

APRIL MEETING NOTES-----

Meeting of April 6, 1959 was called to order by Pres. McCleary at 8 PM in the Santa Fe Safety Room. Guests introduced by Mrs. McCleary, including Mr. Morgan P. Jones of the Santa Fe Ry. Pres. Mac asked for herald entries, regular reports of society were given.

Business of San Francisco car #171 was discussed. Jack Stodelle reported no steps for raising money had been taken until we know the actual cost of transporting car. At the time of the meeting, it was reported by Corky Thomson that there had been no word from S.F. or any of the people being solicited to move the car.

Judges for the herald contest announced a winning herald. First prize, the book "Victorial History of U.S. Transportation" was won by member Jim Reading. Runner up for the second prize won the book "Cable Cars of San Francisco". It later turned out that this was won by member Dick Pennick. (not present) Prizes were obtained at the Whistle Stop at a reduced rate. Judges were Mr. M.P. Jones of the AT&SF, Mrs. Helen Guthrie and Mr. George Axt.

V.P. Snyder suggested we put the four major model railroad clubs in the area on our Newsletter mailing list.

Mr. Morgan P. Jones, Freight Agent for Santa Fe Ry. was introduced by Prexy McCleary. Mr. Jones talked on railroading and Santa Fe from early days to present, told some interesting little items about station numbering. Reviewed some of the problems of keeping track of the thousands of cars on the RR. He covered rates and freight business in general from early day railroading to date.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments and some films. Dave DeVol showed an up to the minute film of the S.P. narrow gauge line in Owens Valley. Jack Stodelle presented 4 interesting reels borrowed from our good friend Barney Root, all films taken in 1954 era of S.P. steam, in and around Colton-San Bernardino. AT&SF 1010 under steam too!!!

MAY MEETING.....

10th Anniversary!!!!

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1959

8 P.M. Santa Fe Depot.

The MAY meeting of the RHS of SD will bring the society into the tenth year. BE THERE, for the 10th anniversary meeting.....

upstairs in the Safety Room, Santa Fe Depot, San Diego.

President McCleary has something a little different planned. Come to the meeting and see. There will be refreshments as usual and some movies.

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Board of Directors Meeting.....

The board met on April 20, 1959 in the depot meeting room. Big on the list of society problems was the handling of car 171. Due to a change of plans at the fairgrounds it has made it a problem to find a resting place for the car 171. The board decided to take the car to Perris and the United Railway Museum, with future operation of the car at that location definite.

Allen Copeland stated that the Orange Empire Traction Co. was in favor of the car coming there and they would help unload it in exchange for some help from us at a later date. The Mt. Rubidoux Chapter of PRS is also in favor.

The car will be taken to Perris and if we ever wish to place it at some other location, it can always be moved again. However, it appears that the Perris spot will be the most likely for near future operation of the car. The O.E.T. boys are really going strong toward the operating museum at Perris.

Jack Stodelle will work on a fund raising plan, Corky Thomson will complete arrangements with the Paxton Truck Co., O.E.T. and the Mt. Rubidoux Chapter of P.R.S.

Other problems discussed, the society library situation, how to man the exhibits at Del Mar for school children and scouts. The new herald will be worked over and we will have it on future trips, etc. Tommy Mann reported some rail was available, need help getting it.

Pacific Railroad Society.....

Twenty-Third Annual Banquet & Installation of Officers was held at Knott's Berry Farm on Saturday Evening, April 25, 1959.

L.A. group came by Santa Fe to Fullerton, bus to Knott's.

Chicken dinner, installation of new officers and a movie left all in good spirits as a fitting start for the new PRS year.

Corky and Barbara Thomson, both members of PRS as well as RHSofSD attended. (Boosted May 17 trip)

MAY 10 - CENTRAL COAST RY. CLUB

"Three Steamers on the Sierra" is a sell out, room for motorists but train is full. Sierra #3, #28 and Pickering #11 are the motive power.

S.P. 4460 4-8-4.....

The last active steamer on the S.P. has been saved from the scrap heap. Lima built 4460 has been in the Bayshore back shops at San Francisco, she is going to be moved to the National Transportation Museum at St. Louis, Mo.

Another good RR recording.....

Mobile Fidelity, 915 Hollywood Way, Burbank, Calif. has come out with "HIGHBALL" in stereo or mono-aurel. Included are sounds of the Sierra, Santa Maria Valley, C.&S., U.P. and S.P.(4460) Record is narrated by Jim Ameche.

(Editors note: the STEREO version is very effective, Corky has about blasted his family out of the house on several occasions. Its like a railfan trip at home, without the smoke or expense.)

GOLDEN WEST RAILFANS.....

A trip from L.A. to the Santa Fe Hobart Yard, Fullerton, Prado Dam, Riverside and San Bernardino was run on Sunday, April 26, 1959.

A tour of the large Santa Fe shops at San Berdoo was the highlight of the trip. Return to L.A. was via the Pasadena line.

(Corky & Barbara aboard, plus a few others from the S.D. area.)

"Carriso Gorge"

The RHSofSD 16mm film has just returned from the east and was then sent to Central Coast for an April 21st showing in Oakland, Calif.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER.....

Get your tickets for the May 17 RHSofSD trip from Mexicali to the Colorado River crossing and Riito.

Excursion Director Wally Duthie will sell you a ticket for only \$8.25(members) for bus & rail trip. Brochures were mailed out on this, but just as a reminder:

TRAIN only, members; \$4.25

" " non-members; \$4.75

COMBINED RAIL & BUS TICKETS:

members; \$8.25, non-members are

\$8.75 (under 12 yrs. \$6.50)

LETS ALL GO.....SUNDAY, MAY 17th, ON THE FERROCARRIL SONORA*BAJA CALIFORNIA, Diesel power, Swiss built coaches and plenty of picture stops planned.

"COLORADO RIVER EXPRESS"

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1959

10:30 AM (DST) MEXICALI

Write to Wally Duthie, 3380 Granada Ave., San Diego 4, Calif. for any information, for tickets.....

(inclose self-addressed stamped envelope.)

Puget Sound Railway Historical Association of Seattle has saved some Portland Traction equipment. Car 4005 and line car 1058.

Union Pacific has ordered 75 240CHP SD-24 diesels from E.M.D., to be delivered in July & August. They are turbo-charged and equipped to burn residual fuel.....this may spell the final word on any steamers being used this year.

Bay Area Electric RR Ass'n has former San Francisco Municipal Ry. car #178.....will run it on a trip Sunday, May 3, 1959. It will be used on the proposed Museum Ry. at Colusa. (Western RR)

The S.P. steam engines formerly used on the Nacozari RR out of Douglas, Arizona have been sold for scrap. The 3400, 3406 & 3423, 2-8-0 type were moved dead to El Paso.

NORFOLK & WESTERN Y6 2-8-8-0

The N. & W. articulated is being saved at the Museum of Transport at St. Louis, also Frisco #1522(4-8-2) N.&W. will drop all steam power in 1960 according to present diesel plans.

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