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JUNE MEETING DATE

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1965 - 7:30 P.M.

SANTA FE RAILWAY STATION, SAN DIEGO.
(Upstairs to the left, in the Safety Room.)



1965 SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR

Friday, June 25th is opening day for an eleven day run of the county fair at Del Mar. July 4th falls on a Sunday this year, thus we have an additional day, Monday, July 5th.

Work crews are busy on weekends cleaning and preparing Locomotive 104, Observation 050 and Streetcar 528 for the thousands of visitors due during the fair. We also have a special train of visitors coming in on Saturday, June 26th aboard a chartered Santa Fe excursion by Orange Empire Trolley Museum. This train will start at Pasadena, with stops at Pico Rivera, Anaheim. (see excursion notes elsewhere.)

Have you been up to help get things in shape for the fair? Plenty to do with plenty of help and the job gets done! Have you got your name in the pot for helping during the fair? Call Dwight Couch or some officer if a day at the fair can be spared. We always need plenty of helpers and need names in advance to get the passes. Drop a card to the society box if a phone is not handy.

Gates open daily at 10:00 A.M. during the fair and close at 10:00 P.M. (Amusement section stays open later.) We usually close the society exhibit at about 8:30 or 9:00 P.M. We need crews to man the exhibits throughout the day and evening, the more members helping, the shorter the stay per member. We ask you to figure on at least a six hour duty, during the duty time you will have time for a break periodically. Come on members, everyone able is expected to help out!

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"CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY" PRIVATE CAR TRIP

Sunday, June 6th is the day, come along for a wonderful day of rail travel on our own hometown San Diego, along scenic coastal line of the Santa Fe. Ride a private observation car in high style. (see back page.)

O.E.T.M. "MOUNTAIN OBSERVATION CAR"

Shown above is an artists drawing of the newest item for the Orange Empire Trolley Museum at Perris, California. This particular car will not be a museum item however, but will be used on future rail excursions conducted by the O.E.T.M. Car 599 seats 96 persons and is a rather unusual type mainline railroad car. It is very similar to early streetcar design with open air seating and closed center section, kind of a "king-sized" California type car. The car is one of several formerly used by the Canadian Pacific.

We hope to be able to use this car on some future R.H.S. of S.D. excursions, the first being the October 24th, 1965 all rail excursion from San Diego to Perris. A portion of each fare on future excursions by O.E.T.M. will be set aside for payment on the cost of the car and upkeep. This car will also serve nicely for some of the short train, one day trips as planned by O.E.T.M.

The car may be delivered to Southern California in time for use on the San Diego trip of Saturday, June 26th to the County Fair and is planned for use on the July 25th trip from Pasadena to Oceanside.

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SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA EASTERN "GROUNDED"

The first week of May was slightly off for the S.D.&A.E. when 13 cars derailed near tunnel #8 in famed Carrizo Gorge. The line was out of service for several days due to the derailment. One 85 ft. piggy-back flat car was cut in half and shoved over the bank to come to a final resting place far below on the rocks in the bottom of the canyon, a car of wine was also destroyed on the scene. As best we could find out, an off-side load of pellets in a covered hopper tipped and derailed, thus pulling the other cars off.

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1965 OFFICERS Dwight E. Couch, Jr., President; Jack Stodelle, 1st V.P.; Walter Silberhorn, 2nd V.P.; Gladys Skeen, 3rd V.P.; Robert H. Coyle, Recording Secretary; Barbara Thomson, Corresponding Secretary; Fred R. Finkle, Treasurer; Seth L. Thomson, Excursion Director. Members of the Board of Directors are: Earle Swaine, Charles Rezek and Donald Decker. Society Historian is Clifford Skeen.

NOTICE TO BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS: There will be a regular board meeting, Wednesday, June 2 at the meeting room, 7:30 PM, members welcome.

NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS (during May, 1965) Charles Pollard, Mrs. Anna E.L. Cook, George B. Turner, Peter Oppmann, J. W. Grosdidier, Alfred G. Steigner. WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS AND GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK TO THE RENEWALS! This brings the 1965 membership to 121, this date.

SANTA FE Single "A" Alco passenger diesels once more carry the bulk of San Diegan trains. One day recently the scene changed as a four unit A-B-B-A passenger unit came down. For the photo fans, train 77 on Sunday afternoon runs north with two Alco "A" units both headed forward and M.U. couplings dangling to the nose of the second "A" unit. This odd arrangement comes about when there is no train 71 on Sunday and holidays.

"How to win passengers and influence the public" or should it read "How to lose passengers and confuse the public"??? The Santa Fe wishes to drop more San Diego-Los Angeles service due to loss of patrons. Does running the trains with standing room only help? Train 75 is reported to northern depots as having only standing room on week days, before it leaves San Diego. Who wants to buy a ticket and stand all the way to L.A.? BUT...the train leaves San Diego with three cars, not filled and if needed, there are additional cars at San Diego. This is a sure fire way to put an end to #75. Method number two: train #74 standing in the Moreno C.T.C. siding waiting for a meet with #75 before it even leaves the depot, for the total sum of 20 minutes, arriving late at the depot when there is several miles of double track from Old Town in to the station. The old push must be on to rid these two trains.

What we need between San Diego and the Los Angeles area is something similar to the RDC units, fast and often! Regain some of the lost passenger business and make it pay.

Santa Fe will probably drop to three trips each way a day, they asked for only two round trips daily. Fares will probably be raised.

EXCURSIONS (for extra information, drop a card to the society and we will forward news to you.)

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th Cyrus K. Holliday private car trip on regular San Diegan service to L.A.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26th O.E.T.M. trip from Pasadena to Del Mar and the S.D. County Fair. Lv. at 10:30AM, Pico Rivera 11:15AM, Anaheim 11:40 AM, arrive fair at 1:30 PM.....Depart Del Mar at 7:00 PM, Anaheim 8:30 PM, Pico Rivera 9:10 PM, arrive Pasadena 10:00 PM. Roundtrip fare is \$8.00 from Pasadena-Pico Rivera, \$6.50 Anaheim, kids are \$4.50 and 3.75, fare includes admission to the fair. ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM, FAIR, P.O. BOX 548, PERRIS, CALIF. 92370.

SUNDAY, JULY 25th "Tan Your Hide in Oceanside" excursion from Pasadena to Oceanside via Santa Fe, another O.E.T.M. trip. Fare from Pasadena and Pomona is \$10.25 adult, \$6.50 kids, other rates along the line at Colton, Riverside.

AUGUST 15th Originally planned for a STEAM trip! May be changed due to summer rates....

The big white steamer to Catalina, charter bus from San Diego, see July issue for news of it.

SEPTEMBER....to be announced, date not set.

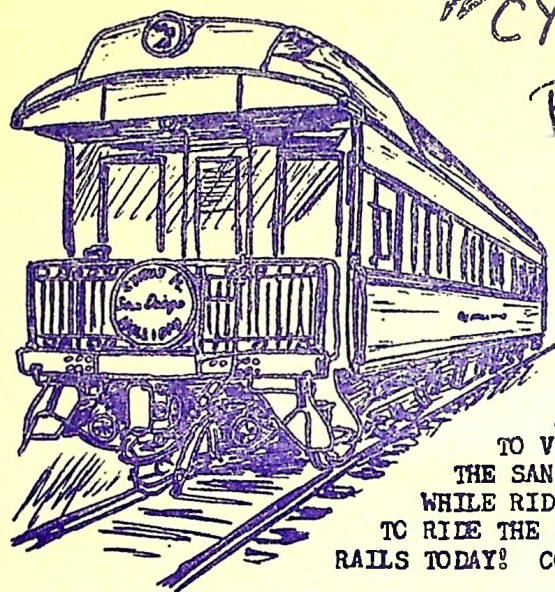
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th Santa Fe "all the way" big rail excursion to famous trolley museum by way of several different districts of the Santa Fe, plus the freight only line to Perris. Time to ride trolley cars and photograph equipment, then back on the train for more click-et-T-clack.

KEEP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th open for a full day of train riding and streetcars. (original trip set by PSRHA to Calico has been cancelled.)

NOVEMBER 6th Another "special" excursion, keep the date open and watch for details, it will be a train trip, something different.

POSSIBLE A fall trip back to Palm Springs and another ride on the Aerial Tramway.

QUICKIE NEWS.....P.R.S. plans a Labor Day trip which will include steam on the Magma Arizona, more news soon.....Ed Von Nordeck of O.E.T. is working in the Santa Fe ticket office, San Bernardino.....Plenty of alfalfa pellets and more potash through the port from Fallside..... Four unit A-B-B-A freight unit 285 a rare sight recently in these days of mixed GP-9, GP-30, GP-35, etc.....Santa Fe is mixing the big Alco 800 units with GM 900's plus some mixing of 1200 and 1300 power on night freights to S.D. S.P. still mixes the S.D.&A.E. freights with a little of everything.....Recent private cars to San Diego: DEC #98 with Mr. R.T.Hogan, Golden West #101 following weekend, S.D.&A.E. had business car Los Angeles recently..... Big annual meet of Live Steamers in Griffith Park, Los Angeles, May 29-30-31, next to the Travel Town display.....Cyrus K. Holliday on recent outing to Dodgers game in L.A..... SIGN UP TO HELP DURING THE COUNTY FAIR, NOW!



"CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY"

PRIVATE CAR EXCURSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC.
Presents

A DAY ABOARD THE "CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY" AND A CHANCE
TO VIEW THE SCENIC WONDERS OF THE SAN DIEGO COAST LINE OF
THE SANTA FE RAILWAY FROM THE OPEN OBSERVATION PLATFORM OR
WHILE RIDING IN THE LUXURY OF THE SALON. HERE IS YOUR CHANCE
TO RIDE THE PRIDE OF THE RAILS, ONE OF THE FINEST PRIVATE CARS ON
RAILS TODAY! COME JOIN US FOR A LUXURY, FUN FILLED DAY ON RAILS!!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 1965

Leave San Diego 8:00 A.M. Daylight Saving Time on train No. 73.....
Del Mar 8:31 am, Oceanside 8:55 am, arrive Los Angeles at 10:55 A.M.

In Los Angeles you may spend your time as you wish, there is ample time to have lunch at
your choice of restaurants. Very handy to the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal is the
very famous Olvera Street with many quaint shops and a variety of Mexican foods.

(If possible, there will be a tour of the depot facilities for those interested.)

(Some may wish to stay aboard the car and watch yard activities.)

You can bring your own lunch if you wish or plan to buy your lunch, there is also eating
facilities at the depot if you don't wish to wander far from the station area.

RETURN TRIP: Leave Los Angeles 2:15 P.M. Daylight Saving Time on train No. 76.....this is
an all day light excursion, back to Oceanside at 4:10 pm, Del Mar at 4:34 pm, and back home
in San Diego by 5:10 P.M. (Meets with other San Diegan trains will take place both ways.)

FARES \$ 15.00 roundtrip (no half fares) The same as a roundtrip air ticket to L.A., BUT,
you don't get there in a simple 30 minutes. You get
a full 6 hours of rail travel! For the same price the airlines only give you an hour of action.
COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE DINING ROOM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE AND DURING THE A.M. TRIP.

TIME IS SHORT FOR THIS TRIP. We MUST have your reservation immediately, no delays! In order
to operate this car, we must have 18 paid fares, in advance. If you wish to go on this trip
please call excursion director, Corky Thomson. (276-3266 after 4:PM) Send reservations to the
society mailing address, make checks payable to.....

Cut out order form and mail today:

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO, INC.
P.O. BOX 9351, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, 92109.

Name. _____

Please reserve _____ Ticket/s for the private
observation car excursion to Los Angeles.

Address _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ to cover the above fare/s
at \$15.00 per person, roundtrip.

Phone _____ Zip Code _____

Train departs 7:00 A.M. PACIFIC STANDARD TIME
add one hour for Daylight Saving Time, 8:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 1965 Train No. 73

(Coffee & Donuts for everyone in the morning on the northbound trip, courtesy of RHSofSD.)

SUNDAY, JUNE 6th, 1965 Train No. 76 Departs Los Angeles 1:15 PM Pacific Standard Time.

SAN DIEGO, ROSE CANYON, SORRENTO, DEL MAR, ENCINITAS, OCEANSIDE, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, EL TORO,
SANTA ANA, ORANGE, ANAHEIM, FULLERTON, PICO RIVERA, LOS ANGELES.....ALL IN A DAY BY TRAIN!!