

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC.

NEWSLETTER No 11-1962

*** NOVEMBER MEETING DATE ***

MONDAY-NOVEMBER-FIFTH-NINETEEN SIXTY TWO

NOTICE....NOTICE.....NOTICE..... THE MEETING DATE IS NORMAL....THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.
*****THE PLACE OF THE MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED....NOT AT THE SANTA FE DEPOT THIS MONTH.....

NOVEMBER MEETING PLACE: The WHALEY HOUSE 2482 San Diego Avenue, OLD TOWN.

Monday, November 5th, 1962 - 8:00 P.M. - In the Court Room of the famous and historic old WHALEY HOUSE, 2428 San Diego Avenue, San Diego. (In the heart of OLD TOWN.) Cy-8-2482

There will be a tour of the Whaley House....bring your wallet....or at least a 50 cent piece. There will be a 50¢ charge per person for the tour of the house. Donations of 50¢ or more to the Whaley House will be appreciated, here is our chance to see this famous old house and do our bit to help toward the finances needed to put the house on a paying basis. The meeting should be something just a little different, come join your fellow RHSofSD members in the historic old court room and see our president "on the bench".....it will be well worth the 50¢ charge!!!

San Diego Transit System has bus service right out front so it should be no problem for members requiring transportation. If you know someone with a car, give them a call for a ride.

Space is limited to about 40 persons but our host Jim Reading states that we will manage to get a few more in if we are crowded.....come early and get a first hand look at our streetcar 54. Old 54 is right next to the Whaley House, take a look, see what you might do to help on the big restoration job now in progress every Saturday. "SEE YOU ON THE 5th OF NOVEMBER"

***** STREETCAR NUMBER FIFTY FOUR *****

SATURDAY-OCTOBER TWENTY SEVENTH AND EVERY SATURDAY.....
NOVEMBER SATURDAY the 3rd - 10th - 17th - 24th....DECEMBER Saturday the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

WORK ON INSTALLING NEW FLOORING ON EACH END OF THE CAR IS ABOUT COMPLETE, OLD TIE BOLTS HAVE BEEN SCRAPED OF RUST AND GIVEN A PROTECTIVE COATING, NEW BOLTS HAVE BEEN ADDED AND COATED. NEW UNDER FLOOR BRACING HAS BEEN PUT IN, STEEL PLATES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED FOR USE AS TRUCK BOLSTERS, COMPLETE WITH PIN.....A LOT HAS BEEN DONE BUT THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE AND VERY FEW OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TURNING OUT TO DO THE WORK.

Our streetcar 54 project must continue....without fail. Plan now to devote a Saturday to this important project. We don't ask you to become a trolley fan if you are not one, but we do ask our members to get in and help with this project as a strictly historical job. When this old trolley car is completed it will be a wonderful display of early San Diego transportation. YOU ARE NEEDED ON THIS PROJECT, WON'T YOU TRY TO HELP OUT.....Come on down to the Whaley House any Saturday and see what is being done, see what you might do to help, no job done is to small.....it takes each and every new board, can of paint, new window, old part cleaned and refurbished and every hour of some members time. See what YOU can do to help. If you are not able to help on the job, can you help out financially? Donations toward the car 54 restoration are needed.

If you have any questions, want to check on what will be done on any Saturday, will there be someone working on any given Saturday???

CALL THE FOLLOWING PERSONS FOR INFORMATION:

2nd V.P. Charles "Tommy" Mann, BR-3-8824

Walter Silberhorn (our carpenter) BR-3-7688

SEE YOU AT THE WHALEY HOUSE & CAR 54....next Saturday??? Monday night, November 5th at 8:P.M.??

***** NEWSLETTER *****

Railway Historical Society of San Diego
Incorporated 1958

Post Office Box 9351, San Diego 9, California.
S.L. "Corky" Thomson.....Editor.
Send news items before the 20th of each month.

ARRIVAL PASSENGER: Mark Douglas DeVol
Arrived on Schedule: 8:30 AM Oct. 19, 1962
Baggage: Eight Pounds, Five Ounces, 21 Inches.
Station: Inglewood, California
Conductor: Kay DeVol Engineer: Dave DeVol

Congratulations to Dave and Kay DeVol and their
new arrival from all of the members of RNSofSD.

NEWS NOTES While wondering around the yards recently the following items were noted in the SD&AE yard: Cotton Belt locomotives #245 and 717 (GP-9 & F-7 "B" unit), S.P. #5828 GP-9. Local engines on hand were: S.P. #5102, 5119 doubling on the El Cajon train with 6 cars. S.P. # 5112, 5115 idle in yard. The first two were painted in the new gray and red colors, the second set of the 5100's were still in old S.P. colors. Cabooses 869 and 55 were noted. MW 1183 old cafe-observation, MW 1184 one time commute coach and MW 1097 outside brace box.... both S.P. and Santa Fe yards have had the new center flow covered hopper cars lately..... Tenth Avenue Terminal is installing a new car unloader. One of the rotary type capable of gripping a hopper car and turning it over to dump its contents in one quick move. This is actually an old unit from somewhere on the east coast but it is new to San Diego. It will have all the usual features of such unloading rigs, including the ramp track and spring switch to roll the empty car back to the yard tracks..... We will have more information on this new addition to our harbor facilities when we can get more facts on it..... Santa Fe is getting 200 of these new hopper cars mentioned above, they are being built by American Car & Foundry Co... Santa Fe is also purchasing 24 new hi-level chair cars when the right bid is made by some of the car builders. The present fleet of 49 hi-level cars was built by Budd Company. SSanta Fe states that the changes in the Treasury Department's new depreciation rules will help to make the purchase of the cars, worth 20 million dollars from an income tax saving for 1962 of 16 million dollars, the 20 million figure is for the purchase of both freight and passenger equipment..... Back east the Long Island RR is sporting an open platform observation on one of their passenger trains on Friday afternoons. Maybe they got wind of our big red observation rumbling along on the rear of the San Diego- Los Angeles Santa Fe trains from time to time.

1963 CALENDARS

We have just taken a good and long look at the new 1963 Railroad Calendar from our good neighbors to the north at San Bernardino.....

The MOUNT RUBIDOUX CHAPTER of the Pacific Railroad Society again offers a fine 11 x 17 spiral bound RAILROAD CALENDAR for 1963. Each month features a framable railroad action photograph, 11 steam shots and 2 interurbans.

As usual the new calendar is up to the same high quality as in years past.....you can have one of these fine 1963 railroad calendars by sending \$1.25 to: MT. RUBIDOUX CHAPTER, Pacific Railroad Society, 180 "J" Street, San Bernardino, California. If you want the brochure, it has an order blank for your calendar as well as spaces for gift calendars....send a post card for the brochure and order several calendars!! MOUNT RUBIDOUX CHAPTER, PACIFIC RAILROAD SOCIETY, Inc., 180 "J" Street, San Bernardino, Cal.

AND.....not to pass up our friends in another nearby spot....the PACIFIC RAILWAY JOURNAL now offers their new 1963 railroad calendars too!!

1963 Steam calendar for \$1.50, 11 x 17 size, Electric calendar, same size and price.....or get both the STEAM and ELECTRIC Calendar for \$2.75.....and they also offer a nice desk size calendar and appointment book, it measures 7½x5½ closed, 108 pages, 60 photographs. This one gives you a picture for every week!! These sell for \$2.00 and make dandy gifts. Send for your calendars or drop a card for handy order brochure: PACIFIC RAILWAY JOURNAL, P.O. Box 91, San Marino, California.

EXCURSION Los Angeles M.T.A. streetcar trip temporarily postponed due to delays in getting proper clearances from Tanner Gray Line and the M.T.A. A new date will be set. No word as yet on the Santa Fe excursion over Cajon Pass. ~~may go ahead with our bus tour after all.~~ Plans for a big PICNIC SPECIAL from San Diego to our neighbors in Escondido next spring are moving along. It will be a SANTA FE all the way trip.

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1963 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We want YOU to renew for 1963 and better yet we want you to sign up a friend in RNSofSD for 1963. We need our present members and we need some new members too. Look around, how about getting that interested neighbor or friend of yours to fill out an application and join our society. We need members for the finances they bring and the projects we have under way.

S. CUSHENBURY TRIP The Pacific Railroad Society will operate excursion #144 "CARAVAN TO CUSHENBURY" on Sunday, November 11, 1962. This will be a Santa Fe All The Way excursion from Los Angeles with stops at Pasadena and San Bernardino for additional passengers. Fares are low, \$9.50 from L.A., Pasadena, \$8.90 from Pomona, \$6.40 from San Berdo. (Family deal from L.A. is \$25.00 for 2 adults and children under 12.) Train will leave Los Angeles Union Station at 8:00 A.M. PST, Pasadena at 8:30 A.M., Pomona at 9:05 A.M. and San Bernardino at 9:35 A.M. There will be a photo stop in Cajon Pass, a one hour stop at Summit for picnic lunch, open house at the streetcar "Dacanco" and an added special treat....San Diego's DOUGLAS IAN HUNCAN will be performing on Chard Walker's 3 manual, 79 stop Artisan organ. Those wishing to remain at Summit for organ music may do so and catch the train on the return from Cushenbury.

After leaving Summit the train will proceed to Resperia where it leaves the high iron for the Cushenbury Branch. At Cushenbury there will be a tour of the Kaiser owned Permanente Corp. cement plant, the most modern in Sou. Calif. Train leaves Cushenbury at 3:00 P.M., arrives back in L.A. at 7:00 P.M.

FROM DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO.....Here is a deal for RHSofSD members and friends, via special charter bus and highway 395 to San Bernardino where we will make connections with the P.R.S. "Caravan to Cushenbury" special AT&SF train.

Leave 3rd Street side of Grant Hotel 6:30am via San Diego Transit Sytem, arrive at the big Santa Fe Station in time for connection with the train. Return trip from San Bernardino will leave at approximately 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. with arrival back in San Diego around 8:30 or 9:P.M. **FARES FROM SAN DIEGO:** Roundtrip, including the special bus and train, picnic box lunch, organ concert and plant tour.....Adults \$14.75 each, Children under 12 years of age \$10.55 each. Unfortunately is our position here in San Diego for a greater reduction for the children, but a charter bus costs money and we can't pay for it with half a load of kids at half price.

You may purchase tickets from P.R.S. for the train trip...if you plan to drive to L.A. or San Bernardino...BUT...if you plan to go by special RHSofSD charter bus, purchase your tickets through the RHSofSD. See handy order blank on last page of this issue.

We must set a deadline on the RHSofSD bus trip to San Bernardino, if we do not have the necessary number of fares to make the bus trip possible, we will have to cancel this plan and members will have to find their own way to get to San Bernardino. **DEADLINE...Nov. 7th, 1962.**

Call Excursion Director, Corky Thorsen for additional information, after 6pm, 276-3266.

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM Annual meeting of the O.E.T. saw more members in attendance than ever before. At 4:45 P.M. the barbecue dinner was served in the cafeteria of the civic auditorium, as usual the food was tops.

At a little after 6:00 P.M. the meeting was held in the main hall. The annual meeting lasted 3 1/2 hours, after which many returned to the museum for a ride on a "Hollywood" car.

Officers elected were: President - Ray Ballach, Vice-President - Ed Von Nordeck, Secretary - Jim Walker, Treasurer - Dave Sproul, and Director, 1962-65 - Bill Bauer.

Cement block wall is being built for the power house, help is needed as well as funds to pay for final load of blocks.

Ties have been put down for about 200 feet on the west side of the loop track to bring it up to operating standard, next comes leveling and ballasting. They have the materials, they now need the workers...YOU, YOU and YOU!!

There is some interest in getting the old San Diego Electric Ry. car body No. 707, this is one of the ex-Salt Lake City cars brought to San Diego during the war. The O.E.T. will need support from local trolley fans and they will need donations toward a fund to move the car to Perris...Can you help? Are you interested in this project?

O.E.T. needs more poles, more money to buy poles and more help to set poles when they get them. You can help with a contribution to the pole project.

Lots of work being done on many of the cars at Perris, best way to see the progress and the needs is to drive out to Perris some one of these fine weekends, your help is needed.

MT. RUBIDOUX CHAPTER, P.R.S. The boys up in San Bernardino have been busy repainting the roof on their private railway car, the big red twin to our locally owned ex-Sco Line car.

Rex Cuttall and Chard Walker scouted some of the new line stakes over the summit of the pass. One proposed line change places the present site of Summit quite some distance from the new line.

U.P. 3710 4-6-6-4 steamer has been renumbered 900079 for use as a snow melter, part of M.W.

Chapter members busy getting the new 1963 calendars prepared for mailing. **CALIF. SOU. EXPRESS**

REMINDER Every Saturday is work day down in Old Town next door to the Whaley House...WHY?? To restore our wonderful old trolley car #54!! Monday, November 5th is our next meeting date, at the WHALEY HOUSE. Nominations for 1963!!!

R.H.S.of S.D. NEWS NOTES & HAPPENINGS The S.P. recently brought the big Krauss-Maffei Diesel Hydraulic units to the southland for some tests out of Los Angeles, they were noted in service to Arizona and over Beaumont Hill out of Colton. Last seen they were on the run back to northern California. Reports have it that they are again working out of Roseville.....The U.P. turbines which were recently making news in the L.A. area have also returned to Utah and Wyoming. There was too much noise problem and Santa Fe complained of weight on rails over their portion of track, enough problems to send them back into the high country.....Nixon campaign train came into San Diego via Santa Fe, open platform observation and all, first such train since Harry Truman..... Many west coast railfans made the Silverton Train this past summer, did you? If not, there is always next summer to try it, business was booming this year, they need more coaches to carry the tourists.....A member of the P.B. Model RR. Club just completed a cross country rail ride via Santa Fe to L.A., U.P. #104 to Chicago, NYC Twentieth Century to N.Y. On the return trip he again used the 20th Century to Chicago, the CB&Q/Rio Grande/W.P. California Zephyr from Chicago to Oakland, S.P. Lark to L.A., back to San Diego on old trusty San Diegan of the Santa Fe. He states business seemed good on all trains (23 cars on the U.P. City of L.A.) and the lumber coach trade seemed good on the NYC. He says the Calif. Zephyr is still tops for train riding in spite of longer schedule and higher food costs.....A young fellow from Chicago taking a vacation to the west coast aboard the Calif. Zephyr stated it was his first train ride, he left a new model auto in his garage back home to try the rails, he was enjoying his trip via vista dome!! Through Feather River near Oroville, many signs of damage from recent heavy rains and storm, a large truck mounted crane was seen still up side down in bottom of river, slow orders had the Zephyr moving 5 to 10 miles per hour, high water mark and debris showed signs of tremendous amount of water recently, damage done to construction of dam near Oroville, fields all under water on way to Sacramento.....The Calif.-Nevada Railroad Historical Society is operating a Santa Fe excursion from the S.F. Bay Area to Disneyland, weekend of Nov. 16/17/18, 1962. This trip will include running the special train over freight only lines along the eastern side of San Joaquin Valley.....GOING SOON...The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority has now a plan to abandon all streetcar routes much sooner than had been anticipated. Latest move is to put the trolley lines out of service by March 31, 1963. The MTA has ordered 200 ultra-modern busses to make this possible. Original plans were to keep the 162 PCC cars and 89 trolley busses until 1965 but by spending \$6 million on new busses they will supposedly save costs from the operation of the trolleys. There are 100 new busses now on order, plus the latest 200..... This will mean we will have to get on the ball and have our last fling at riding streetcars in the near future, our proposed October ride fell through for lack of proper information on making arrangements for an excursion. We now have all the information needed states excursion director Corky Thomson, and all we need is to set a date and the backing of about 35 members to make it a success.....DID YOU KNOW??? Our Recording Secretary, Gladys Umbarger and one of our society directors, Clifford Skeen were recently married!! Congratulations to you two fine people from the Newsletter staff and all of the members of R.H.S.of S.D. We should have had a special "Newlywed" excursion train for them!!

"CARAVAN TO CUSHENBURY" If you plan to ride the P.R.S. excursion train using connections made possible by the R.H.S.of S.D. from San Diego to San Bernardino....DON'T WAIT TO LATE!! There isn't much time for thinking it over, order your tickets if you wish to go. If there are not enough to support the special bus, IT WILL NOT BE RUN. Also, there is a fully stocked lounge and a snack car on the train. You will be able to have sufficient nourishment to hold you over until you get back to San Diego on the bus from San Bernardino. Remember, have a good breakfast before you leave San Diego at 6:30 A.M., there is a picnic box lunch included in the fare when you get to Summit for lunch and you can get what you want from the snack car on the return trip in the afternoon. The bus will run straight through from San Bernardino to San Diego that evening.

SACRAMENTO RIVER CRUISE The Pacific Coast Chapter, Railway & Locomotive Historical Society has an interesting trip planned for the weekend of October 27 & 28th, 1962, from San Francisco to Sacramento via S.F. Bay, Carquinez Straights, Sacramento River, just as in days of old, there will be 200 miles of fun filled scenic inland waterways, shipboard activities & comfort afloat.

CALENDAR EVERY SATURDAY....Work on car 54 at the Whaley House, Old Town, San Diego.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th....Meeting at the Whaley House, officer nominations, tour of the house, (50¢ each) inspection of car 54, 8:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th....P.R.S. "Cushenbury Excursion" via R.H.S.of S.D. chapter bus

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR 1963

Enclosed is my CHECK () - MONEY ORDER () - CASH () for my 1963 membership dues.

Amount: \$2.50 Regular () - \$3.50 Family () - \$2.50 Sustaining - \$1.50 Junior (under 18 yrs.)

Name. _____ Phone No. _____

Address. _____

I am interested in: Steam () Diesel () Electric () Trips () Restoration () Committee Work ()
Helping run society () Holding society office () Museum Work ()

I belong to the following railroad clubs: _____

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO, Inc.
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DONATION FORM CAR 54 Restoration ()
Del Mar Exhibits ()
Streetcar 171 ()

Enclosed is my donation for the above checked projects:

\$ _____

Name. _____

Address. _____

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NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM for 1963

Please send application form for membership in your organization to:

Name. _____

Address. _____

Enclosed is my 1963 dues: () check
I will pay with my application: () check

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PACIFIC RAILROAD SOCIETY "CUSHENBURY
EXCURSION" Sunday, November 11, 1962.

PLEASE SEND ME _____ FULL FARE TICKETS @ \$14.75 \$ _____ Check () CASH ()
_____ HALF FARE TICKETS @ \$10.55 \$ _____ Money Order ()

I will board the special bus on the Third Street side of the Grant Hotel at San Diego, Calif.
I understand the special bus will depart promptly at 6:30 A.M. on Sunday, November 11, 1962.

NAME. _____ Phone. _____

ADDRESS. _____

Total amount enclosed for the above ticket order is \$ _____
FARE includes special rest room equipped air conditioned charter bus between San Diego and San Bernardino, train fare from San Bernardino, Box Picnic Lunch (at Summit), Tour of the Permanente Plant at Cushenbury, Doug Duncan organ recital at Summit. (You may stay at Summit if you wish, catch train on return trip) Contact Excursion Director for additional information after 6:00 P.M., 276-3266. DEADLINE ON BUS ORDERS IS NOVEMBER 7th, 1962, bus will be canceled if there are not enough ticket orders. Send for your tickets now. If you wish to drive or ride from L.A., get tickets from: P.R.S. Box 5279, Metro. Sta., Los Angeles 55, Calif. Trip brochure from PRS on request. GET OUT AND RIDE THE TRAIN....SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1962!!!!