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CAR 54 MOVED....8/27/62 At 9:00 AM the Polyea Truck Company had a big crane in next to the Star Machine Works on Tenth Ave., a large flat bed truck also moved in and after a bit of work preparing the rigging (damaged from another job) the old streetcar number 54 was lifted skyward and unto the waiting flat bed truck.

A short and uneventful journey down Market St. to India, out India to Five Points and San Diego Ave. to the Whaley House at Old Town.

The 54 can probably claim the first and last streetcar through the new India St. underpass of the new Cross Town Freeway!! It cleared too!

After a short delay waiting for the crane & a rigging truck, 54 was gently lifted and placed on RR ties alongside the famous old Whaley House.

While waiting the big lift, a complete Navy jet on a flat bed passed by the old 54, quite a contrast in transportation. (8/27/62)

CAR 54 RESTORATION PROJECT There will be lots to do on old 54 now, no delays or slow downs. Regular Saturday work parties will be organized after Labor Day weekend. Check with 2nd V.P. Tommy Mann for the coming work schedule to put car 54 back in shiny newness. Planned work days will begin on Saturday, Sept. 8th, 1962. There will be a paid carpenter working on the car so every bit of work our members help turn out will cut the cost of paid labor out of the society treasury! Plan to do your part, no matter how small, every bit will help now. The car is in public view alongside the Whaley House, it must be restored for proper public display. More on the 54 progress each month.

MOONLIGHT HARBOR CRUISE On Saturday evening, August 18th, the good ship "Glorietta" set sail on the sparkling waters of San Diego Bay. With approximately 75 persons aboard, the RHS of SD cruise toured the harbor and viewed San Diego at night from the waters. Members aboard were the following: Dick Dodge, Murray Smith, Charles & Jane Rozok, Mr. & Mrs. Culkins, Thomas Hammore, Bee Walker, Robert Smith, Mr. & Mrs. L. Johnson, Ann & Wendal Dyora, Earle & Anida Swains, Bob & Shirley Farwell, Fred Finke, Tom Matson, George Kotike, Seward Tuthill, Corky & Barbara Thomson.

Excursion Director Thomson wishes to thank all the members making the cruise for their help in making it a financial and social success.

SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE Monday, Sept 10th

The September meeting will be held one week late due to Labor Day weekend.....

NOTE....MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1962 - 7:30pm

BUSINESS....PROGRAM....REFRESHMENTS...RAFFLE
 Regular meeting place: Upstairs in the Safety Room of the Santa Fe Train Station, San Diego.

ONE WEEK LATE....MONDAY, SEPT. 10th, 1962

EXCURSION NOTICES The proposed trip into our neighbor country, Mexico, on Oct. 28th has been postponed, probably until spring of 1963 or even possibly until the fall of 1963. No trip to Rito this year because of the large number of people making the trip last fall....we don't want to over do this enjoyable one day journey into Mexico on the Sonora-Baja California.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR Via charter bus, for a one day visit, see the big 4-12-2 Union Pacific 3 cylinder steam locomotive, plus the newest arrival--"Big Boy" 4-8-3-4 articulated, and Santa Fe's 3450 4-6-4, and the smaller variety of steam power on display at Pomona.....AND they have a mono-rail this year at the fair!!

Date: probably the last Sunday, SEPTEMBER 30th.
LOS ANGELES STREETCAR TOUR Interesting trip on a PCC trolley car over trackage still in service on the MTA in Los Angeles. Ride to Los Angeles on the Santa Fe's streamlined "San Diegan". This will be a one day, Saturday or Sunday trip. The proposed date: Sunday, October 28th, 1962.

CAJON PASS TRAIN WATCHERS TOUR Using a charter bus, see Orange Empire Trolley Museum and all of the activities in and around San Bernardino on a one day trip. Summit of Cajon Pass will be the turn around point. Proposed date: Nov. 18 or 25th.

All of these trips are planned for YOU, the members of RHS of SD, they are to be fairly low cost one day excursions, for fun, rail activity and getting better acquainted with your fellow members. We need from 25 to 35 members and good friends of the society to make these trips go at reasonable rates....plan now to be aboard.
MAYBE????? Our own Picnic Special, from right downtown at the depot, on our own train, direct to Escondido via Oceanside...spring of '63!!! We will keep our fingers crossed for this one.

NEWS NOTES Remember, the Sept. meeting date is changed, one week late, Monday, Sept. 10th, 1962. Car 54 work parties at the new location, next to the historic Whaley House, in Old Town, starting Saturday, Sept. 8th.....**NOW AVAILABLE**, "A Survey of Electric Railway Museums" This is a full coverage of all electric museums, plus some with steam & electric, 30 pages!! Copies may be had at 60¢ each, postpaid by writing to: JAMES W. WALKER, Jr. - 11307 Long Beach Blvd., Lynwood, Calif.

NOTICE: The annual meeting of the Orange Empire Trolley Museum will be held on October 6th, 1962, members, associates and friends are invited to attend this important meeting at Perris, Calif.-----

WE ARE SORRY It is now quite noticeable that somehow a good number of our members (RHSofSD) have not ever seen their 1962 membership cards. We don't know what went wrong but all cards were mailed, IF YOU DID NOT GET YOUR CARD, please drop us a post card to the society address, P.O. Box 9351, San Diego 9, Calif. We know that some of you have written about your cards, however, to clear up this loss of cards, please drop us a line again so we can double check against the missing cards as some have been sent again. Remember, if you did not get your 1962 membership card, drop us a line and we will clear it up. To the best of our knowledge, there has been a loss through the mail or improper postage, or something, they just didn't reach all the members for some reason-----

OCTOBER MEETING will be held at the Santa Fe station as usual, first Monday evening, and.... if all goes as planned we will have our November meeting in the Court Room of the famous old Whaley House on San Diego Avenue in Old Town. There will be a short session of movies showing the latest move of car 54 to the Whaley House grounds...**PLUS**...a tour of the fully restored Whaley House, for this there will be a fee of 50¢ per person, but well worth it. We will keep you posted in the next two issues of the Newsletter....the Whaley House is limited to about 40 to 50 persons, don't miss it.

S.D.&A.E. The new (old Colton) turntable is now in and being used at the San Diego yards of the Southern Pacific's S.D.&A.E. here. The old engine house is still there but cut off from ever seeing another locomotive, a new warehouse is being built right over the old lead track area. All of the diesels are now serviced in a new outdoor yard next to the turntable, just west of the old sheds and buildings near the freight house. The wye had been torn out also for the new buildings being put up on that portion of land. So now both Santa Fe and S.D.&A.E. sport turntables!!

SANTA FE may refurbish the 2925 4-8-4 for use as a steamer again, fan trips, celebrations, etc., nothing positive as yet. **UNION PACIFIC** runs the big 844 4-8-4 on the P.R.S. trip over the Labor Day weekend, Ogden to Cheyenne, maybe the last run??? **Convair Astronautics Recreation** may build a big 3 inch scale, 15 inch track gauge live steam layout at their recreation park just north and east of the Astro plant at 395 and Clairemont Mesa Drive, also maybe 1 1/2" live steam too!!

The Del Mar race trains roll every day except Sunday, Saturday at about 1:PM usually gives the railfan the most activity, get there a little earlier and you also catch a southbound San Diegan. Best place to watch...just south of the railroad bridge at Del Mar, lots of train watching.-----

MAYBE....we will ride to LA.aboard the Cyrus K. Holliday, the ex-Soo Line observation car, for our day on the MTA in October, Fred Finke would be host member as he is one of the owners! -----

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