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RESTORATION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Work continues on our little beauty down in Old Town, we refer to streetcar number 54.

We still need many helping hands on this project. Come down any Saturday and lend us a few hours help. Find out what has been done on car 54 and what needs doing. You can always do a little work on some other day of the week if you know what needs doing.

Steps have been installed and the old girl is starting to look like a self respecting old trolley car again....or should we say cable car, no trolley on top yet!

There is much old paint to scrape off before we start putting on the new paint, this is a job most anyone can help with. You should be well informed where the car is located..... next to the historic old Whaley House in Old Town, on San Diego Avenue. The work is done every Saturday....come on down.

Up highway 395 is the town of Ferris, and the home of the Orange Empire Trolley Museum. Here we have a big brute of a streetcar, 171 of the Municipal Railway of San Francisco.

On the weekend of February 9th & 10th our workers took a stab at painting and roofing the 171....but rain set in and stopped much of the planned work. Tom Mann, Mac McCleary, Earle Swaine, Tom Matson, Jonathan Seap, Dwight Couch and possibly some others, (we don't have all the names) made progress on the roof and one side. Oh yes, Roy Miller was also in on the work and wife Daisy Miller. Also on hand were Mrs. Mann, McCleary and Swaine.

Another work party will be planned at a later date to continue with the paint work on streetcar 171 at Ferris.

Near at hand is the regular yearly work on our San Diego County Fair exhibits, car 528, engine 104 and observation 050. Our hard at it worker, Rex Cuttall has been working on car 050 off and on ever since last years fair. It is more than a one man job, be ready and willing when we call a general clean up and paint day at Del Mar....its not far off.

Work to be done will include the regular sweep, wipe and clean of all three items and possible painting of streetcar 528 and maybe locomotive 104. Some of the paint was old at the last painting and shows the bad spots.

MARCH MEETING DATE

MONDAY NIGHT, MARCH 4th, 1963 - 7:30 P.M.

Business session and reports will start promptly at 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM Member, L.W. "Mac" McCleary will

show 131 slides of locomotives old and new,

dead and alive, big and little; steam,

electric, one (1) diesel, a "what-is-it?",

and four ghosts, all located from Fort

Angeles to El Paso and San Diego to Green

Bay. The slides will be accompanied by

a tape recorded commentary and sound effects

except that appropriate sound for a ghost

railroad is not yet available.

BE ON TIME, SEATED AND READY AND GIVE THE
NEW CREW A CHANCE TO GET A MEETING STARTED
ON TIME! 7:30 P.M., Monday, March 4th, 1963.

LAST MONTH The February meeting was a little slow getting rolling and consumed a little more time for business than normal. The program was good but to lengthy for one meeting.

Gladys Skeen presented Tom Matson with a timely slide show on the LAMTA streetcars. On the floor and narrating the slides, Mr. Bill Wooton did an excellent job. He gave a very good accounting of each slide and detailed information on Los Angeles streetcars and routes.

Only half of the presentation was given as time did not allow the second half which was to have been movies of L.A. streetcars. It was unfortunate that this was not planned as a two part program as it was very interesting and a fine set of slides as well as a very informative talk by Mr. Wooton.

Delicious cookies and cup cakes were served with coffee and hot chocolate by Mrs. Skeen and helpers. Everyone enjoyed a general talking and social get together during the refreshments.

EXCURSIONS Our own railroad activities will start in May with the proposed special train to Escondido via Santa Fe. This will start at the San Diego station and operate northward on the main line to Oceanside Junction, from that point we will slow our pace and wander eastward on the Escondido line. A picnic will be had at Grape Day Park in Escondido. There will be bicycle racing in Escondido on the day of our picnic special! Plan now for a good old fashioned picnic train ride on the Santa Fe....SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 1963. You will have 122 miles of scenic railroading at very low travel rates, high speed main line run, country style branch line running, photo stops on the Escondido line and a picnic too! Remember the date....Sunday, May 5th, 1963.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd- S.D.C.R.M.A. sponsored run
over select lines. \$9.00 via charter bus from
San Diego or \$3.50 for trolley only portion.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th-P.O.S. will run an END OF AN ERA TRIP using streetcars 3137 and 3156. Fare for this trip is \$2.50 (no half fares)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th E.O.R.A.of S.C. will run a trip using "mystery equipment" over the lines still in operation.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 22 & 23- P.R.S. will run an all night trip, fares are \$3.00

MARCH 30th- P.R.S. and E.R.H.A.c.f.S.C. will both run separate trips, there will be both day and night final trips on this date.

ADDRESSES- San Diego County Railway Museum Association, 2800 University, San Diego 4.
Pacific Railroad Society, P.O. Box 5279, Metrol Station, Los Angeles 55, California.

Electric Railway Historical Association of Southern California, 936 So. Genesee, L.A. 36
BAKERSFIELD TRIP- via Southern Pacific, this is the regular old springtime trip over the Tehachapi Loop, for years a P.R.S. regular, and lots of fun always, in days of steam and with todays diesels. Keep Sunday, March 24th in mind for this P.R.S. annual trip.

***Monday evening, March 4th, that is the next meeting of the R.H.S.ofS.D. in the Safety Room of the Santa Fe station, San Diego, 7:30 P.M.

***Thursday evening, March 14th, our Del Mar Fairground neighbors, the Pacific Beach Model Railroaders Club, will hold their annual dinner and installation of 1963 officers. For several years now we of the RHSoSfSD have attended in large numbers and had ourselves an enjoyable evening with the P.B. group. All members of the society have been handed a warm invitation to join the festivities again this year. Once again by popular demand, the dinner will be at the Midway Chuck Wagon...YOU, are invited to attend.

***Santa Fe Railway had a nice display of new passenger equipment at the San Diego station on Sunday, February 10th. Hi-level and regular type streamlined cars were featured, the cars were open to the public all day....and naturally it rained that day, but people came to see them.

***Southern Pacific has ordered more Diesel-Hydraulic locomotives. They also have had the main line shut down through the Santa Susanna Pass, northwest of Los Angeles. A fire in the tunnel caused considerable damage to the tunnel and forced rerouting over the Santa Paula line. We were told the Daylight was taken out of service but the Lark-Starlight operated over the normally freight only branch, as did the coast mail train and all freight trains. Considerable freight was routed over the valley line. The tunnel fire was put out and they are lining it with reinforced concrete. It should again be in service by now. Taylor roundhouse in L.A. is being torn down. The new turntable is now in service and the old table will also be kept in use. (The new table comes from Tucson, Arizona.)

***Orange Empire Trolley Museum has leased some L.A.M.T.A. equipment and the cars are now out at Perris. Money in the form of donations is in great demand to pay the moving costs...P.O. Box 501, Perris, Calif., mention LAMTA CARS when you send your dollar or dollars....its needed!!

***S.P. got into the act up north, running trains from Oakland to Reno, package deal for the weekend, gambling and fun at Reno. It is reported the trains are doing well in this service.

****YOUR 1963 MEMBERSHIP CARDS???? YES....THEY ARE ON THE WAY. We had to have new cards printed as there were not enough old ones to go around. You will be getting your card soon....if you are paid up for 1963. If you haven't renewed, now is the time. THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE NEWS-LETTER FOR YOU NON-RENEWERS, MARCH STARTS OUR 1963 YEAR. SEND THAT \$2.50 TODAY.....PLUS A DONATION TO THE RESTORATION FUND IF YOU CARE TO! RHSoSfSD, P.O. Box 9251, San Diego 9, California.