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# PASSENGER TRAIN IN LA MESA!

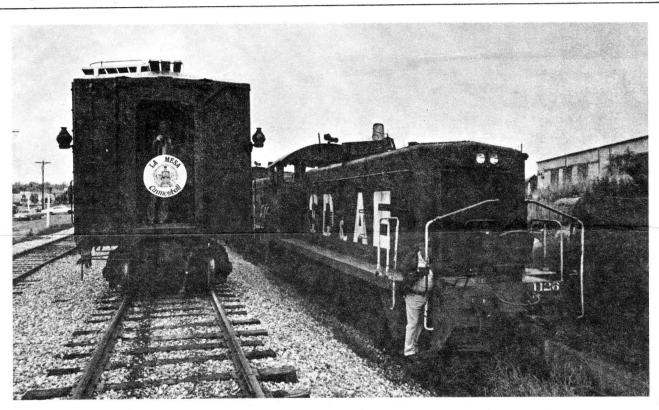
With the depot train order signal in the stop position, the "Cannonball" rolls into La Mesa from El Cajon at the end of a fourteen mile history making round trip. This scene was repeated six times as a record crowd enjoyed a PSRMA sponsored record good time that hadn't been seen in La Mesa in fifty four years. The REPORT editor snapped this picture of the best way to exhibit the museum's rolling stock. Only a steam engine could have improved what was one of La Mesa's and PSRMA's finest days.

## "CANNONBALL" ENDS LONG DROUGHT

What a ride! What a crowd! What fun! PSRMA made history last month with the first passenger train in 54 years to roll on the El Cajon branch and the first passenger train of any kind on the SD&AE Railway since 1951. The six special trains hauled nearly 950 passengers, an all-time PSRMA excursion record. Many more were too late to

get on as even standing room was sold out!

The SD&AE rolled out a pair of ex-S.P. SW-8 switchers to power the La Mesa Cannon-ball on its 14 mile round trip through Lemon Grove and El Cajon. The consist of Union Pacific coach #576 (ACF 1931), Union Pacific diner/lounge #4054 (Pullman 1925), Atlantic Coast Line/Seaboard coach #5601 (Budd 1939) and our beautifully restored Army guard car G-10, attracted a gang of chasers and photographers along the remarkably scenic route through east San Diego county.



Markers provided by Norm Hill adorn our Army guard car parked on the main in Lemon Grove while SW-8 No. 1126 runs around on the siding. This was the first diesel ever lettered for SD&AE. Brenda Bailey, PSRMA's well known accountant, is standing behind the drumhead. Les Sartain is riding #1126.

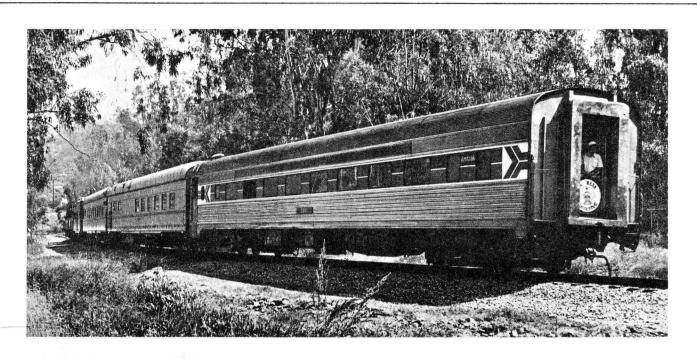
(photo by Dan Robirds)

All of the local papers had front page photo articles the next day and a TV crew from San Diego's Channel 39 did a nice on-board piece as PSRMA reaped a P.R. harvest, before, during and after the May 23rd extravaganza. A TV interview with museum general manager Larry Rose the week before the trip helped sell out the last seats and also served as an opportunity to plug the future East County trolley extension with the Cannonball ride being a preview of the route.

As a fundraiser, the Cannonball was PSRMA's most successful one day shot ever. A hundred details had to be taken care of to put this activity heavy into the black starting with ticket sales handled by museum president Jim Lundquist. Jim modified an original SD&AE ticket from the collection of Eric Sanders to give the event a touch of class

from the beginning.

Running one train would have been easy but the Cannonball ran in six sections with the resultant compounded logistics. The U.P. diner had to be restocked several times. The concession stand at the depot was kept hopping too and the following members made it go: Ann McVeagh, Rita Cloud, Barbarann Parker, Shirley Simpson, Vince Jang, Mari Porter, Corrine Gallagher and Bob, Linda, and David DiGiorgio. (Vince, the classic private car barman, came down from San Francisco once again to do the honors on U.P. #4054.)





The Cannonball rolls over scenic Grossmont Summit between La Mesa and El Cajon in this sequence shot by Larry Rose. Ex-ACL, ex-Seaboard, ex-Amtrak coach #5601 carries the drumhead. The all stainless steel car, built by Budd in 1939, is the youngest in our fleet.

The on-board crew doing ticket punching honors in traditional attire were Ron Hyatt, Scott Thompson and Shawn Eriksen. Station agent at La Mesa for the day was Bob Martin also outfitted in traditional uniform. Mari Porter assisted Bob in running the ticket window as Bob announced arrivals and departures to the crowd assembled on the platform.

Getting the equipment ready for the big day took an army of car cleaners, as the entire consist was washed and vacuumed inside and out. The sopping wet, hands and knees scrub work was performed by "Trig" Stanley, Ann McVeagh, Wilma Steele, Jim Lundquist, Larry Rose, Mari Porter, Henry Lines, Dan Robirds, Mike Retz, Eric Sanders, Scott Thompson, Ron Hyatt, Shawn Eriksen, Brian Valleau, Rita Cloud and Roy Pickering. (Roy also made the Cannonball drumheads for each end of the train.)

Last minute mechanical work was performed by our chief iron monger Dick McIntyre and Master Mechanic Ken Helm assisted by Dan Robirds. Ken and Dan rebuilt a brake cylinder on U.P. #4054 the weekend before so that a mid-week air test by the SD&AE crew went off flawlessly. Dick took care of sheet metal work in several places even though

suffering from a severe cold.

The SD&AE crew handled the train beautifully with all arrivals and departures on schedule. Engineer for the day was veteran throttle jerker LeRoy Holzman, who's career started in the SD&AE's steam days aboard the legendary 2-8-0 No. 50. Veterans Les Sartain and "Buck" Buchanan served as conductor and head brakeman with newcomer Mark Schenewerk, recently installed as the SD&AE Trainmaster, filling in at the other brakeman's spot. Everything went off smoothly and safely during the special run with LeRoy having to do a little extra air horn work only a couple of times to scare a few startled "daisy pickers" off the tracks. PSRMA thanks these first class railroad men and the SD&AE management for the finest railfan Sunday in San Diego that anyone can remember.

There were a lot of requests for another Cannonball sometime, especially from the folks who showed up too late to get a ticket. We are not promising another ride soon, but there is a sign-up sheet at the depot to measure the support for another run. It sure was nice to see the old La Mesa Depot being used as a train station again and for those who missed the show, you won't have to wait another fifty fours years to ride the line. The East County trolley extension is inevitable and, as far as PSRMA is concerned, Carriso Gorge is not far from Campo!

## PSRMA Member is New AMTRAK Chief

Former president of the Southern Railway, W. Graham Claytor, Jr., has been picked to be Amtrak's new president, replacing the retiring Alan Boyd who had been in charge since 1978. Mr. Claytor, who joined our organization earlier this year, was Secretary of the Navy during the Carter administration and was briefly acting transportation secretary.

Mr. Claytor graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in 1936 and was president of the Southern from 1967 to 1976. He is recognized as a passenger train devotee of the first order and made the Southern one of the most profitable railroads in the country.

Any railfan familiar with the Southern's steam excursion program (second to none in the country!) is aware that S.R. is no ordinary railroad. Obviously, Mr. Claytor is no ordinary railroad executive. Amtrak is for sure in good hands and, most likely, in the best hands! PSRMA congratulates Mr. Claytor on his appointment to run the national system.

## 2nd Locomotive Arrives

Rolling into town last month was ex-U.S. Army MRS-1 No. 1820. We now have it coupled to sister No. 1809 downtown at the SD&AE engine house. A picture of this engine was on page 2 of the last REPORT, as were all the details of the acquisition.

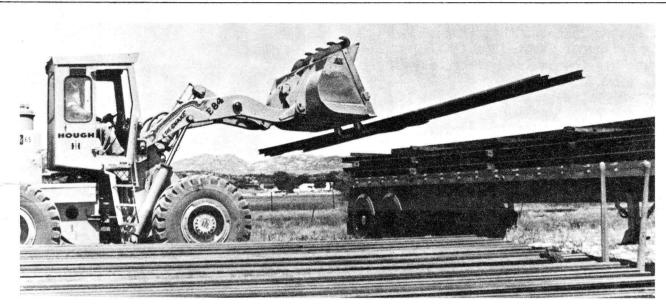
Bill Niedrich deserves most of the credit for this super addition to our locomotive roster. Bill handled the negotiations and also donated several hundred dollars to cover lubrication and service of the two 120 ton engines before they started rolling in Utah.

Union Pacific and Santa Fe moved #1820 over their rails for free as they did #1809 the month before. If it weren't for this key transportation donation by U.P. and A.T.S.F. this acquisition would not have been possible and all of Bill's work would have been for nothing. Thanks, people, for a <u>very</u> good show!

## CAMPO

The first rails have been spiked down at our Campo facility. Spike driving duties were performed June 26th by Jim Lundquist, Larry Rose, Harry Doering, Scott Thompson and Dan Robirds. Roy Pickering helped lay out track components and got the first spike driving on videotape as over 100 feet of track was laid directly in front of the first door installed in our car shop.

A few weeks earlier, another mile of rail was delivered thanks again to long-time member Vern Cook who made all the transportation arrangements. Unloading the rail was speeded up and simplified thanks to Wally Barber, who loaned us his large payloader equipped with forks. Several more bundles of ties were also unloaded and moved inside our car shop with this machine. Dan Robirds and Mike Reading shared throttle duties. The rail was donated by SD&AE and loaded downtown by Jim Lundquist, Brian Valleau and others for transport to our Campo home. Larry Rose, Dan Robirds, Scott Thompson and Mike Reading unloaded on the other end.



Mike Reading pilots Wally Barber's loader "The Snake" unloading six lengths of rail at a time at one of three separate rail storage areas at Campo.

(L. Rose photo)

A lot of concrete was poured at Campo last month in between rail moving adventures. A 24 inch pipe culvert was encased in concrete and two drainage headwalls were formed and poured. A porch off the tool room was also poured as was a portion of the floor between the restroom and the crew lounge inside the car shop. Preparation for the new concrete inside required some heavy jack hammer work performed by Jim Lundquist, Harry Doering and Dan Robirds. Wally Barber loaned us the tool which was powered by our own compressor which is now stored permanently in the car shop.

The headwalls that were poured have the date 1982 cast into them thanks to Harry Doering who made the pattern. Larry Rose built all the form work. Cement finishers on the inside and out were Duff Joseph, Jim Lundquist, Harry Doering, Scott Thompson, Dan Robirds and Larry Rose.

The maple gym floor salvage operation is still going on with Stan Bartlett handling 100% of the effort. Stan is pulling all the nails and neatly stacking the expensive hardwood for future use on the south side of the car shop. Stan is a retired SD&AE locomotive hostler who has operated every SD&AE steamer in the course of his work around the old long-gone engine house downtown. He is now working in another "engine house" that is being made ready to receive an old friend of his: SD&AE #104!

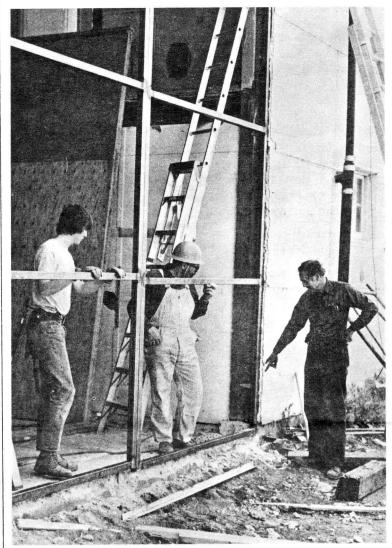
A seventeen foot tall door was built by Dick McIntyre and installed in the first opening cut in our car shop. A baked enameled metal skin was attached to the door by Henry Lines, Dick Ruppert, Scott Thompson, and Larry Rose. Metal monger McIntyre also repaired our cement mixer (donated by George Parish) after it broke the week before during a long concrete mixing binge by Larry Rose and Dan Robirds.

Electrical work continues at Campo with Dan Robirds doing most of the wire pulling. A new electric panel has been installed replacing the antiquated fuse box that came with the building. New circuits are being run into the bunkroom, kitchen

and tool room.

Engineering work has also been going on for final roadbed finish grading and for concrete footings under the track to be installed in the shop. Russ Kimball and John Batev, civil engineers, have been donating their professional services and calculations to make sure everything keeps on a firm footing. Duff Joseph, a freeway construction superintendent, has also been helping with engineering work. Duff brought his transit one weekend and completed an as built topographic plan so staking of track centers can take place in a precise manner.

The fire sprinkler system has been activated after the alarm bell was installed by Scott Thompson and Jim Lundquist. We can now save a



Metal master Dick McIntyre instructs Scott Thompson and Dick Ruppert in the art of truing up freshly hung door frames at our Campo car shop last month.

bundle on our fire insurance and feel more secure about the safety of the priceless railroad relics that will soon be stored inside. Harry Doering replaced dozens of sprinkler heads during the system reconditioning process that saw all lines flushed out and many leaks fixed.

The bunkroom has been outfitted with eight bunkbeds acquired from our surplus source. Ten scrounged steel lockers have also been installed in the bunkroom but, so far, only Dan Robirds and Larry Rose have moved in as regulars. We have hot water and a shower and the kitchen is under construction. Soon we will have all the comforts of home for our weekend warriors at our home for the iron horse. Would you like to join the crew? There's lots of room and plenty of projects to keep a small army busy so come on out to Campo and help make big things happen. Call Project Chairman Harry Doering at 465-7261 and get involved!

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#### MUSEUM NAME UP FOR VOTE

Many names for our operating museum now under construction at Campo have been submitted. After six months of soliciting ideas for names the following list is submitted to the membership. They range from snappy new names to give our Campo facility a separate identity to a variation of the association name in the spirit of "dancing with the one that brung ya". All members are entitled to one vote. Pick your favorite and send it to: PSRMA Campo Vote, La Mesa Depot, 4695 Railroad Ave., La Mesa, CA 92041. Votes are due July 30th. Results will be announced at the July 30th general meeting and the top vote getters will be involved in a run-off unless a clear majority is established.

Golden State Railway Museum
Pacific Southwest Railway Museum
Southern California Railroad Museum
Border Railway Museum
California Border Railway Museum
Railroads West

Railroads Southwest Silvergate Railway Museum Laguna Mountain Railway Museum Mountain Railroad Museum Campo-Rama (Railway Antique Museum Assoc.) Western Railway Museum

(For your amusement : There were a few crank names submitted. Our membership director, for instance, came up with "Camtrak"!)

### GENERAL MEETING JULY 30th

Our next quarterly meeting will be July 30, 1982, 7:30 pm, at the San Diego Gas and Electric Building auditorium, 6th and Ash streets in downtown San Diego. Featured will be a film on the new "VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT EXPRESS", a regularly scheduled train consisting of coaches, sleepers, and diners from the 1920's, 30's, and 40's. The film shows acquisition, restoration and the route used between London, England and Venice, Italy. This film is a must if you like trains. The second half of the program promises to be quite interesting, also. Ed Murphey, advisor to the City of San Diego on the Gaslamp Quarter project will speak about the Gaslamp Quarter with particular reference to the proposed 5th Avenue trolley. His program will include slides and a brief question and answer session. Nominations of officers for next year is also a tradition of PSRMA's summer meeting. Please come, if you can, and bring a friend.

## RAILFAN PATROL NEWS

by Dr. Mark Cramer

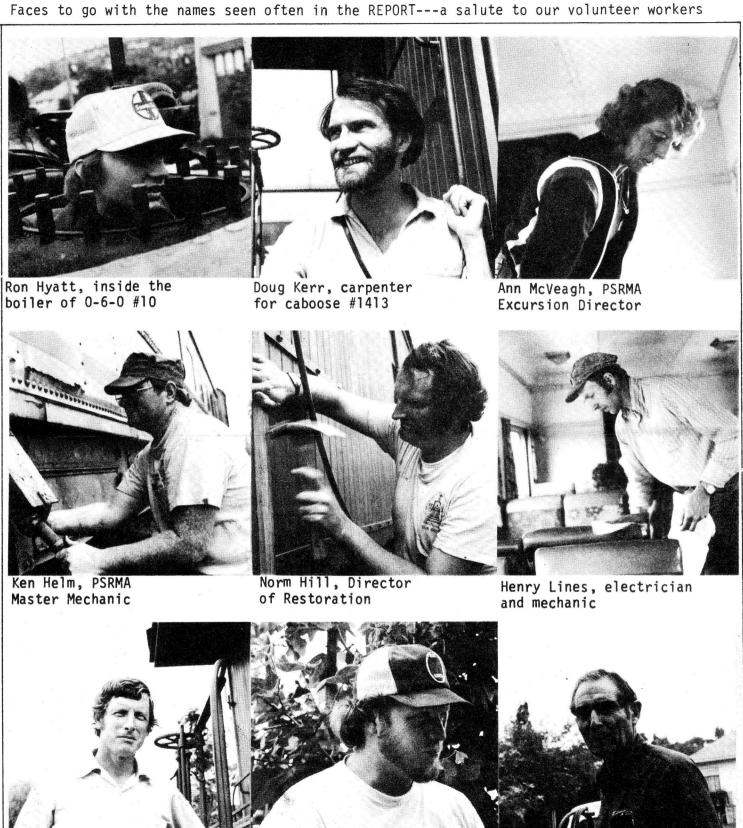
Must be safe out there...not a single observation report from any of our trackside troopers in a while. Now that the weather has warmed up, I know that many of you are patrolling and your very presence in known trouble spots can avert a potential crime. If you do see anything happening you have to report the crime to the special agents as soon as possible. Most criminals escape if one does not call the special agents within two minutes.

Jim Morris, long-time member of the R.P., sent a very generous cash donation for our cause in memory of his father, Robert S. Morris, who recently passed away. Thanks, Jim, for this fine tribute to your dad! A warm thank you must go to Andy Lindner, ATSF Special Agent, Retired, for the donation to the museum of numerous colorful railroad artifacts and memorabilia. They will look very nice in the La Mesa Depot, Andy!

Here are a few trackside rules for you to ponder and remember: Safety order #1 is never to walk on the tracks or step on the rails! They are conveniently spaced just to hit you in the head and neck if you slip, and they are slippery. Safety order #2 is never put any part of your body between switch points! (Unless you do not want that part anymore!)

Let's keep these rules in mind, railfans, as we act as extra eyes and ears for the badly out-numbered special agents. Spot a crime, summon an agent, save a life!

A big welcome aboard to Mr. Shawn Eriksen, latest addition to our ranks! Remember, there is room for you in this non-violent, non-encounter activity. Our prime goal is to have fun railfanning yet be alert for any trouble on the tracks. Join us!



Steve Norris, caboose restoration team

Mike Reading, Jack of All Trades

Dick McIntyre, Master of All Trades



Jim Lundquist, President and track gang foreman



The museum architect with tools of his trade: mop & broom !

In upcoming issues, we will try to get a picture of everyone involved with restoration and Campo. So, if we missed you this time, we will try to have your photograph included next time. Below are the people who have worked hard, but who have been missed by the photographer. Other departments will be covered in future issues, also.

SCOTT THOMPSON---Scott has worked on all three engines at La Mesa, and has helped out with the ATSF caboose, U.P. coach #576 and U.P. diner/lounge #4054. He has also helped at Campo and was a uniformed conductor on the La Mesa Cannonball.

JIM HAMILL---Good Ol' Jim rebuilt the caboose toilet seat, rebuilt two interior doors and cleaned up and painted the restroom interior. Great work, Jim, and thanks!

FRANK COOKE---Frank fabricated and donated a drip strip and an interior curved ceiling beam for the caboose. Frank has been skillfully helping out with our restoration projects since the #1509 in 1976.

<u>BILL BARBOUR---</u>Friendly Bill has been working on the ATSF caboose and Mojave Northern woodwork. He has helped Norm Hill on every restoration project since the ROBERT PEARY. Bill Barber is Life Member No. 10.

SHAWN ERIKSEN---Shawn is another one of PSRMA's young volunteers who have been helping with a lot of the little things. We usually see him helping Ken Helm and Norm Hill with the current locomotive and caboose projects.

BOB MARTIN---Bob has been around PSRMA since 1978, and when not at sea duty with the U.S. Navy, gets involved with whatever the current projects are.

WALT MORRISON---A new PSRMA member, he has replaced the running board on Mojave Northern No. 3. We appreciate your help, Walt, and hope that you will continue lending a hand wherever needed.

AL BARNIER---Al has been active in PSRMA since the days of the La Mesa Depot restoration. He most recently wired the Mojave Northern No. 3 headlight into a photo electric switch, so when you drive by the depot at night, it looks like a neat little train is ready for an evening run.

DAVID DI GIORGIO---David rode out on a city bus to help out on the Mojave Northern #3. Thanks, David, and we hope that you will help out again. We appreciate your extra effort just to get to the scene of the action.

NEW RESTORATION SCHEDULES: Restoration at La Mesa will now be scheduled for the second, fourth and when applicable, the <u>fifth</u> weekend. We are doing this so that if you are equipment oriented, you can work on PSRMA's gear and help out on the #3751 project on the first or third weekends.

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## 3751 Progress

by Brenda Bailey

The San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society continues their hard work, and since the last REPORT, have pulled the three lower boiler tubes and have passed the interior boiler inspection, a major milestone in restoration. Now they are chipping rust off the boiler and stay bolts, and are inspecting and recapping the stay bolts. PSRMA members Bob Kittel, Jim Morris and Ron Kinum were joined by Norm Hill, Bill Barbour and Brenda Bailey at the work "parties" these last two months. More professional railroaders have been seen in the area taking a close look at the work that is being nicely done.

The photo shows PSRMA's Norm Hill, Ron Kinum and Brenda Bailey on hand to celebrate #3751's fifty-fifth birthday this last May. They are posing with the S.B.R.H.S. members and their families alongside the big Santa Fe Northern.

## Del Mar Fair Staffers

by Bob DiGiorgio

"THIS TRAIN IS LEAVING" said the signs on the old train at the Del Mar Fair this year. After our recent acquisition of SD&A car #050 "Carriso Gorge" and SD&A loco #104, PSRMA exhibited the train for our first and last time at this year's fair. The train should be at our museum in Campo by this time next year.

About 25,000 people visited the train and saw exhibits that told about our museum and emphasized PSRMA's ability to properly restore the train. The highlight of the exhibit was the beautifully inlayed mahogany paneling, covered for the past thirty years by green paint, and now exposed as a glimpse of the beauty and elegance that was originally the "Carriso Gorge".

Approximately \$2,000 was donated by the visitors and a number of new members were added to the roster. Bob and Linda DiGiorgio were the exhibit directors. Linda spent

days on the phone lining up the volunteers to fill over 200 three hour shifts. Bob supervised the preparation of the exhibit. Roy Pickering and David DiGiorgio spent several days cleaning out the years of trash and dirt. David stripped the paint off the mahogany exhibit panel. Ann McVeagh, Dick Ruppert and Paul Ruppert also helped with the cleanup. Larry Rose provided his display boards and lots of photographs for the exhibit. Art Dominy loaned several lanterns for display. Dan Robirds brought out and mounted the Shay's bell to fill the empty spot on #104's boiler. Harry Doering drove all over town collecting the donations from various staffers.

And then there were the many staffers who made the whole thing work----

Ed & Judy Arbuckle Dave Anderson Larry Rose Brenda Bailey Roy Pickering Bob Hussey Thomas McDaniel Harlan Hatz (4) Charles Wade (3) Shawn Eriksen Lyle Cotton Rae Gav John C. Cash Pat & Belden Rau Buck Hathaway Chandler Bach (2) David Slater Dan Vomhof (2) Chalmers Kerr Sara Reeves Bob & David DiGiorgio (6)

Manuel & Genevieve Lopez (2)

Edwin & Louise Herold Tom & Evelyn Early Dr. Frank Wisner (3) Virginia Czajkowski Gordon & Louise Buck Clayton Fairweather Jill Clarke (3) Frieda Eklund Max Miller Randy Gibson Barbarann Parker (3) Trig Stanley (5) Margaret Stahl (2) Harry Doering (3) Reed Gattshall Verna Eastman Willis Dawirs Perry Edwards Alfred Bispo Bill Scheider

Patty & Charlie Clark (2) Cecil & Louise Badman (2) Skip & Yvonne Carlisle Al Vartanian Scott Thompson Jim Lundauist Ron Hyatt (3) Dan Robirds (3) Wilma Steele (4) John Pfingsten (2) Dick Ruppert (2) B. V. Parks Corrine Gallagher Suzanne Drake Doris Dean (2) Bill Niedrich L. W. Beasley Bill Hofer Stan Brown Doug Brower Boy Scouts-Troop #11

C. Vernon Northrup Herman Englander Ann McVeagh (2) Rita Cloud (2) Barbara Foley Mari Porter Art Dominy (2) Steve Norris Nathan Ray Joel Cox (2) Duane Dubke Lee Vovakes Don Pope Nathan Ray Herb Kehr Trevor Clarke Sara Noble Matt Hebel George Parish Bob Martin (relief duty)

## Members Have "Ball" in Kansas City

by Brenda Bailey

At the second annual national convention of the Santa Fe Modelers Association in Kansas City June 25-27, PSRMA member Carl R. Ball, Chief Special Agent for the Santa Fe, brought several films from Santa Fe's archives. Included were films of steam locomotives from the 30's and 40's plus the 1951 Super Chief promotional film and the mainline relocation from Williams Junction, Arizona to Crookman, Arizona. Carl Ball talked with PSRMA's Norm Hill and Brenda Bailey and praised the museum's many achievements and restoration projects. He asked that we convey his compliments to the membership.

The guest speaker was Art Gibson, who presented slides from the William O. Gibson collection, covering fifty years of Santa Fe from tiny 2-6-0's to the modern diesels of today. W. O. Gibson is also a PSRMA member, and his photos will be long remembered. Also among the activities were clinics covering prototype information and model contests. Four Californians, including two PSRMA members (Norm and Brenda), won 46% of the contest awards for model building and photography. Brenda won first prize for passenger cars for

the second year in a row and took first place in photography.

With 175 persons in attendance, including Mr. Ball and eleven other professionals from the Santa Fe, these annual conventions are quickly becoming the Santa Fe event of the year. Another fringe benefit of these conventions is the opportunity to talk and meet with noted authors and historians such as Frank Ellington, John B. McCall and Joe McMillan. Others have provided PSRMA with much valued information for our restoration projects.

## Honor Roll

DON & DOROTHEA WRIGHT have donated many items of railroad memorabilia from the Union Pacific. Don is a retired U.P. yardmaster whose younger brothers still work as conductors on the U.P. between North Platte and Cheyenne. Don's dad "Bobby" went firing on the U.P. in 1916 to start the family railroad tradition and much of the material donated was collected during his 52 year career as an engineer. Included are many switch keys (including SD&A and SD&AE!), photographs (including one of the engineer "Bobby" Wright oiling around on the legendary 4-8-4 #8444) and a beautiful presentation timetable gold embossed for Don's brother Fred Wright. Look for some of this great stuff on display soon at the La Mesa Depot.

<u>DICK RUPPERT</u> donated a heavy duty vise for our Campo shop. It is now bolted down and in use on our work bench.

L. H. WILLIAMS donated many railroad magazines and paper items for the museum library.

CLAUDIA TUTTLE, CHARLIE JONES and DAVID GOLDBERG have donated cash to restore engine #104 and car #050 at Del Mar.

CLETUS RINGLEIN donated many back issues of "Trains Magazine" to PSRMA's library.

JOHN BATEY, C.E. donated a book on railway construction, useful during the engineering phase of our Campo work.

JOSEPH W. FISHER has given a cash donation to our general fund.

Inadvertently left out of the last REPORT was recognition of the following members who donated items for the very successful raffle at the annual dinner: <a href="DAN MARNELL">DAN MARNELL</a>, HERB YAKLIN, WHISTLE STOP MODEL RAILROAD SHOP, REED'S HOBBY SHOP, PERRY TIMMERMANS, TOM WHITTAKER, ERIC SANDERS, HENRIETTA KECSKES, GWEN ROBBINS, FRANK KEARNEY and HERB KEHR.

## **EXCURSION NEWS**

by Shirley Simpson

Return to the past...Visit ALAMOS, October 30th - November 3rd.

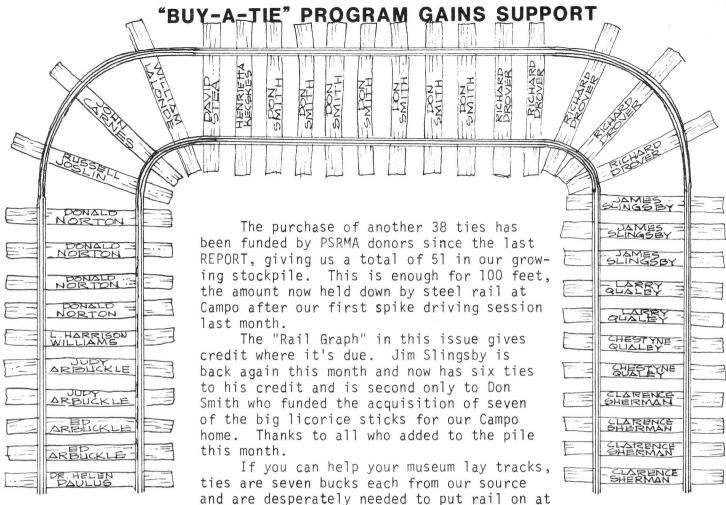
In response to many requests, a return visit to Alamos is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, by chartered Pullman (with connecting bus from San Diego) to Navajoa, and on to Alamos by bus Sunday, 8:00 AM, arriving in Alamos about one hour later. Spend all of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in Alamos, leaving Tuesday night 10:00 PM by bus to train arriving home by connecting bus Wednesday night if on time. Cost of busses, train, two nights hotel and six meals will be approximately \$350.00.

A State Colonial Monument, Alamos is a historical silver mining town located at an altitude of 1,000 feet in a valley where the desert meets the tropics. We will be in Alamos for "Dia de Los Muertos", The "Day of The Dead". If you want to be included, send your name to PSRMA, c/o Shirley Simpson, 8721 Flden St., La Mesa, CA 92041 (or call Shirley at 463-3791 or Ann McVeagh at 444-3808).

Looking Ahead...Copper Canyon, November 13th - 21st.

Copper Canyon's trip has an optional overnight hike, very spectacular, but not for the faint at heart. Hikers will climb from Urique village at the bottom of the canyon, up and over the ridges to Batopilas village at the bottom of the neighboring canyon. Ann McVeagh and Vidal, a Tarahumara Indian guide, will lead the way. The non-hikers, accompanied by Shirley Simpson, will go by bus to the train and up the mountain to Creel, where we spend the night at the Parador de La Montaña hotel. The next day, the group will go by bus the 140 km to Batopilas to rejoin the hikers. Both groups will spend two nights in the beautiful little colonial village of Batopilas. This is an exciting and very spectacular trip, no matter which option you decide to choose. Join us! Details will be in the next REPORT. For additional information call Shirley Simpson or Ann McVeagh.

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Campo. Send your donations to PSRMA "Buy-A-Tie" Program, La Mesa Depot, 4695 Railroad Ave., La Mesa, CA 92041. Building a railroad museum the hard way is the only way it will get done, and there is no free lunch, so support your volunteer gandydancers. They are makin' tracks for you at Campo!



#### EVERYTHING TRAINS! Gift Shop



Open Saturdays and Sundays 12 to 6 in Santa Fe Cafe-Observation #1509 at the Embarcadero Exhibit, Harbor Drive near Broadway.

#### NEW THIS MONTH

UNIFORM BUTTONS from various railroads, others on special order. Buy one as a souvenir or a whole set for your uniform.

BELT BUCKLES in a nice assortment of steam and diesel, Pullmans and Cabooses. Also a few LA MESA CANNONBALL buckles left.

JOHN TERRY ITEMS include handsome ties, scarves and decals.

SPECIAL FOR MEMBERS ONLY - OUR OWN SHAY #3

In a beautiful Vanishing Vistas jumbo picture card, taken on the Feather River Railway. We bought the publisher's last stock of this out-of-print card, and we'll sell them one apiece to those who ask, while they last. They won't be in our display rack!

COME IN AND SEE our unique variety of gifts and novelties on railroad subjects, only. Phone 283-3066 for information.

HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF? We're spelling it R-E-U-T-E-R since Joe Reuter became the Embarcadero bookkeeper recently. That's a lot of relief for the harried Exhibit and Gift Shop directors, Bob and Linda, and also for PSRMA's treasurer and comptroller who now have relief from Bob's wretched accounting. Joe's good work is especially important as the gift shop keeps growing, and good accounting is so important. Thanks and thanks again, Joe!

A CREW OF FOUR is what it takes at the Embarcadero, now. Things get so busy sometimes that our former three people crews often couldn't get away from their posts for breaks. Now the fourth person lets the crews rotate for breaks, making the day a lot more relaxing and pleasant for all. The rest of the time, the fourth person is a second staffer in the #1509, where two people come handy with the added business of the gift shop.

 $\overline{\text{Workfare}}$  We need someone who can be at the exhibit three days a month to supervise our  $\overline{\text{Workfare}}$  cleaning crews. Linda's job now prevents her from doing it, and unless we can find a replacement, we'll have to pass up good, free cleaning service. The job requires just being there for three 5-hour days in a row. Call Linda at 283-3066 if you can help.

The Great LA MESA CANNONBALL kept us busy, too, as we opened the Eastern Division of our gift shop for the occasion. Results were good, and we turned in about \$300 in profits for the occasion. Thanks to Brian Valleau, Mr. and Mrs. "Stretch" Romer, David, Daniel, Deborah, Bob and Linda DiGiorgio, Wilma Steele, Eric and Ellen Sanders, and Boy and Girl Scouts from several troops all pitched in.

Thanks to our regular Embarcadero staffers in April who were:

Cecil Badman
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Bob Hussey
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David Anderson
David DiGiorgio
Bob DiGiorgio

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## 1509 JOINS AMTRAK DISPLAY

by Roy Pickering

Family Days, held on March 13 and 14, was a big success here in San Diego. Amtrak gave rides on their Superliners all day for only \$3.00. PSRMA got in on the action by having our very own Santa Fe Cafe/Observation #1509 bringing up the rear of six Amtrak cars on display. The visitors entered #1509, then went through two cars used on the "San Diegan", one of the first El Capitan Dormitory transition cars, a Superliner coach, A Superliner diner, and a Superliner observation car. In the Santa Fe Depot were displays by Amtrak, MTDB, Santa Fe Depot restoration project, PSRMA photo displays of San Diego railroading past and present, and our railroad gift shop.

PSRMA looked good thanks to the help of these great volunteers: David Anderson, Greg Barton, Jill Clark, Rita Cloud, Shirley Cook, Linda & Bob DiGiorgio, Ron Hyatt, Bob Martin, Ann McVeagh, "Nick" Nichols, Byron Nordberg, George Parish, John Pfingsten, Dave Slater, "Trig" Stanley, Wilma Steele, Lynne Wallace. Thanks to Larry Rose and Eric Sanders for the great photo displays. During the two days there were an estimated 25 thousand people through the #1509. Even though it rained most of the day Sunday, the

people just kept coming to enjoy our great rail heritage.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Tanya Rose

Bob Kern, of Flintridge, California, is now Life Member #16. The Kembles, who upgraded to the supporting level, live in Hawaii, and most of our newest contributing members are out-of-towners, also. We are proud of our local supporters and are especially so of our distant members who believe in us although they cannot participate in all our fun activities. Every one of you are what makes the magic happen. You give the hard core workers a special morale boost and sharpen our desire to excel. Thanks to all you folks, who add so much to PSRMA!

LIFE MEMBER #16: Robert L. (Bob) Kern

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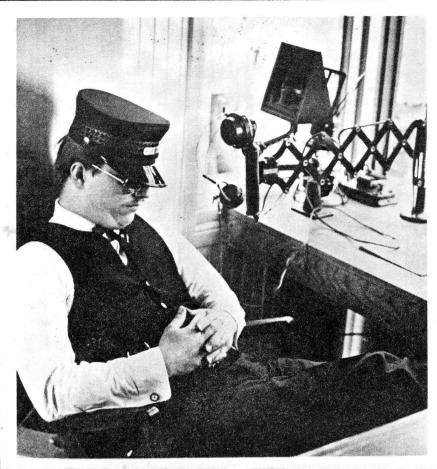


## FAN MAIL

It was my happy lot to have been included in your recent Copper Canyon tour. The total experience was a memorable vacation. I am mindful of the watchcare and guidance given us by our accomplished tour supervisors; their devotion to duty and personalized services made it indeed pleasurable. I reference, of course, the leaders Mrs. Shirley Simpson and Mrs. Ann McVeagh. Good luck in your endeavor.

Most Sincerely,

Don F. Smith



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It's between trains at the La Mesa Depot and with all six sections of the "Cannonball" sold out Agent Bob Martin takes a well earned break. With all the PSRMA acti-

vity packed into the last few months, many of our volunteers would like to kick back with Bob and admire their great work. The telegraph gear shown is original equipment from the San Diego & Arizona Ry. and dates from 1910. (L. Rose photo)

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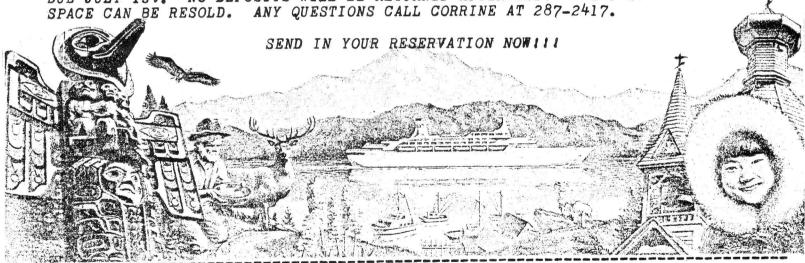
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