

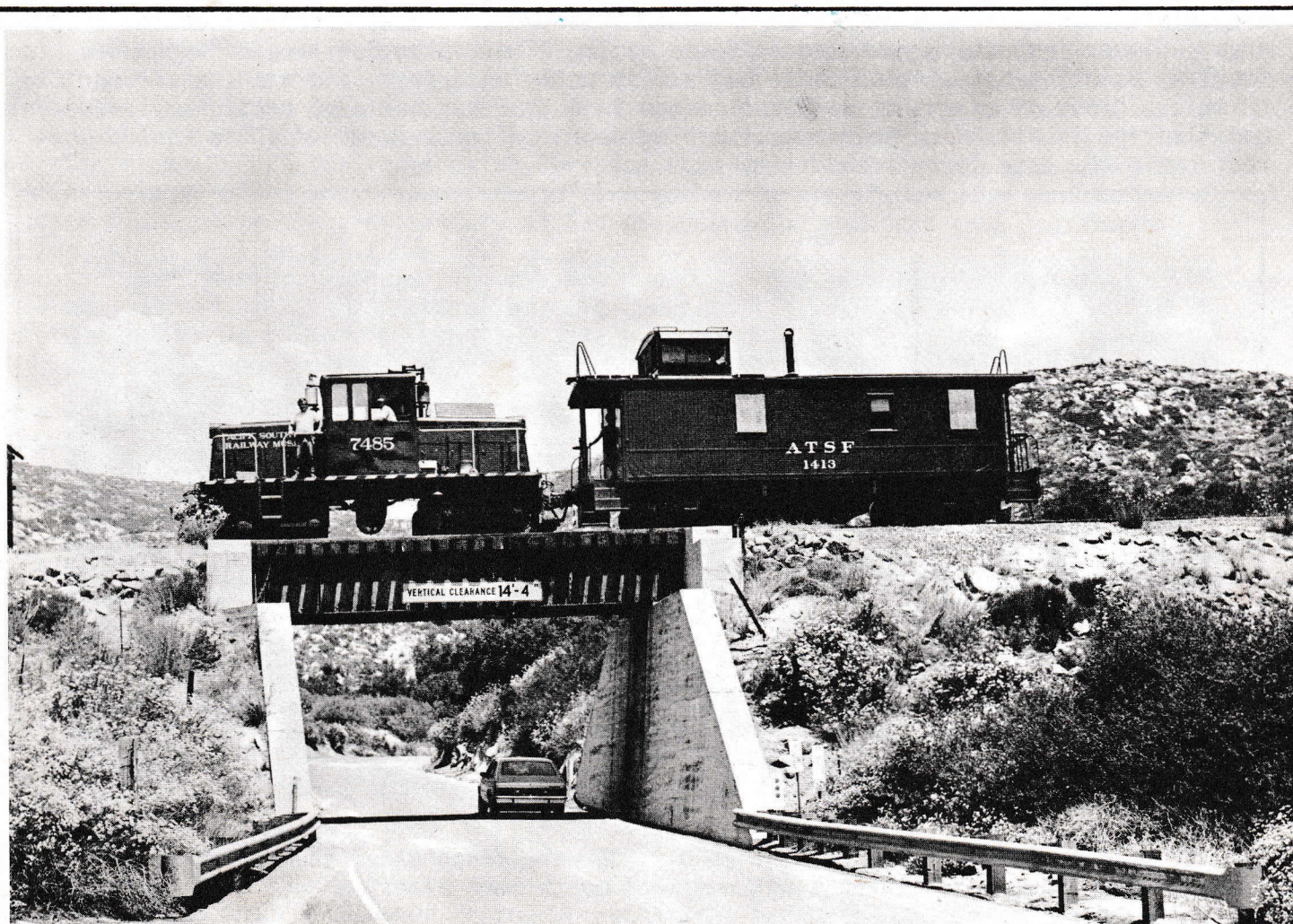


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PSRM CABOOSE HOP ON SD&AE

If you travel the 43 miles on Highway 94 from the La Mesa Depot to our museum at Campo, you will pass under the SD&AE Railway about four miles from PSRM. With euphoria still high from the "Great Freight" move in August, we couldn't resist publishing this shot of the Highway 94 bridge on the cover of REPORT. The museum switcher, with our old wooden shack in tow, paused for this photo by Larry Rose as it rolled south to pick up the last of the museum cars at Tecate on August 7, 1983. With this portion of the SD&AE now up for abandonment, this bridge, built in 1915, could some day be decorated with the PSRMA logo. Isn't that an exciting idea!

SANTA FE DONATES "CHIEF" REEFER

PSRMA has long been looking for a steel refrigerator car, preferably an old Santa Fe name train billboard car with original roof walk and ladders intact. This has been a tough hunt as mechanical reefers long ago replaced the old ice reefers with the old famous train slogans. The few left have been in maintenance of way service, where they have been cut up with special modifications and repainted. We have long hoped that somewhere, on a lonely siding, one of these cars would turn up still in original condition.

Finding a needle in a haystack like this requires almost full time observations of freight yards and obscure sidings where M of W equipment is stored. Fortunately, PSRMA has someone in an ideal situation to do exactly this. S. P. engineer Ron Kinum works in Colton Yard and has been regularly snooping around the nooks and crannies of other rail yards in the San Bernardino area where he lives.

One day Ron was making his usual rounds when he spotted a grimy specimen with great possibilities hidden in a string of MW boxcars and gons in Santa Fe's San Berdoo shop area. Closer inspection revealed a "Route of The Chief" plug door reefer unchanged since its last painting date in 1957. It had a fish belly underframe and was stencilled "Class RR-19", a group of cars that we found listed in a 1927 Car Builders Dictionary! The only modification in all those years was the plug door, an improvement added to most older reefers in the late forty's and fifty's.



The original reporting marks of SFRD 21335 were found under the MW lettering on PSRMA's latest acquisition by Ron Kinum last month soon after he took this picture at San Berdoo.

Ron contacted the museum right away and asked for permission to investigate the availability of the car himself. Not long after Ron was told to "go for it", a letter arrived from the Santa Fe announcing that car 205073 was to be donated to PSRMA, the transfer to be made as soon as company stores of the ATSF bridges and buildings department could be taken out of it. In addition, there was to be a bonus item loaded on board before rolling the car south.

A few months ago, in a response to an inquiry by Museum President Jim Lundquist, Santa Fe told us they had found a complete semaphore signal in Texas that they would send to us soon. When it arrives, they will now load it in the "Chief" reefer for the

last leg of its journey to San Diego. All right! Santa Fe all the way!!

The refrigerator car and semaphore, while once common, are now quite rare and are important additions to the museum collection. Many thanks to Santa Fe and the sharp eyed Ron Kinum for securing them for PSRMA.

PSRM Library Moves to La Mesa

Prime office space in La Mesa has been secured for the museum library rent free for at least two years. Our globe trotting steam chaser Dr. Dan Marnell announced the good news last month and the museum book worms, led by P. Allen Copeland, have already started moving our large collection of railroad paper artifacts, maps, books and photographs.

A three room office suite only a mile from our La Mesa Depot has been donated for our use by Dr. Robert Rubenstein M.D., who heads Ophthalmology Associates of San Diego and the California Eye Care Plan at 6367 Alvarado Court in San Diego with offices also in National City, El Cajon and Mira Mesa. Getting commercial space like this for free is the latest in a series of good fortune occurrences for a museum association that has been on an unprecedented roll as of late. Dr. Rubenstein has given a tremendous boost to this part of the museum program that will now start to move as never before.

The PSRMA Library Committee will begin to catalog and organize the collection as soon as it is retrieved from a rented storage locker in El Cajon, from Allen Copeland's garage, from Larry Rose's garage and from our wooden refrigerator car at the La Mesa Depot. Larry and Allen have been tapping into the museum paper collection to illustrate articles in REPORT for years mainly because they were the only ones who knew where to find things. Once the treasure house is together in one place and organized, other members can explore the rich history of San Diego and Southwestern area railroading as finding things will be a lot easier.

Roy Pickering is organizing the newspaper and periodical clippings about PSRMA and area railroading. If you see an article about rail transit or anything about railroading in newspaper or elsewhere send it to Roy with dates, source and all pertinent data, and don't assume someone else has already done it, that is usually not the case. Send your clippings to Roy at 5350 Baltimore Dr., #55, La Mesa CA 92041.

All members who would like to join the Library Committee are encouraged to call General Manager Larry Rose (619-469-3064). All that is required is a love of railroad history and the patience of a master detective. Cross referencing the collection should turn up a few surprises as much of the material has never been processed, especially the SD&AE "Dumpster Collection", a bunch of "trash" that has already produced an original plan and contents inventory of our La Mesa Depot dated 1920. The serious sifting effort that will now get underway is sure to turn up some more fascinating information, so why not volunteer for cataloging duty with the PSRMA book worms? Call now!

PUBLIC TV TO AIR RAIL PROGRAMS

Another railway travel documentary on public television is being sponsored by Dr. Dan Marnell of the Alvarado Dermatology Clinic on behalf of PSRMA. This time, its a six part series on the "Great Little Railways of The World". The series starts Friday, December 16th at 9:30 p.m. on KPBS Channel 15 locally. It will repeat on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. As with the first railway documentary that Dan sponsored earlier this year, PSRMA's logo will be flashed on the screen at the beginning and end of each episode.

This is a BBC production, as was the series on the longer railroad trips, so it is assured to be a first class show. All you video recorder owners make sure that you get the date noted on your calendars. Dr. Marnell has done all railfans a favor and arranged a media plug for PSRMA in the process. Thanks, Dan, for enabling San Diego's railfans to enjoy these programs.

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PSRM CAMPO

Many projects are underway at the Museum now that the bulk of our railroad equipment is on the property. Car restoration has begun on caboose #2286 and business car #050. Trackwork continues as does the car shop remodel. The crane is back together and has been used to pull the throttle out of engine #104. A track speeder is being rebuilt and even the weed problem is being tackled by a one man gang. Many truck loads of ties and track parts have been unloaded at PSRM also, thanks to a deal worked out with M.T.D.B. (San Diego Trolley).

Work on the carshop has been going on in many areas with many members participating. Russ Kimball, the museum civil engineer, has been building walls and hanging doors in the rest room in between doing drawings and calculations for our trackwork.

The bell and whistle storage room has been completed by Larry Rose, who did the carpentry and hung the doors assisted by Scott Thompson, Geoff Shepherd and assorted passers by. Larry has also framed in the ceiling over the new access to the parts room and has finished the rough framing for the new crew lounge exit doors. New member Jack O'Lexey assisted.

Paul Bortell, Dick Ruppert and Joel Cox have finished hanging drywall in the crew lounge. Paul and company have also been nailing plywood sheathing on the tool room and second floor engineering and shop office walls. Helping with the plywood last month was Tom Cheesborough who flew in from Miami for his annual weekend at the Museum!

The third floor storage area above the engineering office now has a first class set of stairs thanks to Steve Wade and George Giarras, new members who are very talented with a skilsaw. Steve is also an accomplished amateur astronomer and entertained the Museum foot troops one evening with his 8" reflecting telescope. The clear night sky at the Museum is perfect for celestial viewing!

Preparation for a new roof on the shop building is underway with Harry Doering, Bob Haney, Larry Rose and Jim Hamill stripping off the old roofing and replacing water damaged plywood sheathing. This tough job will take many weeks unless more volunteers can be induced to join the effort. This is one of the few projects at PSRM Campo that is totally funded (\$10,000.00 grant) but, because of its difficulty, has attracted the fewest workers.

The parts room is starting to shape up thanks to Tony Neece, who assembled several steel shelving kits donated by Larry Rose. Tony and his wife Olivia travelled nearly 200 miles to spend a weekend working at the Museum. Organizing the many nuts, bolts, plumbing and electrical hardware and miscellaneous building supplies is another area that could use a few more workers. This is not a tough job, but requires an individual of great persistence.

One of the most fanatically persistent workers at the Museum has been Stan Bartlett, our former SD&AE engine house hostler who has been single-handedly repairing and painting every window in the car shop. "Stan The Man" has been reglazing six windows at a time at home coming out every two weeks to install the finished sashes and getting another six to rebuild. Before Stan started this project, almost half of the lower windows in the machine shop and crew lounge were boarded up, having been vandalized long before PSRMA bought the property. Now there are no boarded up windows in the shop building and Stan is starting to repair the windows in ATSF caboose #2286!

Al Barnier, our ace electrician, has finished wiring the kitchen, crew lounge, tool room and bell and whistle room. Barny worked three weekends in a row at the Museum last month and has been a regular attendee at the museum planning committee meetings. He also installed a special thirty amp. circuit for Dick McIntyre's welder.

Dick, our metal and machine specialist and PSRMA Railfan Of The Year in 1982, has been active at PSRM in the caboose #2286 project. He also spent a Saturday rebuilding and reinforcing the Museum trash trailer, an item in constant use hauling roofing debris to the dump.

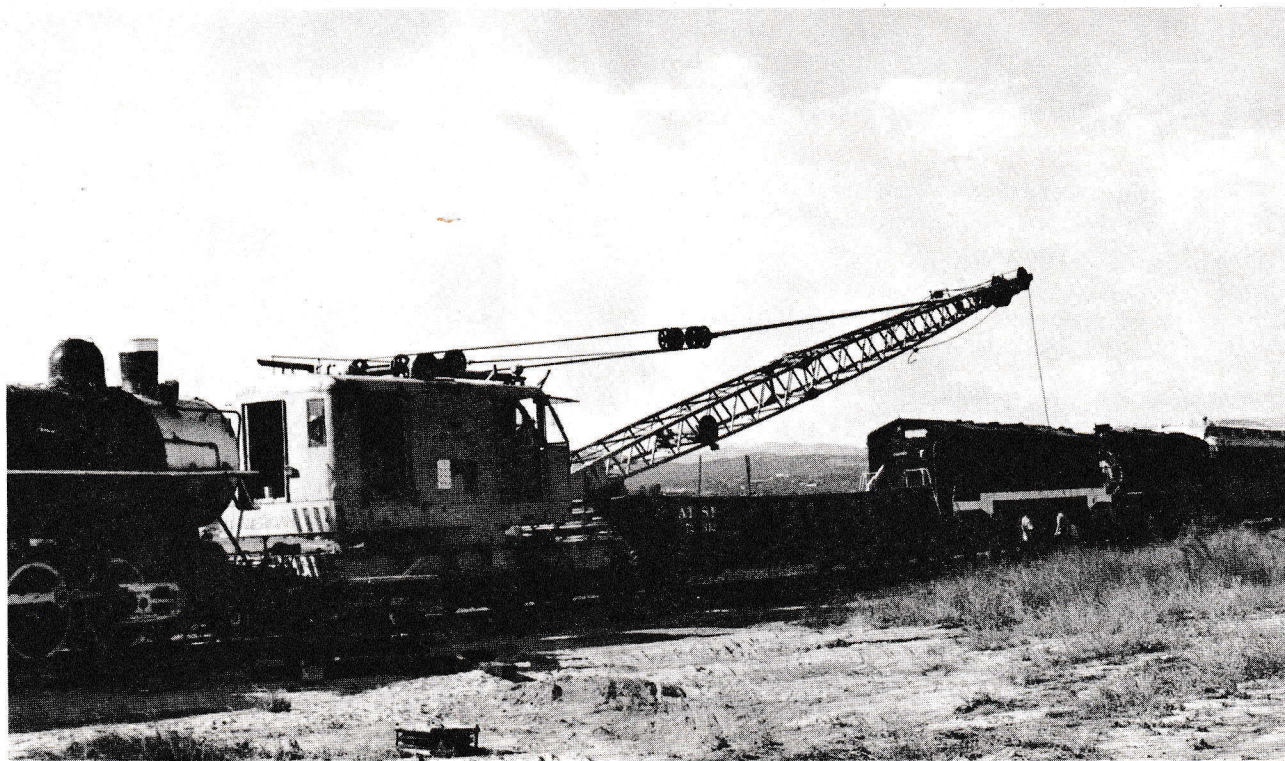
Painting has started on the inside of the car shop. Dick Ruppert has taken on the job with his power paint roller and has a prime coat on the hallway to the washroom and on the car shop walls adjoining the crew lounge. Painted also was the phone nook. The phone was recently moved and a new ringer installed out in the shop area. Eric Sanders

was there during the week to let in the phone company technician.

Jim Lundquist, Steve Wade, George Giarras and Geoff Shepherd installed another 100 feet of track near the yard throat area. The Museum compressor and a jackhammer fitted with a spike head was used for this work. Wally Barber provided the special tool. Another 500 excellent ties were delivered and unloaded in this area as Jim Lundquist continued to get the maximum milage out of the Buy-A-Tie fund. Jack O'Lexey, Larry Rose and Harry Doering did forklift duty. The ties had been stacked and banded in the National City Trolley Storage Yard a week earlier by Jim, Larry, Geoff and Mike Reading. Dan Robirds helped palletize several more drums of spikes, joint bars and tie plates at the same location. The were then hauled to PSRM on the Museum flatbed truck. Harry Doering was the wheelman.

New member Jack O'Lexey has jumped on the weed problem on the Museum grounds with his power weed whacker. Jack has cleared weeds from the entire north side of the Museum mainline. John Ashman has secured the donation of about forty gallons of weed killer that will be used on our trackbed. Unusual summer rains combined with a very wet winter has made our weed problem severe enough to require special measures. We are happy to have Jack in the front lines of this fight. Instead of the usual "You guys should do something" routine, Jack saw the need and attacked the problem the same weekend that he joined the Museum. Bully!

The mechanical department has been active in a big way at Campo these past months. The first order of business for them after our big move in August was to get our ex-Navy crane back together. As REPORT readers are aware, it had to be taken apart for movement to the Museum in the "Great Freight". John Ashman, Ken Helm, Dale Prescott, Jim Lundquist, Scott Thompson and Dan Robirds were involved in the sweat and wrenchwork. There was even some repair work done as Larry Rose made new curved mounting blocks for the air tanks. A crane loaned by our neighbor COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC lifted the heavy sections of the eighty foot boom into place. Once bolted together the cable rigging was installed and the big hook attached. The crane was tested and swivelled 360° with no problems after less than a day's work. The reason for the rush was the expected arrival of our two 1910 wooden flat cars by truck from Port Hueneme. (see article elsewhere)



PSRM's self-propelled crane is back together and shown here lowering the 80 foot boom to pick up the rigging that is being assembled on the ground by Dan Robirds, John Ashman and Dale Prescott. Ken Helm is operating the crane. (L. Rose photo)

Special thanks to Paul Bortell who has been feeding the troops at his own expense for the most part and managing quite well in our half completed kitchen. Not having to leave the museum to go to beans makes our volunteers much more productive. In fact, Paul's biggest problem is getting everyone to knock off work at the same time when he sounds the dinner gong, an iron triangle donated by Dick Ruppert. Bill Schneider has also helped in the kitchen and was accidentally left off last month's list. (Sorry, Bill.)

A few new projects are getting underway at the Museum. Shawn Eriksen and Ron Hyatt have started rebuilding a crew speeder and Bob Haney is gearing up to restore our Santa Maria Valley Railway railbus. Bob has prepared a parts list and cost estimate and needs about \$500.00 to get it running. Anyone interested in contributing to these projects either financially or physically are urged to contact the General Manager (Larry Rose) at 619-469-3064. Many on-going projects need help too and members are encouraged to just show up and look around.

October 22nd was our third anniversary at PSRM Campo. The old gym is now a car shop and is being constantly improved. 1400 feet of track has been laid and filled with railroad equipment. We have 25 pieces of railroad rolling stock on the property including seven locomotives. Piles of rail and ties and building supplies abound. Its getting to be an interesting place! Why not come out and participate in San Diego's most ambitious all-volunteer project?! Remember, the car pool leaves the La Mesa Depot every Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Here are the on-site participants for September and October. The fanatics who haven't missed a single weekend since the "Great Freight" are marked with an asterisk.

Randy Gibson
Stan Bartlett
Randy Roberson
Henry Morse
Vince Jang
Ron Hyatt
Al Barnier
Steve Wade
Robin & Jon Hood
Steve Norris
Tom Cheesborough

*Geoff Shepherd
Martin Nemerever
Dale Prescott
Russ Kimball
Tony Neece
Shawn Eriksen
Bill Barbour
Paul Bortell
Joel Cox
Bill Schneider
*Larry Rose

*Ken Helm
Norm Hill
Jack O'Lexey
Bob Haney
Harry Doering
Jim Lundquist
Eric Sanders
Roger Garrett
Dick McIntyre
Cliff Pennick

*John Ashman
Marlene Ashman
Olivia Neece
*Jim Hamill
Dick Ruppert
Scott Thompson
George Giarras
Roy Pickering
Dan Robirds
Farris Thompson

104-050 FUND

This fundraiser has run behind the progress of 104 & 050 which have finally made it all the way home to our museum in Campo. This time lag required us to borrow the bucks to make up the shortfall. Because the last newsletter was packed with news of our "Great Freight", it has been four months since the last 104-050 fund report and donations have fallen off accordingly, but none-the-less the folks listed below have managed to knock off \$600.00 off the debt.

We still need about \$4,000.00 to pay for the move of San Diego's most important rail artifacts. Restoration of 050 has already started, funded out of the pockets of the members who are working on the car. Wouldn't it be great to get them out of the hole so that next year the museum could budget the restoration instead of the debt payment?!

If the 1,000 members who haven't yet participated in this project could send in just \$4.00 each we would be over the hump. \$5.00 each would provide a thousand to back the restoration volunteers who will be spending the next few years returning this unique car to its grand appearance of the 1920's. Send what you can to: PSRMA 104/050 Fund, La Mesa Depot, 4695 Railroad Ave., La Mesa CA 92041.

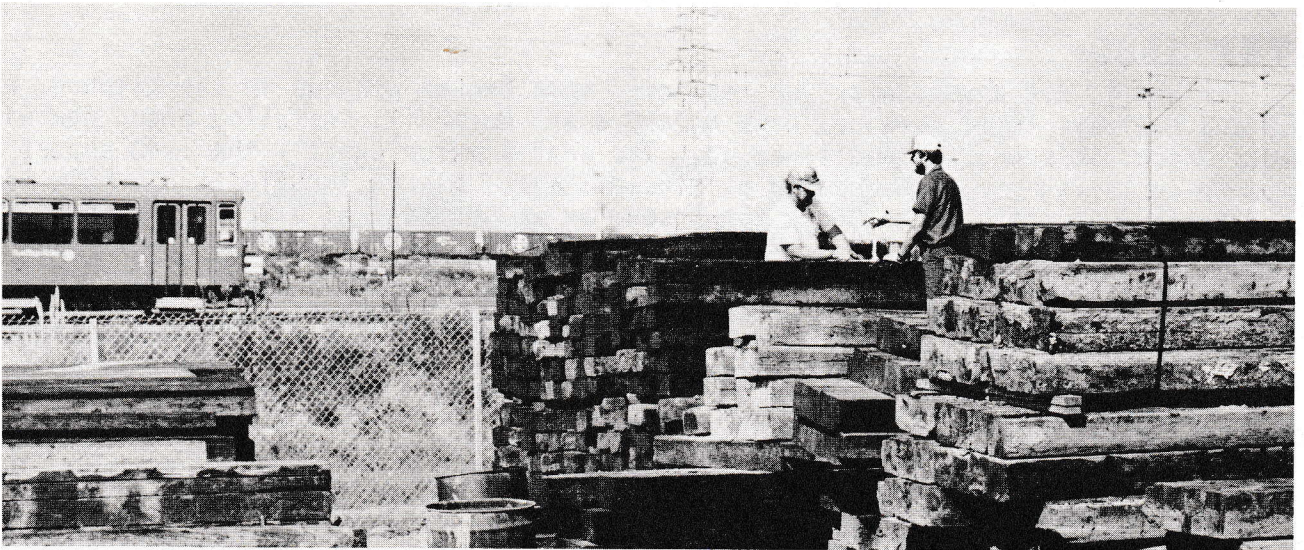
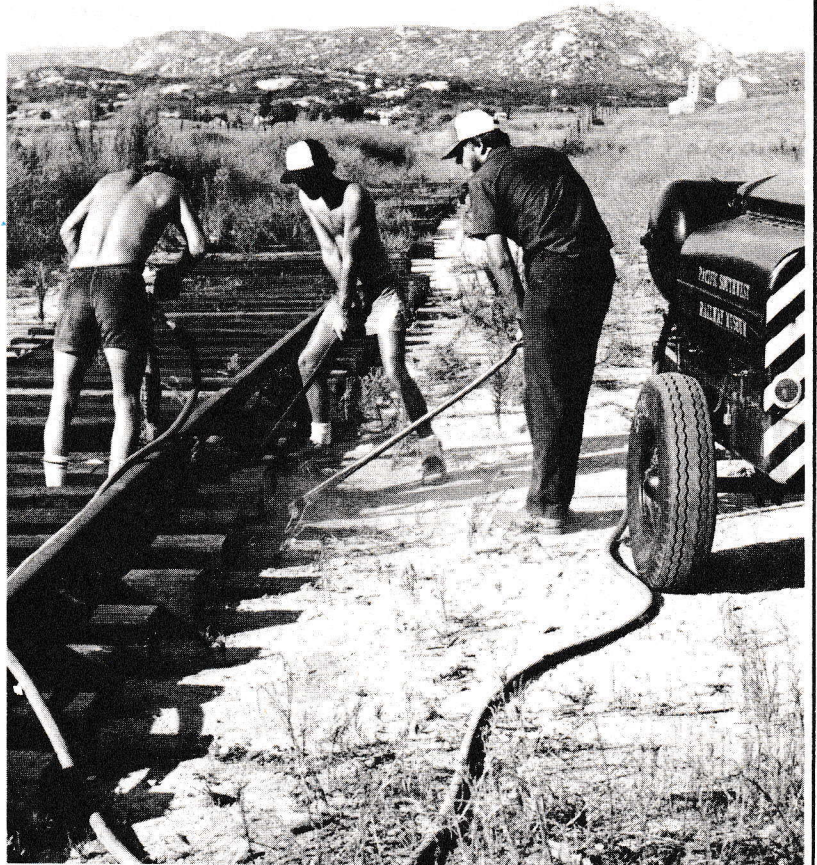
This month's historic preservationists are:

Drexel Cooper (in memory of Charles G. Cooper)
Douglas & Karen Dirks
Dale Swanson, Jr.
Karl & Laverne Stephens
Hal & Wynima Johnson
Al Barnier

Patricia Gregston
Betty Gill
Dr. Ralph W. Randall
Bill & Martha Sells
Joe Richert, Jr.

Mary Sanders
Ted Kornweibel
D. V. Harris
Thomas Travis
James H. F. Collins
Don Covintgon

David Black
Dan McLean
Carlos Longoria
Beryl Meader
Allen Hudson



PSRM PHOTO PAGE

Tony Neece assembles shelving in the parts room on his first visit to the Museum. Jim Lundquist, Steve Wade and George Giarras drive spikes with the jackhammer at the north end of PSRM. Mike Reading and Jim Lundquist sort and band ties in National City as a bright red San Diego Trolley glides by northbound. (all photos: L. Rose)

Industrial Archeology

(RESTORATION NEWS)

by Norm Hill

The following members worked on restoration projects at Campo and at La Mesa: Dick McIntyre, Bill Barbour, Roger Garrett, Jack O'Lexey, Geoff Shepherd, Jim Hamill, Marlene Ashman, Martin Nemerever, Olivia Neece, Scott Johnston, Ted Kornweibel, Ron Hyatt, Shawn Eriksen, Eric Sanders and Norm Hill.

SD&A 050 "Carriso Gorge"

The restoration has started on the "Carriso Gorge", a 1910 Pullman business car that was owned by J. D. Spreckels, the builder of the SD&AE. Marlene Ashman started stripping the second bedroom walls. She was soon joined by Norm Hill and Olivia Neece. The next weekend Martin Nemerever helped strip the horrible institutional green paint that has covered the walls for decades. Three walls of solid cherry wood have been uncovered. There is beautiful marquetry in flower and stripe hardwood patterns over most of the windows while others have painted on pin-striping designs around them. This car will be one of the most wonderful in our collection and when restored will be a great monument to the master carpenters of the Pullman Car Company. It is so nice to see the womenfolk get involved with Marlene and Olivia leading the way. Olivia came all the way from Tarzana!

Be sure to come to our new home at Campo to see this car's restoration progress. Better yet, come to Campo to work on the "Carriso Gorge". Choose a wall or a window frame (or any other part you like) and make that part "yours". Put some of "yourself" into this car; you'll enjoy the results, especially when you are riding it someday knowing that you had something to do with the resurrection of this classic wooden car.

ATSF 2286

Some very nice things have been happening recently to our steel Santa Fe caboose thanks primarily to Dick McIntyre and Jim Hamill. Dick has straightened out the caboose's steps and an interior wall partition screen which looked hopelessly bent out of shape. A new metal "patch" was welded in place on the outside wall where the fuel tank hole was. (The tank had been removed earlier.) Jim Hamill aided Dick in this action. This 1949 caboose will someday compliment our wooden 1923 Santa Fe caboose #1413 as it is the next step in the development of the trainmans office.

ATSF 1509

Jim Hamill did a very nice job replacing some broken windows in the kitchen, bathroom and hallway. Bill Barbour, Dick McIntyre and Norm Hill installed brand new window shades which Jim Lundquist had lined up. The shades match exactly the 1948 shades the Santa Fe installed and were donated by Mike Miller of MILLER INDUSTRIES of Chula Vista. The donation was worth \$2300.00 to the Museum as we had bids of \$100.00 per shade!

ATSF 1303

Some work was done on this car which presently is at La Mesa. The car is now secure and has been cleaned up on the inside. Eric Sanders, Dick McIntyre, Scott Johnston and Ted Kornweibel worked on this car.

ATSF 1413

Al Barnier, the museum's electrician, sandblasted and primed two very old marker lamp holders and a conductors brake valve. These were installed by Dick McIntyre. It has really been amazing how long-missing parts keep coming to the surface. The only thing missing is the ice box.

ACY 3024

This car really did not have any restoration done to it, but what happened inside is worth mentioning. This car received one of the most basic, important steps in the

restoration process, a thorough cleanup and organizing of contents. It took two Saturdays to do this. Roger Garrett and Bill Barbour came down from the Los Angeles area to work at Campo and it is super when people do cleanup for their "fun".

ADOPT A CAR

Number one need for restoration at Campo is YOU! We have over thirty five pieces of equipment so come on out and "adopt" a car. After all, these vintage railroad relics belong to you and are a precious part of our nation's rich railroad heritage. If you have any questions about restoration or other important tasks at the Museum please call me, Norm Hill, 714-551-4351. Call Larry Rose at 619-469-3064 if you want to carpool from the La Mesa Depot on Saturday morning at 8:00. He can be reached evenings during the week. We look forward to your involvement!

Buy-a-Tie Fund Pays Off 3 for 1

WADE MARSHALL	KARL STEPHENS	JAMES H.F. COLLINS	WALLACE SCHONSCHACK
WARE MARSHALL	LAVERNE STEPHENS	JAMES H.F. COLLINS	PHILLIP SHEPHERD
DOUGLAS DIRKS	KARL STEPHENS	JAMES H.F. COLLINS	LESLEY SHEPHERD
KAREN DIRKS	LAVERNE STEPHENS	JAMES H.F. COLLINS	LESLEY SHEPHERD
CLARENCE SHERMAN	KARL STEPHENS	JAMES H.F. COLLINS	PHILIP SHEPHERD
CLARENCE SHERMAN	LAVERNE STEPHENS	TOM TRAVIS	LESLEY SHEPHERD
D.V. HARRIS	KARL STEPHENS	TOM TRAVIS	PHILIP SHEPHERD
CARLOS LONGORIA	EDWARD TURLINGTON	TOM TRAVIS	LESLEY SHEPHERD
CARLOS LONGORIA	EDWARD TURLINGTON	TOM TRAVIS	DR. RALPH RANDALL
CARLOS LONGORIA	EDWARD TURLINGTON	BERYL MEADER	DR. RALPH RANDALL

A combination of good luck and hustle by Museum President Jim Lundquist has enabled PSRMA to acquire three ties for everyone purchased by the members participating in this fundraiser! More bang for the buck is the prime goal of all wheelin' and dealin' by the museum staff and the stockpile of ties has been growing faster than our trackmen can spike rails to them.

The first bunch of ties funded by the folks listed in this column are now supporting a number of locomotives and cars. The latest participants listed in this month's tie chart have provided a hundred and twenty ties, as it turns out, enough to carry us through the yard throat at the Museum. What we need now are switch ties! They are twice the length of standard ties, on the average, and should cost us about \$14.00 each.

Some switch ties are already in hand as is switch hardware, enough to lay all the yard throat turnouts. The next REPORT will feature a switch tie chart with a name on a tie for each \$14.00 donated. About a hundred and fifty ties should finish the project. That's only about \$2,000.00 to raise, a very reachable goal that should keep our track troops busy for a few years. Thanks to all who helped wrap up the standard tie project. Now let's finish the switches! Send your switch tie donations at \$14.00 a stick to: PSRMA Buy-A-Switch-Tie Fund, 4695 Railroad Ave., La Mesa CA 92041. Who knows?! With some careful shopping, maybe we can pay off three for one again!

MODEL A CLUB TO VISIT PSRM

Twenty antique automobiles will visit PSRM Campo on November 19th. Our Museum will be the destination of an outing organized by the San Diego Model A Club for their members, many of whom are also interested in old trains. Members are encouraged to come out and see the old autos and help PSRMA roll out the red carpet.

Railroading on the Embarcadero

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING! Be sure to try our gift shop for your holiday gifts. We have the widest selection of railroad gifts, toys, antiques and books in the west, so we probably have just the thing for your favorite railfans. Everything Trains! Gift Shop is in the Amtrak car in the Embarcadero exhibit, on Harbor Drive in San Diego, a half block north of Broadway. We're open every Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. Phone 283-3066. All profits go to support PSRMA.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING! This means that it will be harder to keep our schedule filled, so please try to keep some time open to help us out. We need you! Call Linda at 283-3066 for information or to offer a hand.

SPECIAL THANKS go this month to: Bill Evans for cleaning up the grease and mess after the Coos Bay Loco was pulled out, plus the many other "surprise" cleanup visits he has made. Dale and Karen Prescott for trucking two glass showcases out to La Mesa. Roy Pickering and David DiGiorgio for being porters and waiters and dishwashers at several dinners on the "Robert Peary". J. David Coleman for overhauling the "Peary's" clock. John Juliussen for a lot of extra help with the exhibit, even beyond his staffing time. And a special thanks to those staffers who call Linda and ask, "When can I staff?", instead of waiting until she calls them.

AND THANKS TO OUR STAFFERS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER!

John Juliussen (15 times!)	Nick Kimler (2)	Bill Niedrich (2)	Cecil Badman (2)
Henry Lines	Harlan Hatz	Barbara Simpson (2)	Stan Brown (3)
Sheila MacKay (2)	Carmen Donavon (2)	Bill Evans (7)	Charlie Wade
Linda DiGiorgio (9)	Dorcas Utter	Bill Schneider (2)	Jack Ebey
Dick Ruppert	Max Miller	Roy Pickering	Terry Danielson
Margaret Barksdale	Manny Lopez (2)	Duane Dubke (2)	Lorraine Hepburn (2)
George Geyer (2)	Dave Slater	Rebecca Archer	Bob DiGiorgio (3)
Dorothy Lee Taylor	Adele McIntyre	Cathy Danielson	Frank Kearney
Rae Gay	Deborah DiGiorgio	Don Pope (2)	Gene Wegener (2)
Scott Johnston (2)	David DiGiorgio	Sarah Fuller	Bob Hull

La Mesa Depot Staffers

by Trig Stanley

It wasn't March, but July and August especially, seemed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. Just look at how many groups we hosted at the La Mesa Depot and the number of children and adults they represent! Viewing our depot were: The Early Learning Center, La Mesa Recreation Center (twice), Montessori School (twice) and the La Mesa United Church, in all, over 370 children and adults! Yup! The old faithfuls were there to oversee it all....Eric, Margaret Barksdale, Vince, Mike, Kay Stout and Trig.

La Mesa's Oktoberfest celebration meant that we not only hosted at the depot but offered handcar rides on our spur. Those who provided manpower (and mechanical help) made this special time a PR success for us. Providing the fun were: Brian Valleau, Mike Retz, Scott Johnson, Max Miller, Eric Sanders, Cecil Badman, David DiGiorgio, Joe Laurent, Arlen Hurt and Dan Robirds.

A very special thanks must go to our own "national treasure" Dick McIntyre, who did vital metal work on the end of #1303. We couldn't have had it open if not for him!

Call me at 444-1648 so I can add your name to our faithful helpers at the La Mesa Depot Museum. If I am not at home try Margaret Barksdale at 464-0061. You may very well influence a young life and spark a life-long interest. Giving of their time in July, August and September were the following nice folks:

Lucille DeWaide (2 times)	Trig Stanley (4)	Kay Kester	Eric Sanders
Kay Stout (3)	Roy Pickering	Margaret Collins (2)	Donald Leonard
Walt Morrison	Robin Shelton	Scott Johnson (2)	Joe Laurent
Lorraine Hepburn	Betty Teague (2)	Richard Teague (2)	Henry Lines
Vince Alesi (2)	Margaret Barksdale	George Medlin	Julius Acevez
Ed Arbuckle	Judy Arbuckle	Marge Becker	Al Ellis
Mike Retz (2)	Russ Stockwell	Kay Montgomery (2)	Dee Duncan (2)

Honor Roll

WALTER H. BARBER, JR. donated many barrels of spikes and track parts, four enormous Buda track bumper posts and an antique track inspection car. All of this was hauled to PSRM Campo on a flatbed trailer truck rig arranged for and piloted by member Mel Medhurst.

CLARENCE SHERMAN whose lanterns are already on display at our La Mesa Depot Museum, has donated three more railroad lanterns from the Soo Line, Milwaukee Road and Chicago & North Western Railway.

RON KINUM, Life Member #20, in addition to chasing down the old reefer for PSRM, has donated several baskets of canned goods to our field kitchen pantry.

REGENCY ALUMINUM PRODUCTS CO. of Van Nuys donated two windows for our car shop remodel.

EMPIRE FRAMING of Irvine donated forty 2 x 4 studs to our remodel effort at the PSRM car shop.

CREST FINISH CARPENTRY CO. donated two solid core doors and door hinge router templates for our car shop remodel.

JIM HAMILL, Life Member #17, donated glass and glazing material that he used to repair our ATSF Cafe-Obs. #1509.

AL BARNIER continues to donate a lot of electrical supplies and connectors which he has used in rewiring our car shop building. Barny has also been getting small parts sandblasted and primed for our caboose restoration projects.

VEARL SHELMAN donated the use of his crane to dismantle our railroad crane for shipment to PSRM Campo aboard our ATSF gondola.

MIKE MILLER of MILLER INDUSTRIES has donated a complete new set of window shades for car #1509. Another company gave us a bid of \$2300.00 for this work!

NORM HILL makes the honor roll again for his exceptional scrounging ability which has kept many projects moving at PSRM Campo.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Tanya Rose

Duane B. Leal, who has been an operator on the San Diego Trolley since its beginning, has upgraded his membership and is now Life Member #24. Thanks, Duane, for swelling the museum coffers at a most critical time!

Once again the holidays are approaching, presenting an opportunity to introduce your friends to the temporal and spiritual benefits of membership in PSRMA. Our excursions are fun, we educate the public about our nation's rail history, and, most important of all I think, we do the very best we can to snatch fast disappearing rail equipment from the scrapper's torch and restore it for future generations to enjoy. Your gift membership also makes a positive statement about pride in our American heritage. Can you think of a better time to do this than in today's world? Let me hear from you today!

We wish to welcome all new members and thank those upgrading.

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Vintage Flatcars Trucked to PSRM Campo

The gathering of the flock continues. Last month some rarely seen museum equipment was moved to our Campo facility. Our two antique wooden flatcars were trucked in on October 23rd and unloaded with our ex-Navy crane operated by museum Master Mechanic Ken Helm. The two flats, built in 1910 with truss rods and archbar trucks, had been stored for years at the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center at Port Hueneme, California. Our Navy Sea Bee friends did the loading and trucking for us as part of a Navy Reserve weekend exercise organized by member Randy Gibson, a Sea Bee Reserve officer.

Until this move, only three museum members had ever seen these two cars. Ken Helm and Larry Rose painted the cars at Port Hueneme in 1977, lettering them with their original numbers, 1316 and 1330, which they found under peeling paint. They were our most remote artifacts and the only museum pieces still located out of San Diego County. Member Art Dominy found these cars years ago before Ken and Larry ever heard of PSRMA and he pushed for their donation. It must be very satisfying to him to see these cars finally join the rest of the collection at Campo as the oldest freight cars on our roster.

John Ashman was in charge of logistics for the move and served as Rig Master, assisted by Scott Thompson and Dale Prescott along with the Sea Bee crew. John also made sure that the kitchen and bunkroom were ready for our guests as the Sea Bees rolled in after dark Saturday night. Paul Bortell served up dinner and breakfast for everyone as he has many times in the last few months.

Our prized ex-Navy railroad crane performed perfectly, lifting the heavy flats from the Sea Bee trucks. The spreaders and cable rigging used was from the Museum stock, scrounged last year and stored for use in just such an exercise. Jim Lundquist was in charge of the rigging scavenger operation. And we shouldn't forget Bill Niedrich; he scrounged the crane!!

How nice it is to see all of these components come together to enrich the museum in a successful operation like this.

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