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1966 is here

DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE

We are not going to waste space this year with a fancy little cut off application form to renew membership, hardly anyone ever uses them. TO RENEW FOR 1966, just put your check or money order in an envelope with your name and address plus the new zip code, mail it to the society address and new 1966 cards will be mailed out. (Those of you that have paid will be getting your new cards soon.)

The 1966 dues are \$3.50 for regular membership, \$3.50 or more for sustaining membership, \$4.50 for the family plan and \$2.50 for persons under 18 years of age.

Dues are due and payable NOW, delinquent as of March 1st., so send your checks now. If everyone will get their dues in during February it will save an awful lot of book work and extra work for us. Don't forget, dues, NOW.

Dues are for the 1966 year, March 1st is the deadline, dues carry you through to March 1st each year. Cards are numbered according to when your dues reach us, early birds get the low numbers, your card number is different each year due to this system.

HELP....HELP..... By Don Decker, 2nd V.P.
R.H.S. of S.D. NEEDS YOU

As members of the railway society, you, through these past years have by your actions and votes had the society acquire certain railway equipment, six important items. This is your equipment.....and it needs work.

Car 54; much painting to be done, doors, window frames, etc., doors to be installed. Rail and Ties must be placed under the car.

Engine 104; Rust, paint, new boiler jacket and various other chores required.

Car 050; It badly needs roof work again, or buckets to bail it out during the rains.

Car 171; It badly needs paint on every bit of it, a roof job and patching cracks in wood. (This car is at Perris, on O.E.T. property, it is our duty to keep it presentable.)

Car 528; Needs seat covering, some paint.

Gypsum Car; Slowly rusting, needs paint.

Who will match their words and votes with deeds? If you just sit back and let a handful do the work, very little if anything will be done, only the membership at large turning out in force will get these jobs done. There will be a work party on Car 54 at the Whaley House SAT. FEB. 12 & 26 starting at 10:00 A.M.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE R.H.S. of S.D. Inc. WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE SAFETY ROOM, UP-STAIRS IN THE SANTA FE RAILWAY STATION.

MEETING WILL START AT 7:30 P.M., FEB. 7th.

A quick run down of 1966 goals and jobs that must be taken care of will be followed by our usual prizes, time to talk trains with each other and there will be a good supply of hot chocolate, coffee and a variety of goodies.

PROGRAM The prime time will be devoted to the second section of our last regular meet. ROY & DAISY MILLER will present some very interesting movies with STEAM in motion, a coverage of some of the operating steam lines they found on their vacations, also some unusual river operations.

DON'T MISS THIS PROGRAM AND MEETING, start the year off right, be present to see this outstanding program and give our new president, REX CUTTELL, a banner send off on his first meeting.

← BE THERE.

SEE YOU ALL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1966 7:30/8:00 P.M. at the Santa Fe Station.... Be there, bring a friend, come down and chat about trains with people that like to chat about trains, see some good action on the screen too! MONDAY, 2/7/66, BE THERE!

LAST MONTH January is not a regular meeting month but it plays a pretty important part in society operations. On Monday, January 10th we held our annual dinner and Jim Reading did the honors of installing the new officers.

Rex Cuttoll takes over from Dwight Couch for the 1966 season. Dwight remains on the board to help guide us and Rex takes over the presidents duties. (see page two for full list of 1966 officers.)

Movies of the last big steam trip out of L.A. in 1958 were shown, this was the year we incorporated the RHSoSfSD and the last of our old faithful steam locomotives were seen in use on a double header trip to Santa Paula. P.S. The food was good, so were the door prizes

R.H.S. of S.D. Inc., P.O. Box 9351, San Diego, California, Zip # 92109. NEWSLETTER, published monthly (most of the time) prior to regular society monthly meeting, news of meetings, work dates, trips, rail happens, etc. (send news items to editor on or before 20th of each month.)

1966 R.H.S. of S.D. OFFICERS

President..... REX CUTTELL (no phone)
1st V.P.(publicity) ROBERT J. FARNWELL (278-9543)
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3rd V.P.(programs) GLADYS L. SKEEN (284-3449)
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Recording Secretary..... Celia Hatz
Corresponding Secretary..... Barbara Thomson
Historian..... Clifford G. Skeen
Excursions..... Seeth L. Thomson

Board of Directors

Past President.....Dwight E. Couch, Jr.
2nd year, 2 year term.....Charles J. Rezek
Newly elected.....Gene Lindsay

Correction: At the installation dinner the name of Charles Rezek was accidentally skipped in naming the 1966 officers, Charles is actually not a new member of the board of directors as he is serving his second year, it was because of this that his name was omitted when announcing the newly elected officers, SORRY ABOUT THAT CHIEF!

WORK PARTY WORKERS....It would help if you would notify the 2nd VP if and when you can help on a Saturday, call Don Decker at 469-3115.

INVENTORY.....INVENTORY.....

What have you got that belongs to the society? Any parts from streetcars, engines, etc.?

We are looking for a full listing of all of our equipment, parts, papers, notes, etc. What have you got? Any old minutes, letters, etc.?

Gather up any items you have and turn them in or if it is something you are working on for car 54 or something of that nature, let us know what you have so we can get an up to date idea of where everything is.

Anything, anything, anything that should be listed, should be in the safety deposit box, or in the new file cabinet, let us know, turn it in and help us get our records all up to date and in some sort of order.

KEYS, do you have any old keys? Only certain persons should have current set of keys to our equipment, if you have old out dated keys or any of the presently used keys, let us know, if you don't need them, turn them in.

WE ARE A BIT BEHIND IN SCHEDULE.....

The 1966 membership cards are not yet in the mail for those of you that have paid your dues. The Newsletter is a bit late and behind on the news, we will try to get caught up.

EXCURSIONS (Southern California)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1966 - Four car special featuring O.E.T. Canadian Mountain Car and open platform observation 1509, Pasadena to Barstow with two GP-9 freight road switchers for power.

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM, P.O. Box 548, Perris, Calif. 92370 (TRIP SOLD OUT 2/1/66)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1966 - "San Bernardino Local" limited capacity train, Pasadena to San Bernardino, tour of Santa Fe shops, Leave at 8:30AM, return at 7:00PM, Fare \$5.75, train will have observation car 1509. PACIFIC RAILROAD SOCIETY, P.O. Box 5279, Metropolitan Sta., Los Angeles, Calif. 90055.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12th, 1966 - Special train from L.A. to the National Orange Show at San Bernardino via Santa Fe. Leave L.A. 9:45 AM, leave Pasadena 10:15 AM. Fare \$6.75 adults, \$3.95 for children. (Pasadena \$6.50 and \$3.65) Includes bus from depot to Orange Show and admission, plus one ride on the new narrow gauge steam train at the Orange Show. CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN RAILROAD MUSEUM, 180 "J" St., San Bernardino, Calif. 92410. (Turner 5-4664)

APRIL, 1966 Bus Tour, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway up Mt. San Jacinto.....alternate trip will be to Hemet and the "Ramona Pageant". R.H.S. of S.D. trip from San Diego.

APRIL 16 & 30, both Saturday's, special train from L.A. to Hemet for Ramona Pageant in out door stage. Trip includes dinner and all transportation. Leave Los Angeles 9:45 AM. Fare \$14.50 adults, \$10.00 children. (Rail trip only for the railfan, Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00) RAMONA BY RAIL - ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM, P.O. Box 548, Perris, Calif. 92370.

SUNDAY, MAY 1st, 1966 - ESCONDIDO PICNIC TRAIN, San Diego to Escondido via Santa Fe special. R.H.S. of S.D. excursion from San Diego.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 21 & 22, 1966 - "VALLEY FLIER" via Santa Fe. Trip starts at Pasadena, covers line eastward to San Bernardino, over Cajon Pass, Barstow, line to Mojave, over S.P. trackage from Mojave, Tehachapi Loop, Bakersfield, Porterville, Visalia and Madera Districts for Branch Line railroading. Stay overnight at Fresno, lodging arranged. High speed track between Corcoran and Bakersfield. Sunrise and sunset in Cajon Pass, full daylight in Tehachapi! Special seven car train featuring car 599, the O.E.T. Canadian Mountain Observation Car. 225 passengers....limited! FARES: \$28.00 (no half fares) includes all rail transportation and \$2.00 deposit on room at Fresno. Two box lunches and beverage included in fare. This will be a trip similar to the Mythe-Ripley trip last year. ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM, P.O. Box 548, Perris, Calif. 92370.

NEWS NOTES (from way back in November!)

Big news in and around San Diego was the downpour of rain in Nov.-Dec. which was unusual for this area and put the rain gauges way over the total annual rainfall! Santa Fe had some washouts on Cajon Pass and high water was a general problem all over the southland. The local line into San Diego experienced some rain damage here and there. Mrs. Cook reported to us from Vista, she stated that the Escondido local freight couldn't get back to Oceanside due to water in the low lands east of Oceanside. The train tied up at Vista for the night! That was in November. Also during those rains the SD&AE was washed out in several places south of Tijuana. Trains 451 and 542 were cancelled. Falling rock in Carrizo Gorge also was a problem during the storms. Work trains were reported on several occasions since the storms. The El Cajon-La Mesa line also had some washouts. Service was stepped on several days for high water near the Grossmont area.....December was a record month for potash shipments and there were plenty of big train loads into town and long strings of empties northbound. The line had several of the CTC sidings blocked with loads or empties. The Morans siding is used quite often for storage. The SD&AE also has been active with several big shipments of alfalfa pellets to the bulk loader. January has also been active, one afternoon we had three solid trains of covered hoppers on the Santa Fe within a couple hours time.....The big news in railroading recently was the truck-train collision at a crossing in the Anaheim area. Train #76 "San Diego" with diesels #51c and #61 (A-A) hit a large loaded gravel truck and derailed. On Dec. 22nd, 1965 the wreck tore up about 400 feet of track, both diesels were turned over and 5 cars derailed. The truck driver was killed, the engineer and fireman were severely injured but luckily there were not many serious injuries to passengers. At first it was reported the diesels would be repaired, rumors now have it that they may be scrapped. Trains were routed around the accident using the single track freight line from Orange to Atwood and to Fullerton via the main line east & west. It required trains to back up for one portion of the journey to "bye" back to the proper direction.....Engine 51c is the aft "A" unit of the original three unit A-B-A Alco passenger diesel. This is the set that was re-engined with G.M. diesels some years ago and has since been known as "Christine", the original 51 still makes the daily run to San Diego coupled with a "true" Alco "A" unit. #51 powered our Escondido trip in 1963 and has served on the Del Mar race trains regularly for several years.

STEAM ON THE EAGLE Mtn.

Most recent steam power for movies or TV was the V&T engine on the Santa Fe San Jacinto line at Monifie for "Wild, Wild West TV show.

Now comes the Great Western 2-8-0 #75, she was towed out from Colorado for use in a new movie being made on the Kaiser Steel "Eagle Mountain Railroad". Plans called for the engine to be steamed at Indio (on the S.P.) and run to Ferrum and up the Eagle Mtn RR. The locomotive is a coal burner and will be used for shots in the movie "The Professionals". Two Mexican engines are also reported to be in the filming. These are the engines recently reported on the Sonora Baja California. One is slated for donation and display at Mexicali. The Great Western locomotive was relettered M de M for the film, the film is supposed to take place in Mexico and is about Pancha Villa. (Burt Lancaster is in it.)

STEAM AT THE ORANGE SHOW

A mile and a quarter of narrow gauge track and an operating steam locomotive will bring the Orange Show a new shot in the arm this year.

For the initial run, Cottonwood & Southern will supply the motive power, Mr. Dale Gentry has shipped his locomotive down from his ranch, so reports the California Southern Express.

They are negotiating for the 4-4-0 from the defunct Frontier Land line near Phoenix, Arizona.

STEAM TRIPS ON THE CALIFORNIA WESTERN

It is a rather long trip for a weekend but well worth it if you can get away. The steam locomotive on the California Western between Willits and Fort Bragg will be run for two trips soon. One an all freight run will be on Saturday, March 19th, steam engine #45 a 2-8-2 type will haul a railfan freight train from Fort Bragg to Willits and return. In Fort Bragg at 8:00 AM. Fare is \$12.00, plenty of hard to get to areas picked for photo stops. PACIFIC LOCOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION, 3904 - 19th St., San Francisco, California, 94114.

On Saturday, April 23 another trip will be made with the passenger train and engine #45. This trip will originate at Willits, run to Redwood Grove and return to Willits. A special train will run on the Northwestern Pacific from the station at Novato in Marin County. Details will be available from Don Thrall on March 1st, 1966. 610 Arlington, Berkeley, Calif.

(Regular steam service will resume this spring on a schedule as it was last year.)

STEAM ON THE TREASURERS RAIL

Get those dues in during February and make the banking a little easier for the treasurer. Everyone...pay those dues now! \$3.50 per year for regular or sustaining, \$4.50 family plan, \$2.50 under 18 yrs. PAY YOUR DUES NOW.

PLUSH TRIP....February 19, 20, 21, 22, 1966

"Winter Wonderland Special" San Francisco to Salt Lake City via Western Pacific and Feather River in special cars on the "California Zephyr" switch to Union Pacific and run to Las Vegas, side trip to Death Valley, return via U.P. and switch to Santa Fe and "San Francisco Chief" for trip over Tehachapi Loop and up the San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area. ARTHUR LLOYD, PACIFIC COAST CHAPTER, RAILWAY & LOCOMOTIVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 974 Pleasant Hill Rd., Redwood City, Calif. 94061.

FEATHER RIVER RAILROAD.....A dispute with the state for two years has been ended, the little lumber line will not be relocated but instead the line will be torn up. The big dam on the Feather River will flood six miles of the line and cut it off, they had been fighting for the state to relocate the line. No report as to the future of the Shay steam locomotives.

PICKERING LUMBER.....The end of rail operations have finally come to the Pickering at Standard, Calif. The line is being torn up. Shay #8 did some final running with a log train and movies were taken. It is reported the #8 may be sold for use somewhere else.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC dumped the "Lark" near Paso Robles on Dec. 27th. The derailed streamliner was the result of a broken rail, no injuries. Pacific News reports a head on collision of two freight trains in a heavy fog, the trains were on a trestle at the time and it collapsed. Nine crewmen were injured. The accident was on the branch line to Coalinga, fog so thick you could only see about 50 feet. Both locomotives were derailed and a number of cars.

CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN RAILROAD MUSEUM will pay \$10.00 for good photos for use in the 1957 rail road calendar. High quality black and white action photos of steam and electric in western portion of the country. Submit 11x14 size, glossy prints. Send pictures to Chard Walker, Summit, Calif. 92387.

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD WEEK

February 12 thru 20 has been set aside for this years National Model Railroad Week.

Clubs and layouts all over the country will be open to the public. Locally the San Diego Model RR Club in Balboa Park will be open on Fri. Feb. 11, 7:30 to 9:30 PM, Sat. Feb. 12, 1 to 4:30 PM, Sun. Feb. 13, 1 to 4:30 PM and the same hours again on the following weekend of Feb. 18, 19 and 20..... The Oceanside club will be open Sat. Feb 12 and Sun. Feb 13, 1 to 5 PM, same hours Sat. and Sunday Feb 19 & 20. Pacific Beach Model Railroaders Club will have the Pacific Beach & Western operating on a full scheduled time table operation at Del Mar on Tuesday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, Feb. 17, open to the public from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Trains run on a regular time schedule, the new CTC panel is hooked up and shows all train positions and turnout positions. A large new display case will have many fine models on display, another new item is the completely detailed and operating "N" scale layout in the depot, come up and see this little jewel, half the size of HO!

The Santa Fe is to have some equipment on display at the depot in San Diego, staffed by members of the local clubs, Sat. and Sun. Feb. 19 and 20. The La Mesa club is building a new layout and will be open both Saturday Evenings.

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RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC. - P.O. BOX 9351, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, 92109.
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1965 - NEWSLETTER EXTRA NUMBER ONE for 1966 - R.H.S. of S.D. DINNER DATE SET

LATE, LATE, LATE.....YES WE ARE LATE WITH THE NEWS! THE 1966 INSTALLATION OF SOCIETY OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10th AT THE MIDWAY CHUCK WAGON, 7:30 P.M. (SECOND MONDAY....2nd?)

THE 1966 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF JANUARY, THATS LESS TIME THAN YOU THINK, ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY.....SO PLAN NOW TO ATTEND, MONDAY, JANUARY 10th.

SORRY TO BE SO LATE NOTIFYING YOU BUT IT COULDN'T BE HELPED. YOU CAN HELP.....WE WERE LATE IN SENDING THIS NOTICE OUT.....YOU CAN BE PROMPT BY LETTING US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE THERE, WRITE OR PHONE, DON'T DELAY.....IF YOU WRITE, WRITE TO BARBARA THOMSON, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, WRITE DIRECT TO 3204 McGraw St., San Diego, Calif., 92117. IF YOU CAN PHONE, CALL THE FOLLOWING: GLADYS SKEEN at 284-3449 (Gladys Traine, 4275 University) during daily open hours of store. BARBARA THOMSON at 276-3266 evenings after 5.....DON'T DELAY, LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING.

DINNER AT THE LUXURIOUS "FIRESIDE ROOM" OF THE MIDWAY CHUCK WAGON RESTAURANT, MIDWAY DRIVE AT ROSECRANS IN SAN DIEGO.....THE CHUCK WAGON FEATURES PRIME RIB OF BEEF AND GOLDEN BROWN FRIED CHICKEN...."All You Can Eat". PLUS THE USUAL VARIETY OF SALADS, ETC. 7:30 P.M. 1/10/66

DINNER, TAX, TIP and DOOR PRIZE TICKETS....ALL FOR THE LOW FIGURE OF \$ 3.25 PER PERSON!! YOU MAY PAY IN ADVANCE, PAY PRIOR TO THE DINNER ON MONDAY THE 10th IN THE LOBBY, OR PAY LATER. (You will be billed) JUST LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE THERE, IT IS THAT SIMPLE, JUST CALL OR DROP US A CARD. (Send orders directly to Barbara Thomson, 3204 McGraw St., San Diego, Calif. 92117)

TO MAKE THIS DINNER A SUCCESS WE MUST HAVE FIFTY PERSONS. TIME IS SHORT, CALL YOUR RESERVATION AS SOON AS YOU CAN. (See phone numbers above.) REMEMBER, THE DINNER IS OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE MEMBERS. (We will work on that later!)

1966 SOCIETY PRESIDENT IS OUR FAITHFUL, LONG TIME MEMBER..... REX CUTTELL COME TO THE DINNER AND GIVE REX THE PROPER R.H.S.ofS.D. BACKING AND A REAL GOOD START FOR 1966.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10th, 7:30 P.M., MIDWAY CHUCK WAGON, Midway Drive at Rosecrans, San Diego, Calif.

R.H.S. of S.D. DINNER, \$ 3.25 PER PERSON. All You Can Eat, Prime Rib of Beef, Fried Chicken and all the other Chuck Wagon goodies.....Come one, come all, be there, Monday, January 10th.

NUMBER ONE ITEM OF IMPORTANCE Let us know if you can make it, call or write today.
NUMBER TWO ITEM OF IMPORTANCE Don't delay taking care of number one item of importance!

REMEMBER, You can send your money, check or money order in advance.....you can pay at the lobby (RHSofSD cashier, not the Chuck Wagon cashier.) or you can notify us you are coming and arrange to pay after the dinner.....CALL OR WRITE AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW.

\$3.25 for one, \$6.50 for two, \$9.75 for three, \$13.00 for four, \$16.25 for five, \$19.50 for six.

NO FORM TO FILL OUT If you plan to attend, have time to send your money, do it with your name, address and phone number included.....if you don't have time to mail your order, phone your reservation to Gladys at 284-3449 during the day or Barbara at 276-3266 evenings..... Just let us know so we will know how many can make it, bring a friend, bring a relative, bring your wife? Oh yes....for those wishing it, COCKTAILS in the Long Branch, just off the main lobby from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. The entire group will go to the Fireside Room at 7:45 PM sharp.

WHEN? MONDAY, JANUARY 10th. WHERE? Midway Chuck Wagon WHAT? RHSofSD INSTALLATION DINNER.