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MEETING, EXCURSION & RAILROAD NEWS.

R.H.S. of S.D. HOBBY SHOW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1964 - 1:PM to 4:PM

Grab up your favorite hobby and come on out to show it off, it doesn't have to be all railroad, any hobby, rocks, gems, ceramics, or anything.....bring it and display it at the Railway Historical Society of San Diego HOBBY SHOW, Sunday, October 11, 1964, at the Park & Recreation Department UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER, 4044 Idaho Street, East San Diego.

Contact Gladys Skeen regarding table space for your hobby display, phone 284-3489.....or drop us a card in care of the society P.O. box.

Time is short, so in order to make this a big success, plan your hobby display now, get it all set and notify us.....be there at the recreation center to set up at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, Oct. 11th. Doors open to the public at 1:00 P.M. and the show closes at 4:00 P.M.

THE SUCCESS OF THE HOBBY SHOW IS IN YOUR HANDS, PLEASE HANDLE IT WELL!

LAST MONTH Just a word of thanks to our "new" member Jack Stodolle for showing the very wonderful old railroad film, that was a nice bit of steam power and sound! (Jack finally got around to paying his 1964 dues, shame on you for being so late Jack!) Don't feel bad though because several others just got around to it!

MUSEUM??? There is only one museum, for those of us in this area that is.....where, up in Perris, where else? We, the R.H.S. of S.D. are a group membership in the Orange Empire Trolley Museum, we should back the museum in every way possible. The O.E.T. has done a magnificent job to date and bigger and better years are to come to the museum.....with your help! If you can't get up to Perris and help in person, try to send a buck or two from time to time. Every little bit helps in financing the various projects, what ever they may be.

O.E.T. is growing, track is stretching out, there may even be some steam power there someday, you don't have to be 100% trolley to enjoy steel wheels on steel rails, there is a lot more to O.E.T., track work, car work, line work, gardening, you name it, its there!

OCTOBER MEETING OF R.H.S. of S.D.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1964 - 7:30 P.M.

Upstairs in the Safety Meeting Room,
Santa Fe Railway Station, San Diego, Calif.

BUSINESS - PROGRAM - REFRESHMENTS

EXCURSION NEWS

That long awaited trip to visit the Orange Empire Trolley Museum will be this month....SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th. We will go to Perris by special charter bus rather than on our own special train as we had hoped. The trip via train was not finally set up by the railroad until such a late date it made chances of advertising, brochures, ticket sales almost impossible. The fall trip will be via bus!!

We have chartered (try San Diego first) air conditioned coaches from California Bus Tours. (Division of San Diego Transit) Our buses are equipped with restrooms for your comfort.

See the enclosed brochure for tickets, PLEASE, if you plan to go, get your tickets at once, don't leave it until too late, if we do not sell enough tickets, we cancel the trip, so get your tickets early. R.H.S. of S.D. members fare is \$3.75 roundtrip, non-members fare is \$4.25 and there is a box lunch available at \$1.25 if you don't want to pack your own lunch. We leave at 9:00 A.M. and will be back by 6:00 P.M.

There will be ample time to view, ride and take pictures at the museum. If you have never been to the O.E.T. this is a must, if you have not been up there for any length of time, you will be surprised at the progress. For a big day of fun and pleasure....with your fellow society members and friends, be with us on the R.H.S. of S.D. Trolley Museum Special, SUN., OCT. 25th.

There are other trips coming up too, IF.... if this one proves successful. Last winter we enjoyed a day at Vista and the little O-4-0, but we had to cancel the special bus for lack of ticket sales, yet over 40 were at Vista????

Coming soon: Cajon Pass excursion by bus, O.E.T. excursion in February out of the L.A. area, private car excursion from San Diego and big spring excursion via Santa Fe. Details of various outings up coming.....right now we are looking for your ticket orders for the Perris trip on Sunday, October 25th, 1964.

SAN DIEGO NEWS NOTES

The month of September has proved to be a banner month for potash shipments in San Diego. The Santa Fe handled almost 500 cars of potash for the bulk loader at the Tenth Ave. Terminal. Most of the big covered hoppers arrived in the regular nightly freights although there were a few special moves. As fast as empty cars were rolling out of town there were more loads on inbound trains. The yards have been well filled with the big cars.

motive power on the freight movements has consisted of standard F-7 and GP-9 units and a good supply of the new 1200 series GP-20's. A few runs have been made by the big SD-24's and six wheel Alco units. At night without seeing the motive power, it is quite easy to tell if it is 1200 GP-20's or 1300 GP-35's by the big whine sound of the super-charged units.

S.D.&A.E. has brought in some shipments of alfalfa pellets and business on the El Cajon-La Mesa line seems to be good. There have been no triple headers since they started running the G.E. diesels nose to nose with cabs out.

Santa Fe passenger business has dropped off since Labor Day and trains are running a good deal shorter. Passenger business was very good from May through September. A change in motive power recently took the two unit "A" Alco power elsewhere, three unit EMD power is now quite standard. They are A-E-1 units off eastern territory, numbered in the 20's and 30's mixed in with some of the 300 series. Alco 51 came back from race track specials to regular San Diego service. We have had an occasional standard 4 unit EMD but most of the trains are now pulled by the three unit double enders.

Local private car "Car Eleven" went to the Grand Canyon over Labor Day weekend, returned to San Diego and made a Disneyland run on the following day.

Many interesting piggy-back loads and a few nice big boats on flat cars lately. It is of interest to take a look around the yards in San Diego, many new type cars to be seen too.

W.D. Keller, district freight & passenger agent of S.F. and S.D.&A.E. retired after 30 years of railroading. K.D. Frye has taken over in his position.

Don Samaniego, Santa Fe passenger agent is now Santa Monica agent since his recent promotion. Scott Emburger takes over in San Diego. General Agent John McCarthy recently returned from an Institute of Business Economics course at the University of Southern California.

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS We go on month in and month out enjoying the refreshments at our monthly meeting.....but never really give a big vote of thanks to Gladys Sken for her grand supply of goodies and the time and the effort she puts forth for our refreshments. So....a special word of thanks to Gladys and to her helpers, they vary from month to month but you can usually count on it being some of the following: Bea Walker, Ruby McCleary, Anida Sazino, Edith Mann, Daley Miller and some we can't think of. Thanks to you all.

HEAD ON COLLISION Nasty words in railroading, but they do happen and you probably all saw the news regarding the Golden State(Rock Island) and the Burlington having a head on mix up. One of those unfortunate and strange wrecks were things were supposed to be lined up in the right order but somewhere something was wrong, the Rock Island train was using the Burlington tracks and had a Burlington crewman riding the cab, they were stopped when the Zephyr hit them, four trainmen were killed.

Up on the California Western they too had the sad fate of a head on with two of the famous "akunk" trains. We made a long distance call to Ft. Bragg for details of the accident but failed to contact the right persons, so all we can tell you is there was a wreck on a blind curve up in the deep redwoods and the news report stated 11 persons were stretcher cases. How true the news report was, we don't know but there will probably be news next month regarding the details.

S.F. DIESEL-HYDRAULICS The new American built units are being delivered to Southern Pacific from Alco Products, Inc. These are similar to the German built units and the hydraulic transmission units are built in the German plant and shipped here. The new Alco units resemble American style diesels more so than the Krauss-Maffei units with the strange European look, they have a short stub low nose and normal style cabs. The new units are rated at 4,300 horse-power, the K-M imports are 4,000. Power is from two 12-cylinder diesel engines, no electrical motors or generators are used, power is transmitted to the wheels similar to the automatic transmission in an automobile. This system gives the engines high speed as well as low speed power from six wheel trucks.

LEAVE 9:00 A.M.
Return 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th

R.H.S. OF
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visits
O.E.T.

PERRIS,
CALIFORNIA

SUNDAY, OCT.
25th, 1964

CHARTER BUS TOUR TO FAMOUS TROLLEY MUSEUM

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO, Inc. INVITES YOU TO A DAY AT PERRIS AND A VISIT TO THE WORLD FAMOUS TROLLEY MUSEUM.....SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1964.

Come along for a full day of fun, relaxation, north county scenery, several hours to see the famous ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM, and a chance to ride the streetcars again. Where in this day and age can you see and photograph, actually ride, an assortment of trolley cars, big interurban cars, articulated units, etc.???? Where?? At Perris, California on the grounds of the ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM. You don't have to be a traction fan to enjoy a visit to the museum, there are many items of railroading to see, including a former S.D.&A.E. combination car formerly used on the Carrizo Cargo trains. Cabcooses? Sure, several different cabcooses. Unusual? How about a double deck tram car from Ireland, a big double unit articulated from the bay bridge run, P.E. cars, San Francisco cars, Los Angeles cars and even a San Diego PCC!!!

We will leave San Diego via charter air conditioned bus at 9:00 A.M., first pick up on Kettner at Broadway, next to the Santa Fe Depot, second pick up at the Plaza corner of 3rd and Broadway, bus will stop between Broadway and "C" on 3rd, alongside the Grant Hotel, other stops at your request out along 395. Escondido pick up point will be at the Santa Fe depot.

A box lunch will be available if you desire, coffee and soft drinks available at the trolley museum. (Our bus is equipped with rest room for your comfort.) Pack a picnic lunch and head for Perris aboard the RHSoSD Trolley Museum Special, Sunday, October 25th, 1964.

Use handy order form:

Deadline on tickets is Thursday, Oct. 22, 1964.

Name _____

FARE: \$3.75 RHSoSD members (no half fares)
\$4.25 Non-members of RHSoSD

Address _____

BOX LUNCH: \$3.25 (special from Moody's)

phone _____ (in case of trip cancellation) WILL BOARD BUS AT: _____

(Make all checks payable to RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO, Inc.)

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