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RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO, Inc. P.O. Box 9351, San Diego 9, California
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JUNE MEETING NOTICE

Business portion starts at
7:30 P.M.

***** PROGRAM *****

16mm COLOR RAILROAD MOVIES

MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1963 - 7:30 P.M.
SANTA FE RAILWAY STATION, Kettner & Broadway.
SAFETY ROOM, upstairs from main waiting room.
Business - Program - Refreshments - Prizes

BE THERE!! Bring a friend!!
Invite a guest to the meeting.

FAIR TIME....FAIR TIME.....

This is the June issue of Newsletter, it comes out at the end of May.....BUT, just a one month period of time is left until the big date of the year. Friday, June 28th is opening day of the 1963 Southern California Exposition and San Diego County Fair at Del Mar. The fair runs for ten days, from Friday, June 28th through Sunday, July 7th, 1963.

Have you signed up for some time at our locomotive or observation car? At the streetcar? If not, time is growing short for making such plans. Contact 1st Vice-President, Thomas Matson: 293-1219 in the early evening, or drop him a card to: 2718 Upas Street, San Diego 4.

It is important to have a good sized crew of members to help staff the exhibits. The more people taking part, the less work involved. It is interesting and pleasant work and you meet a lot of nice people as well as get to know our own members better.....SIGN UP FOR SOME TIME AT THE FAIR...NOW!!

Members helping at the exhibits are given passes to get in the fair but we must know in advance who and how many will be needing passes and for how many days, etc. Don't put it off to the last minute, if you can't contact our 1st VP try contacting 2nd VP, Tommy Mann: 233-8824, he will get the word to Tom Matson for you.

Exhibit hours are 10:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. each day, persons wishing to help should plan to spend a minimum of five hours in order to get a free pass.

SPECIAL....JULY 4th!!! There will be a big Orange Empire Trolley Museum - Santa Fe Railway excursion train from Los Angeles direct to the fairgrounds on the 4th! This trip will be for the general public and railfans, we can figure on an additional 400 to 500 persons coming on the special and our exhibit is being played up in the trip brochure.

FAIR TIME....FAIR TIME.....

There is a lot of final clean up work to be done on the big streamlined PCC streetcar, San Diego Electric Railway # 528 at Del Mar.

There is also work and clean up to be done on San Diego & Arizona Eastern steam locomotive # 104 and San Diego & Arizona observation car # 050. These are YOUR railroad exhibits, plan to come out to Del Mar and help polish them up for the 1963 county fair.

For information regarding work on these historic exhibits contact 2nd VP Tommy Mann at 233-8824. Most of the work is being done on Saturdays between now and fair time but it may be planned to do some Sunday work too.

ESCONDIDO PICNIC EXCURSION

THANKS....That is all we can say to our members for turning out in such a large group for the recent Sunday train trip to Escondido. When the May issue of the Newsletter was being written it looked like a very poor showing of our own members. We take back our grumble in the May issue, the members turned out for a trip in great numbers. Just a rough count not counting some of the family member children comes to slightly over fifty members aboard!! Counting family members we probably had close to seventy RHSofSD members.

We also picked up a new group of members out of some of our passengers and wish to welcome them to the society. More on that on another page....WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

Approximately 500 paid fares plus the gang of little tikes under 5 years of age that went along for free, a good train load of people, a good trip and a day to remember. Thanks again to all the members for making the trip and thanks to all of you for helping.

R.H.S. of S.D. "NEWSLETTER"

Monthly bulletin published by the society with meetings, activities, trips and general news of railroad activities. News items should reach the editor not later than the 20th of each month. Barbara & Seeth Thomson, Editors: 3204 McGraw St San Diego 17, California, 276-3266.

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EXCURSIONS

SAT., JUNE 1st - Feather River Railway, two 110 ton SHAY logging locomotives, open air cars. Trip starts from Feather Falls, Calif., fried chicken lunch included in fare: \$12.50 per person. Sierra Mountain Railroad Club, Inc., P.O. Box 1015, Auburn, California.

SAT. & SUN., JUNE 8 - 9th - Sierra Railroad, steam trip out of Oakdale to Jamestown using # 28 and three cars. Pacific Coast Chapter, Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, c/o Don Thrall, 610 Arlington, Berkeley, Calif.

THURS., JULY 4th - SANTA FE RAILWAY from the City of Los Angeles to the City of Del Mar!! Orange Empire Trolley Museum of Perris, California will sponsor an excursion to the Del Mar Fairgrounds and the San Diego County Fair. This will be with heavyweight chair cars, leaving L.A. at 9:00 A.M., Pico-Rivera at 9:25 A.M., Fullerton at 9:45 A.M., Santa Ana at 10:10 A.M. Arrival at the Fair is scheduled for 11:45 A.M. The Del Mar Snack Car will be serving coffee, soft drinks, beer and food, open platform 1509 observation car on the rear. FARES: From L.A. are \$7.50 for adults, \$4.00 for children (5 to 11). Tickets must be ordered in advance by mail.... ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM "FAIR EXCURSION" POST OFFICE BOX 501, PERRIS, CALIFORNIA. (Here is a good chance for some of our L.A. area members and friends to get down to see our equipment and meet some of our members, for the model railroader there is the big "HO" Pacific Beach Model Railroaders Club exhibit too.) Train returns to Los Angeles at 6:00 P.M. with arrival in L.A. at 8:15 P.M. All time is in Pacific Daylight Saving Time.

Fri., Sat., Sun., June 7, 8, 9 - Ensenada Trip via special bus by Roaming Tours. Contact member Wally Duthie, 2800 University, San Diego 4. (all members should have a brochure in mail.)

JUNE MEETING DATE....MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, 7:30 PM

"WELCOME NEW MEMBERS"

It seems our Escondido trip brought on a rash of new sign ups for membership and we wish to say "hello" to all the new members.

A member a few years ago and signed up again for 1963 is Charles Ellison, Chuck is also a member of the P.B. Model RR Club.

Other new sign ups include Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Macklin, Adeline R. Beidler, Thomas P. Chambers, Raymond W. Ward, Mrs. Adeline R. Vigelis, John P. Creamy (U.S.N.), and Mrs. Mildred J. Woody.

Welcome to the society folks, we hope you will find your way down to our meetings and lend a hand during the fair. If you can't help out on any of those projects we are glad to have you in our membership just the same. We realize everyone can't pitch into all the jobs and some just wish to be members.....so to all of you newcomers...."WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY".

Back on the membership rolls are two of our past members also, Frank Ropinske and Fred Reif. Frank is back in the Chicago area again and Fred is one of our San Diegans.

New members address list is on back page for keeping your membership list up to date.

ESCONDIDO PICNIC A SUCCESS

Here are a few nice words we have had in the mail since the Escondido trip:

"Never have I enjoyed a day or a rail trip as I did today! Your members are so courteous and friendly that it will be joy to be a part of the group." (she signed up for membership!)

"My wife, my daughter and I want to thank you and your organization for the very fine trip we had with your group on Sunday. It was one of the nicest days we have had together in a long time." ----- "Just a line to let you know we enjoyed our trip to Escondido very much, if you have another trip planned in the future we would like to go." ----- "Please send data on your next train trip. It was truly a sight to see that train come to our fair city on Sunday." ----- "I thank you for a wonderful day, everyone was so kind and a fellow named "Chuck" said "Hi" a dozen times to our little Chuck and shook hands with him more than once, thank you all again." (that was "Chuck" Ellison doing the fine public relation work.)

A letter to John McCarthy at Santa Fe: "We had the pleasure of being participants in the Railway Historical Society trip to Escondido on Sunday. You should be proud of your train crew, they were the best, with always a smile when answering our many questions."

GRAND CANYON

SANTA FE TRAIN DEPOT

Our wondering members, Mac & Ruby McCleary wrote to us from Grand Canyon recently. They are enjoying another trip with their trailer. The current story is about the Texan who, when he first saw the canyon, said to his wife in the back seat, "just another dad burned washout".

Santa Fe is redecorating the station there at the Grand Canyon. A crew is currently working on repainting and repairs on the depot, yards and grounds. The station buildings have been repainted inside and out with a forest brown color and the roofs have received a coat of brilliant forest green. The iron fence is being straightened and welded repairs made. Train servicing facilities are being repaired and it appears that all parts of the terminal will be ready to receive the first passenger train of the 1963 season on May 26th.

The Grand Canyon station is the terminus of a Santa Fe branch line from Williams, Arizona.
L.W. McCleary 5/17/63

R.H.S. of S.D. "DISPATCHER"

Did you all enjoy that Escondido reissue on the excursion to Escondido? Eric did a lot of last minute work to put that one out for us.

He reports he will have another issue out to you all very soon now and with it the Dispatcher issues will be catching up to date.

For some of you new members and any older members interested in any back issues of our DISPATCHER or any other information regarding these interesting publications, you may get in touch with the editor, Eric Sanders, at his home address: 7861 Normal Ave., La Mesa, California.

SANTA FE LINE CHANGE

Early in 1964 those sharp, slow curves on the San Diego line in Rose Canyon will start to straighten out. The new US-101 Freeway widening through the Rose Canyon area north of Pacific Beach will create a line change on the railroad in order to widen the highway.

A series of slow running curves will all be straightened and speed of trains will be faster when the work is completed. The line change will start at Elvira, the south end of present double track to Miramar. (formerly Linda Vista)

This trackage was almost straightened out during world war two but it was never done. It presently holds trains to about 40-45 miles per hour through these reverse curves. The old line from Elvira to Miramar was realigned and changed to double track during world war II.

MONDAY, JUNE 3rd - 7:30 P.M. R.H.S. of S.D.
MEETS IN THE SAN DIEGO SANTA FE STATION.

ADD TO 1963 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS:

ELLISON, Charles - 3704 Wilcox, San Diego 6.
HENDRICKS, Charles - 1048 Johnson, San Diego 3.
MACKLIN, Jacob - 7884-A La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa.
BEIDLER, Adeline - 4517 Idaho, San Diego 16.
CHAMBERS, Thomas - 414 N. Juniper, Escondido (Apt 6)
ROPINSKE, Frank - 1454 N. Central, Chicago, Ill.
WARD, Raymond - 4048 Third, San Diego 3.
REIF, Frederick - 936 Twenty First, San Diego 2.
VIGELIS, Adeline - 815 Second, Coronado 18.
CREASY, John P. - VP-42, Naval Air Station,
North Island, San Diego 35.
WOODY, Mildred - 2644 San Marcos, San Diego 4.

NEWS NOTES

***Southern Pacific will build a 500 mile microwave system between Dunsmuir in the north and Fresno in central part of the state. Construction has also started on a \$2.5 million Centralized Train Control project of 142 miles distance between Lincoln and Redding, Calif. This will hook up with the CTC between Redding and Black Butte, an 80 mile link.....
Rio Grande will have the two new coaches in service to help carry the passenger loads on the famed Durango-Silverton narrow gauge run. All passenger equipment is getting an overhaul. The narrow gauge business car will be placed on display at Durango and plans call for it to be available for special charter groups on the regular trains during the season.....Two of our members will journey east for participation of the steam excursions being planned by the Illini Railroad Club. They will use Burlington, Union Pacific and Rio Grande steam power. It is a joint venture with the Rocky Mountain RR Club. Ron Zeiss and Tom Matson will make the trip.....
The "Project 707" plan to save the Salt Lake City streetcar body will be dropped. It seems vandals have done such a good job of wrecking the car that it will not be worth saving.....
More alfalfa pellets for the bulk loader at the Tenth Avenue Terminal, a large shipment of cars were seen going through the plant in the past week, all the cars were Southern Pacific.....
NO PICTURE TAKING ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC!!!
There is a new list of rules and regulations regarding picture taking on S.P. property, it just isn't being done these days! You must have a permit, so watch out around the big L.A. facilities and elsewhere. We haven't heard how the S.D.&A.E. is about these rules as yet.....
The recent Shriners Convention brought down some special equipment on the regular trains. Included was a Super-Chief "Dome" on the regular San Diegan.....Mr. Pollard fired up his little 0-4-0 steamer on the weekend following the Escondido trip for the benefit of local Vista residents that missed the show on Sunday, May 5th. We will have a special little trip to Vista sometime after the fair.

EXTRA NEWS PAGE.....

R.H.S.of S.D. locomotive #104 at the Del Mar fairgrounds was opened for inspection by several thousand visitors to the annual Boy Scout Fair. Saturday, May 25th was the date and a good sized crowd got to see the locomotive. The coach was not opened due to painting and preparations for the fair. The Pacific Beach Model Railroaders Club put on a three hour scheduled time table run of their Pacific Beach & Western RR. The crowds were heavy all afternoon.....The Serra Museum held another locomotive and train exhibition recently on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 & 19. The Pacific Beach Model RR club supplied an assortment of equipment featuring seven big "O" gauge $\frac{1}{2}$ " scale locomotives. The rest of the exhibit was in "HO" scale with a full length Santa Fe "heavyweight coach" model of the old Santa Fe Scout across the front of the showcase, a 2900 class 4-8-4 on the point. Models of famous western steam power were featured including S.P. cab-forward, Santa Fe 4-2-4's and S.P. "Daylights". Union Pacific was represented with a huge "Big Boy" 4-2-8-4 in the center of the display.....TEN youngsters from the Warner Union School District will journey to San Diego on May 29th to ride a Santa Fe train to Del Mar where they will be shown the society exhibit and get to see the Pacific Beach Model RR Club train exhibit. They are all Indian children and have never seen a real train, they have been studying railroading and this will wind up their class on it.

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MEETS ON MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1963 7:30 P.M.

SANTA FE STATION, KETTNER & BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR STARTS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28th---HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO HELP?

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM EXCURSION TO DEL MAR....****JULY 4th, 1963****

From Los Angeles to Del Mar for the 1963 County Fair.

VIA SANTA FE.....ALL THE WAY.

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