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VIEW FROM THE CUPOLA by H. Chalmers Kerr, Jr., President

Summer Detective Work. With the advent of the vacation season many of PSRMA's members will hit the road for fun and relaxation. Hopefully, the availability of gasoline will continue to improve and permit all of us to travel far and wide. Even though PSRMA has not yet acquired a permanent museum home, we must continue to build toward that objective. Therefore, I admonish all ye travelers to keep your eyes and ears open for artifacts that would be an important addition to our growing collection of antique railroad memorabilia. Anything from an old wooden caboose to a collection of tie nails is worth acquiring. If you see or hear of anything of interest, please note the location and try to find out about the item's availability, cost and owner's name and address.

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Steam in '74. For the rail-fan vacationer two publications are indespensible. The Steam Passenger Service Directory (including Electric Lines and Museums) and Steam '74. The Directory is in its 9th edition for 1974 and is an illustrated listing of tourist railroad, tolley and museum operations with regularly scheduled or intermittent passenger service. The 1973 edition contained over 115 entries located in Canada and the United States. Not all steam train operations and museums with railroad exhibits appear in the directory because many organizations failed to respond to requests for information. This excellent publication is available for $2 from the Empire State Railway Museum, P.O. Box 666, Middletown, New York 10949, or it may be purchased locally at the Whistle Stop, 3819 6th Ave., San Diego, California 92103.

Steam '74 is of value to the traveler to the British Isles. It is a complete enthusiast's handbook to railway preservation activities in the British Isles and contains over 400 entries. This publication is a large format book divided into regions with a map of the region pinpointint the locations of each entry. Photos and details of operations, artifacts, prices and open days make this a very interesting book even if you do not plan to travel overseas. It is priced at 90p ($2.15) and can be ordered from Mr. T.G. Kirtland, 31 Old Croft Road, Walton-on-the-Hill, Strafford, England. Availability in U.S. stores is unknown.

Happy vacationing, see you all at the general membership meeting on July 26th in the House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, San Diego.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS, by Herb Ruiz, Director of Personnel and Records (463-3269)

Encourage your friends to join PSRMA. Our booth at the Del Mar Fair running through July 4th is a good way for them to see what PSRMA is all about. Remember that new memberships (not renewals) are good for twelve months beginning with the date of application. Membership renewals and changes between Regular and Contributing Lists are effective for twelve months beginning with the previous expiration date of the membership.

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The following local events may be of interest to PSRMA members...

PSRMA General Meeting. July 26, 7:30 pm House of Hospitality, La Sala Room, Balboa Park, San Diego, California. Program: Slides and talk by AMTRAK on their excersion trip. Nominations.

PSRMA Picnic. August 25, Convair Missile Park just east of Hwy 163. Park opens at 8 am, rides (train and merry-go-round) open at 10 am for 10¢ each). Bring your picnic lunch.

National Model Railroad Assn. (NMRA) annual convention. July 24-28. Town and Country Convention Center. For information, contact John Gibbs Engstrom, Box 696, La Mesa, CA 92041.

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