

NEWSLETTER
RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO, INC.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR, JUNE 24th to
JULY 4th.....NO JULY MEETING.

Due to the fair and the fact that our members would be helping staff the exhibits at Del Mar and the regular meeting night falling on the Fourth of July, there was no meeting on that day.

The big show of the year is over and we wish to thank all the members for their help in taking shifts on the streetcar, locomotive and coach. The fair is just a little bit bigger and better every year and the crowds seem to grow larger each year so having the exhibits open is quite important.

Many, many thanks for the workers that put in the long hours of labor before the fair getting things painted and cleaned up. We hope to carry out regular work dates through out the entire year between fairs in order to put a stop to that last ditch effort by a few trusty members each year. So, once again, thanks to that small group of hard workers, maybe next year it will be all ready early for you!!!

To those that worked on the equipment and those that staffed it, there will be a special meeting later this year to discuss methods of improving conditions during the fair. Each and every member that helped out, probably has some idea of ways to improve the exhibits and better methods of handling the crowds. This special meeting will be announced in the near future, to everyone that was on the roster.

RHS of SD MEMBERS INTERESTED IN MODEL RAILROADING.....Call evenings, get the lowdown on the big get together at Oceanside on Sunday, July 24th, 1960. Members George & Faith Rider will give you the information.... JU-2-3862, Call as soon as possible if you are interested, there is a meal involved at \$1.75 which includes door prizes, etc. Make your reservations as early as you can if you would like to go.

R.H.S. of S.D. MEETING DATE.....

The next regular meeting will be on
MONDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1960 - 8:00 P.M.

In the Safety Room of the Santa Fe Railway Depot, Kettner & Broadway-downtown San Diego. (Safety Room is located upstairs from telephones.)

Members are welcome to bring friends, meetings are open to the public. Bring a visitor, sign up a new member!!!

R.H.S. of S.D. PROGRAM.....

Eric Sanders has another interesting evening planned for us, member JERRY MacMULLEN will present a talk with slides on "INLAND STEAMERS OF CALIF."

There will be a short business meeting before the program, plus regular monthly features.....
PRIZE RAFFLE & REPRESENTMENTS.

REMEMBER THE DATE: MONDAY, AUG. 1st.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO VISIT DEL MAR.....

Sunday, July 31st, 1960 will see the GOLDEN WEST RAILFANS operating a special Santa Fe train from Los Angeles to San Diego to visit the zoo.

There will be a stop made at Del Mar to visit and inspect the RHS of SD exhibits at the fairgrounds. The P.B. Model RR exhibit will also be open.

If you didn't get in enough time during the fair, here is your chance for another open house of our equipment. We would like as many helpers as possible from about 9:00 A.M. to noon on Sunday, July 31st to staff the streetcar, locomotive and coach.

The special will arrive on the wys at 10:50 A.M. and 400 to 600 guests will pay us a visit. They will have about one hour at the fairgrounds.

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1960 OFFICERS: Tommy Mann, President....
Jack Stodelle, 1st V.P., Rex Cuttall, 2
nd V.P., Eric Sanders, 3rd V.P., Fred R.
Finke, Treasurer, Barbara Thomson, Sec-
retary, Corky Thomson, Corres. Secretary
Wally Duthie, Excursion Director, Dick
Ponniak, Librarian-Historian, Mac Mc-
Cleary, Jerry Lee Pecht & Hal Dowell
Board of Directors.

(V.O. Williams, acting librarian.....
BR-30542, 4805 Jutland Dr., S.D. 17, Calif.)

The Great Train Robbery of 1960.....

A month or so before the fair, the
Pacific Beach Model Railroaders Club at
the fairgrounds was robbed of some pow-
er tools and several HO scale engines.

The building opened up early this
year for the additional space being used
for the hobby show, turned out to be a
good hiding place for a transient. The
fellow hid somewhere in the building and
slept off the effect of some wine. When
he took leave of the building the fol-
lowing morning, he also removed several
power tools and some train equipment.

Only a few minutes walk from the
fairgrounds, he was stopped by alert S.D.
County Sheriff Dept. officers. He admit-
ted the theft and returned and showed the
officers where he had taken the "loot".

The fellow was booked in county jail
and his past record of many petty theft
and burglary charges was brought out.

The stolen equipment was held until
after his trial and then returned to the
P.B. Club. The power tools were much in
demand for the finish up work for the
fair. The locomotives were returned to
service and what could have been a great
loss turned out to be a happy ending for
the P.B. members.....the fellow that
took the things also got off quite easy,
so "all's well that ends well".

RECAP OF THE JUNE MEETING FOR 1960....

Meeting of June 6th called to order
by President Tommy Mann. Minutes were
read and approved, treasurers report:
Gen. Fund, \$44.53, Excursion fund, \$982.
91, Restoration fund, \$430.89. Fred
announced the bill from Belyea Truck
for moving the 54 was \$0.00 but there
would be some cost for permits.

Jack Stodelle donated two railroad
pictures to the raffle, he also re-
ported on the narrow gauge car at Plaster
City. He has placed a bid of \$200.00
for it and talked to the S.D.&A.E. in
regards to hauling it here.

Jack also announced the big railroad
movie night at the Adams Theatre, it
will be on Monday, August 8th, 1960.

Mann thanked all the people that had
been working on the equipment and ask-
ed for more volunteers.

Excursion man Duthie announced he was
still working out the details for a
rail & bus trip to Calico in October.

Bill Morrison reported on the arrival
of car 54 at the new restoration spot,
next door to Star Machine at 418 Tenth
Ave., just south of Market St. He said
the arrival of the old car stirred up
some interest down that way.

McCleary suggested a program be put
together to offer for showing at one
of the Gen & Mineral meetings.

There will be a trailer rally at the
fairgrounds in Sept., it was suggested
we open the exhibits at that time.

Secretary Barbara Thomson read a
letter from the Natl. Assoc. of Retired
& Veteran Ry. Employees, thanking our
Pres., Tommy Mann for putting on a show
for them at one of their recent meetings.

Stodelle stated he had asked the S.D.
&A.E. for one of the recently retired
combination cars. He also mentioned that
we should write the major western RR's
on the possibilities of steam excursion
runs while there are still a few good
locomotives still available.

Eric Sanders reported on future pro-
grams, stated there would be no July
meeting due to the fair & 4th of July.
Jerry MacMullen is slated to give his
"Inland Steamers of California" at the
August meeting. (Continued on next
page under JUNE MEETING.)

JUNE MEETING.....Continued

Mann reported the Park & Recreation Dept. has their hobby show every two years, this is not the year. No hobby show until next year.

This concluded the business.....

Eric Sanders started the program with a few words and then introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Helmick of the Union Pacific RR. Mr. Helmick is agent for the U.P. office here in S.D.

Mr. Helmick spoke of the past history of the U.P. and up to date operations of the road. He gave the reasons why the U.P. keeps an office open in San Diego and how many carloadings per year are handled through this local office. He stated that Union Pacific is interested in freight business but they have far from given up the battle to win new customers on their passenger trains. He stated that U.P. is very definitely out to get all the passenger business it can possibly have, he said the biggest drawback was lack of space on the trains, in years gone by there were more passenger trains to sell tickets on than today.

After Mr. Helmick completed his part of the program, refreshments were served by Daisy Miller. Following a short pause for the coffee pot and the raffle, movies of a special trip to Puerto Penasco by rail-station wagon on the Sonora-Baja California. Tommy Mann, Jack Stodelle, Eric Sanders and Wally Duthie made the trip via the odd method of rail travel, in a 1948 Pontiac station wagon. A future overnight trip by Pullman is planned, with a capacity of 26 members. Following the S.B.C. auto-railer movie, the recent P.E. trip was shown with our own special car to Long Beach and back.

DON'T FORGET.....HELP IS NEEDED ON THE DEL MAR EXHIBITS, SUNDAY, JULY 31st, 1960. If you can help man the exhibit on that date, call Jack Stodelle, JU-2-4636.

Help is needed from about 9 or 10 A.M. until noon. The Golden West Railfans are due to arrive at 10:50 A.M. for about a one hour visit. SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1960

STREETCAR NUMBER 54.....

The old streetcar, saved some time back has been moved from the Frog Farm and is no longer quite so hard to get to for restoration work. She is on a paved parking lot next door to the Star Machine Works, 418 Tenth Street.

There is still much to be done to the old girl before being put out for the public to see her. Bill Morrison is in charge of the restoration work and can be found somewhere around the car on most any Saturday afternoon. In order to work out some schedule of work parties we are going to try to go ahead with the idea of having the FIRST and THIRD SATURDAY AFTERNOON of each month a regular date for working on the 54. There is much to be done and the 1st and 3rd Saturday can quite easily be an all day job for those with the time available, but to get it started and have the work explained, we want the 1st & 3rd Saturday afternoons to be the kick off dates on the NEW restoration project for car 54.

The next official date will be on SATURDAY, AUGUST 6th, followed by the SATURDAY of AUGUST 20th. Anytime after noon will be fine, 418 - 10th is the place, just a short distance south of Market Street.

July has a fifth Saturday, so if any of you are interested, try to make a run down there to see where the car is and get some idea of the type of work you might best do on this old car.

There is a lot of paint work to be done but the old wood and paint must first be properly prepared. The society will purchase the paint remover, and new paints and supplies needed to do the work. We need the volunteer labor to do the work, see you on Saturday.

SECOND SUNDAY of the month is still reserved for work on the 104, 050 and 528 at Del Mar. Keep it in mind that we can save a lot of hard last minute work by having a regular monthly get together to keep these railway items in good condition.

CARPETS IN 050.....The floor covering that was hastily put down before the fair in the observation car 050 at Del Mar may not be very fancy but the start of better things to come.

Dryers donated the used carpeting, then were quite shocked to find out it was used as it was. We have been promised some better carpet soon.

8315V It is the dream of Rex Cuttall and several of the more interested members to see car 050 back in the fine finish of many years ago. The staterooms are to be furnished and curtains on the windows, plus any other plush furniture we can acquire to make the car fancy. This will take some time but there is a determined group to constantly add to, & restore the car to a show piece as it was when a private car.

The second Sunday of the month will continue to be work day on such projects at the fairgrounds, why not take a ride out some Sunday, even if just to say hello and give a little moral support to the workers.

LOS ANGELES AREA....ATTENTION!!!!

The recent proposed trip to come to the S.D. Fair fell through...SOOOO here is your chance to get there after all, not for the fair but for an exclusive visit to the RHSofSD exhibits, STREETCAR 528, LOCOMOTIVE 104 and 050, THE OPEN END, WOOD OBSERVATION CAR.

HOW??? BY RIDING ON THE GOLDEN WEST RAILFANS SPECIAL, SUNDAY, JULY 31.

Write Golden West Railfans, 215 W. 5th St., Room 323, Los Angeles 13, Cal. for tickets on this special train.... Fares are \$10.50 for adults, \$5.50 for children under 12. From Fullerton the fares are \$9.95 and \$4.90 each.

VISIT THE RHSofSD EXHIBITS AT DEL MAR, THE LARGE MINIATURE RAILWAY OF THE PACIFIC BEACH & WESTERN (Operating) AND TOP IT OFF IN SAN DIEGO WITH A VISIT TO THE WORLD FAMOUS SAN DIEGO ZOO.

Lv. L.A.U.P.T. at 8:30am, Fullerton at 9:05am- arrive Del Mar at 10:50 am, approx. one hour visit and continue to San Diego to the zoo. (Lv. S.D. at 3:45 and arrive L.A. at 6:30pm)

RHSofSD BOARD MEETING.....

Called to order July 18, 1960 by 3rd VP Eric Sanders in the absence of vacationing Tommy Mann and missing 1st and 2nd VP's.

Eric suggested that the proposed picnic be postponed until a later date. Suggested by Corky that picnic be a late spring affair when the country is green and colorful.

Eric brought up problems and conditions for opening the exhibits for the Golden West trip. After the thousands of visitors during the fair, the place needs sweeping and a general clean up. Board members volunteered to help get the equipment spruced up a bit. Corky will try to get the locomotive washed of the dust and dirt acquired at fair time. Wally, Fred, Eric, Rex, Pennick, will help on the 31st. We will contact others also.

Treasurer Fred Finke stated that we took in \$129.47 from the kitty during the fair. Dispatcher and card sales took in \$78.31, which all goes to help keep the books in the black.

Eric suggested that next year during the fair we have ONE PERSON, fully in charge of the staff of members each day.

Wally stated that the Union Pacific will operate our Calico trip with a guarantee to cover 225 full fares. The trip would be a joint bus-rail affair. Charter busses operating out of San Diego at 7:00am to connect with the U.P. special train at Riverside. Those wishing to drive to L.A. or Riverside may do so to save the bus expense. Agreed to handle all ticket sales through the society box number, and have a definite cut off date on ticket sales. Heavy on advance publicity this time.

Publicity to be handled by Jerry Lee Pecht, Sanders, Stodell, Finke, Carlin. Car officials, Dick Pennick in charge. Tickets, Wally and Fred Finke, Ticket Sales, Corky & Barbara. Cut off date on October 27th.

VP Stodell arrived at 9:45pm, he reported on the movies at the Adams Theatre, MONDAY, AUGUST 8, at 8:00pm. The plan is for members to sell tickets, available by mail or at next meeting. \$1.00 donation for adults, kids 50¢.

COME ONE, COME ALL.....
TO THE BIG NIGHT OF OLD TIME
RAILROAD MOVIES.....

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 1960 - 8:00 P.M.
ADAMS THEATRE, 3325 ADAMS AVENUE.

BY DONATION-

Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50

The Railway Historical Society of S.D.
presents an evening of entertainment,
"OLD TIME RAILROAD FLICKERS" featuring
one comedy and one melodrama, made a
year after talking pictures started.

- - PLUS - -

A collection of society films showing
historical happenings around San Diego.

MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 8, 1960 - 8:00 P.M.

Tickets by mail: send a self addressed
stamped envelope to the society with
proper payment for number of tickets,
Adults, \$1.00, Kids, 50¢, all profits
after paying for the use of the ADAMS
THEATRE, will go to help restore car 54
and other worthy restoration projects.

R.H.S. of S.D., P.O. Box 9351,
San Diego 9, California.

Members wishing to sell tickets to their
friends, may get tickets from Corky or
Barbara Thomson, 3204 McGraw Street,
San Diego 17, Broadway 3-5081, OR
Jack Stodelle, 4666 Ashby Dr., S.D. 15,
JUNiper 2-4636.

Tickets are also on sale at the
WHISTLE STOP, 3819 Sixth Ave., S.D.
(no mail orders)

THE CALICO GHOST EXPRESS.....

The long hoped for journey to the
famed ghost town of Calico is now set
for Sunday, October 30, 1960.

This will be done by S.D. Charter
busses to Riverside, then to Yermo by
Union Pacific streamliner and a short
bus ride to CALICO.

Those wishing to drive by private
car to East Los Angeles or Riverside,
may do so. Busses will leave San Diego
at 7:00 am and make train connection at
about 10:30am. Three hours will be set
aside to visit famous Calico.

NEWS QUICKIES.....

Orange Empire Trolley Museum takes
over the PERRIS PROGRESS newspaper.....
Special Santa Fe employees train ran to
Oceanside for picnic on 7/16, train or-
iginated in San Berdo.....The Milwaukee
Road is planning on the use of double
deck commuter cars of the new push and
pull idea, cars have been ordered from
the Budd people.....As in the past
years, the stars and stripes were fly-
ing from Union Pacific passenger trains
on 4th of July.....S.P. adding 8 seats
to their Daylight cars by moving them
closer together.....MTA 1528 has been
re-upholstered with green plastic cover-
ing and the floor painted red.....is this
the start of improvements of the MTA
rail equipment? (Calif. Sou. Express)

PERRIS & THE 171.....

Member Tom Matson made a trip to
Perris recently to check on and tidy
up streetcar 171. Tom reports there are
some parts still not back in place on
the car, such as destination signs on
the roof, etc. The electrical connect-
ion are not hooked up as yet and this
makes 171 inactive in regards to any
moving by overhead power. It is hoped
to get a work party to Perris soon and
remedy these items.

O.E.T. is still very much in need
of cash donations for the Irish Tram
they have saved and are shipping to this
country. Donation may be sent to the
ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM, P.O. Box
501, PERRIS, CALIF.

Pitchfork Pete says,

COME TO THE FAIR....Via Santa Fe Ry.
Fourth Annual Excursion Train to the
FARMERS FAIR, Hemet, Calif. Sunday,
August 21, 1960. Lv. Los Angeles at
9:00am, ar. Hemet Fair at 12:45pm.
Lv. Hemet at 3:45pm, ar. L.A. 7:10pm.

Tickets and brochure covering entire
excursion available from the MT. RUB-
IDOUX CHAPTER, PERS., P.O. BOX 3157, DEL
ROSA STA., SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA.
Ticket deadline, August 18th, fares are
\$7.50 adults, \$3.75 kids, varying fares
at different stations along way, write
for brochure.