

RHS of SD NEWSLETTER No. 11 - NOV. 1961

NOVEMBER ANOTHER RAIL TRIP IN MEXICO.

Readers are all reminded of the trip on the Senora-Saja California out of the border town of Mexicali on Sunday, November 12, 1961. See brochure included with this issue.

SOC LINE OBSERVATION CAR

Hardly had the last issue of the News letter been run off, mentioning that a newly purchased private railway coach was due soon....Monday night, the 25th of September, rolling out of the night behind a fast running freight from San Bernardino....SOC LINE # 52, coupled in front of the caboose, all lights ablaze and markers lit!!! Quite a sight, train with two sets of markers, red and green on the observation and red and yellow on the Santa Fe caboose.

Fear of the new owners rode the car from San Bernardino and were delighted with the riding qualities of the big red car. RHSofSD members, and new owners, Jack Stodelle and Tom Soften were among the happy rail riders.

The car was inspected by your editors upon arrival at the San Diego AT&SF freight yards....after a quick trip to town after seeing the car go by our house. For those of you that have not had the pleasure to see the condition of all interior furnishings, all we can say is, "she is a beauty". The exterior is a bit dull and weathered but will be taken care of soon.

The car was built by Pullman-Standard in 1921 and was formerly the private car of the president of Soc Line.

The new owners, Allaboard, Inc. are some of our RHSofSD members: Jack Stodelle, Fred Finke, Tom Soften, John Corby and Wally Duthie. Others are: Barry Lyons, Homer Rydell, William E. Spiese, Dr. Lind Jones & John Lightner.

The car is stored at the depot, on the third track out from the freight house, just off of Broadway.

"Big Red" went north on Santa Fe #73 Saturday, Oct. 28th with a throng of happy people on the rear open platform, this being one of her first trips out from the "Big Red" house.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE:

Monday, November 6, 1961 - 7:30 P.M.
Santa Fe Ry. Station, San Diego.

Business: Nominations for 1962 society officers, plus regular monthly reports.

Program, prize raffle and refreshments.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1961 - 7:30 P.M.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETS

The group of members picked at the October meeting held a meeting on the 19th of October. Members present were: Tommy Mann, Charles Rozek, Clifford Sheen, Eric Sanders, Wendal Byers and Barbara Thomson. The nominating group have come up with the following for 1962 officers: for president, Wendal Byers....for 1st V.P., Earle Swaine...for 2nd VP, Tommy Mann....for 3rd VP, Charles Rozek....Treasurer, Fred Finke. Recording Sec., Gladys Umbarger....Corresponding Sec., Jane Rozek....Excursion Director, Soeth Thomson....Historian, Eric Sanders.

Since the meeting of the Nominating Committee, a letter from Eric Sanders states that he would prefer not to run for office of Historian due to having too many present commitments, including the DISPATCHER, which he says he is at present an issue behind! At the November meeting nominations will be open from the floor. If you have a proposed candidate, please determine prior to the nomination if that person is willing to take such office. Also consider the office and the candidate, some of our members are ideal for one job but not for another. THINK, before you present a name, and get their permission.

If you want to nominate someone, be at the November meeting.....

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CAJON PASS TRIP

The proposed charter bus trip to Perris and Cajon Pass was called off by the Board due to lack of ticket sales. MEMBERS: if you want trips, call tickets up to the Board.

NEWSLETTER

Railway Historical Society of San Diego
(Incorporated - 1958)
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(Opinions expressed in the NEWSLETTER
are not necessarily those of the RHS/SD)

NEWS NOTES

We have had word from up Sacramento way that there is a Southern Pacific 4-8-4 in the shop being serviced for tripel! Number 4462 is said to be the locomotive, S.P. people are doing the work on her, on their own time. Rumor has it that the 4462 is to be used on fan trips between Sacramento and Reno, Nevada, over the Donner Summit of the Sierra. If this is true, maybe we in the west may get some big steam power trips again.....Since the Panama (L.A. County) Fair, the RHS of L.A. have removed the big S.P. 4-10-2 type locomotive from the fair grounds. The engine was cleaned up and put into operating condition during the fair, a problem arose with horses being frightened in the nearby stables, but the big three cylinder 5021 was run back and forth until her oil supply was gone. The spur was to be torn up so the RHS pulled her out and she is now parked near the roundhouse in San Bernardino, on SANTA FE tracks now. That's a new one, from the story we got, the Southern Pacific wanted no part of having the engine on their tracks, but the A.T. & S.P. has been good enough to store it at San Berdo. Future of the big engine isn't available at the moment but we sure hope to see it in service on some trips soon.....The official dedication of the See Line observation car was held recently with two other open end observation cars in town for the occasion. A bottle of champagne was broken between the coupler of the car and a Santa Fe switch engine.....Union Pacific 4-8-4 number 844 makes a run for the steam fans from Cheyenne, Wyo. to Ogden, Utah on the 11th of November. This may be the last chance to ride behind this big locomotive, \$22.50 covers the all day run, fares from L.A. area available: Arthur Lloyd, Pac. Coast Chapter, RHS, 974 Pleasant Hill Rd., Redwood City, Calif.

LOCOMOTIVE 104 & CAR 050

The two S.D.&A.E. items on display at the fairgrounds, Del Mar, will be moved sometime this fall or winter to place cement under the ties where the car is parked. This will prevent the bow in the walls being created by the weight of the big observation car. The engine was moved a couple of years ago and cement foundation was placed under the ties. In order to do the job, the 104 will be pulled forward on temporary track, the coach will be moved up and the work will be done. When completed there should be no trouble in future years with the equipment sinking. While the fair people are doing the job, the palm tree which is rubbing and leaning against the coach will be dug up and moved to a different location.

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD WEEK

Local model railroad clubs will take part in the first annual Model Railroad Week, November 25 through Dec. 2, 1961.

Chula Vista Model Railroad Club is planning open house each night. They are located at 752 Elder Avenue in the city of Chula Vista. The Balboa Park group will have the San Diego Model RR Club open Sunday & Monday, Nov. 26 & 27, Wed., Nov. 29, and Fri. and Sat., Dec. 1 & 2. For more information check with them any Friday evening or Sunday afternoon in the House of Charm, Balboa Park. The Pacific Beach Model RR Club located at the fairgrounds in Del Mar, will be open on their regular evenings of Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 28th & 30th. They also plan to be open on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2nd.

The clubs are placing displays in stores to help promote the event. The P.B. Club will have an all U.P. display at the local Union Pacific office on Broadway, downtown San Diego. There are displays also going in at Mission Valley Center and in the P.B. area.

NATL. MODEL RR WEEK, Nov. 25 to Dec. 2.

SHORT, SHORT ISSUE THIS MONTH

This is behind in issues of the DISPATCHER, we are short on time and news this issue, more next month...we hope.