

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF

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JANUARY - 1959

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES.....

The last meeting for the year 1958 was held on Monday, Dec. 1st in the Safety Room of the Santa Fe Depot. The regular reports were made by the various committeemen, Mr. McCleary our Excursion expert told of the trip over the narrow gauge U.S. Gypsum rails to be held on Feb. 12, 1959. This trip is to be for members only as there is no space for a large crowd. The trip will be limited, so those wishing to make the run should plan early to assure space. There will be a notice sent out in ample time by the excursion committee.

The Nominating Committee presented a list of names for the 1959 offices. The committee consisted of Charles Gerdes, Lyle Judd and Rex Cutteli. The nominations as presented by the committee and made by members from the floor are:

FOR PRESIDENT, 'Mac' McCleary and Dick Pennick. FOR 1st VICE-PRES., Tommy Mann and Jack Stodelle. FOR 2nd VICE-PRES., Charles Gerdes and Tommy Mann. FOR 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT, 'Mac' McCleary and Bill Snyder. FOR TREASURER, Fred Finke. FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Barbara Thomson and Corky Thomson. FOR RECORDING SECRETARY, Barbara Thomson and once again Corky Thomson. FOR EXCURSION DIRECTOR, Wally Duthie. FOR HISTORIAN, Allen Copeland, Dick Dodge and Rex Cutteli. Last but not least, to fill one vacancy on the Board of Directors, Dave DeVol, Lyle Judd, Tom Matson and Al Koenig.

It was voted by the general membership to start a movement by all West Coast clubs to save an S.P. 4-8-4 "Daylight" locomotive, one up north and one down here in the south as well as a U.P. and Santa Fe 4-8-4 Northern type. A trio somewhere here in Southern Calif. would really be a beautiful site to see.

Refreshments and excellent old time movies were enjoyed by all.

HOBBY SHOW !!!!!

The first hobby show to be held by the Society came off very well on Sunday, December 7, 1958 at the Santa Fe Depot. We had use of the Safety Room for general display and spectator space, there was also a nice exhibit in the main lobby to draw attention to the show up stairs. Tommy Mann set up a ten foot long section of 1½ inch scale railroad trestle with his caboose and a gondola car (also 1½" scale).

We had a dandy turn out of very interesting exhibits by our members. There were some very fine displays of historical collections of spikes, pictures, time tables, books, lanterns and just about anything you can think of pertaining to railroading. Also on hand were many fine HO and O gauge models, also a large 1½" scale diesel. The Hobby Show turned out a huge success for the first try and we look forward to a bigger and better one next year.

The one weak point was the sale of tickets on the bicycle donated by Chuck Gerdes. We did not raffle off the bike at the hobby show as there were not enough tickets sold. The bicycle will be the prize of some lucky winner on the night of the installation dinner in January. More donations will be taken at the January meeting, tickets are only a small donation to the Maintenance and Equipment fund of 50 cents. You may buy all the tickets you wish, at the January meeting (Jan. 5, '59) or right up to drawing time at the dinner. (Sat. Jan. 10th)

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JANUARY MEETING NOTICE.....

The next regular meeting will be held on January 5, 1958 in the Safety Room of the Santa Fe Depot. Meeting time is 8:00 P.M., the high point of the meeting will be results of the election of our '59 officers. Refreshments and movies.

ELECTION of OFFICERS.....

The job of picking our new crew for 1959 is at hand. The Nominating Committee has submitted names, the members have made nominations from the floor. Now, we must complete the job and elect the officers. In the order the offices are to be filled, we give the members a run down on each member that has been nominated.

For the office of President, we have Mr. McCleary and Mr. Pennick.

Mr. L.W. 'Mac' McCleary has held down the position of Excursion Director for the past year. He is an active member in Society affairs and has worked on and headed some of our maintenance work at the Del Mar exhibits. For his work in the excursion dept., he has done very well, and is famous for his Tecate rail trip that came back by bus!! Other very successful trips were on the P.E. and the recent trip to the privately owned steam roads in L.A. I think we can all pretty well agree that 'Mac' would be a good man for the job.....so, running against him for the job we have another man also well suited for the job.

Mr. Richard 'Dick' Pennick has been active in all Society doings for quite some time. He has held down the job of Secretary in the past as well as numerous committee jobs. Dick is a strong member in the fact that he does his best to be on hand for all affairs while still managing to be up in the high Sierra country chasing lumber locomotives or over in Arizona following the Southwest Lumber operations. We have two very good men running for the job of President, may the best man win.

For the office of FIRST VICE-PRES.

(In charge of Public Relations)

We have two able and active men for this job, Tommy Mann and Jack (KF-MB) Stodelle.

Tommy Mann or should we get fancy, Charles T. Mann, is at present our second V.P. in charge of maintenance. Tommy is a good active member, has done well keeping the exhibits repaired at the fair grounds.....

Elections...

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he has been the man behind getting the Santa Fe depot for our meeting place, he has run down more ties for exhibits (528, etc.) helped in many ways with entertainment and has just talked Santa Fe out of a bunch of wheels and axles for the trucks on car 54. Tommy also is very active in the Pacific Beach Model RR Club and hold the office of President.

Jack Stodelle, our present 1st Vice-Pres. has been active with the Society for many years. He has been a past president and active in the drive to get the 104 and the 050 to the fair grounds. More recently he has gone to bat for us in getting car #528 and the #54. Jack has been in advertising and TV for some years and manages to aid the Society through such channels when ever it is possible. So here again, we have two good men for the job.

For the Office of Second Vice-President, Mr. Mann and Mr. Gerdes are running, this job is for the boss position of maintenance and care of Society exhibits.

Mr. Charles T. Mann(Tommy) is at present holding this office(2nd VP) and has proven himself in this job, other facts about Tommy are under the heading of 1st VP. A good man for the job, with a good man up for competition.....

Mr. Charles Gerdes (Chuck) is at present our General Manager in charge of the Preservation of Car # 54. He has done an excellent job on the 54 project, handled the problem of gassing the car for termites, and been hoding down the fort real well in keeping the job progressing. The 54 will be a beauty when completed and much of the finished product will be due to his fine workmanship.

There you have a dandy pair of men again for the job, so it is up to the membership, mark the little X in the right spot.

For the position of THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT, in charge of entertainment(picnic's, etc.) we have two good men again!!!! Cont. on Page3

THIRD VP....continued from page 2,
 McCleary and Snyder are on the election box for this job, the 3rd VP job has been held by Roy Miller for the past year and Roy has done a fine job. Roy is dropping from reelection due to the distance from meetings. The Millers live in the north part of the county at Camp Pendleton, so he felt it would be better to have a couple fellows closer to Society activities run for the office.

Mr. L.W.McCleary (Mac) is at the present, our Excursion Director, and is also running for the position of President(see that column). Mac is well fitted to either job, so we will leave it to the members, some of these will be a tough choice to vote on.

Running against Mr. McCleary for 3rd VP, we have a new member in the Society. Mr. William H. Snyder, better known as Bill. Here is a lively fellow in model railroading and the general interests of railroads/ Bill has been active in the San Diego Div. of the Pacific Coast Region of the National Model Railroad Assoc. He is active in the Chula Vista Model RR Club and the P.B. Model RR Club. Bill is new in the Society but has helped for the past two years in staffing the exhibits at the fair. He is a good lively go getter, and given the chance, really throws himself into the job. There is no doubt about it, he is a good man to run against another good man. Mr. McCleary, here again, it is a good matched race.

FOR TREASURER....The one, the only, our good friend, Mr. Fred Finke. Fred has no competition, he has held the treasurers job for quite sometime now, has done a good job, hasn't skipped with the funds!!! The fact that there is no one running against Fred, is a sign of a man doing a good job because he is the right man for the job. No contest here, welcome to another year at the books Fred.

For the position of Corresponding Secretary, we have a husband and wife contest. (continued in the next column.....)

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Barbara Thomson and Seeth 'Corky' Thomson are running for this job. Barbara is at present our Corresponding Secretary, she is active in Society affairs, railfan trips, she takes 8mm RR movies, is the Secretary of the Pacific Beach Model RR Club, owns and operates her own HO equipment. Barbara has been active at the exhibit during the fair, for a gal, a mighty good member and railfan.

Seeth 'Corky' Thomson, is at present the Society President. He is an active member in all Society doings, has worked on various committees and takes an interest in all Society activities. Corky is past President of the P.B. club and is General Manager of that group at present.

EDITORS NOTE: As these two are both active in the Society, they would prefer it that Corky be elected to the position above.

BECAUSE.....
 For the office of Recording Secretary, we once again have the same pair.....so, its in the bag for one of them to win in each election. For Recording Secretary we have Barbara and Seeth Thomson.

EDITORS NOTE: Once again, the two contestants would prefer that the job of Recording Secy. go to Barbara.

For Excursion Director, Mr. Wally Duthie. Our present director, Mr. McCleary, is running for President and for 3rd VP. Wally Duthie took over and handled the Pioneer Mill RR and Grizzly Flats trip with Mac, and is an active railfan in the taking of pictures, taking in the many west coast fan trips and is an active model railroader. Wally will be a very able man for the job. For Board of Directors Vacancy: Pick one.....Dave DeVol, Lyle Judd, Tom Matson and Al Koenig.

For Society Historian: pick one... Allen Copeland, Richard Dodge, and Rex Cuttall. Eric Sanders has been taking care of this position, Eric feels he should devote his spare time to the DISPATCHER. (see page 4)

Nominations....continued from page three. (Board of Directors)

Pick one member for a 1959 Board of Directors position: Dave DeVol has been active in Society affairs, helped with the car 528 project & the 54 moving job. Dave is interested in traction, has been a board member in 1958.

Lyle Judd, a past president and a board member in 1958, very active in Society, Lyle was behind the 54 project and has been in on the other restoration jobs, is currently on the car 171 project.

Tom Matson, our 1958 Recording Secretary, active in committee activities, worked on the 528 and 54 project. Helped prepare the incorporation work for the Society.

Al Koenig, recent member in our group, very much interested in the preservation of rail equipment. Is interested in model railroading and railroad photos.

FOR HISTORIAN.....pick one,

Allen Copeland, very active in traction interests, takes part in in many of the traction trips. He is active in the restoration of our equipment and staffing fair exhibit. Allen has been a 1958 board member.

Dick Dodge, very active Society member, loaded with information on early San Diego rail history. Has many photos, writes articles on the subject of old rail lines, travels a good deal, all in all, Richard is a walking bundle of knowledge on our San Diego railroads.

Rex Cuttall, another active historian. Rex has done much of the work in restoring the 050 at the fair. He collects historical railroad items, is also active in the Balboa Park Model RR Club. Here again, we have three good men for the job, any of these fellows will do a capable job.

REGULAR MEMBERS WILL FIND THEIR BALLOT CLIPPED TO THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER. MARK YOUR BALLOT AND PLACE IT IN THE MAIL.....
ELECTION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 5th 1959. The nominating committee will announce the results at the regular meeting.

INSTALLATION DINNER.....

As was voted by the members, we will have our installation dinner on Saturday Evening, January 10th.

The time and the place will be definite by meeting night Jan. 5th.

At this time, final arrangements have not been completed, but keep the tenth of January open for the Society dinner.

For information, call Barbara or Corky Thomson at BRoadway 3-5081.

The meal will be a good one, the price will be kept reasonable, lets have a nice big turnout for this affair and welcome the new officers.

There will be entertainment after dinner and the installation of the new officers.

REMEMBER.....REGULAR MEETING NIGHT IS MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1959 at the Santa Fe Depot, 8:00 P.M.

INSTALLATION DINNER, SATURDAY JANUARY 10, 1959. (place to be announced shortly, or call BR-3-5081.

WHEELS FOR CAR 54.....

VP Tommy Mann has eight wheels and four axles for the construction of trucks to put under old 54. The wheels were donated by the A.T. & S.F. RY. and shipped down to San Diego....Many thanks to Tommy and to the Santa Fe Ry.

CAR 171...SAN FRANCISCO MUNY. RY.

We have been asked to make the final arrangements to move our new street car....plans are under way to ship it down to Del Mar.

We have had a request to operate our car on a Bay Area Elec. RR Assoc fan trip, before it is shipped, anyone interested in going up to ride on it? Info at the next meeting.

Railway Historical Society of S.D. P.O. Box 9351, San Diego 9, Calif. THE NEWSLETTER, official monthly publication. THE DISPATCHER, our feature story publication. (Sent to members as part of yearly dues,) Send or phone news items to Corky or Barbara Thomson, BR-3-5081.... 3204 McGraw St., S.D. 17, Calif. Lets have more news in 1959!!!!!! Regular meeting night is the first Monday, Santa Fe Depot, San Diego.

INSTALLATION DINNER RESERVATIONS.....

If you plan to attend the dinner on Saturday Evening, January 10, 1959, please fill in the reservation, or call Barbara Thomson or Corky Thomson, after 5:00 P.M. at Broadway 3-5081. Complete information is not yet available at this writing, but we will have the dinner at one of the C.P.O. Club dining rooms or one of the banquet equipped restaurants. The price and selection will be reasonable, so plan now to attend. If you want to attend, mail this reservation or call and let us know. We will need some idea of the number of members and guests planning to be there.

The 1959 officers will be officially installed, there will be entertainment and a good time for all. The final sale of chances on the bicycle will be sold, it will then be raffled off to the lucky winner, as well as some other items, there will also be a nice door price for the men and women.

INSTALLATION DINNER, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1959.

I plan to attend the dinner, there will be _____ in my party.

Name _____ address _____
Phone _____

It is time to pay those dues again!!!!

1959 membership is now open, pay now, avoid the rush later.
Lets try and get all the dues in early, help ease the bookkeeping.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 1959 - - - - - Please print - - - - -

NAME: _____ 1958 card No. _____

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Pay your 1959 dues now.....get an interested friend to join,
lets make the new year a real big one for R.H.S. of S.D.

This has been an outstanding year for all of us, I think we can all truthfully say that the 1958 saw the R.H.S. of S.D. really come into being. More things have been done and more equipment has been put in the hands of the Society then ever before. By this I don't mean that the 104 and the 050 were not major projects, but with the many members we have to distribute the load upon, those would have been easier too. Lets make 1959 bigger and better. S.L.T.