

NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF
SAN DIEGO, INC.

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NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE We are unfortunately late and short of time again this month. We have lots of news and no time or space, we promise a good newsy issue, on time in May.....From up in Vista we have word from Mrs. Anna Cook that she is to have a ride on the freight train between Vista and Escondido. Doesn't sound to important? Well, she is the little lady we stopped the big 14 car Escondido "Spring Picnic" special a few years ago at Vista, just for Mrs. Cook. Still it may not sound like much? Mrs. Cook is one of our members due to that special favor, she also is a sweet little lady of numerous years, not one of the younger railfans but just as active. She was on our "Cyrus K. Holliday" special car trip to L.A. last year too.....Roy and Daisy Miller write us from Mexico City, having a great time on trains and streetcars in that wonderful country to the south of us. Roy gave us a very full story about train travel and we will run it all in May. He said they are enjoying themselves, no rush to get anywhere, ride streetcars for five hours on day! Train service getting better all the time down Mexico way, still a good buy, food good, hotel rates good, more on Mexico and the Millers next month.....Southern Pacific hit hard by wrecks in March, one caused near Chatsworth when a car ran off road and hit railroad track hard enough to damage rail, train involved and derailed. It really put the coast line in a ripped up shape, stacked up a good sized train. Later within a week a long freight jumped track near Tehachapi and went down in the gorge killing several of the crew.....S.P. is trying to do away with the "Lark" on the coast line and the Los Angeles to Bakersfield portion of the "San Joaquin Daylight" due to lack of patrons.....The Orange Show at San Bernardino was a very worthwhile show this year and the weather was great. If we had tried running a special train it would have been cold and rainy- you just can't figure the weather. The narrow gauge train was a real hit and was hauling capacity crowds when we were there. The little o-6-2 tank engine was polished and looked great and sounding even better, wonderful whistle that brought back memories of steam days.....On again off again reports as to the repairs or scrap plans for Santa Fe diesels 51-C and 61 involved in wreck at Anaheim in December. We just heard the 51-C would be repaired followed by a report it would be scrapped???......San Diego service has returned the the week day small 3 to 7 car trains, single Alco "A" units often, two units on the weekend trains 8 to 12 cars.

OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

R.H.S. of S.D. APRIL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY
THE 4th OF APRIL, 7:30 P.M.
SANTA FE STATION IN THE
SAFETY ROOM - UPSTAIRS.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1966 :

PRIZES - - - PROGRAM - - - REFRESHMENTS

PROGRAM Those McClearys were at it again last summer, traveling and shooting pictures along 15,000 road and hiking miles during a five month period of time. It will all be yours in a 50 minute slide show at the April meeting of the Railway Historical Society of San Diego. Some of the geography, history, and scenery to be touched will include the Santa Elena Canyon of the Rio Grande River in Big Bend National Park, Iceberg Lake and Grinnell Glacier in Glacier National Park, the street cars of New Orleans, some of the 2,466 miles of the Mississippi River, snow and ice in Jasper National Park, a boat trip to Bayou Barataria, the Wizard of Crater Lake, a steam train in Edmonton, Canada, and other subjects, complete with music and sound, too numerous to mention. For an enjoyable evening that will live long in memory, bring your relatives and friends to the meeting on the first Monday of April, the 4th, 7:30 P.M.

ANNUAL O.E.T. "CAJON PASS" TRIP was a good one, the short special departed from Pasadena on the 5th of February using Santa Fe GP-7's # 2650 and #2651 (equipped with steam boilers) and in the consist was car #599 the Canadian Mountain Observation, wonderful for railfan trips. There were numerous photo stops and photo run bys. This has become a very popular style of trip using short 3 to 5 car train, limited number of ticket sales and room for picture taking. The famous old 1509 observation was on the rear too. Quite a few RHS of SD members were aboard. Use of freight road-switchers was an interesting way for a change off from the familiar Santa Fe red nosed passenger units. We recommend this type trip to the truly interested railfan.

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1966 DUES PAID BY 100 MEMBERS TO DATE, March was the deadline. A few have failed to send their dues as yet. \$3.50 annual dues or \$4.50 for the family membership, \$2.50 under 18 years of age. IF YOUR ADDRESS IS IN RED YOU ARE DELINQUENT!! Thanks to the rest of you for mailing your dues promptly this year. A new membership roster will be available soon. YOU LAKE ONES, GET THAT \$\$\$ IN THE MAIL TODAY.....DON'T DELAY.

COMING UP SOON....NEXT ISSUE OF THE "DISPATCHER" with more S.D.E.S.v. (Thanks to Eric Sanders)

EXCURSION HIGHLIGHTS There are plenty of trips this spring and early summer, take your choice!
SAT. APRIL 2nd "TEHACHAPI LOOP" via O.E.T. car #549 the Mountain Observation Car on the rear of train 51 and 52 between Los Angeles and Bakersfield. Lv. L.A. 6:25am, Ar. Bakersfield 11:28am, Lv. Bakersfield 1:45pm, Ar. L.A. 7:00pm. \$10.00
SUN. APRIL 3rd "TEHACHAPI LOOP" via O.E.T., the same trip run a second time, same fare.

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM, Box 548, Ferris, Calif. 91361-0275 or (214) 652-4795 about trip.
SAT. APRIL 16 and 30 "SARONA BY RAIL" annual O.E.T. trip via Santa Fe from L.A. to Hemet and the famous Sarona Outdoor Play. (special rates to railfans to ride Mountain Observation Car for photo and train watching use on the San Jacinto Branch, \$8.00 fare) Regular portion of trip to play is \$14.50 for adults, \$10.00 for children, includes roundtrip rail fare, bus to pagoda, preferred reserved seats at pagoda and dinner at Hemet Fairgrounds. ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM, Box 548, FERRIS, CALIF. 92370.

SAT. APRIL 23rd "A DAY WITH THE SUPER STEAM" on the California Western. Engine #45 (steam) operates from Willits to Redwood Grove and back. 5 hour photo run. Possible connection by bus & Northwestern Pacific train to Willits. Fare is \$22.50 from: PACIFIC COAST CHAPTER, RALHS, 374 Pleasant Hill Road, Redwood City, Calif. 94061.

SUN. MAY 1st "SPRINGTIME IN TEHACHAPIS" annual Golden West Rail Tours trip from Los Angeles to Bakersfield and return via Southern Pacific.
GOLDEN WEST RAIL TOURS, 2210 So. Copulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif. 90064.

SAT. MAY 14th "FALLBROOK ARCADE FESTIVAL" via Santa Fe train from National City. Fares and information from: Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association, Box 4081, San Diego, Calif. 92104.

NO SPRING PICNIC SPECIAL BY RNSofSD. Due to the middle of May date set for the Fallbrook train we will not operate any large rail excursion in April, May or June. Support the PSRMA trip.

PACIFIC COAST REGION of N.M.R.A. CONVENTION- Model Railroaders from all up and down the line will converge on Riverside on May 19, 20 & 21 for the annual west coast meet. A side trip to Orange Empire Trolley Museum is planned via bus on Saturday, banquet at Mission Inn.

MORE ON EXCURSIONS.....
THE BIG ORANGE EMPIRE annual two day trip- SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 21-22, "San Joaquin VALLEY FLYER" see brochure enclosed. (Help support O.E.T. projects, participate in Orange Empire Trolley Museum sponsored trips.)
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 27, 28, 29, 30, 1966-
"WHITE MOUNTAIN and GRAND CANYON" via special cars on Santa Fe "Grand Canyon Limited". Ride the steam powered WHITE MOUNTAIN SCENIC RAILWAY at Molary, Arizona. Visit the Grand Canyon via rail on the Santa Fe Grand Canyon Branch Line. Leave Los Angeles Friday, May 27th at 2:15pm, connections from San Diego at Fullerton and Riverside or San Bernardino. A variety of fares, according to your desire, roomette, compartment, drawing room, etc. Fares run from \$150.00 to \$167.00 depending on your needs. Write to, LET'S TRAVEL TOURS, Box 146, Ferris, CA 92370.

WORK PARTY??? Contact 2nd VP Don Decker for dates to clean up equipment at fairgrounds or additional work on car 54 at Old Town. The old trolley 54 is on tracks, wheels, and a chunk of track under her nose! Call Don at 330-9-7115.

A note from Tom Matson states he is back in U.S.A., saw and rode plenty of trains in the far off places of Europe, his current address is: LtJG Thomas W. Matson, Patrol Squadron VP24 Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia, 23511.

SWRLINGTON cancels all plans of steam trips, high costs, etc. have ended the famous trips and the plan to remark the 4-8-4 are off.
Steamer #75 recently used for movie making on the Eagle Mountain RR has returned to its owners and is now reported to have plans for use at Salt Lake City on the Garfield & Western to pull excursion trains.

A LONELY LITTLE STEAMER stands in Vista. Our friend and member Charles B. Pollard, owner of Pollard Machine & Foundry has passed away. Many of you will recall the grand show he gave us when 600 persons aboard the Esccondido trip detrained at Vista to see his little narrow gauge steamer operate. We also were guests as a private RNSofSD group for riding and actually operating the little steamer, once again Mr. Pollard was a grand fellow in allowing us the pleasures of his steam locomotive. We will miss Charles Pollard, he leaves his wife Lucy, a son and a daughter.