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1964 SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

The fair is over for another year, many thousands of interested persons were able to visit the locomotive and coach during the ten day fair and the gates are again locked.

Without attempting to list each and every member, we wish to say a big THANK YOU to all of our members for taking an interest in our exhibit and standing by for many hours during the fair. When we say thank you to all of our members we are naturally speaking of ALL the members that were at the fair helping...not the people that didn't make it out to Del Mar to do their share. Society members did a real great job again and we regret a few members who had admission tickets did not show up to help and some did not even offer but considering all facts and figures it was a good fair turnout.

The public took a great interest in the steam locomotive and we understand that Earle Swaine spent many hours talking to folks up in the cab, he wouldn't even take his break when someone wanted to let him out for a breather! Rex Cuttell was all sported out in his neat and official conductors uniform on the observation platform of the coach. Fred Finke once again "lived in" aboard the famous car 050 for the week of the fair in his own private stateroom.

Donations were good this year and we took in more money this year, surpassing past fairs. This is always a help to keep the equipment in presentable condition from year to year.

The streetcar was looking quite neat this year having just been painted and cleaned up. Interior and exterior paint made the PCC look far more presentable and the destination sign proudly announced UNION DEPOT.

Once again may we say THANK YOU to the people of our society for the many hours preparing the equipment prior to the fair and for the 10 days of exhibition. A special thanks to Gladys Skeen for her efforts and preparations and to Tommy Mann for pre-fair work by his work crews.

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The Pacific Beach Model RR Club also noted a great interest this year by the public, they found people donating to the kitty better this year than in the past, yet spending was lower this year for the concessions at the fair!

AUGUST 1964 MEETING

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 3rd, 1964, 7:30 PM

SANTA FE RAILWAY STATION, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Upstairs in the Safety Room.....

The program may feature the 16mm silent version of the recent KOGO channel 10 TV hour long railroad show. If the film is ready by Monday night, it will be part of the entertainment. Other alternate film of railroading will be shown if the KOGO film is not available. MARLAN HATZ will PRESENT PICTURES.

Refreshments will be served. Come down and join us at our mid-summer meeting, time to renew old friendships, chat about interesting happenings during the fair and about railroading in general.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 7:30 P.M.---BE THERE!

RHS of SD TRIP TO PERRIS???

At this writing (7/30/64) we have as yet no word from Santa Fe regarding fare, equipment or definite approval of our proposed excursion on Sunday, October 18th to Perris and a visit to the Orange Empire Trolley Museum.

If the Perris trip fails to materialize we will plan some other trip for the fall. It seems a little difficult at this time to get equipment and approval for excursions.

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P.R.S. SAN DIEGO EXCURSION

Pacific Railroad Society operated a train from Los Angeles to San Diego on July 19th, it appeared they had light patronage, the train was very small and did not appear to be very crowded, equipment was old heavy-weight cars.

The trip offered a visit to the mission at San Juan Capistrano and a choice of the harbor cruise, zoo or the new Sea World here in S.D.

The train had familiar car 1509, the very popular Santa Fe observation car on the rear.

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A ROARING MUST

If you are going to Northern California or any point as far north as San Jose, don't fail to pay a visit and take a ride on the new railroad near Santa Cruz....the ROARING CAMP & BIG TREES Narrow Gauge Railroad at Felton, California. Featuring steam power, a mighty little Shay on the passenger run and the old #3 Reisler from West Side Lumber on work trains to bring back the fun and interest of steam!!

All reports have been highly favorable on this 3 foot narrow gauge line. Trains run on a daily basis June 12th to Sept. 18th, fares are \$1.00 adults and \$.50 for children.

AUGUST 3rd, MEETING NIGHT (First Monday)

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM

Things are going strong at Perris, even if it is the slow hot time of the year. The big push is on for trackage along the recently acquired right-of-way which is just waiting for track, little or no ground work needed. This stretch of ground would give the O.E.T. about a mile of operation outside of the yard area.

Poles are being placed for the catenary on the new section of track, many are ready but more are needed.

Another big push is being made for a better power set up, more juice to operate the cars.

The New Orleans streetcar has arrived and will add to the growing collection of trolley cars in the yards.

All this sounds great doesn't it, but if you stop and read between the lines, this is all costing someone some money, poles, holes, cars, track, wire, ties, and what have you. You are right, it is costing plenty, and you can sure help with the construction and plans of this fast moving, active Southern California museum group. Present demands for funds are for the following items and your donations are greatly appreciated:

1. RIGHT-OF-WAY BIG PUSH, 2. POWER HOUSE FUND, 3. NEW ORLEANS CAR FUND, 4. COMMODORE MOVING FUND, 5. YOUR CHOICE, Dollar-A-Project-Club.

If you send a donation, give your name and address, you will be issued a receipt and your donation is tax deductible.

Hop in the family car some weekend and go see the progress being made at Perris, California...at the Orange Empire Trolley Museum.

OR....if we ever get clearance, equipment and the power, a fan trip via Santa Fe will be operated from San Diego in October, WE HOPE.

SANTA FE DROPS TRAINS

With the loss of mail service between San Diego and Los Angeles, the AT&SF will drop the operation of #70 southbound and #81 northbound, #70 arrives at 5:00 AM and #81 departs at 9:00 PM and both were primarily mail trains. Trains will be officially dropped August 1, 1964.

Great hope here along the coast line is for revised schedules and better service, not less as is being planned by the railroad.

Short trains on a more frequent schedule, attractive fares, thats what the line needs.

SEPTEMBER 14th, MEETING NIGHT (Second Monday)

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST

S.D.&A.E. freight trains sported the polish of former passenger days recently with a nice shiny two tone observation car on the rear of the train. "Sierra Nevada" #143 was in town on business, it is a heavy-weight.....On the Santa Fe several observation cars have been in town on the San Diegan in the last two weeks, all were business cars including the short one used by the auditor.....San Diegan motive power has ranged from five units (A-A-B-B-A) recently to a single "A" unit Alco, quite a contrast in headend power. The 1964 race season at Del Mar started on Tuesday, July 28th with an all heavy weight train powered by 3 unit Alco #51..... S.D.&A.E. freight power has dropped from the practically brand new series of diesels which were coming through so regularly to some of the older GP-9 and F-7 motive power, some with a very tired looking S.P. paint scheme. The trips to El Cajon-La Mesa have been averaging about five trips each week, using the little engines in two or three unit combinations. (70 tons) A new version of the San Diego built aircraft stabilizer car has been built in the shops at Sacramento and is now in service hauling the large Lockheed tail section built by Convair and shipped to Georgia. The car is similar to the original, built on a large flat car, this new one is painted and lettered very bright to make it stand out and advertise the service. It is similar to the old Golden State colors, red upper portion, gray lower body, huge "SP" emblem on it.....Potash cars are back and a rather steady flow of alfalfa pellets have been through the Tenth Ave. Bulk Loader. One eight car shipment of special potash arrived in box cars, required hand unloading.....Nevada Northern steamer # 40 was in service July 11, 12 & 13 from Ely to Currie. The 40 is a genuine coal burning 4-6-0 type.....The Mt. Shasta-Alpine Scenic Ry. is operating steam up at Mt. Shasta using McCloud River # 25 a 2-6-2 type and the Yreka Western steamer if needed, next runs are August 22 & 23, Sept. 4 thru 7. Write for information; P.O. Box 1424, Mt. Shasta, Calif.

Another private car in the west, Reading Railroad business car # 15 has been purchased by a Santa Barbara railfan. (Cal. Sou. Express)

Santa Fe has been using new GP-30 and GP-35 power in San Diego freight service, they are real movers of tonnage, also some big 900's have been seen on night freights.

LABOR DAY TOURS OFFERED

Pacific Railroad Society and the Golden West Rail Tours both offer some long mileage rail excursions for Labor Day weekend.

P.R.S. will go via Santa Fe to ride the Rio Grande narrow gauge Silverton train from Durango, the Golden West trip will cover the Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Caverns.

For information and brochures: Pacific Railroad Society, Box 5279, Metro. Stn., Los Angeles, Calif. 90055.....Golden West Rail Tours, 2210 S. Sepulveda, Los Angeles, Cal. 90064.

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WELCOME TO SOME NEW MEMBERS

- 127. Aiden V. Morse, 2132 "N" St. Natl. City.
- 128. James A. Hopper, 1645 Dale St., San Diego.
- 129. Mrs. R.C. Vick, 818 Morro Rd., Fallbrook.
- 130. Dennis White, 1304 1/2 Gardena Blvd., Gardena.
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C.E. Ball, P.O. Box 2241, San Bernardino, 92410.
John Lunde, Powell Hotel, Powell & Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

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RESCHEDULED AT A MORE CONVENIENT TIME

Channel Ten Television will rerun the one hour long railroad TV program on Monday, August 17th between 5 & 6 P.M. Check your local TV schedules or call TV-10 to confirm date and time. This is the show on railroading showing steam power, railroaders views, shots of model RRing locally and Cyrus K. Holliday story.

HARBOR EXCURSION??? It has been suggested we run another cruise around San Diego Bay, a check on available evenings will be made....Another Cyrus K. Holliday trip to L.A. for a baseball double header is being planned for Sunday, Aug. 16th if a paying crowd can be mustered up, Jack Stodelle is host owner..... Car 11 owners are interested in presenting a deal to RNSofSD for some form of ownership in the car, if a deal of this type could be handled financially it would be rather nice for future small excursions, etc. Think it over and voice your opinions.

PUGET SOUND RAILWAY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Here is a group doing everything many of our local San Diego County railfan/historians keep dreaming and wishing for. The Puget Sound Railway Historical Association IS building an operating museum and HAS much equipment to be used on their track as it progresses.

The rare items are the steam locomotives these fellows have managed to get for their museum railways, not to mention all kinds of rolling stock and work equipment.

To better tell their story, your editor will rewrite bits of news from their monthly news bulletin, or write direct and get an up to date roster of equipment and trackage, etc. These fellows have the same dreams and wishes but they are doing something about it. The one museum close to home is very similar, that is the Orange Empire Trolley Museum, here as up in Washington there are a hard core group that we all realize must be, in every organization, to keep it going and progressing.

In our own little RNSofSD we have a group who manage to keep it going, keep the equipment painted, displayed, etc. They are a small handful but they manage. This seems to be true in all such groups for the Trolley Museum being built in the bay area has the same hard working handfull on all projects at Rio Vista.

We will gather some facts and present you a story on the Puget Sound Railway Historical Association, Inc. of Seattle, Washington. It should be good reading and tell of many hard days of toil by their members.

CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN EXPRESS

Some of the most interesting railroad reading is still available in the monthly issues of this fine and informative paper. If you would enjoy having this railroad news sheet each month, drop a dollar to the California Southern Express, c/o CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN RAILROAD MUSEUM, 180 "J" Street, San Bernardino, Calif. 92410.

The C.S.R.E.M. is a newly formed independent non-profit corporation, formerly the Mt. Baldy Chapter of the Pacific Railroad Society, they have now formed their own organization.

The former chapter still owns their own private railway car, observation car #54, a Soo Line business car, similar to the locally owned Cyrus K. Holliday, once Soo Line #52.

They meet monthly at the San Bernardino County Museum, 18360 Orange Street in the city of Bloomington. (near Colton) Meetings are normally the second Tuesday of the month.

Featured each month in the California Southern Express is a very interesting tale of each months activities over Cajon Pass, it is quite interesting and tells of all the big problems in moving tonnage over the hill. This feature is written by Chard Walker and he is always well up on the happenings on the hill out of San Bernardino as he is a working part of the Santa Fe Railway at Summit.

In the June issue of the Pacific Beach Model Railroaders Club paper, the CALLEOARD, a cute and humorous copy of "Snorts from Summit" appeared....in tribute to Chard and his column.

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