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NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE.....The next regular monthly meeting of the Railway Historical Society of San Diego, Inc. will be held at 8:00 P.M. on the first Monday of November in the Safety Room of the Santa Fe Station in downtown San Diego. **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1960 - 8:00 P.M.**

PROGRAM: Members slide night, bring your 35mm slides for a members get together of pictures of past trips and outings. All members are invited to bring slides and show them, with a little talk about each picture. This is the night for the members to get together for a little bull session and pictures. How about a good show of slides and a good turnout of members??? The meetings have been getting bigger and better each month, so make November a bigger and better one than any in the past. Refreshments will be served and the usual raffle for some worthwhile prize and a little extra money in the kitty.

BUSINESS: The nominations for 1961 officers will be read and any nominations from the floor will be taken. If you wish to nominate some member, call the chairman of the committee; Corky Thomson, Broadway 3-5081 or drop a card in the mail to the society P.O. box. (election in December)

SEE YOU: At the November meeting of the RHoESD, **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1960**

HAVE YOU????? Been down to help work on car # 54 at 418 Tenth Avenue????? There is work to be done, take a Saturday afternoon and reserve it for a good cause.....pay a visit to old 54 and lend a hand on the restoration work. The dates for regular work days are: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th - SATURDAY, NOV. 5th - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th.....or if you can drop by on any Saturday afternoon, do so, you won't regret getting involved with the work when the day comes we actually have the car finished....but we need help. EVERY 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday of each month. Remember the dates and lend a hand.

DID YOU MISS???? The trip to Travel Town and the Grizzly Flats Railroad on the 16th of October? The first portion of the trip was revised due to fire and smog conditions when Mr. Robert Day phoned us and regrettably announced there could be no operation on the PIONEER MALL RAILROAD. A hasty change of plans and a vote of the members at the October meeting and we substituted the first stop on the trip to include a visit to the Los Angeles Live Steamers and the display of railway equipment at Travel Town. Picnic lunches were eaten under the trees at Travel Town followed by a few rides behind 1" and 1 1/2" livesteamers on the L.A.L.S. tracks. There would have been more rides but our journey was covered by LIFE MAGAZINE and the photographer took up much valuable time in the process of getting "candid" appearing "posed" photos. Our regrets to the members that had to stand around and patiently wait while this time consuming bunch of pictures was being taken. We can only hope that the article appears in LIFE next year and the society benefits by it.

From Travel Town and the live steamers, we continued to the Grizzly Flats Railroad in San Gabriel, owned by Ward Kimball. Here we rode the two little 0-4-2 steamers (3 foot gauge), the new open air flat car for passengers and enjoyed a large amount of lemonade supplied by Betty Kimball. Here again our LIFE photographer got into the act and cut down some of the operation with more picture taking. This time the photography was a little more fun and our own group was able to benefit by the work being done by the LIFE men. Lots of good pictures were taken. Ward Kimball went so far as doing a hand stand on the diamond stack of the 2-6-0 "Emma Nevada", plus a few other humorous stunts. Gerry Best had his little engine going all day along with Ward's.

The trip finished off the day with dinner at Knott's Berry Farm, there were special reservations for our group in the Chicken House and at the Steak House, no waiting in line!! The return to San Diego was made, arriving home around ten that night. Two big luxury liner San Diego Charter buses made the trip and the drivers were very swell fellows and seemed to enjoy our wild enthusiasm for the iron horses.

DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER Get your checks in and order your tickets on the big **GHOST TOWN SPECIAL** to Calico. We can't run this trip without the support of our members, so get that order in the mail, tell your friends, sell the trip, **ON TO CALICO ON THE 30th OF OCTOBER!!!!** If you can't afford the whole trip, get a group together and share the expenses driving to Riverside, then enjoy that big **UNION PACIFIC STREAMLINER** to Calico, over famous Cajon Pass..... Get that ticket NOW, don't wait any longer.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS...AND RECORDS TOO Since the big time steam power has passed from the daily sight and sound of the railfan, the market has been steadily growing in the book and sound recording business. There are more books and records out now than can be listed. Local railfans and members of the R.H.S. of S.D. will find all the new railroad books and many of the hi-fi railroad records at The Whistle Stop, 3819 Sixth Avenue, San Diego, CV-5-7340.

The owner of this model railroad shop is R.H.S. of S.D. member, Bill Kingston. Bill has been getting the new books in as fast as they are printed, he has devoted one big showcase to nothing but books and is running out of space. In most cases the pre-publication price of a book is several dollars under the regular retail selling price. Bill gets many of the books in and has the first order on sale at the reduced rate. So if you are interested in giving a book as a Christmas gift or you just want to buy some of the latest books on railroading, stop by the Whistle Stop.

The new book by our member Richard V. Dodge, "RAILS OF THE SILVER GATE" will be on sale at the Whistle Stop very soon now, don't fail to get your copy as Dick has done a bang up job on the San Diego area railway history.

DID YOU GET YOUR CALENDAR BROCHURE??? If not, the Mount Rubidoux Chapter of Pacific Railroad Society, Inc. is putting out a dandy 1961 railroad calendar for \$1.25 each. The calendar would make an excellent gift for that railfan in the family or that railfan friend. They may be ordered from the Mt. Rubidoux Chapter of P.R.S. at 180 "J" Street, San Bernardino, Calif.

HIGH IRON EXCURSIONS Presents an excursion over the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe's Branch Lines to beach cities, plus conducted tour of the Los Angeles airport, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1960. Adult fares until Oct. 30th are \$4.00, children under 12 are \$2.50. (after Oct. 30th, \$4.50 and \$2.50) High Iron Excursions, 3827 Tilden Ave., Culver City, Calif., send self addressed stamped envelope with ticket orders.

Train starts at L.A. Union Depot at 9:00 A.M., returns at 5:00 P.M.

CENTRAL COAST RAILWAY CLUB & SIERRA MTN. RR. CLUB Present "MORE STEAM ON THE SIERRA" on Sunday, November 6th, 1960! Sierra #23 will pull the special train from Oakdale, and possibly double head with old #3 if needed. There will be a Pickering Lumber Co. Shay type logging engine used on a portion of the trip and and Westside Lumber Co. will have a small Heisler bring the train into Tuolumne. Roundtrip fare: \$12.00, and for an additional \$2.00 you get a chicken dinner at Tuolumne. Train leaves Oakdale at 9:00 A.M., returns at 6:00 P.M., SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 1960. For tickets, write: Central Coast Railway Club, P.O. Box 783, San Jose 6, Calif. or Sierra Mountain Railroad Club, P.O. Box 1015, Auburn, Calif.

PACIFIC RAILROAD SOCIETY Presents a day on the Union Pacific to Anaheim, Orange County and Wilmington. A day of branch line railroading in a big flashy yellow and maroon Union Pacific special train. Tickets available from P.R.S., c/o Col. Joseph H. Hanson, 5507 Bonner Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. Fares are: \$3.95 for PHS members, \$4.45 for non-members, kids 5-11, \$2.55. Train leaves East Los Angeles at 8:00 A.M., returns at 4:00 P.M.

GOLDEN WEST RAILFANS Presents an excursion via Santa Fe from Los Angeles to the Grand Canyon, November 11 - 13. Train leaves Los Angeles at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, Nov. 10th, returns on Sunday evening. Write Golden West Railfans for information and details, 215 W. Fifth St., Room 323, Los Angeles 13, Calif.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND - OCT. 14, 1960 Dear Corky: We visited the model railroad in Zurich, it was a dandy. We have seen hundreds of steam engines but as a locomotive picture trip it has been almost a complete flop. Yesterday was the 1st good, bright day and the first with no rain. The scenery yesterday from Luzern via Bern to Geneva was grand. We go to Paris tomorrow and jet to New York on Sunday night- regards to all.... DICK DODGE

NEWSLETTER This month we are short of time and busy with two fan trips and ticket sales, several special deals at the fairgrounds and a vacation about to start, so the Newsletter will be short, don't forget the meeting of R.H.S. of S.D. on Monday, November 7th....after enjoying the Calico trip!!! the week before.