

NEWSLETTER #18

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC. NEWSLETTER 18, MARCH 1959

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES.....

The meeting called to order by President McCleary at 8:PM in the Safety Room, Santa Fe Depot. The minutes of the Jan. meeting were read and approved, Treasurer's report was given by Fred Finke. Excursion Director Wally Duthie reported on the Feb. 12th trip on the U.S. Gypsum Co. narrow gauge, also the proposed trip on the 2½ft gauge line of the Western Salt Co. sometime this summer. We also hope to take part in some form with the P.R.S. trip to San Diego in June. Tommy Mann reported on the street car situation, we have some wheels for #54, need pictures or plans of side frames. The 104 at Del Mar will be moved and a cement slab put under it, then ballast and the additional ties needed to prevent future settling of the locomotive. Corky Thomson read several letters regarding our San Francisco car # 171. It will cost us about \$700.00 for loading, hauling and unloading at Del Mar. The car will have to be moved early in March. A Report on car #050 points out the need for work on the exterior, our good friend Rex Cutteli has the inside looking very nice now, but without proper care of the roof and the sides, the rains will leak in. Dick Dodge gave a report on the car 171 project, Dick stated that he feels the entire affair has been carried on very unbusiness like. Due to the cost involved getting the car to Del Mar, he suggested that the project be abandoned. He made a motion the car be turned over to the P.B. Model RR Club. It was suggested this motion be tabled until the Board of Directors have time to act on it. It was moved & seconded to table the motion. Pres. McCleary recommended Honorary Membership for Robert Day and for Ward Kimball, also Gerry Best. It was moved seconded and a unanimous vote in favor of the Honorary Membership.

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MARCH MEETING.....

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1959.....
SANTA FE DEPOT, SAFETY ROOM.....
MEETING STARTS AT 8:00 P.M.

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING.....

PROGRAM:

Our good friend from the San Diego & Arizona Eastern, none other then Mr. Carl Eichenlaub, Superintendent of the S.D.&A.E. will give a talk on railroading. Refreshments will be served, and time permitting, we will have one or two interesting movies.

This should be a very entertaining evening, so lets all turn out and bring a friend too.

R.H.S. of S.D. FIELD DAY.....

A SUNDAY ABOARD OLD 54 !!!

General Manager Chuck Gerdes has set up a mid-day visit to our old streetcar # 54 on SUNDAY, MARCH 1. COME ON OUT AND SEE THE PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THE RESTORATION OF CAR NO. 54 AT THE FROG FARM. The regular Sunday work crew hours of 10:AM. to 2:PM. will be observed. This isn't a request to get you out to work on the car, just come and see the old S.D.E.Ry. No. 54, see what a beauty she will once more be with a little more work. COME ON OUT, SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1959 10:AM. to 2:PM. at the FROG FARM, just north of Imperial on 46th St. If you need transportation, call a member with a car.

February Meeting, Continued....

Pres. McCleary suggested we have a Herald for the Society, a contest will be held with prizes for the winning design. Wally Duthie asked how everyone felt about an excursion on the FERROCARRIL SONORA - Baja CALIFORNIA. Second V.P. Jack Stodelle is arranging for a title strip on our 16mm film. Pres. Mac explained the purpose of the Kitty & raffle. Meeting adjourned for refreshments, followed by a movie and some slides.

SOCIETY DOINGS.....

The Plaster City narrow gauge trip on the U.S. Gypsum Co. line was a dandy. For those of you not able to make it, try and get in on it next year. It is a worth while trip by rail and a very interesting tour of the plant. If time allows, we will have some movies of the trip on Feb. 12th at the next meeting....MARCH 2nd, 8:P.M.

DON'T FORGET THE OUTING AT 54 ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1st, 10 to 2. North on 46th from Imperial Ave.

This is the last issue of the Newsletter and Dispatcher for the members failing to renew with a small payment of \$2.50 for a full year(\$3.50 family membership) You get 12 issues of the Newsletter & 4 to 8 issues of the DISPATCHER, lower rates on our trips too. Get your check or money order in the mail today.....renewal blanks are on last months Newsletter and on some of the March issues, to those of you that have not renewed. If you have already renewed, ignore all this pep talk.

Some members will receive their membership cards for the second time, this is due to a renumbering system. If you get a new card and you have a 1959 card, dispose of the first card, keep the second card. We have renumbered the cards using a letter after the number on the Family Membership Cards: the regular members card would be 100, the family members card 100-A. This way we keep track of actual paid membership.....which is at this time up to 66 for 1959!!! Lets try and hit 100 by June. (We have six additional members counting the family members.)

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RAILFAN ACTIVITIES.....

*SANTA MARIA VALLEY RAILROAD, trip to be run on Sunday, March 15, 1959. S.C.C. R.&L.H.S. Fare \$5.25

*GOLETA VALLEY LINES (7½" gauge), Via S.P. Santa Paula branch to Santa Barbara, April 1959, P.R.S.

*SIERRA RAILROAD, with three types of steam power, Sunday, May 10, '59 Central Coast Club.

*SONORA-BAJA CALIFORNIA RAILROAD, from Mexicali south, in a quaint old gas-electric coach with two cars in tow. Possibly one of the German built cars. This trip is to run on Sunday, May 17, 1959. There will be charter bus service from San Diego to Calexico. R.H.S. of S.D. better be on hand for first tickets, trip will be limited to around 150 people. This is a trip of our own....RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY of SAN DIEGO.

*SANTA FE RY. to San Diego via the AT&SF, possibly to the Del Mar Fair. Pacific Railroad Society, Sunday, June 28th 1959. (RHS of SD may take part in this trip with our exhibits at Del Mar.)

GET THOSE 1959 DUES PAID....NOW!!!

DEL MAR COUNTY FAIR DATES: JUNE 26 through JULY 5, 1959. Remember, we have exhibits to staff, but there is work to be done on those fine old steel wheeled monsters. Keep in touch with work activities on the rail equipment. Don't forget, we still have 54 to complete too.

Pacific Beach Model RR Club is now constructing 7½" gauge track at the fair grounds, they are prefabricating track in ten foot lengths, over 500 feet completed to date. Track will probably be put in the center field of race track instead of in black top.

Rail and ties provided by the Santa Fe for car # 171 to park on at Del Mar, no definite spot as yet.

REMEMBER.....Regular meeting date is the first Monday of each month, short on business and long on fun, that is the plan for '59 meetings. Some good programs coming up, this next meeting, MARCH 2, 1959 8:P.M. will be worth your years dues, so plan to attend. (VERY GOOD PRIZE) this months raffle.)