



# Poway Echoes

**A NEWSLETTER OF THE POWAY HISTORICAL AND MEMORIAL SOCIETY**

*Preserving Poway's Past for the Future*

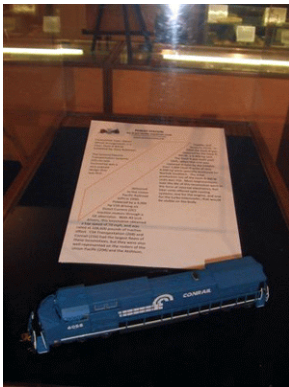
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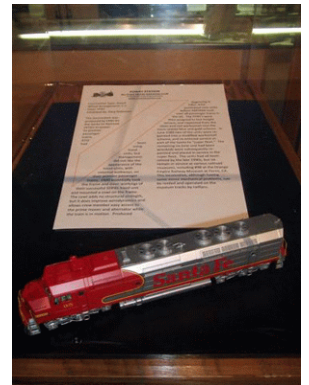
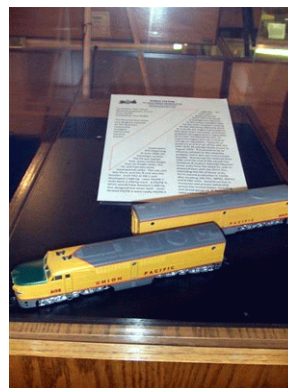
Joye Davisson, Editor

## H. O. LOCOMOTIVES AT MUSEUM

Poway Station Model Train Club has loaned the museum a collection of locomotives for exhibit. The collection includes thirty-two examples dating from the "John Bull" circa 1831, through the modern day "Coaster" and the "EMD SD70MAC".



Each example is accompanied by a descriptive sheet with specifications and a history of the locomotive's purpose and uses. The exhibit is running currently and will be at the museum till approximately April 21.



Poway Station is an "all scale model railroad club". Contact them at [powystation.org](http://powystation.org). The model train club meets Tuesdays, twice a month here at Old Poway Park.

## NELSON HOUSE

Welcome to new members Vern and Barbarann Parker and Gwenmarie Hilleary. A big thank you to them for the paint touch up and cleaning. Also thanks for keeping the Nelson House open on Saturdays.

### New Acquisitions:

On display in the museum, a handmade 1900s quilt that was rescued from a garage floor.

Three bags of books from the 1900s.

Genealogy book that link four pioneer families to present day donated by Helen (Frank) Peevler.

Members and all Poway residents are encouraged to send us their family histories.

### Archives:

The family history boxes have been completed. We are now working on organizations and city history. Next on our agenda will be the photo boxes. We will need help with organizing the photos. There are many old photographs that need to be researched.

~Jan Rubacky



## REMEMBERING DOLORA

I met Dolora at the first Poway Historical Society Board meeting I attended. I had been living in Poway over 10 years and like many living in Poway and working in San Diego I knew only a few neighbors. Company downsizing eliminated my job so I thought I might enjoy a little volunteer work at the Historical Society never knowing it would bring me to know and love Poway. AND Dolora Powers was certainly a part of Poway. In many ways she personified the best of Poway..

I am not sure when we first became friends but our friendship developed over time. Of course, I didn't know Dolora till her later years and most of her focus was on Ralph and the Historical Society. Dolora had a deep respect for the Powers Family and for the Historical Society's role in preserving the history of Poway which she was a part. Needless to say she still kept an eye on the City Council's ideas of how things in Poway should be. She wouldn't think twice about picking up the phone and calling a city official about something. She would get the information from them and then let them know exactly what she thought. (I am sure they knew when she called what was probably coming.)

Living in Poway for over 80 years, Dolora saw ALL the growth and changes in Poway. She often reminded us electricity came to Poway in 1929. Let me see, she must have been 11 years old at the

time. There were many changes she wasn't fond of but she accepted them and enjoyed her life. Often she would talk about earlier years in Poway. I got the impression earlier years in Poway were hard. Times were tough for most then but she didn't complain, she just talked about life as a matter of fact. Then there was a side of Dolora that really amused me- I clearly remember stopping by her home to say Hi and just have a little chat. There she would be sitting in front of the TV in her recliner watching the soaps or reading the rag sheet "Inquirer" which I would have never believed. Often we would talk about politics, the Historical Society, friends, family or just things in general. Dolora didn't talk about herself. Once in awhile I would learn something more about her or her life but only if it was relevant to whatever conversation we were having at the time.

Over the years, I came to love Dolora and like so many others came to view her as a real Poway treasure. A wonderful human being who gave so much to her community and fellow Powegians with her down to earth values and qualities. As I look back at the time we shared and thinking of her now brings tears and sorrow.

Dolora Powers - A Very Special Lady!!

~Mary Whitten

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## LOOKING FOR A POWAY POST CARD?

Poway Historical Society has a collection of Poway Landmarks post cards available at the museum and at City Hall.

Twin Peaks, the Veterans Memorial, Blue Sky , Nelson House and other spots around Poway are just \$1.00 (plus tax). These are great for helping with a school report; sending out of town with "Flat Stanley" or just to share with former neighbors.



Nelson House

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jeffrey Frye
Secretary	Carol Crafts
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Newsletter Editor	Joye Davisson

The Board meets the first Monday of the month at 8:30 AM in the Museum. Members are welcome to attend.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

While sorting through artifacts at the museum I came upon a "Chieftain" dated Thursday, July 20, 1961. Incredibly, the front page article was titled, "Museum Interest Revived".

The article spoke of fund raising promoted by the "old timers" (Poway residents before 1953!) The "old timers" had conflicting interests with the opening of the new post office that was located at the corners of Hilleary and Midland Roads, so the fund raising was to be put on hold.

I am reminded of a saying that I recently heard as follows, "When we drink water, we should remember those that dug the well". Such is our business as the Poway Historical and Memorial Society. Our contributions to the community of Poway continue to afford research and entertainment to our citizens, and serve as a link for all to "remember those that dug the well"!

The hills and valleys around town are all fresh and green thanks to our winter rains and the sunny days of January and February. Spring is on its way with promises of renewal and another bountiful year.

Carol Crafts has completed a huge project. Carol has put together a postcard series commemorating the City of Poway. As far as the board can tell, these postcards are exclusive and are available at City Hall, Curves, and at your museum.

We are working here at the museum with our city sponsored archival projects". Jan Rubacky and Jennifer Rough are going through our collections of artifacts. Jan has been collating the collections, while Jennifer has been listing these collections to software. This labor intense project will be a reference and finding aid for all who wish to research our collections. As we all agree, "preserving Poway's history" is one of our primary goals.

At our February meeting, the Board discussed the events coming to Old Poway Park this spring. The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Standard Flower Show sponsored by Poway Valley Garden Club will be on Saturday, April 14. All of our gardeners won't want to miss this event.

Saturday, April 28 the Train Song Festival returns to Old Poway Park. The park will have folk, blues, and bluegrass music coupled with the model train club members exhibiting their collections. The Community Band Festival co-sponsored by the Pomerado Community Band will be at the park the weekend of May 19 and 20. And, let us not forget our Veteran's Park Memorial Day Service held at the new Veteran's Park Monday, May 28.

Our February meeting also included discussions of our bylaws. Our bylaws describe responsibilities of our officers, and we are looking to appoint a new Historian. Cecilia Burr has been covering these duties for many years, but she has recently resigned from the board. If any of our members are interested in filling this lofty and fascinating position, please contact us.

Our Board of Directors meet the second Monday of each month, 8:30 AM here at the museum. We invite all our members to attend and share ideas. The short of it, we value your memberships. Ask your friends and neighbors to get involved and help us continue to "preserve Poway's history" today.

Please keep former board member Cecilia Burr in your thoughts and prayers.

Enjoy the springtime and best wishes from all of us at the museum.

~ Jeff Frye.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul and Toni Fleischmann  
Gwenmarie Hilleary  
Vernon and Barbarann Parker  
Wendy Rios

IN MEMORIAM  
Dolora Powers  
1918 - 2011

Dolora Powers, the last of the original Poway Historical and Memorial Society Board of Directors, passed away on December 20, 2011. (See article page 2)

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POWAY HISTORICAL AND MEMORIAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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RENEWAL

\$500 LIFE

\$75 BUSINESS

\$20 ORGANIZATION

\$17 FAMILY

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Special Events                       Tours                       Docent in Museum                       Research