



RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC. - NEWSLETTER NUMBER TEN - 1960

CALICO via UNION PACIFIC.....

Sunday, October 30, 1960 will be the big day for the big fall fan trip of RHS of SD. San Diego to Calico and a ride on one of the big colorful Union Pacific streamliners, "our own special streamliner" from Riverside to Yermo, by way of famous Cajon Pass and Santa Fe trackage.

The train will originate at the EAST LOS ANGELES UNION PACIFIC DEPOT, with passengers from the L.A. area boarding at that point, a flag stop at Pomona if ticket sales in that area require it, then the big yellow train will arrive at RIVERSIDE and make connections with the charter busses from San Diego..... another stop at San Bernardino and on up the hill for a photo stop in Cajon Pass....over the hill at Summit and on down through Victorville, Barstow and then we leave Santa Fe territory at Daggett for the final miles to YERMO. At Yermo we are but a few miles from the famous mining town of CALICO, a quick bus ride and then three hours for sightseeing, FOOD, riding the mine train, touring the mines, the tram ride up the mountain.

The brochures were not ready for mailing with this issue of the Newsletter so will be coming to you within a very short time.

PRIVATE RHS of SD TRIP.....

Members only on the special trip of the year, members will find the special brochure enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter.....this is a very fine one day excursion, so plan on joining us.....limited number allowed so don't delay if you want to go....and if you can't.....don't forget the BIG...BIG... CALICO TRIP, October 30, 1960.

WORK DATES.....RESTORATION OF OLD 54

Any Saturday in October..... car is located at 418 Tenth Avenue.

OCTOBER MEETING NOTICE.....

MONDAY, OCTOBER THIRD, 1960.....

FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER - 8:00 P.M.

SANTA FE DEPOT - SAFETY ROOM.....

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.....

Short business session and report from committeemen and information on the two excursions in October.

PROGRAM "WESTSIDE LUMBER COMPANY- NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT"

Our own member, Dick Pennick will present a program on the now famous little lumber road at Tuolumne, California. Dick will give a talk with slides and movies on this three foot gauge lumber railroad with its neat fleet of STEAM powered Shay locomotives.

The usual prize raffle, refreshments and a chance to meet friends and have a good bull session. Members are asked to invite visitors to our meetings.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 1960 - 8:00 P.M.

WOW!!!! The programs are getting better all the time, Roy and Daisy Miller did a fine job on their wonderful 7,000 mile trip through Mexico and Central America....Roy gave a wonderful and very descriptive talk on the trip, he almost out talked the movies...listening to him practically put you right there on the trip with all the wonderful steam engines they rode behind.

Come on down to the Santa Fe depot and see and hear another good program with Dick Pennick as the October speaker.

SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE AT DEL MAR.....

Saturday, October 1st, members are needed all afternoon to man the cars.

Railway Historical Society of S.D., Inc.
P.O. Box 9351, San Diego 9, California

NEWSLETTER

Published monthly, send news items to
Corky Thomson, 3204 McGraw St., S.D. 17
on or before the 20th of each month.

NEXT MONTH The Newsletter will give
a final count down on 1960 memberships
and an up to date roster of the members
of RHS of SD with proper addresses and
address changes.....if you have changed
your address and have not notified us
of the change, please bring us up to
date in time for the new listing.

SANTA FE DIESELS Since the last re-
port on local diesel operations, a few
changes have come about.

The rare bunch of 'A' units and all
the mixed up units, seem to have gone
back to normal again. Freight power is
quite frequently an A-B-B-A or in some
cases five units, with an extra 'B'.
Many GP-7's and GP-9's are in service
as three and four unit locomotives.
The new yellow and blue color scheme is
showing up regularly now on the 'geeps'
in the 2600, 2700 and 2800 series.

The big 2400 HP low hood 'super geep'
was in service for a while on the San
Diego scene but has now quit making the
S.D. run. One of the last runs observ-
ed was the 4 big geeps and the GP-9
sent out to help them over Sorrento
Hill. Maybe the long wheelbase, six
wheel trucks are hard on flanges and
rails on the sharp curves of the hill.

Passenger 'F' units were used on
freight trains a few times but have not
been seen lately. #51 the big Alco-G.E.
E.M.D. is back in San Diegan service
since the horse races are over at Del
Mar. Several specials have been seen,
plus the Ringling Bros.-Barnum and Bai-
ly Circus train.

The circus is once again on steel
wheels and rail.....in a fleet of big
rebuilt Pullman cars, not as colorful
as in the old days, but none the less,
A CIRCUS TRAIN again.

PACIFIC STANDARD TIME-With the change
to standard time, some changes in the
consist of the many daily SAN DIEGAN
streamliners has come about.

Have you seen these dandy little
TWO car streamliners???? Common the
last few days are three units of F-7
diesel power, a couple baggage cars
and a couple coaches, they look like
an Oceanside local rather than a train
going to Los Angeles.

Something new.....baggage cars and
mail cars on the BACK of the trains.
Santa Fe is operating the trains INTO
San Diego with all the "headend" cars
on the rear of the train, this puts the
passenger right in front of the depot
and the mail and baggage back where
it should be in front of the baggage
room. On the outbound runs the cars
are normal. This system allows the
cut off of the engine at the depot,
run around and couple up to the baggage
cars and the train is in a normal red-
dy to go position.

The southbound trains look real
novel trailing their baggage cars be-
hind them.

SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA EASTERN They say
the freights from the valley come in
with as many as five units at times!!!
Business must be picking up for the
"Shortest Route East", 50 and 60 car
trains have been reported.

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM It seems
that streetcar service is getting more
and more regular at Perris, California
with the addition of track, turnouts
and overhead wire.

Have YOU been up to Perris and the
O.E.T. lately???

Cool weather coming, take a ride up
395 one of those fine weekends and en-
joy a real sight for streetcar weary
eyes on the O.E.T. property.

DONATIONS are still needed for many
streetcar moving projects at O.E.T.,
P.O. Box 501, Perris, California.

TRAILER CONVENTION AT FAIRGROUNDS: We will need as many RHSoFSD members as we can get to help man the exhibits at Del Mar on Saturday, October 1st, from noon until about 4 or 4:30. The cars and engine will be open to some 600 people for several hours on Saturday afternoon, if you can attend and help, be there around noon to get things opened up and ready. (SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st)

RESTORATION OF CAR # 54: Regular work dates are the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, car is located in parking lot next door to Star Machine, 418-10th. If it will help any, all Saturday afternoons of October are open to anyone interested in taking a look at old 54, or wishing to work. Regular dates will be Sat., Oct. 1st, 15th & 29th. - Corky & Tommy hauled some new lumber down on a recent weekend and Bill Morrison has been hard at work. Lets have more help!!

MORE NEWS ON SANTA FE: It doesn't pay to cut a master for the Newsletter sometimes.....page two mentions the diesels being back to normal and about the San Diegan streamliners with baggage cars on the rear.....WELL, the diesels are a big mix up again, A,B,A,B,A,B on the head end of a freight, with a business car behind the caboose, A,B,geep,B,A on another freight, odd combinations of A and B units, the San Diegan with baggage cars on the front AND THE REAR, with the passenger cars in the middle.....it looks like anything goes these days on the Santa Fe when it comes to motive power and rolling stock.

CIRCUS TRAIN ON THE S.D.&A.E. The Ringling Bros., Barnum & Baily Circus left San Diego for a show in Dallas, Texas, VIA S.D.&A.E. and the Carriso Gorge!!!! S.P. diesels #5678, 5753 & 5677 were power for the big circus train of 15-85ft special cars. The train departed San Diego around 2:30AM on Monday Sept. 26th, which should have put the train through the gorge in early morning daylight. On Saturday, the SD&AE sent a short train out to test the cars for there long length on tight curves. A little G.E. switcher and the 4 tunnel equipment cars and a caboose went out to test the line, as the cars are quite close, end to end, they must have handled the curves okay.....so the whole works went later. (have you ever heard a 6 wheel Pullman car on the curves in the gorge? 15 long cars must have really created some flange noise in Carriso Gorge. The circus was on the way to a Thursday show in Dallas, with a direct run to El Paso via S.P. and a layover before going on to Dallas.)

MEMBER DICK DODGE OFF TO La Belle France: A note from Dick stated that Jerry Best would be on hand to operate his engine, the Olomana, for the San Diego group when they visit Ward Kimball....Dick says he should be in France by then on a railroad tour.....hope he comes back with pictures and lots of good things to tell us about the railroading on the other side of the Atlantic.

"CARRISO GORGE" FILM ON LOAN: Our restored 1920's film of the SD&A has been out on loan to the Akron Railroad Club in Ohio and we had great reports from that group on the wonderful job we did in saving the film. They were so enthused, they ordered a copy of it. The film goes east again in a few days to be viewed by the Lorain County Model RR Ass'n in Avon, Ohio.

(The film is available to interested groups. film rental is \$2.50)

NOVEMBER ISSUE WILL LIST SOME NEW BOOKS & GIFTS: There are many fine records, books, calendars available for Christmas, we will try to list a few next month. Mount Rubidoux Chapter of P.R.S. has the calendar deal this year and are doing it up real nice, \$1.25 each with 14 photos, 11x17. They may be ordered from the chapter at 180 "J" St., San Bernardino, Calif.

R.H.S. of S.D.

EXCURSION NOTICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1960

PI PIONEER MILL RAILROAD
2 1/2 foot gauge

AND

GRIZZLY FLATS RAILROAD
3 foot gauge

\$4.50
Per Person
from
San Diego

BOTH ROADS ARE STEAM POWERED

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO proudly presents a repeat of the very popular trip to visit the Pioneer Mill RR., owned and operated by Mr. Robert Day. This is a quaint little privately owned line complete with all the trimmings, saddle tank steamers, cars, caboose, depot, water tank, engine house.....you have to see it and ride it to believe it. Ride behind the 0-4-2, up the hill and around the loop!! Lunch and then we leave for our second visit of the day.....the Grizzly Flats RR., owned and operated by Mr. Ward Kimball. Another page of history is unfolded on the G.F. RR. with the 2-6-0 "Emma Nevada", the little plantation engines and many types of old rolling stock, depot, water tank and windmill, engine house....well, come on along and see for yourself....and ride behind more steam power.

This trip is limited to members of the Railway Historical Society of San Diego only.....and is limited in the number of persons able to make the trip, first come - first served basis, order your tickets- NOW.

TIMETABLE: Effective SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1960 (Running time after the stop at Knott's Berry Farm in the A.M. is subject to some changes as we go along)

↓ LEAVE	7:00 A.M. BALBOA PARK - Zoo Parking Lot	9:40 P.M. ARRIVE
"	7:20 A.M. PACIFIC BEACH - Pacific Hwy & Balboa	9:15 P.M.
"	7:35 A.M. DEL MAR - 101 at signal light	9:00 P.M.
"	7:45 A.M. ENCINITAS - 101 at signal light	8:50 P.M.
"	8:10 A.M. OCEANSIDE - Santa Fe Depot (parking lot)	8:30 P.M.
"	9:00 A.M. SAN CLEMENTE - Coffee stop at bus stop	8:00 P.M.
ARRI	9:50 A.M. KNOTT'S BERRY FARM - pick up L.A. area group	↑
ARRIVE.....	11:00 A.M. PIONEER MILL RAILROAD (operation & lunch)	↑
LEAVE.....	1:00 P.M. P.M. RR.	↑
ARRIVE.....	2:00 P.M. GRIZZLY FLATS RAILROAD (operation)	↑
LEAVE.....	4:00 P.M. C.F. RR.	↑
ARRIVE	5:30 P.M. KNOTT'S BERRY FARM - Dinner & Sightseeing	7:00 P.M. LEAVE

(Return running time is approximate due to the type of excursion this is)

EQUIPMENT: San Diego Transit System Charter Coaches (the best)

MEALS: BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH Dinner at Knott's Berry Farm as you like it.

FARE: There is one price.....\$ 4.50 per person, no half fares.

(L.A. Area members: \$2.00 by bus, Knott's Berry Farm pick up point)

INDICATE PICK UP POINT WITH TICKET ORDER, STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE,
RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO, P.O. BOX 9351, SAN DIEGO 9, CALIF.

Note: Car caravan by members in L.A. area will be permitted only by special authority of the Excursion Director, Wally Duthie. \$1.00 fee, write first for permission as parking is limited and we cannot have many cars.