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FREEDOM TRAIN FILMS SLATED FOR APRIL MEETING

Mr. Seeth L. "Corky" Thomson and his wife Barbra, long-time San Diego area railfans and movie buffs, have again been scheduled to present the best of their films of the steam-powered Freedom Train at our April general meeting. Royal Hudson and Sierra R.R. double-headers are also on tap.

These films, originally scheduled for last October's meeting, but cancelled due to a death in the family, cover the red, white and blue special's travels from the snows of Donner Pass to its arrival in San Diego and subsequently in Yuma, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson are no Johnnie-come-latelys in movie-making. They have been shooting train movies since the early 1950's, and their latest efforts are in color and sound. So be sure to mark Friday, April 23rd on your calendar for this exciting Bicentennial event.

'76 ANNUAL DINNER ENJOYED BY ALL

About 60 PSRMA members and friends gathered on the Texas Deck of the Reuben E. Lee riverboat, Harbor Island, on Sunday evening, Feb. 1st, for our one big social extravaganza of the year. The new 1976 officers and directors were introduced to the assemblage and formally installed into office.

Highlighting the evening were the "Helping Hand" awards given to a number of Museum members and friends in appreciation of their devoted and unselfish contribution to the Museum effort during 1975. Receiving awards were Al Vartanian (Miramar tours, Del Mar Fair, Grossmont Booth), Larry Rose (Museum signs, artwork for new membership cards, new Museum logo, 1509 restoration work), Linda Di Giorgio(Miramar tours, answering Museum phone and dispensing information to the public), Eric Sanders (a long-time Museum supporter and hard-working member, excursion activity, other contributions too numerous to mention), Dave Hobson (survived the thankless task of Museum treasurer the past 4 years, a staunch PSRMA supporter), Jack Linn and Ken Helm (tireless workers on the 1509 project), Vern Cook (significant efforts with excursion activity), Ron Milot (excursion work, help with car 1509, Victoria, and Miramar exhibit), Jim Elmore (manager of Frazee's El Cajon store who has regularly come through with donation or substantial discounts on paint and supplies for Museum projects), and Bill Kingston (genial owner of "The Whistle Stop" train shop in Hillcrest and regular donor of books for the raffle and door prizes). Our hats are off to these tireless and unselfish contributors. The Museum could not function without them. We undoubtedly overlooked other equally deserving volunteers, and we hope that because their name may not have appeared in this year's list they feel their contribution was unappreciated. Quite the contrary. Many tasks are accomplished without any thought of, or desire for, recognition, only that the job gets done. These people are often the unsung heroes of a volunteer effort like ours.

The officers and directors join George Geyer in expressing their

appreciation for the many fine raffle and door prize items donated by various members and friends. The Museum also thanks Mrs. Tanja Winter, who presented the very interesting movie entitled "Freedom Railway", a recent story about the building of a railway in Africa.

COUNTY ACCEPTS STORAGE OF ROHR ITEMS

At their meeting on Tuesday, February 10th, the County Board of Supervisors accepted the Museum's request to store the larger items of the recently-donated Rohr Transportation Display at the County's Jamacha Maintenance Station east of Spring Valley. The full-size mockup of the Aerotrain, as well as the BART car and the Transbus will be stored there until our proposed Museum site can accept them.

At this writing, a storage agreement is being drawn up, and once consummated, will enable us to move the items. A full report will appear in the April issue. PSRMA is extremely appreciative of the County's cooperation in this project and further reinforces continuing good relations with our local government.

DUES INCREASE NOW OFFICIAL

It's now official! The Museum's request for a modest, but long-overdue dues increase was overwhelmingly approved by the membership in the recent balloting, and became effective on Feb. 1st. The new dues schedule is as follows:

Regular (voting) membership	$12 per year
Contributing (non-voting) membership	$ 4 per year
Life (voting) membership	unchanged

The officers and directors take this opportunity to thank the members for their vote of confidence on this very important issue.

Honor Roll

The Museum thanks the following members and friends whose generous contributions have furthered the goals of PSRMA during the month of February:

Harry Partch Foundation (Donated $10 to 1509 purchase fund).
Ed Stauss (Donation of 1963 pictures of 1509 to aid in restoration),
George Privett (Donated paint for 1509 and Coos Bay steam locomotive).

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MUSEUM'S BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY NEARLY LOST

PSRMA's present free lease of Port District track space on Harbor Drive for our planned "Golden Age of Railroading" exhibit, dating from 1973, will expire this April.

In anticipation of this, Museum president "Chop" Kerr contacted the District's office recently to make provisions for renewal of the lease through at least the end of the year. In a stunning blow, the Port replied that the lease would not be renewed.

However, Chop perservered, and a letter was received by the Museum two weeks later stating the Port District had relented and would renew the lease to the end of the Bicentennial year.

With this gratifying news, it is therefore extremely important that our display be set up as rapidly as possible so that the maximum benefit can be gained with the time we have left. Probably most of the many thousands of people who will visit the Star of India maritime display this year will walk across the street to go through our exhibit, too. The potential is simply fantastic. Besides, we want to prove to Port District officials that they made the right decision.

Any help you as a member can give to assist in accomplishing this new worthwhile goal will be dearly appreciated. Plan to contribute your time, your dollars, or your talents to this effort. Chop (291-4787) or Dick Pennick (463-2276) are awaiting your call. Or send your tax-deductible donation to: "BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT", c/o Eric Sanders, Controller, 7861 Normal Ave., La Mesa, CA 92041.

NOTE RETURN ADDRESS CHANGE

Some of our members have already noted the change in the return address on REPORT. This is the address of Ron Zeiss, who handles the mailing of the newsletter and keeps the REPORT mailing list up to date. The change was made to reduce the time and effort involved in handling address changes of subscribers. THIS IS FOR ADDRESS CHANGES ONLY. All other REPORT correspondence should be addressed to the Editor at 9584 Upland St., Spring Valley CA 92077.

MORE HELP NEEDED FOR MIRAMAR TOURS

The group tours we provide at our Miramar Naval Air Station storage site are in desperate need of some assistance by more of our members.

In cooperation with Miramar's Public Affairs Office, PSRMA has opened up its rail display to organized groups for almost three years. Generally, the group contacts the Public Affairs Office to arrange a tour of the base, of which the railroad exhibit is a part, or sometimes a tour of the train only. The P.A. office then gets in touch with Linda DiGiorgio, PSRMA's Miramar tour coordinator giving her the date and time of the tour and the approximate number of persons in the group. Linda then must seek out interested Museum volunteers, generally only one, but sometimes two, to host the tour. The host generally opens up the equipment, guides the group through, provides information on the equipment and the Museum, and makes sure the group gets in and out of our rail cars and locomotives without mishap.

Necessary information is provided to each host so that, regardless of how little the prospective host may know about the display or the Museum, he or she is able to conduct a tour with some degree of authority. It's fun, educational, and a big helping hand to the Museum. If you would like to assist, call Herb Kehr, PSRMA Public Relations Director, at 273-1074 evenings. orpv2z4dllw6uriv2lm5z2xlow7mrgv,r7dzin8nbhvou2drgs6gslftsgh7lu3blf.

OLD SANTA FE TICKET DATER ORDERED

The Museum is happy to announce that an old depot ticket dater was recently ordered from Advertising Associates, Inc., a Santa Fe Railway subsisiary. AA has been charged with the responsibility for selling many old, surplus, or obsolete itmes once used by the Santa Fe before Amtrak.

The dater, officially a "Cosmo #3", was advertised for $65.00 and since there was no allowance for such a purchase in the budget, the hat is being passed to cover the cost. So far, the following members have tossed

in their contribution: Eric Sanders, Larry Rose, Herb Kehr, W. Vern Cook, H. C. Kerr, Barbara Parker, Dick Pennick

To date, $51.00 remains to be paid. Herb Kehr has graciously loaned PSRMA the $65.00 so the dater could be ordered, but he must eventually be paid back. We need 10 members to send in a $5 bill and the job will be done (tax-deductible, of course). Send to PSRMA, c/o Eric Sanders, Controller, 7861 Normal Ave., La Mesa, CA 92041 with a note that your 5-spot is for the ticket dater. Your generosity will be much appreciated. A special Museum die will be made for it so that it can be used in our reconstructed depot at the museum site.

HOBSON, EX-TREASURER, RETIRES

David C. Hobson, PSRMA Treasurer from 1972 to 1976, and Treasurer of the City of El Cajon for 19 years, has retired from both positions. The Museum felt the loss on Dec. 31st, but his former employer bid him goodbye on Friday, Feb. 6th.

Dave, a long-time railbuff, brought a measure of professionalism and competence to the Museum office unknown in previous years. The many thousands of dollars worth of Museum rolling stock, together with the increased "red tape" and paperwork required by local, State and Federal agencies, has made the office of Treasurer one of the more demanding Museum tasks. However, Dave met the challenge with authority and guided us through the modern fiscal jungle. Your absence will be sorely felt, Dave. Best of everything in your retirement!

PSRMA NEEDS FUND-RAISING IDEAS

The Museum staff felt it was time to begin asking for your ideas on practical money-raising projects for the Museum. As we are continually faced with an ever-increasing need for funds, it is imperative that new and more abundant revenue sources be explored and implemented.

With this in mind, we are reaching out to you, the member, for your ideas or pet philosophy on fund-raising. Your editor sat down one evening with a pen and clip-board and proceeded to list more than a dozen potentially workable money-making ideas within about 15 minutes time. Based on this, it was felt other members could also come up with a list of ideas to throw into the pot. Send your ideas to: PSRMA Idea, P.O. Box 12096, San Diego 92112. Each idea will then be evaluated by the Ways and Means Committee and recommendations made to the Board on which ideas are most feasible. You might keep in mind that, if possible, the monetary return from any fund-raising activity should be resonably commensurate with the effort expended. Good luck! We look forward to your ideas.

Section Gang

by Dick Pennick
Superintendent

LOCO PARTS RETURN TO SAN DIEGO

Buck Hathaway and Dick Pennick journeyed up to Riverside on Sunday, Feb. 15th to retrieve the gauges and other parts removed from the Museum's two steam engines stored at Perris.

Charles Holcomb, former PSRMA member and caretaker of the Museum's Mojave Northern R.R. 0-6-0T #3 and E. J. Lavino 0-6-0T #10 presently stored at the Orange Empire Railway Museum, removed the parts several years ago for safekeeping. Until OERM was able to enclose the locomotives with a chain link fence last year, vandals and un-

scrupulous "railfan" thieves managed to unbolt and cart away the #10's bell and whistle, as well as the turbo-generator from the #3. Mr. Holcomb was able to remove the one remaining builder's plate on the 10-spot before it, too, ended up in a private collection.

A survey was made of the two locomotives, and it was found that they are in surprisingly good shape overall considering the years they were stored unprotected along with a number of California Southern Railroad Museum cars. Before the fence was installed, CSRM and OET, as well as PSRMA suffered at the hands of vandals. Should any of our members know or have any information on the whereabouts of any of the stolen items, please contact Supt. Dick Pennick at 463-2276. If you as a reader of this newsletter have any of the above-mentioned items (i.e. builder's plate, bell and hanger, turbo-generator, steam chest relief valve, etd.) no questions will be asked if they are returned. The Museum is primarily interested in getting them back, not in prosecuting the guilty parties. Arrangements for returning any items will be held in strictest confidence. Although the Museum would like to have them returned free, the Directors may consider paying a reasonable sum. Persons who prefer to remain anonymous may call or write Supt. Pennick (463-2276) or President H.C. Kerr, Jr. (291-4787) at the Museum address: P.O. Box 12096, San Diego, CA 92112.

GOOD NEWS FOR 1509

The Pullman Green paint our car 1509 restoration crews have been waiting expectantly for has arrived! Using our recently-acquired Dupont Color Standard, a sufficient quantity was mixed up by Dutch Boy Paints for several cars. A quantity of black enamel for our Coos Bay 2-8-2T has also been provided. Our hats are indeed off to new member Norman Hill, who initiated the paint donation, and to Mr. George Privett, local sales Manager for "Old Quaker" Paint Co. (not "Dutch Boy", as was previously stated), who arranged the gift.

John Nichols & Jack Linn restore railing.

Ken Helm applies new roof to car 1509.

Recent progress on restoration of the car shows one complete 6-wheel truck stripped and painted with black enamel. When that Pullman Green goes on, the car is going to knock you eyes out! We'd like you to be a part of this fascinating project. If you're interested, call 1509 Restoration Captain Larry Rose at 469-3064.

COOS BAY RESTORATION DATES SET

Gather 'round, all ye steam buffs! We have only one month remaining before our Bicentennial Exhibit must be ready for display at the foot of Broadway. That's only 4 Saturdays left to get both the car and Coos Bay steam locomotive re-

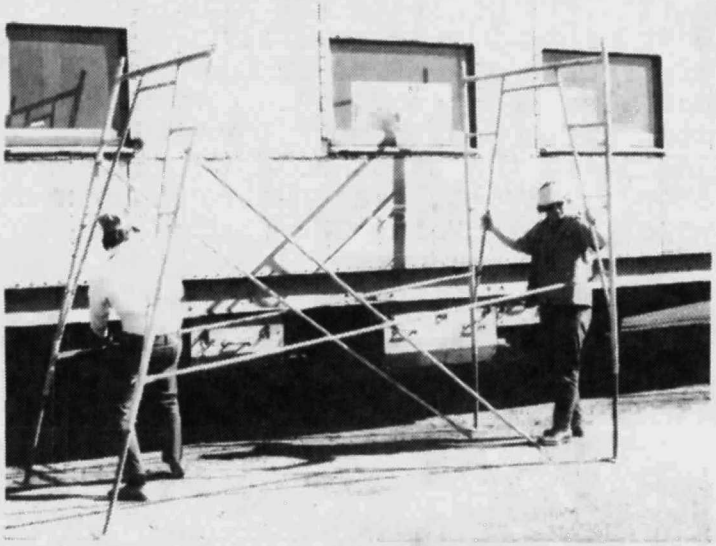
Jack Linn puts finishing touches on rear platform railing of car 1509.

stored to display condition.

It is apparant now that in spite of great strides made on the 1509 restoration, the car will not be ready by the April 3rd deadline and our plush private car "Victoria" will be substituted until 1509 is finished.

In the meantime, the Coos Bay engine must be spruced up, as we have no substitute for it. The first session was held on Saturday, Feb. 28th and fantastic progress was made for a single day's work. Most of the locomotive was scraped and sanded, and some areas were primed. The smokebox front was completely restored with several new coats of silver paint, and the front number plate was completely re-done. Boy, does it look snazzy! Black was applied to parts of the smokebox and the saddle-tank as well. Much of the painting was done with a spray gun and an ample number of portable generators and other tools assured adequate electric power for the grinders and power brushes. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time. Lending a hand were: "Buck" and Dick Hathaway, Peggy Secor, Larry Rose, Ron Milot, Ken Helm, Dick Pennick, Dave Coleman, Jim Lundquist, Gretchen and her son Alex Timmermans and Alex's best friend Michael Graney, John Nichols, Norman Hill and Ron Zeiss.

The every-Saturday sessions usually reserved for 1509 are being replaced by Coos Bay #11 during the month of March in order to complete the locomotive restoration in time. Work will resume on 1509 in Aril or whenever #11 is finished. You will need your driver's license and car registration to get into Miramar NAS. O'wise there is no problem. See you there on March 13th.



One of the standard chores: Larry Rose & Ken Helm set up scaffolding for day's work.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR 1509 AND COOS BAY RESTORATION

Here is a partial list of items needed to complete the Car 1509 and Coos Bay locomotive restoration project:

Body putty & hardener
Portable electric generator
Power sander (heavy duty)
Paint brushes
Putty knives & Wire brushes
3 - 4 gals. "Antique white" paint
1 gal. good quality "Gold" paint

If you would like to contribute (loan, donate, etc.) any or all of these items, contact Larry Rose, 1509 Restoration Captain, at 469-3064.

COUPLER CONVERSION STUDIED FOR VICTORIA

On Feb. 14th, a meeting was held with Mr. Ed White, a Santa Fe Springs, CA rail equipment rebuilder, and members of PSRMA's Operations staff regar-

ding the feasibility of installing "Tite-lok" safety couplers and doing other work on our car "Victoria" to comply with Amtrak's requirements for line service.

Master Mechanic Bob DiGiorgio and Supt. Pennick went over all aspects of the car's machinery and an extimate made of the cost of the work necessary to bring the car up to A-1 condition. Since this cost far exceeds the Museum's meager budget, Mr. White intends to submit a proposal to the Museum's directors that may allow the work to be done within our fiscal limits. It is hoped that the car will soon be able to help pay its keep (it costs us over $300 per year just to store it) and even make a profit for the Museum. The potential is certainly there, as the plush car is much in demand by doctors, attorneys, businessmen, and others for charter service.

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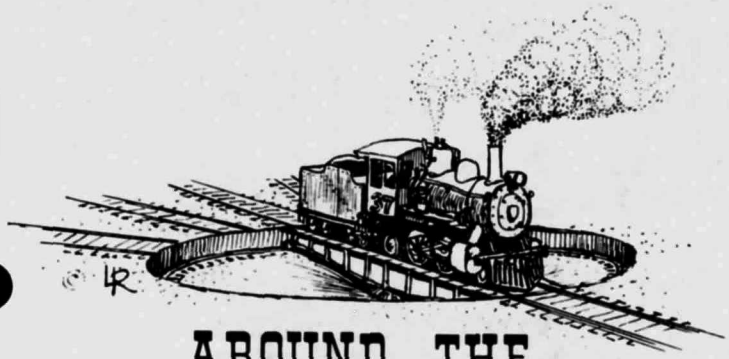
MEMBER'S HUSBAND RECOVERING

Carl McVeagh, the husband of member Maryann McVeagh, was hospitalized recently for an operation. Ann reports he is home now and recovering nicely. Get well soon!



AROUND THE TURNTABLE

(Due to lack of time and space, only "Riptrack" section will be presented this month.)

RIP-TRACK: Rohr's first Turbotrain unit will be sent back to Pueblo, Colorado about the end of April for a rigorous testing program. The remaining units will very likely be given their pre-delivery shakedown tests on SD & AE's "Turkey Trail", the Salt Works spur (once part of the line to Coronado). It is also very likely the units will be delivered to Amtrak in Washington, D.C. under their own power, according to informed sources.

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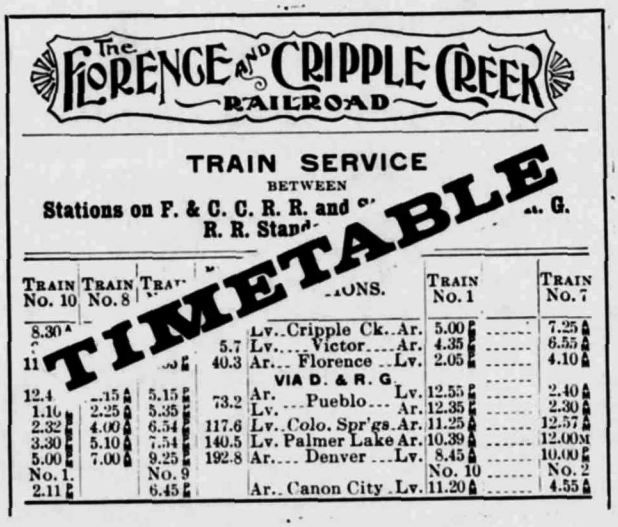

The FLORENCE AND CRIPPLE CREEK RAILROAD

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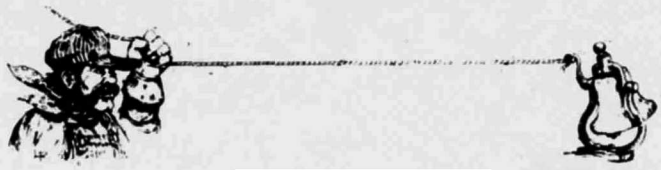
March 2: Director's meeting
March 5 & 6: Congress of History, 12th Annual Convention, Casa del Prado Balboa Park. (Museum's Dick Pennick will make a presentation on March 6th.)
March 6: Restoration session, Coos Bay 11 Miramar NAS, 9a.m.-4p.m.(469-3064)
March 13: Restoration session, Coos Bay 11
March 20: Restoration session, Coos Bay 11
March 27: Restoration session, Coos Bay 11
March 27: "Get Acquainted" booth, Grossmont Shopping Center Mall, 10a.m.-5p.m. (273-1074)
March 27: Copper Canyon Excursion #1 (To April 1)(469-1288)
March 29: Tentative movement of loco. and car to Bicentennial Display Site, foot of Broadway.
April 3 & 4: Set up exhibits inside car 1509. Erect steps to cab of loco.
April 10: "Golden Age of Railroading" Bicentennial exhibit ribbon cutting and inaugural opening to public. T.V. & press coverage(273-1074)
April 10: Copper Canyon Excursion #2 (To April 15)(469-1288)
April 10: Pre-inaugural operation of partially restored Virginia & Truckee R.R. using ex-Tucson, Cornelia & Gila Bend gas railcar #401, Virginia City, Nevada.
April 11: "Golden Age of Railroading" exhibit.
April 23: Quarterly general meeting, La Sala Rm., House of Hospitality 7:30 p.m.

May 31: Grand inaugural run on V & T Railroad, Virginia City, Nev. using ex-Dardanelle & Russelville 4-4-0 #8 and vintage rail equipment including the famous car, "Julia Bulette".



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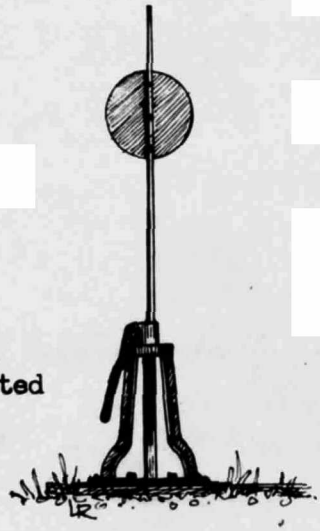

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