

Report

OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM

ISSUE 25

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

APRIL 15, 1966

SAN DIEGO TO BECOME FLAGSTOP

Yes, that's right! San Diego will be a flagstop on Saturday, May 14. That is the day that PSRMA is sponsoring an excursion via the Santa Fe. The "Fallbrook Avocado Festival" is the main event of the day. Our train will operate from National City over freight only trackage to San Diego. After a short stop in San Diego the train will proceed over the coast line to Fallbrook Junction, and on over the freight only Fallbrook Branch.

Equipment to be featured on the train will include an open baggage car, heavy weight equipment, and the observation car owned by OET.

The departure times and fares are yet to be announced, but should be out any day now. Be sure to watch for the flyers in your hobby shops and other places where rail fans congregate.

Information may also be obtained by phoning the PSRMA office, 233-0379.

ENSENADA OR BUST

Too late for a full story in this issue came the news of a new railroad to be built in Baja California. It is to be Electric Operation. More on this one in the next issue.

PSRMA ON EXHIBIT APRIL 16-17

Various items of railroadiana will be exhibited at the Lakeside Family Fair on April 16 and 17.

This is good publicity for our museum. Help will be needed to staff the exhibit. Anyone who can assist please contact Walt Hayward.

INVENTORY DATE SET

A work party is slated for April 24th to inventory PSRMA property. The project will include the cataloging of materials stored at the Hayward property in Lakeside and will take place there.

SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC HISTORY

Coming up soon is another chapter on the history of the San Diego Electric Railway. The next issue of the Dispatcher will carry the story.

All PSRMA members are urged to support the Dispatcher. Those not subscribed may become so by contacting Eric Sanders, 7861 Normal Avenue, La Mesa, California, 92041.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1966-----NATIONAL CITY TO FALLBROOK EXCURSION

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1966-----PSRMA MEETING 7:30PM-OLD EL CAJON LIBRARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1966///// WORK PARTY-INVENTORY OF MATERIALS

IN THE GLARE OF THE HEADLIGHT

POTASH

by George J. Oliver

Early January 8, the latest shipment, some 21,000 tons, ever to pass thru the 10th Ave. bulk loader, left San Diego, sailing west to the east.

For this shipment, around 250 cars crisscrossed in the Santa Fe's 22nd Street yard, some brought in by the two nightly freights, and some by potash specials. Friday January 7, one switch engine did nothing for eight hours but keep the loaders supplied with loads and the empties pulled.

There are two tracks going thru the dumping apparatus; to start with, each track is filled with 11 or 12 cars by the switch engine, and then the loader's large, rubber-tired switcher takes over, pulling two loads at a time into each of the two tracks of the unloader. After the first cars are unloaded, this mechanical mule brings in two more loads, cuts off, and taking a big run at it, kicks the empties onto a small, but steep, reverse hump, from which they run back into the empty yard first passing thru a remotely operated electric-pneumatic retarder, and into any one of four tracks remotely selected. There the cars are finally stopped by powerful spring loaded retarders.

Perhaps not as large an operation as some back east, but a lot of commotion in our "City in Motion."

REPORT

Report is the official publication of Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association, Incorporated, of San Diego County, California.

Officers include:

Stanton W. Kerr, president
Lee B. Adams, vice president
George Allen, secretary
Vic Koenigsberg, treasurer

Report staff are:

Charles Kent, editor
George Geyer, circulation
Kent Anderson, publicity

The Report is issued free to PSRMA members. Others may subscribe for \$1.20 per year..

ZIP CODE

Due to U.S. Postal regulations, it is required that zip codes now be included in all addresses of the Report.

If your zip code is not included in your address with this issue, we do not have it. To receive further issues of this publication you will be required to notify the editor of your zip code. Thank you.

PSRMA TO RECEIVE WATCHMAN'S

SHANTY

According to a report from Walt Hayward the museum is to receive the Broadway crossing watchman's shanty. The shanty and its occupants have been replaced by automation. Automation, in the form of automatic crossing gates, ends the practice of many years. The crossing watchman is a thing of the past in San Diego.

NEWS OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CORNER

SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA EASTERN

The 7pm roustabout was taken off on March 12. Locomotives currently assigned to the SD&AE are 5101, 5108, 5114, 5115 and 5119. Also assigned to the local area is the 4605. Engine 1207 has been used by the Plaster City switcher recently.

April fools day, but no joke! 6 cars of train 452 were derailed four miles east of Campo on April 1. The road was closed the following day and reopened on April 3. Three of the derailed cars remain in the ditch and will be cut up for scrap.

41,000 tons of alfalfa pellets moved over the road in early April.

Scheduled days of service for branch lines remain as follows:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for the La Mesa branch, with service on other days as needed. Tuesday and Thursday for the Coronado line. Roustabout service is provided on Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the main line as far as Agua Caliente. Monday through Friday service is generally provided to Rohr and Salt Works and to Palm City on the main line.

SANTA FE

The installation of crossing gates was recently completed on the Broadway crossing in San Diego. So ends another era, the crossing watchman is on the way out.

Diesel unit 51-C is to be scrapped. It was one of the units in the ill fated gravel truck crash in Anaheim... (K. Anderson)

Coming soon. GE road switcher units in passenger colors.

San Diegans are once again back to short trains. During the week the runs average 3 to 7 cars with 1 unit. Weekend traffic usually demands 8 to 12 cars with 2 units. Motive power for the San Diegans usually consists of Alco "A" units.

SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC

Looks as though some of the last traces of San Diego's street car days are going fast. The realignment of Park Blvd. is forcing the removal of the old passenger shelter at Naval Hospital. Also going is the once busy Exposition Terminal.

RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Assemblyman James Mills has suggested that use of local rail-road right of ways be studied. This would indicate that the SD&AE right of way might eventually be used to speed passengers from the South Bay and areas served by the La Mesa branch. The Santa Fe's right of way would be right in line to serve the beach areas. (SDUnion)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Still stored in the Vernon Street Yard are the following street cars, as of March 27: 3002, 3016, 3018, 3024, 3026, 3029, 3030, 3031, 3044, 3047, 3055, 3084, 3128, 3129, 3127 and 3143.. (G. Geyer).

ROCK ISLAND

New equipment ordered by RI includes 25 diesels and 1200 freight cars. The locomotive order includes 10 General Electric 2800 HP, U-28-B's, to be numbered 240-249; 10 EMD 1500HP, SW-1500 switchers, to be numbered 940-949; and 5 Alco 1500HP, Century 415 switchers, to be numbered 415-419. All of the new equipment will be equipped with roller bearings. (The Rockets)..

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

March spelled hard luck for the SP this year. The road had two major derailments within a week.

On March 13, an auto driven by Rindel Knisley of Santa Susana rammed through a barrier at the end of a street in Chatsworth. The auto struck the track, knocking a rail out of line. Minutes later a south-bound freight hit the bad rail derailing 4 diesels and 47 cars out of 74. Crew members and the auto drivers were injured in the mishap.

Less fortunate were engineer R. M. Simmons of Pasadena and brakeman Peter Borgia of Los Angeles. They were fatally injured in a derailment near Tehachapi. In this one five diesels and 43 of 44 cars of the crack Starpacer carraigned into a canyon.

NON-PROFIT ORG.

U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
PERMIT No 374

PSRMA

Report

4064-47th Street
San Diego, California

RETURN REQUESTED

Jack Stodelle

4666 Ashby St.

San Diego, Calif 92115