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1965 COUNTY FAIR DRAWS NEAR

It isn't far away.....the 1965 addition of the Southern California Exposition and San Diego County Fair starts on Friday, June 25th and runs for an extra day this year ending on Monday, July 5th. (Note: No R.H.S. of S.D. meeting on the first Monday of July due to the fair.)

First....there is work to be done on our equipment at the fairgrounds. Work will slack off on streetcar 54 at Old Town in order to be better equipped at Del Mar with the needed help on car 050, engine 104 and streetcar 528. Work will be done on weekends beginning Saturday, May 1st, contact Wally Silberhorn if you wish more information: 273-7688 or contact Dwight Couch at 264-1920.

Second....We will need members to help staff the equipment during the fair, contact Jack Stodolko if you can help, 582-4636, there is a need for cooperation from everyone able to help. If you can't reach Jack, try calling Dwight Couch. (Being president can be trying!)

Remember, this is our one big drive each year and it takes the entire local membership to do a good job staffing the exhibits. Passes will be issued to all members wishing to help.

SPECIAL....Orange Empire Trolley Museum and Santa Fe Railway will bring a train load of visitors and railfans from Los Angeles on Saturday, June 26th. O.E.T. hopes to have the new "Mountain Observation" on the rear of the special train to Del Mar!

SPECIAL TRAINS - EASTER WEEK 1965

Santa Fe operated two special trains for school children, sponsored by the Los Angeles Park & Recreation Dept. The first train had 674 passengers on Tuesday, April 13th and the second train carried 485 to San Diego and our famed zoo on Thursday, April 15th. During the Easter school vacation Santa Fe brought some 25 different groups of 15 to 50 totaling up to around 700 passengers over and above regular passengers carried during the week.

A pleasant change in size of trains took. Instead of single Alco "A" units it was three unit G.M.'s and two unit Alco power, trains of 9 to 15 cars. The vacation over, the trains again dropped in length and we are now seeing single "A" Alco's and threes to nine cars on the weekday "San Diegoan" trains.

MAY MEETING MONDAY, MAY 3rd, 1965

Regular "First Monday" meeting date, same place....upstairs in the Santa Fe Railway station, Kettner & Broadway, San Diego.

7:30 P.M. - MONDAY, MAY 3rd, 1965.....

PROGRAM Second V.P. Walter Silberhorn will show some slides, Corky Thomson will share the billing with some movies..... The slide show will consist mostly of shots taken in the Vancouver area, the movies are to be an audience choice with several past excursions and railfan trips to pick from. There will also be a few added slides from the members, as an extra treat. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.....Bring a friend, bring yourself!

Last month: Another fine show by the team of Mae & Ruby McCleary with an added show of 16mm films owned by the society.

PALM SPRINGS TRIP A BIG SUCCESS

The charter bus excursion to Palm Springs and the famed Aerial Tramway on Sunday, April 25th was a sell out and a success in many ways. The weather was beautiful all day! The bus driver was a fine fellow, courteous and very capable. The scenery was well worth the trip just going over to Palm Springs. The ride up the mountain on the tramway was exciting and a real thrill as we approached and slid over the rollers at each tower, the tram car did some good rolling at these points. The air at the top was just right, the air was also just as clear as you could ask for. Visibility was spectacular. There was still snow on the high mountains and quite a bit still around the top of the tramway to add to the beauty. We all enjoyed having lunch at the top.

As an added touch the trip included a short visit to Orange Empire Trolley Museum at Perris and a ride on one of the P.E. cars.

As a courtesy to all patrons of the trip we served FREE coffee and donuts....an extra little service which seemed to please everyone.

CONING TRIPS Sponsored by R.H.S. of S.D.
SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1965 - "Cyrus K. Holliday"
private car excursion to Los Angeles.

NEWSLETTER, RHS of SD monthly bulletin, news of society meetings, activities, etc. Opinions expressed in the Newsletter are not necessarily those of the society.

1965 MEMBERSHIPS:

Add the following renewals to the roster during the month of April-----Douglas Harley, Hamilton Wright, Charles Hendricks, Harlan Hatz, Warren Hatz, Colea Hatz, John Snyder, Jeffis Kenneth Cowin, Seaward Tuthill & Rob Farwell. 1965 membership now totals 114, a few have not renewed as yet and have been dropped.

END OF NARROW GAUGE IN EL CAJON

The shortest narrow gauge railroad in the El Cajon Valley has been torn up and abandoned. Another line gone? No, not really, we are only joking about the loss of another line.

What really happened is the narrow gauge U.S. Gypsum railway passenger car has been on county land out at the airport and had to be moved. On Friday, April 23rd the car was lifted on to a Balyea Truck Co. rig and transported to a new location in Mission Valley. Dwight Couch and Jack Stodellie saw to the move and the car now rests alongside freeway 395 near the Linda Vista turnoff. It is on Hazard Co. property on the west side of the highway, near the Westgate Park ball field. The car is good condition and if any repairs or work need to be done in the future, it is in a good location for the work. Thanks to Jack Stodellie for lining up the new space for the car and thanks to Mr. Hazard for allowing us to park the car on his property.

WORKERS NEEDED ON WEEKENDS

You are needed if you can sweep, wipe, clean, paint, repair or restore. The equipment at Del Mar need work prior to the fair and the streetcar at Perris needs some work, not to mention the completion of work on car 54.

New bands will be put on the boiler lagging at Del Mar on engine 104, also new cab window curtains and the back of cab curtain, it is also in need of some paint. There is much to be done at Perris on our San Francisco streetcar No. 171. Definite work dates will have to be set up after our county fair this year for some much needed work at Perris.

The trucks are nearly ready for old 54 in Old Town but this work will have to take a back seat new fairground work at present.

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM

Plenty of help needed with the annual new weed growth around the museum grounds. There is plenty of work, all they need is the workers, if you don't know how, they will teach you!

NEWS NOTES

Bay Area Rapid Transit takes shape with delivery of the first test car. There is still some problems regarding the depth of subways in San Francisco. One other problem, they are building the new line to 5 ft. 6 inch gauge, this in no way will connect with any other trackage in the bay area. One wonders if use of standard gauge 4 ft. 8 1/2 inches might not prove better in the long run, allowing more versatility of equipment. For years and years the old problem of different gauges has been awkward where such lines meet or connect. Let us hope the BART proves successful with this broad gauge system.....And here in Southern California the talk builds for a huge new rail rapid transit system for the Los Angeles area. The proposed system covers all the territory once covered by Pacific Electric--progress? Here in San Diego they continue to argue the private or city ownership of the transit line. Although the city owned system in San Francisco provides good service to the public, it also costs millions each year to operate, the funds come from the taxpayers. Transportation costs money and even when city owned someone must be paying for it....the taxpayers.....locally we are still waiting to hear the outcome of the latest request by Santa Fe to cut back the San Diego service to Los Angeles. They want to cut service to a morning train each way and afternoon trains each way, four trains daily between the two cities.....California Western will start steam passenger train operation sometime around July 1st if all goes well. The new steamer number 3, purchased from the Medford Corp. in Oregon, will have to undergo a complete I.C.C. inspection. This will require all lagging being removed and boiler tubes. Passenger cars are being prepared for use at the International Car Corp. in Ohio. The line will continue the "Skunk" train operation but old number 80 will no longer be on the roster. Number 100 will be rebuilt but 80 suffered to many injuries in the head-on last year. The steam train will operate roundtrip from the coast at Fort Bragg to Willits, as do the well known yellow skunk trains.....Nothing new to report on the Coronado steam train operation. Things are at a standstill, it is reported the S.P. will not lease the line.....The Oroville dam project railroad has added several miles of track for hauling fill material to the big dam on the Feather River.....Many good bits of information and pictures in various magazines on the damage done to the Northwestern Pacific in Northern California so we won't try to cover that massive flood story, see Pacific News and Western Railroader for story.

BOY SCOUT FAIR - JUNE 6, 1965

We have been asked to open the locomotive number 104 and observation car number 050 for exhibition during the annual Boy Scout Fair to be held on the fairgrounds at Del Mar, Saturday June 6, 1965. Decision on this matter will be made by members at the May meeting, 5/3/65.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME & LOCAL TRAINS

Santa Fe has slightly altered the train schedules since the time change, here are the arrival and departure times: No. 72 arrives at 9:55am, No. 74 at 1:15pm, No. 76 at 5:10pm, No. 78 at 8:40pm.....No. 71 departs at 6:00am, No. 73 at 8:00am, No. 75 at 1:01pm, No. 77 at 5:15pm. Number 71 does not run on Sunday and holidays, No. 79 departs at 7:00pm on Sunday & holidays. (all times are Daylight Savings.)

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM

On June 1st the PSRM will open an office upstairs in the Santa Fe depot. (down the hall to the right from the top of the stairs.)

Starting in June the contract with Wally Bathie will be in effect for the operation of excursions through the PSRMA. Prior to that he will operate a Roaming Tours excursion on the Ferrocarril Senora-Baja California from Mexicali south to Puerto Penasco. A rare all in one day, daylight trip, May 31, 1965. Train leaves Mexicali at 8:00am, returns at 6:00pm. Contact Wally Bathie for important information on this trip, brochures are available.

The October Calico excursion has been called off, a trip in September is planned, no destination at this date. PSRMA address is 10830 Fuerte Drive, La Mesa, California.

MUSEUM GROUP NEWS (O.E.T.)

Biggest news at present is the latest of donations to O.E.T., the Sacramento Northern electric locomotive No. 653 and sub-station equipment. The locomotive is in good condition but is in need of a paint job.

The S.N. locomotive will be shipped to Perris via S.P. and Santa Fe, estimated cost if half-rate application is approved will be about \$350.00 and more donations will be in need.

The all-electric FCC from the former L.A. streetcar system lacks about \$250.00 to make it over the top, the car must be moved soon.

IT COSTS MONEY TO OPERATE AND BUILD A MUSEUM, YOU CAN HELP BY MAKING EVERY DONATION OF ANY AMOUNT YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

The Orange Empire Trolley Museum is looking for a steam locomotive! They are also in the market for plenty of rail and ties, free if they can find them and pull up old sidings, costly if they must be purchased.

We are all looking forward to that line down the old California Southern right-of-way.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A DO-ALL-CERTIFICATE, use the handy form below for one or more of the many items listed.

A NOTE TO NON-MEMBER READERS....for the small sum of \$3.50 per year you can help support the RHOFS, indirectly help O.E.T. (RHOFS is a group member in O.E.T.), RHOFS members are automatic subscribers to the DISPATCHER, it is included in your membership, you get reduced excursion rates too, why not join us?

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() Renewal () New Member

PLACE MY NAME ON SPECIAL LIST FOR THE TRIP ON JUNE 6, 1965, "Cyrus K. Holliday" special private car trip San Diego-Los Angeles via Santa Fe trains No. 73 and No. 76, leave San Diego 8:00am, return at 5:10pm. () check-mark

(Private car trip date subject to change)

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Enclosed is the sum of \$_____ for the following item/s.....

O.E.T. MOTOR CAR FUND \$_____, RHOFS CAR RESTORATION FUND \$_____, RHOFS GENERAL RESTORATION FUND \$_____, DONATION TO THE O.E.T. MUSEUM THRU RHOFS \$_____, DOWN PAYMENT ON RHOFS PRIVATE CAR EXCURSION TO LOS ANGELES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1965 ABOARD THE CYRUS HOLLIDAY. FULL PAYMENT FOR ROUNDTRIP FARE ON JUNE 6, 1965. \$15.00 () Partial payment () \$_____

SIGN ME UP FOR 1965 FAIR DUTY () Del Mar.
SIGN ME UP FOR June 6 Scout Fair at Del Mar ()

SEND INFORMATION ON MEMBERSHIP ()

RAILROADIANA FOR SALE Switchmen's lanterns, caboose marker lamps, car builders encyclopedia and other items. Contact Terry Durkin if you are interested: 1521 W. Camino Del Rio, San Diego, Calif. 92110, phone 298-0407.

SOCIETY MEMBERS OFF AGAIN

The trailer hauling members are off or in the planning stage to be off. The McCleary rig, the Mann trailer, the Swaine caboose and the Miller home on wheels, all ready or rolling. Roy and Daisy have changes already in their itinerary due to fair crowds in New York and a batch of floods and bad weather in the east. They will cover New Mexico, Colorado and states in north and northwest, also possibly a boat ride to Alaska....oh to be retired!

MORE TRAINS GONE During April we lost the following California passenger trains: the S.P. dropped the "Owl" and Santa Fe killed off the "Golden Gate", both trains operated in the San Joaquin Valley. North to Portland the S.P. has cut off the "Klamath" and the eastern "Imperial" is in line for an end, the "Del Monte" is now being pushed for future extinction as is the N.W.P. "Redwood" which now consists of the lone Budd car. It is rumored the "Daylight" is in line also. The "San Diegans" are possibly due for a cut. There won't really be much service left at this rate....a tragic loss.

RHS of SD "DISPATCHER" Issue #8....its coming! Eric Sanders reports the next issue is due in about a week or so.

Special-----

BOY SCOUT FAIR AT DEL MAR, SATURDAY, JUNE 6th. RHS of SD to open display- can you help?

EXCURSION NEWS

Sunday, May 2nd - Golden West Railtours spring trip on S.P. to Ekersfield via the famous line known so well as the Tehachapi Loop.

SUNDAY, MAY 8th - Orange Empire Trolley Museum trip on Santa Fe to pageant at Hemet, Calif. (First trip on April 25th to "Ramona" pageant, second trip on May 8th, both "sold out".) There may be cancellations if you wish to go, contact O.E.T., P.O. Box 548, Perris, Calif. 92370.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MAY 14, 15, 16 - Orange Empire Trolley Museum trip to Las Vegas. The works for \$59.00 per person, or if you wish the trip less the Las Vegas trimmings, for the rail-fan, roundtrip, Los Angeles to Las Vegas, includes buffet dinners on train, use of lounge car and dance car, \$30.00 per person. The California Southern Railway Museum private car (observation) "Mt. Rubidoux" will be used on train.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26th - Orange Empire Trolley Museum trip to Del Mar and the S.D. County Fair. New Canadian Pacific "Mountain Observation" car #599 will be used on heavyweight train.

SUNDAY, JULY 25th - Orange Empire Trolley Museum trip to Oceanside. Train will originate at Pasadena, swing through Colton, Riverside and Corona, car #599 will be used on train.

R.H.S. of S.D. EXCURSIONS.....

July 25th, possible trip to tie in with O.E.T. special to Oceanside, using San Diegan from San Diego via Santa Fe Railway.

August, 1965, charter bus tour to Long Beach and trip via steamer to Catalina, Sunday trip.

OCTOBER, 1965, Santa Fe excursion train from San Diego to Perris covering several different lines, visit to trolley museum and streetcar rides. One day trip, possibly with the new OBT mountain observation car #599.

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