

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES.....

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, Nov. 3, 1958 in the Safety Room of the Santa Fe Depot.

The meeting was called to order by Prexy Corky Thomson at 8:00 P.M. The regular reports were made by Fred Finke our Treasurer, Tommy Mann our Vice-President in charge of exhibits and maintainance, and a report of the RHSofSD charter bus trip to the Pioneer Mill RR and the Grizzly Flats RR was given by Wally Duthie, in the absence of Excursion Director 'Mac' McCleary. V.P. Roy Miller conducted his "Bull Session" period, with interesting bits from the general membership. A report on the progress of restoring the streetcar # 54 was given by General Manager of this project, Mr. Charles Gerdes. Progress has been somewhat slow, and Chuck requested more help on the job. He feels that if some of the members would just get out to the car once, that they would be more interested in taking on some portion of the restoration job. So lets get together and pitch in on this worthy job, many hands make the job light. It was reported that we had made a hasty purchase of the San Francisco street car. The car is one of the last of its kind, the Board of Directors voted to go ahead and purchase the car before it was to late. The general membership voted and approved the purchase of the 'K' type car number 171, so we now own it. Cost was \$225.00 for the car in operating condition. The problem of renting our 16mm film to other groups was discussed. It was voted and approved to rent the film at a fee of \$2.50 to any group requesting it. The Central Coast Ry. Club has rented the film "Carrizo Gorge" for their December meeting. Refreshments were served and the prize drawing was held, followed by 8mm colored movies of the Silverton Train by Roy & Daisy Miller and 8mm colored movies of the recent RHSof SD charter bus-Steam trip.

CALICO....via UNION PACIFIC !!!!

This was the title of the most recent Pacific Railroad Society RR trip held on Sunday, Nov. 23, 1958.

The trip started at Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal on a nice Sunday morning, 8:30 A.M. was the time of day. U.P. had a 14 car train made up for the special to Yermo. Three GP-9 Road Switchers served as power, one being cab-less(2 cows & a calf) also as head end equipment, a converted steam loco tender, used as a steam generator car for heat and air conditioning equipment. The consist following included 10 all streamlined, air-conditioned, roller bearing chair cars....two Lunch Counter Dining Cars....one Lounge car and an open door baggage car for the photographers. Stops were made at East L.A., Pomona, Riverside and San Bernardino for additional fans. Approximately 420 railfans made the trip, a good turn out for a diesel powered fan trip. At San Berdoo we added another GP-9 for the climb up Cajon Pass. There were quite a few trains coming down the pass, about 4 freights and 2 or 3 passengers were passed before we were up to Cajon Station. A photo stop was made at Sullivan's Curve just above the Cajon Sta. From there, we rolled non stop over the crest at Summit, down the grade at a wild clip to Victorville, through Helendale, Barstow and then the turn off at Daggett to the regular tracks of the U.P. Then YERMO....and charter busses to take us up to CALICO. It is about 5 miles to Calico from the Yermo depot, we arrived at Calico, with an official greeting from the Sheriff. CALICO, the Ghost Town that came Back, so the brochure says. California's greatest silver mining camp was a rip-roarin' bonanza that produced \$86,000,000 in silver from 1881 to 1896. The famous old ghost town at one time almost vanished- is now being faithfully restored and maintained by Knotts Berry Farm.

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After enjoying the sights at Calico we returned via our charter bus to the Union Pacific depot at Yermo where our special was waiting for the return trip to L.A. We hit the high iron out of Yermo at 5:30 P.M. for a non-stop run to San Berdoo. We had freight diesels, but they really got out and moved. Our Union Pacific crew did a fine job in helping to make the trip a big success, a check at one of the two Lunch Counter Diners showed a total of 409 persons served during the day, and good service it was. Good food too, the economy meals served in this type diner are very good, the service isn't as fancy as in the standard type dining cars, but it is fast and efficient. Sample of the type meals served: No. 3 - \$1.75 FRIED SPRING CHICKEN, COUNTRY STYLE, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, assorted bread, Pie or Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea or Milk. The dining car crew did a fine job handling such a crowd, as railfan trips are no easy group to feed, everyone seems to want to eat all at the same time.

MEETING NIGHT \* \* MONDAY, DEC. 1st  
Safety Room, up stairs in the Santa Fe Depot.....8:00 P.M.

Not much business this month, we will try for an evening of mutual enjoyment of our rail interests, final plans for the hobby show and refreshments. The program for the evening will be more color movies, also, if they come out okay, the movies taken by Corky and Barbara Thomson on the Calico trip.

The Hobby Show will be on Sunday December 7, 1958 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Safety Room at the Santa Fe depot. Everyone is urged to bring their hobbies to show, no matter what they are, railroad or not. There will also be a money raising raffle on a girls bike. This show will be open to the general public, so invite your friends. REMEMBER....MEETING NIGHT IS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1958 \* 8:00PM. THE HOBBY SHOW IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1958 \* 1:00PM until 4:00PM.

NEWS NOTES.....

Dick Dodge had some bad results with photos of U.P. steam power in Wyoming and Iowa when he was there in Sept. SOoooo... he went back in Oct. and took more pictures. At the time he was there in October, they had about 17 of the 4-8-4 800's in service, a lot of 4-8-8-4 'Big Boy' 4000's, some 3700 and 3800 4-6-6-4 'Challengers' and one or two of the 4400 0-6-0 switchers. Dick also said they were rebuilding the 3806 for more service. Four of the new G.E. 8,500 HP Turbines were in service.

U.P. Turbine #61 came into L.A. a week ago, went east the following day. Test car #106 was with it.

More on the U.P. CALICO TRIP:  
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Our train crew consisted of the following gentlemen of the rails, R. Caulfield - Engineer, E.F. Brown Fireman, P.C. North - Conductor, R. Wooluin - Brakeman, R.R. Blackhurst Brakeman. Also on hand to take care of the special, Mr. W.F. Fox - Asst. Supt., and Mr. W.E. Raymond, Road Foreman of Engines. Once again, our thanks to these gentlemen and all the car attendents and dining car crews for a very enjoyable day and excellent service.

# HOBBY SHOW

SUNDAY, DECEMBER  
7<sup>th</sup> 1958

UPSTAIRS IN THE SAFETY ROOM,  
SANTA FE DEPOT, SAN DIEGO.  
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No Admission Fee - Fund Raising  
Raffle will be held, FIRST PRIZE  
IS A GIRLS BICYCLE also other  
surprise prizes. Funds to be  
used to help restore #54.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!

Attention members..... Bring your hobbies to the Hobby Show, they don't have to be strictly railroad type hobbies, bring any type hobby, lets see what some of the members have to show. Bring a hobby for display, bring a friend too. Lets all get together for this afternoon open house, Santa Fe has been very helpful in giving us the use of the depot for the day.....Bring your hobby, come see a few of the Santa Fe streamliners arrive and depart, see some of the 1½ inch scale railroad equipment, 'O' gauge, HO gauge, collections, photos, railroadians of all types, some of the finished and unfinished parts off of car # 54. Lets have a big turnout, even if you don't have a hobby to show, come on down and join the group for a nice afternoon event. (Tables will be set up for displays)