

MEETING NOTES, AUG. 1959--

Meeting held in Safety Room of the Santa Fe depot, called to order by the President, Mr. L.W. McCleary at 8:10pm Monday, August 3, 1959.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Dick Dedgo was appointed, the reading of the minutes from July meeting were dispensed with as they were reported in the Newsletter.

V.P. Jack Stodelle reported on the Santa Fe locomotive donation. The offer has been withdrawn, Jack is working on them to reconsider giving the engine.

Tommy Mann stressed the need for an active group for work parties at the fairgrounds. Either turn out or be drafted for the job.

Copies of the film "Garrison Gorge" are now available at \$25.00 for 16mm, \$14.00 for 8mm.

Excursion Director Wally Duttle gave a short run down on the proposed trip to the museum at Perris. The date was set for Nov. 1st. (has since been put off until the 8th and now the 15th)

The proposed contest for the selection of the best picture taken on the Sonora-Baja Calif. trip was initiated by the filing of photos taken by Dick Pennick and D.F. Morgan. (note: we need more pictures, lets see yours.)

McCleary announced the fact that the Board of Directors meets two weeks before the regular meeting, all members are privileged to attend.

Eric Sanders appealed for assistance in cutting stencils for mimeograph, for the Dispatcher. Anyone with a good type writer with elite type is welcome.

Due to the fact we have been short of board members (moved away, or unable to serve) three new members have been elected to serve: Jerry Pesht, Roland Anderson and Robert Henkel.

Bill Morrison has been appointed to take over the ear 54 project in place of Chuck Gordes. The separation of the library from the duties of the Historian was agreed upon, V.O. Williams was appointed to the position of Librarian.

The Board of Directors approved an honorary membership for Paul T. Mammen for the fine work he has done at the fair, this was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the general membership.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.....

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1959 - 8:00 PM

SAFETY ROOM, SANTA FE DEPOT.

PROGRAM - BULL SESSION - REFRESHMENTS

August meeting continued....

Bill Morrison donated two large pictures to the society. One is a promotional sketch of Coronado as envisioned in 1886 and the other a photograph of S.D.&A. engine # 1 with dignitaries alongside.

It was mentioned that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will hold its convention in San Diego in October.

The N.M.R.A. convention was also mentioned and the open house at the Del Mar exhibits on Friday, Aug. 21st.

Adjournment was made at 8:56 P.M. for refreshments and entertainment. Four moving pictures were shown, the 1st was "Model Making" furnished by John Burt, then Mr. Ueburger supplied a film showing operations of 1/2" live steamers. The showing of S.P.'s "Men of Vision" and "Men, Wheels and Power" concluded the program for the evening.

WHERE WAS THE MEMBERSHIP?????

When the N.M.R.A. convention was in San Diego Aug. 20, 21, 22 & 23, the R. E.S. of S.D. held open house at the Del Mar exhibits. This fact was well known, through the Newsletter, also mentioned at the August meeting, etc. So...when Friday evening the 21st of August came around....there was our membership that would open and man the three exhibits? Corky Thomson and Bob Farwell opened the exhibits a few minutes before the first bus arrived. Our hard working Dispatcher Editor, Eric Sanders did a one man stand taking care of the exhibits. (Corky and Bob were busy over at the P.B. Club) Fortunately, the N.M.R.A. crowd was a good group, they know railroads and railroad equipment and realize the effort our society has gone to in caring the 104, 650 and the 528. Over three hundred visitors, but a very nice bunch of people, no trouble or problems. This held true at the P.B. Model RR Club also, they were a very friendly and appreciative group. HUR... it would have been nice with a few more R&S of SD members up there to answer questions.

R.H.S. of S.D. OPENS DEL MAR EXHIBITS FOR THE N.M.R.A. CONVENTION--

On Friday evening August 21, 1959 several hundred visiting members of the National Model Railroad Association had a chance to visit the society at the Del Mar fairgrounds and to photograph locomotive 104, car C50 and streetcar 528. (while the light lasted)

The Pacific Beach Model Railroaders Club was to be open for the N.M.R.A. on that evening, so to add to the show R.H.S. of S.D. opened up also. Four of the San Diego Transit Lines big highway coaches brought the visitors from the U.S. Grant Hotel, there were many that made the trip by private auto and a lot of visitors coming down from Los Angeles for the convention also stopped in at Del Mar.

When the first bus arrived it was still good and light for photography, the first fans off the bus formed a photo line similar to the good old days on steam railroad trips.....TO GET PICTURES OF GOOD OLD S.D.&A. 104!!! then within minutes, the cab was bulging at the seams with visiting "engineers" and "firemen". Eric Sanders was on hand with copies of the Dispatcher and did quite well selling them. Eric says he didn't even have to push them, if the truth were known, he probably demanded they buy copies!! All kidding aside, Eric said they were quite interested in the equipment and the Dispatcher and they bought of their own free will.

The P.B. Model RR Club was operating HO trains all evening and had a big assortment of refreshments on hand. The food was good, FREE....it always tastes better when it is free.

The last bus returned to San Diego around 10:30 P.M. and those in private cars drifted away in small groups after 11:00 P.M. A good time was had by all.

SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1959 - 8:00 P.M.
SANTA FE STATION, UPSTAIRS IN THE
SAFETY ROOM, PROGRAM & REFRESHMENTS.

CORRECT ADDRESS:

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Lemon Grove, California.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.....

The society is steadily growing and is now over the 100 mark. New since the last last month are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Umbarger, joined on a family membership and Mr. John Snyder joined as a regular member.

The Umbargers are noted for their interest in miniature railroading for many years. They have quite a collection of toy and model trains at their store on Fairmount Ave.

Mr. Snyder is a resident of our northern neighbor Pasadena, California.

The Newsletter staff and all the members of the R.H.S. of S.D. wish to welcome the latest members and we sure hope to all get better acquainted in the near future at society meetings and on future trips.

NOTE TO NEW MEMBERS.....

Most of the new members that have not received membership cards, should have them included with this issue of the Newsletter. If not, contact the secretary: Barbara Thomson, BR-3-5061.

WORK TO BE DONE AT DEL MAR.....

With summer almost over (not the good weather) and the kids soon back in school, it will be time for us to get to work on the equipment at the fairgrounds.

The coach (050) needs a good going over on the outside. The roof will be one of the most important jobs to be done, to prevent rain leaking in and ruining the many long hours of repairs and painting that Rex Cuttel has done. The car should have a paint job this fall, the back side needs it very bad.

Locomotive 104 looks pretty good but is ready for a paint job or she is going to rust quite a lot this winter.

Streetcar 528 also needs a complete paint job on the outside.

Those interested in doing some of the work had better start saving an occasional Saturday or Sunday for the big job of painting at Del Mar.

The first work party will be on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 or 19, we will decide a definite date at the next meeting. (Monday, Sept. 7, 1959)

PERRIS RAILFAN TRIP.....

It has been a hit and miss affair so far trying to set up a rail trip to Perris and the United Railway Museum & the Orange Empire Traction Co.

Original choice of dates was to be Sunday, Nov. 1st.....then we found that the Perris Chamber of Commerce would rather we schedule the trip a little later in the month. In trying to keep from being too near the holidays, we advanced the date to Nov. 8th.....then we found out that the Pacific Railroad Society is planning their trip to San Diego on the 8th of November.....SO, as originally requested by the Perris C of C, we will probably set the date for Sunday, November 15th.

Anyway, plans call for our own train from San Diego to Perris via Santa Fe. Stops to pick up passengers at Oceanside and Santa Ana, photo stops on the way at several selected spots. Arrival at Perris around noon, with a joint arrival of the Herselless Carriage Club in twenty or more old time cars. A visit to one of the large potatoe packing plants, an old time barbecue and the feature of the trip....the railway cars and streetcars at Perris, including our own San Francisco streetcar # 171.

Mt. Rubidoux Chapter of the P.R.S. has some rail equipment on display and the Orange Empire group has quite a large number of cars on their property. It is the hope of O.E.T. to have some track ready for operation.

Exact date to be announced.

MEMBER LOST??? NOT ENTIRELY.....

In a letter from Don Chelsen, he states that he is now out of the Navy and living at 5825 Lawton Ave., Oakland 18, California. Don hopes to return to San Diego within a year and go to S.D. State College.

STEAM ON THE SIERRA.....

Sunday, Sept. 6th will see a group of steam railfans riding the Sierra RR. The R.M.L.S., So. Cal. Chapter is the sponsor of the trip, several of our members are making the trip. There will be movies at a future meeting.

National Railway Historical Society presents- AN EXCURSION over the A.T. & S.F. RR. Branch Line to Elsinore. SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 1959- Leave Los Angeles at 9:00 AM, return at 6:30 PM. Fares: Adults \$6.00, children under 12 \$3.00(\$6.75 after Sept. 15) For tickets or information, enclose self-addressed stamped envelope, write: N.R.H.S., Los Angeles Chapter, Box 3311 Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 54, California.

RISE THE BIG RED CARS.....

Golden West Railfans will run the P.E. (M.T.A.) on a special train on Labor Day. For the trolley fans, write G.W.R., 403 Spring St., Rm 416, Los Angeles 13, Calif.

Pacific Railroad Society will run a trip to San Diego on Nov. 8, 1959- more information on that next month.

Summer is almost over...that is the kids summer...back to school will be the daily order very shortly. This will give us all a late summer breather. Maybe next month we can get more information into the Newsletter about some of the members and their vacation trips. Through the summer months it has been difficult to even catch anyone home to see what they have been doing or where they have been. If you have any little stories or interesting new items, send them in. THE NEWSLETTER, c/o Corky or Barbara Thomson, 3204 McGraw St., SD 17.

SANTA FE RAIL SPECIAL.....

The Santa Fe Del Mar train added another notch to the transition lever at Encinitas the other day. A woman, later booked in Oceanside jail for being drunk, got off the road at the "D" St. crossing in Encinitas. The Santa Fe took care of removing her car, they have a very handy wagon for that type of situation, called a LOCOMOTIVE!! No damage to train or passengers, and very little delay, someone removed the tipsy woman from the car a few minutes before Mr. Bryant came through with the train.

Santa Fe Alco # 41 has been on the scene since then.