the amazing history of rail transportation. The 2021 donation of a full set of SP dining service by Cheryl Lyman is now part of a very nice

exhibit on that general subject. Another new exhibit shows the influence of railroads on popular culture and there is much more to come. Recent finds in our own collections will allow us to reproduce the long missing map of the Cuyamaca Railroad survey through Ramona, Santa Ysabel and Warner's to the desert. We also hope to acquire the San Diego Eastern Railway trunk and documents used by the chief engineer of that never-built railroad to create a really unique exhibit.

Lastly, the volunteer library staff thanks you, the museum members and volunteers, for your continued support and reminds you that there is always room for you in the library for research or to join our happy team and discover the joy of archiving.

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## END MARKERS

by Dr. Daniel Marnell

Robert E. "Bob" Eikel, long-time museum member and former board president, passed away on Wednesday, September 15 at his home in La Jolla.

Bob was born on

April 15, 1940 in Sherman, Texas, the only child of Edwin Eikel and Virginia Durham Eikel. As a child he would look out his bedroom window to see locomotives of the Texas & Pacific Rail-

way running behind the backyard, sparking a lifelong love of trains and railways.

In 1943, his family moved to Houston, where Bob grew up. He graduated

from Lamar High School then studied for two years at Washington and Lee University in Virginia before graduating from the University of Texas in 1962.

One of Bob's friends introduced him to his wife, Mary Althouse, in 1964 when they were both graduate students in Washington, D.C. After Bob served a brief stint in the Army, they married in June 1967 and moved to New York.

Bob and Mary relocated to San Diego in 1970 for a temporary work assignment but soon realized they did not want to move back to New York and thus became permanent residents, living in La Jolla for forty more years while Mary practiced law and Bob developed a number of residential communities throughout San Diego County.

Bob soon discovered the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum and immediately joined the organization. Before too long he became a board member and subsequently was elected to the presidency in 1987.

Bob presided at a time when the museum was undergoing dramatic expansion. The Campo site had

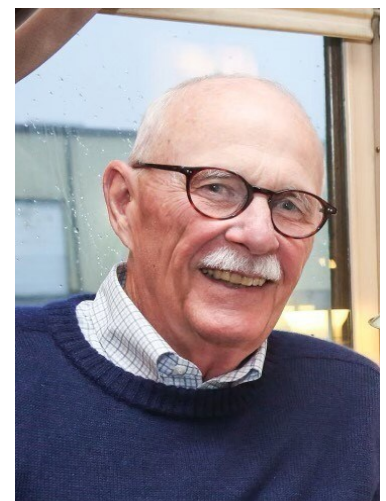
recently been acquired and the "Great Freight" had just been run. Membership rapidly increased, fundraising came into focus, restoration was undertaken with renewed vigor, and the downtown Santa Fe depot had been identified as an urban site to better market the museum. An executive director was hired for the first time and museum members were galvanized into preparing for a Railfair that was held in 1988 at the Santa Fe yard at Wright Street; Bob's persuasiveness came in handy here. The event participants included the California State Railroad Museum, Amtrak, the Santa Fe Railroad, the Metropolitan Transit Board (now known as the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System or MTS), the San Diego Trolley Museum, and the San Diego Model Railroad Museum among others. The highlight of the event was the museum's Shay locomotive, which shuttled back and forth under steam power on a track in the yards. Bob stepped aside in the years that followed but always kept the museum close to his heart.

Always a railfan, he took to traveling far and

wide to ride trains and photograph steam locomotives. This included trips to Wales, Canada, and Inner Mongolia. He often chartered private railcars for trips to Los Angeles and elsewhere.

He was for many years a faithful member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Hillcrest and later Saint James By-the-Sea in La Jolla. He was gregarious and talkative, and many friends remember his wit and humor. He was always curious to learn about new subjects and new people, and his acquaintances quickly became his friends. Above all, Bob was generous to his family, friends, neighbors, and community. He was well aware of his many blessings and shared them freely.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary, his children Catherine and Robert and six grandchildren.





# The PSRM Invites You to our Volunteer Orientation!

The Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association invites you to the next volunteer orientation!

The orientation is open to any and all who are interested in volunteering with the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. The only prerequisite for volunteering is a current, active membership.

The orientation will be held inside the waiting room of the Campo Depot, located at **750 Depot St, Campo, CA 91906.**

The orientation will last approximately 4 hours and lunch will be provided!

Attendance size is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot ASAP by sending an email to [Volunteer@psrm.org](mailto:Volunteer@psrm.org)

## Dates for our Orientation!

Sunday, January 23rd, 2022

Sunday, March 20th, 2022



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# Operations Volunteers for October-November 2021

Rich Paulus, Chief Operations Officer

## October

### Train Service

Those who are certified/qualified crew members and speeder operators/crew who have helped us run 8 Golden State trains, 1 Sunset Special, and 32 Pumpkin Express trains over the month, and the number of days they have volunteered:

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Colin Atwood      | 3 |
| Jim Baker         | 2 |
| Jarod Black       | 3 |
| Ken Brown         | 3 |
| Mark Brown        | 4 |
| Nathan Brown      | 3 |
| James Caestecker  | 1 |
| Martin Caestecker | 3 |
| Kyle Cascadden    | 4 |
| Stephen Hager     | 4 |
| Randy Houk        | 1 |
| Diana Hyatt       | 1 |
| Ron Hyatt         | 1 |
| Jim Lundquist     | 1 |
| Mike McIntyre     | 2 |
| Shaine Neale      | 4 |
| Rich Paulus       | 2 |
| Glen Rogers       | 2 |
| Rob Stebbins      | 3 |

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Tim Wamsley | 1 |
| Gabe Zorbas | 3 |

### Docent

These are the volunteers who have been docents aboard our trains this period:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Bruce Deck | 1 |
|------------|---|

### MOS

Maintenance of signal volunteers who conducted electrical and mechanical maintenance and testing of highway crossing signal systems this month:

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Chad Baker        | 2 |
| Christopher Baker | 1 |

This totals to 55 volunteer-days in Operations in October 2021.

## November

### Train Service

Those who are certified/qualified crew members and speeder operators/crew who have helped us run 4 Golden State trains and 4 North Pole Limited trains over the month, and the number of days they have volunteered:

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Jarod Black         | 3 |
| Ken Brown           | 3 |
| Mark Brown          | 1 |
| Nathan Brown        | 1 |
| James Caestecker    | 1 |
| John Cenker         | 2 |
| Travus Clark        | 2 |
| Stephen Hager       | 1 |
| Christian Mergliano | 2 |
| Dave Smith          | 2 |
| Gabe Zorbas         | 1 |

### Yard Switching

These are the volunteers who have worked in PSRM yards this period:

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Martin Caestecker | 1 |
| Stephen Hager     | 1 |

### MOW

Maintenance of way volunteers who have assisted Roadmaster Glen Rogers and Track Foreman James Caestecker in maintaining tracks and right-of-way this period:

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Jim Baker        | 1 |
| James Caestecker | 3 |
| Travus Clark     | 1 |

|              |   |                                                                  |   |
|--------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Rich Paulus  | 1 | Gabe Zorbas                                                      | 2 |
| Frank Petach | 2 |                                                                  |   |
| Glen Rogers  | 3 | This totals to 34 volunteer-days in Operations in November 2021. |   |



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