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MEETING NOTICE

The June meeting of the Railway Historical Society of San Diego, Inc. will be held Monday, June 2, 1958 at 7:30 p.m. in the Safety Room of the Santa Fe Station, Kettner and Broadway, downtown San Diego.

Program for the evening will be the showing of color slides by various members. Anyone with any slides they feel would be of interest to the membership, come prepared to show them. We will have a 35mm projector and screen. Anyone having a projector that will show 620 slides please call BR 3-5081. We have several members who have 620 slides but no projector.

RESUME OF THE LAST MEETING

A gavel was presented to the RHSofSD by Tommy Mann, President of the Pacific Beach Model Railroaders Club, Inc. (Mann is 2nd V.P. of RHSofSD and Proxy Thomson of RHSofSD is General Manager of PBMRRC).

Second V.P. Mann announced the resignation of Dick Main as head of the O50 Committee and appointed Rex Cuttell to fill the vacancy. Mann also reported that no recent work had been done on the equipment at the Fairgrounds.

In the absence of 1st V.P. Jack Stodelle, Eric Sanders passed around the chart for duty at the Del Mar Fair. Anyone able to spend any time at the exhibit during Fair time should contact Jack.

In the absence of Excursion Director McCleary, Proxy Thomson read the report. Due to lack of equipment and Union rules the trip to San Bernardino is not as attractive as believed. The membership decided the trip was too expensive for just a sociable ride so it was agreed to cancel it. Eric Sanders suggested trying to set up an annual excursion in conjunction with Fiesta del Pacifico. Several possibilities were discussed.

Mr. James Reading, City Traffic Eng-

ineer, was introduced by President Thomson. Mr. Reading reported that a big vote of thanks is due County Supervisors Dean Howell and DeGraff Austin for the RHSofSD being granted space behind the Whaley House to park #54 when it is ready for display. Mr. Reading talked to two officials of S.F. Municipal Ry. about the possibility of obtaining a S.F. Cable Car and was told that they must be auctioned off and at the last auction Walt Disney paid \$3,000 apiece for two of them.

Mr. Reading also reported that the City is developing a new industrial area on Highway 395. A rail spur will be built to serve the area. There is a possibility we may be able to get in on the ground floor if we work fast. By working through the Park and Recreation Dept. and the City Planning Commission there might be a chance of acquiring a considerable amount of land for a Travel museum with the City helping to finance it.

Guests for the evening were introduced. They were: Robert Stone, D. Hawkins, Mr. D.W. Bishop of Boston, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Calkins and Mr. James Reading.

3rd V.P. Roy Miller conducted the regular "Blow-off" period where members and guests have a chance to tell the things of interest they have seen or done during the past month. Then our panel of "experts" were introduced. They were: Tom Mann, Dick Pennick, Allen Copeland, and Eric Sanders. The Moderator was Barbara Thomson.

Refreshments were served and the membership finished the evening out by watching movies taken by Roy and Daisy Miller and Corky and Barbara Thomson.

DISPATCHER NEWS ROUNDUP courtesy of Eric Sanders.

Key System Transit Lines operated its final trains in the early morning hours of Sunday, April 20. The Los Angeles

THERE WILL BE A NICE PRIZE RAFFLED OFF AT THE JUNE MEETING SO BE PREPARED TO WIN!!!!

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Dispatcher News (cont. from page one)
Metropolitan Transit Authority planned
to substitute the Bellflower line on May
25th. LAMTA also plans to use surplus
PCC equipment on the S car line in Los
Angeles. Wyes will be constructed at
8th & Western and 85th & Central. Fut-
ure of the Long Beach, San Pedro and
Watts lines is undetermined. LAMTA's
rail equipment is being renumbered.

In case you didn't know, the final
British Columbia Electric Line, the Mar-
pole-Steveston route, closed February 28.
The Oregon City and Bellrose lines in the
Portland area went out on January 25.
Pacific Electric donated electric loco-
motive 1624 to the Los Angeles Chapter
of the National Railway Historical Soc-
iety, Inc. 1624 will join FE business
car 1299 in being the newest equipment
to be added to the Los Angeles County
Fair rail exhibit.

Southern Pacific Consolidation 2831
was used briefly on flooded spurs in the

Sacramento area. The first section of
the new ambitious Portland Zoo Railway,
one and one fourth miles long, is near-
ing completion. Santa Fe's nos. 7 and 3
and 8 and 4 have been combined on a trial
basis between Barstow and Los Angeles.
2901 (?) was scheduled to be placed on
exhibit on May 16 in San Bernardino.

NEWS FROM MT. RUBIDOUX CHAPTER, PACIFIC
RAILWAY SOCIETY

The Owens Valley excursion on May 30th
has been cancelled. SP stated that the
equipment was not suitable for passenger
service. The Chamber of Commerce of Bis-
hop tried to get SP to run the trip and
were going to put up the money to fix up
several flat cars to handle passengers.

"Cottonwood & Southern" is now in oper-
ation. Mr. Dale Gentry has operated the
past two Sundays. Mr. Gentry's ranch is
80 miles from San Bernardino, via Cajon
Pass and Lucerne Valley.

The Railway Express Co. has donated a
four wheel express truck (platform type)
to the Chapter. It came from the FE
station in Rialto.

The future of the United Railway Mus-
eum of Perris is in doubt. Having made
good progress in the last several months
with the Museum project at Perris, the
Board of Directors were presented a pro-
posal by the Right of Way Agent of Santa
Fe which may change the status of the
Museum from a permanent one to a leased
site or none at all. Seems as though a
real estate agent in Perris wrote the
Santa Fe asking if the railroad could
serve industrial development south of
Mapes Road. Whether or not Mr. Renfro
(the real estate agent) knows it, he may
have killed the only railroad museum of
its type in the United States, operating
STEAM and ELECTRIC equipment together and
operated by a united group from many Rail-
fan clubs of So. Calif. with a membership
of almost a thousand.

FUTURE FAN TRIPS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

On Saturday, May 24 the "Friends of the
Big Red Cars" ran a FAREWELL TO BELLFLOWER
excursion. I believe our boy, Dave DeVol,
made this trip. If so, I am sure we will
have a full report at the June meeting.

Fan Trips (continued from Page 2)

On Sunday, June 8 the FAREWELL TO THE AGE OF STEAM will be run to honor the retirement of George B. Hanson, Asst. President, Southern Pacific Co. and President, Pacific Electric Railway. This is the double header you were told about in the May issue. The train will be pulled by No. 2248, a 10 wheeler built by Cooke in 1896 and No. 1765, a Mogul, built by Baldwin in 1901. It will leave S.P. Glendale station at 9:15 a.m. and travel up through San Fernando Valley to Saugus where it will leave the main line for the Santa Paula Branch. It will join the Coast line at Montalvo where it will travel to Oxnard, arriving at 1:00 p.m. This will be the lunch stop. It will leave Oxnard at 2:30 p.m. headed for home via Santa Susana Pass and Chatsworth arriving at the Glendale Station at 4:40 p.m. Fares are \$8.50 per person. Address is John Shaw, Treasurer, Joint Club Committee, P.O. Box 5011, Pasadena, Calif. This is expected to be an early sellout so send your money in today. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. All seats are reserved. Free coffee and donuts in the baggage car all day. Final deadline for tickets is Monday, June 2nd.

WHAT OUR SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE DOING

Congratulations to Newlyweds Joan and Doug Harley and may all your troubles be little ones.

The Lyle Judds are soooo busy drawing plans for their new home.

Rex Cuttall has found it mighty nice working on O50 on Tuesday evenings. He joins the Pacific Beach Model Railroad members, who are building their layout in a building directly across from the coach, during their coffee breaks and even joined them in a Pot Luck dinner last Tuesday evening. Keeps you from getting lonesome, huh, Rex?

Chuck Underhill reports having a wonderful time at the Pacific Coast Region of the National Model Railroad Ass'n convention in Phoenix. Seems as though five of the members of the Burbank, Encino and South Tarzana Club traveled to the convention in style in the caboose

of an SP freight train.

Speaking of Model Railroaders, I just discovered that eight members of the Pacific Beach Model Railroaders Club are also members of RMS of SD. That's a good percentage.

A NEW RECORD?

One of our newest members, Richard B. Willis of Los Angeles, is a member of 25 other Societies dealing with transportation via rails. Mr. Willis is a billing Clerk for the Union Pacific Railroad.

ANOTHER NEW RECORD

The Southern California Chapter of the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Inc. has just released a record entitled "Whistles West". It includes sounds of famous engines from SP, UP, Santa Fe and Western Pacific. This is a 33 1/3 RPM microgroove full frequency range on-the-scene recording. A special booklet by railroading expert, John B. Hungerford fully describes each scene heard on this collectors item. The illustrations of the actual locomotives are never-before-published pictures by great railroad photographers. This record and booklet is not on sale anywhere else. Proceeds from the sale of record will be used to maintain the Southern Calif. Chapter's locomotive exhibit in Pomona. Just send check or money order for \$5.09 to Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Inc., 15025 Oxnard St., Van Nuys, Calif.

NOTICE!! This will be the last issue of the NEWSLETTER you will receive unless you are a member. Indeed, this will be a great loss!! JOIN THE SOCIETY NOW!!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION? IF SO, DO SO RIGHT NOW. MAIL IT WITH YOUR \$2.50 DUES TO P.O. BOX 9351, SAN DIEGO 9. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS WHETHER A MEMBER OR NOT. THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINING THE SOCIETY IS HAVING AN INTEREST IN SOME FORM OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION. AND HAVING \$2.50 FOR ONE YEARS DUES. ALONG WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP YOU WILL RECEIVE THE DISPATCHER AND THE NEWSLETTER. THAT'S WORTH \$2.50