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RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC. - NEWSLETTER NUMBER TWENTY SIX.
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NOVEMBER MEETING DATE.....

The regular monthly meeting of the RHSofSD will be held on the first Monday of November- the second day of November. All members are urged to attend the meeting, nominations for 1960 officers, final plans for the "BIG" train trip to Perris, program and refreshments.

If you have a member you would like to see voted into office, let the society know about it- the nominating committee is preparing names for the various offices, if you wish to nominate a member, send in your nomination by mail or present it at the November meeting. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1959. Your nominating committee is: Eric Sanders, H.M. Galkins, Rex Cutsell, George Art and Fred Reif.

See you at the November meeting and aboard our "special" train.

RAIL TRIP TO PERRIS.....

This is the big trip of the year for RHSofSD- the Perris trip has taken much planning and in order to make it a success we will need each and every member on board, Sunday, November 15th. Tell your friends, photography fans, railfans, model railroaders and just anyone interested in a full day of railroading, relaxation, scenery and a break from the Sunday highway traffic.

The date....SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1959- the place.....Santa Fe Depot in San Diego.....destination & transportation- PERRIS, CALIFORNIA via the Santa Fe Railway and our own "CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN FLYER".

A roundtrip of nearly 400 miles of scenic railroading is in store for the passengers on this special. The scenic depot at Perris, the equipment of the Mt. Rubidoux Chapter of P.R.S., the Orange Empire Trolley Museum full of streetcars, inter-urbans, work cars and our own RHSofSD #171. Plus---- a barbecue, the Horseless Carriage Club and anything else the excursion can come up with.

The train will start from San Diego with additional stops for passengers at Del Mar, Oceanside, (San Clemente) Santa Ana and Riverside. Lets try for a real big turn out of the membership for this trip.....
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1959 "THE CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN FLYER" via SANTA FE RAILWAY.

FIRST BIG TRIP NORTH.....

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first trip of this type to be run northward from San Diego by rail. There have been small groups of railfans on trips but none with a full size special train such as we will have on the 15th of November.

Excursion Director Wally Duthie has put plenty of time and effort into the Perris trip. The results have come out as follows: A special train, all our own, no added cars to the regular trains, no charter busses....our own train. The consist would be complete if we could just have a 3700 or 2900 on the head end, but that is impossible. However....we have a modern diesel locomotive, (it too, will someday be history) an open door baggage car, with doors barred, heavy-weight coaches, the Del Mar Snack Car and a good old open end observation car----with our own drum head, RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO - "CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN FLYER". Be aboard on this trip.....

OCTOBER MEETINGS NOTABLE POINTS.....

The October meeting was held on Monday, Oct. 5th in the Santa Fe depot. Pres. McCleary called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M., visitors introduced were Mr. Wm. Stewart, Mr. Robert McGrew and Mrs. Elsa Haake. It was moved & seconded that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, due to full coverage in the Newsletter.

Fred Finke gave treasurers report: \$561.09 bank bal., \$12.54 in the kitty, \$380.89 in the restoration fund. Two copies of "Carrizo Gorge" film have been sold, one still available at \$25.00, approx 350 feet of 16mm film.

Bill Morrison and Charles Gerdes discussed restoration problems on #54. Trucks are available for car at some rough estimate of \$800.00, we are still considering trucks.

Bill Snyder asked for ideas on another hobby show by RHS of SD. Members decided on show in mid-January.

Wally Duthie discussed the Nov. 15th trip to Perris, we have the train, all we need is 400 paid fares.

Discussion on old streetcar bodies here and there around town. Most feel we have plenty to keep us busy now. However, if something real good and worthwhile shpws up, the society should act to save or restore same.

The nominating committee was picked- Eric Sanders, E.M. Calkins, Rex Cuttall, George Axt and Fred Reif.

Movies were shown by Corky & Barbara Thomson of the recent excursion on the Sierra Railroad, featuring 2-8-0 # 28 of the Sierra RR. Bill Snyder had hot chocolate and cookies for the refreshment hour. Meeting adjourned, 10:30pm.

NOVEMBER MEETING: MONDAY, NOV. 2, 1959 - 8:00 P.M., Santa Fe depot, San Diego.

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Jerry Lee Pecht, Robert Henkel.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS NOW UP TO 108. LET US ALL MAKE 1960 EVEN A BIGGER YEAR.

Welcome to new member Dale Pyle of 3683 Albatross St., San Diego 3, Calif. Mr. Pyle works for the Park & Recreation Dept., is a member of the San Diego Model Railroad Club in Balboa Park, is very much interested in railroading both large and small. WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY TO DALE PYLE.

If you are interested in good reading each month??? We hope you enjoy the newsletter, we realize we make many mistakes but this is only natural as the paper is sort of thrown together at the last minute each month. Please excuse occasional mistakes or when we forget to mention something important, we try to keep you posted as best we can.

Have you read any of the California Southern Express issues? The Mt. Rubid Chapter of the Pacific Railroad Society, Inc. puts out a real nice monthly bulletin. You don't have to belong to P.R.S. to receive the paper, just send a dollar to them at 180 'J' St., San Bernardino for a 1 year subscription.

TWO EASTERN LINES TO MERGE.....

The newly-approved merger of the Norfolk & Western and Virginian RR's- the first such action by the Interstate Commerce Commission in modern times- will probably become effective Dec. 1st.

The two lines parallel each other for 350 miles between the W. Virginia-Virginia border and Norfolk, Va. Both railroads said the merger was needed for their survival.

Also being considered for merger- Erie and Lackawanna.

LOW COST SLEEPERS.....

B. & O. RR and Missouri Pacific will introduce low cost sleeper service between the east coast and San Antonio sometime this month.

Several eastern and mid-western roads are now offering low cost sleepers, new budget type meals, as a drawing card for new passenger business.

There is a very interesting article in the Sat. Eve. Post on the national railroad passenger business, low fares, new sleepers, dining cars.

THREE NARROW GAUGE SHAYS.....

West Side Lumber is operating #8, 9 & 10 daily with three schedules in each direction. Trains can be seen at Tucuman or out on the line.

LOW NOSE JEEPS.....S.P. has received some of the low profile EMD hood units similar to those on the Santa Fe. Locomotives seen in L.A. were the regular GP-9 type, four wheel truck, not the big SD-24 as on Santa Fe. Painted a bright red on nose, grey body.....S.P. coaches on the San Francisco commuter run are being refinished grey, with no stripes.....P.E. PCC cars in L.A. have been sold, 28 of the streamlined cars going to Buenos Aires.....S.P. steam power back in service for stationary boiler work at Salinas when canning company boiler blew up in August. #2582 and 2836 both 2-8-0's were brought out of storage for steam services.....the S.P. roundhouse at Sacramento is being torn down.....W.P. donated 0-6-0 #164 to Oroville.....S.P. donated 1771 2-6-0 to Placerville.....G.N. ended service on the train "Cascadian" between Seattle and Spokane on Aug. 15 due to switch in mail service to highway carriers.....many of the semi-streamlined Cotton Belt coaches are showing up on S.P. trains here in California, when passenger service is abandoned on the StL&SW all cars will probably be put on S.P.....Southwest Lumber Mills at Flagstaff, Arizona retired mailst # 12 2-6-6-27, ex-Arcata & Mad River #12, it may go on display at county fair.....W.P. #94 4-6-0 type was in service for movie work on the S.P. Napa Valley branch, cars were lettered Watertown & Eastern, the same cars were used on recent Sierra excursion.....California Western "skunk" damaged in collision with truck, may cause it to be retired.....Peninsular Railway car found near San Jose, has been saved by San Jose merchant, the car is parked about a mile south of the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds on old U.S. 101.....Santa Fe has ordered CTC equip. for 69 miles of track between Barstow and Mojave.....the three S.P. diesels that dived into the Napa River recently, 5260, 4904 & 5261 have been raised by floating cranes, two will be repaired but one is badly damaged from the other two falling on it.....trains in movies dept.: you can see a little rail action in "Ask Any Girl", good eastern commuter setting at the beginning-----then a big S.P. jeep gets in the act with S.F. peninsula pool coaches (supposedly running to Connecticut!!!! New York Central diesels, the Twentieth Century and the Hudson River, all very nice in "North By Northwest", then it winds up with what seems to be S.P. bright red nosed diesel on the Lark, oh well, they are trains anyway.....steam power in "It Happened to Jane", a weary old Pacific doing the honors. (news from here & there and the Western Railroader.)

RHS of PSD BADGES ARE NOW READY.....

WANT TO HELP ADVERTISE THE SOCIETY??? BUY A BADGE. The badges have at least been delivered, white background with bright red lettering, a place in the center (clear plastic opening) for your name. Badges are 2 1/2" in diameter.

Lets all wear a badge on the Perria trip.... badges will be on sale at the next meeting- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd- BY MAIL FROM THE SOCIETY BOX ADDRESS- or on the train during the Perria trip. Price of badges is \$1.00 unless the financial dept. can see fit to sell them for less. (maybe \$.75 ???)

PERRIS TRIP..... Members going on the Perris rail trip get a reduction in the fare, this is for the full paid member only according to excursion men, our good friend Wally Duthie. The cost of this trip does not warrant handing out mass reduced fare tickets. According to Wally, the non-regular members of the Society gets the reduced rate, the Santa Fe will check against a membership list. fare is \$9.50 for non-members, \$4.75 for children. (from San Diego)

RAIL TRIPS.....OCT. 24-25, P.C.S.-R.S.L.H.S. will operate two trips on the Sierra RR through the historic mother lode country. Train leaves Oakland at 10:00 A.M. both days, returning to Oakland at 6:00 P.M. Fare: \$11.00 (no tip)
NOV. 8, P.R.S. trip to San Diego via Santa Fe, side trip to Escondido.
NOV. 15th, RZSofSD trip to Perris from San Diego, leave S.D. 7:00 A.M., return at 8:00 P.M. (stops at several coast stations, Santa Ana & Riverside)
NOV. 29, Golden West trip to Barstow and side trip to Salton. Fare: \$6.95
LATE FEB. 1960- or March, RZSofSD trip on the Sonora Baja California RR out of Mexicali to Rilito. (Charter busses to Calexico or by private auto)

BIG TIME ON THE WILDCAT RR.....

Central Coast Railway Club had a good time at their picnic at Bill's farm. 18 inch gauge steam railroad in Los Gatos. More than 60 participants enjoyed the late afternoon and after dark running of the Wildest RR with time out for beans and movies.

GOOD BOOKS, RECORDS.....

There is a wonderful thing happening since we have lost our old faithful steam locomotives. BOOKS....RECORDINGS....and good ones at that, with the sound and sight of steam power almost completely gone from the public view, many new books and sound records have hit the market.

The latest, "Steam's Finest Hour" is a real gem, and big, little in size. This is a good coverage of modern steam power and is well done with builders photos and action shots of some locomotives.....it is a must for the steam fan and the reading is good too, pictures are excellent.

Just before that, another good one from Superior in Washington, a nice one for the historically minded railfan, "Pacific Slope Railroads". It has some dandy, never before published pictures of the old timers on the west coast, a good follow up on "This Was Railroading" by the same author.

Steam sound records are popping out too, and many good ones, in fact most are worth having if you like that sort of thing, some in Stereo too.

Not trying to give him a special plug....BUT, our member Bill Kingston owner of the Whistle Stop at 3819 Sixth Ave. here in San Diego has been stocking all these good books(many not listed)and several of the sound recordings....check with Bill for railroad books, Trains & RR magazine. (He also sells HO scale trains and a sprinkling of imported O gauge)

EXTRA.....EXTRA.....THIS PAGE ADDED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO YOU:

Just arrived- the brochure to save S.P. 1765 for Perris- if you haven't got one. THE MT. RUBIDOUX CHAPTER of the Pacific Railroad Society, Inc. is out in force to do a big and wonderful thing.....save the 1765 (2-6-0 type) for OPERATION at Perris on the old California Southern right of way. We will see that everyone gets a brochure, nice full page picture of the 1765.....send donations to the chapter at 180 "J" St., San Bernardino, Calif. (Lifetime pass for \$10 or more, trip pass for \$1 or more.)

NICE ARTICLE FROM THE DISPATCHER IN P.R.S. WHEEL CLICKS.....

Thanks to neighbor P.R.S. for a much needed plug on our Perris trip in their October 1959 issue of Wheel Clicks.

SANTA FE.....the new 900 class diesels are coming out with a large "SANTA FE" printed on sides.....new paint scheme on box cars too.

(Exhausts from San Berdoe-Garner)

UNION PACIFIC.....the rumor of scrapping 4000 class "Big Boys" is false, all are still in one piece, a few need annual and tires or lagging, 15 are stored serviceable and ready to roll at a moments notice. (Garner)

1960 CALENDERS.....have you ordered your P.R.S. railroad calendar??? They are available from Mt. Rubidoux Chapter or direct from Pacific Railroad Society.

OPERATION EMERALD.....Those characters up at Perris have done it again--- They have purchased one of the last trams in service on the Hill of Howth line from Dublin, Ireland. The Orange Empire Trolley Museum will have a bit of the Auld Sod, sure and they will.

The cars were saved for just such a purpose, but who ever thought one would be saved at Perris? Ireland, yes.....but Perris---and the ORANGE Empire Traction Co., that orange went over big in Ireland.

They can now use a bit of the GREEN, to help pay for shipping the tram.

P.E. (M.T.A.) WATTS LINE TO GO.....barring some last minute reprieves, the Watts line will be disposed of on Nov. 2nd- the O.E.T. hopes to save one of the few remaining center door Hollywood cars, estimated cost is \$600-800, plus \$200 shipping charges to Perris.....donate if you can, large or small.

Orange Empire Trolley Museum, P.O. Box 501, Perris, California

KRUSHCHEV RIDES THE DAYLIGHT.....very interesting story in the October issue of California Southern Express, (Mt. Rubidoux) tells of some of the problems and situations when moving Mr. K to San Francisco on 2-99 of the S.P. Also a very good eye witness story of the "Cariboo Country Special".

REMEMBER.....OUR TRIP, SUNDAY, NOV. 15th, get your tickets at Santa Fe depot in San Diego or write Wally Duthie, 228 West Washington Blvd., San Diego.

HAVE YOU HELPED SAVE A KEY UNIT??? one is at Perris, but there still remains the problem and expense of bringing the other unit to Perris.....send any donations possible to KEY ROUTE RAILWAY ASSOCIATION, 2716 West FIFTH STREET, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. (the O.E.T. unit is at Perris, bring the other unit to Perris, K.R.R.A. is a group of fans from Mt. Rubidoux Chapter)

HEAT MEETING....RHS of SD....MON., NOV. 2nd-----PERRIS TRIP...Sun., Nov. 15th.
RHS of SD BADGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS.....\$1.00, BUY ONE, WEAR ONE.

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BY RAIL TO PERRIS..... CALIFORNIA

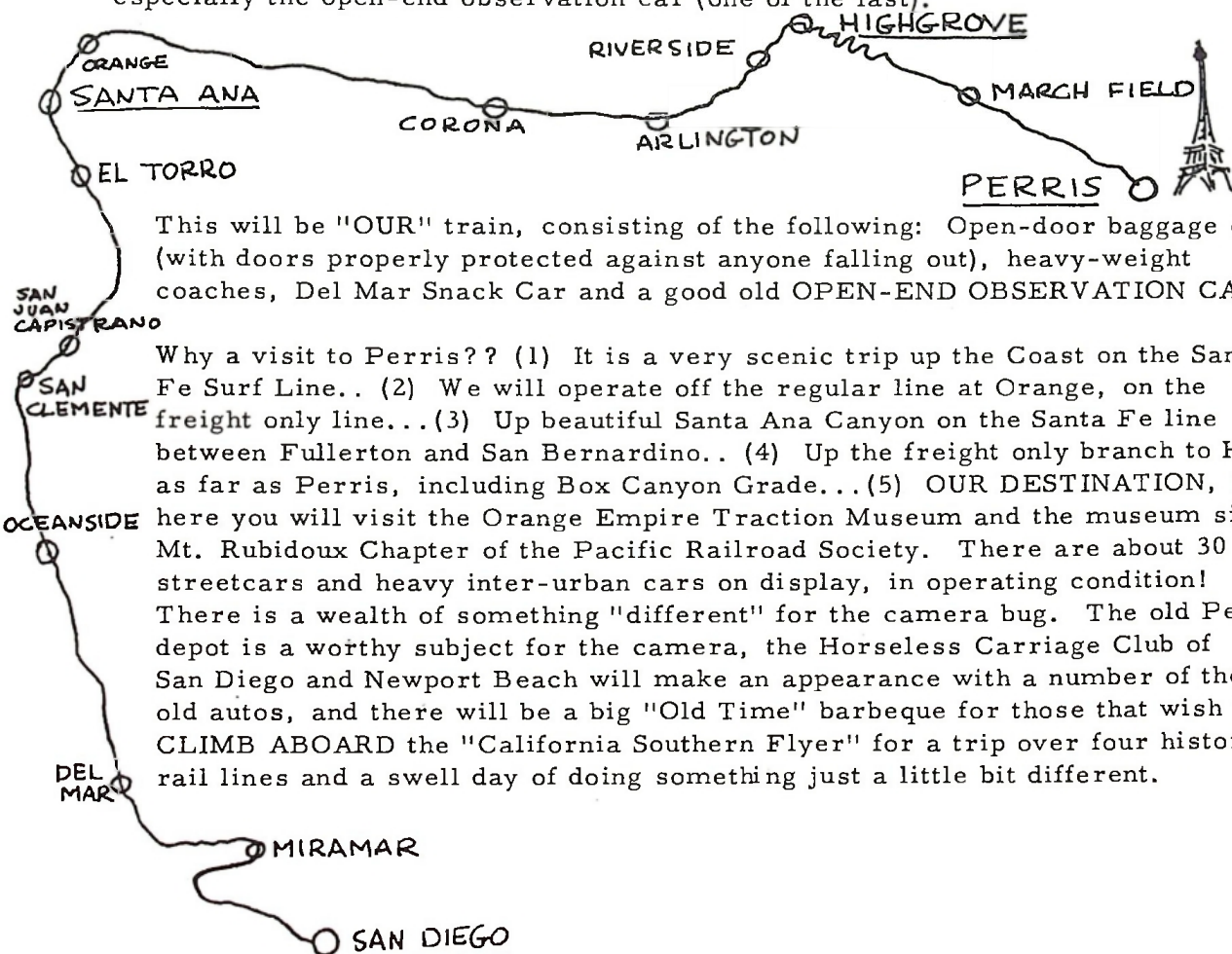
ON THE "CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN FLYER"... VIA

SANTA FE ALL THE WAY.

A special Santa Fe Excursion train will operate from San Diego to Perris, California, on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1959. Photographers, railroad enthusiasts, picnics, sightseers... are all invited and especially welcome aboard by the RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

JUST THINK...no traffic problems...over 360 miles of scenic countryside away from gas-clogged freeways...genuine old-time Barbeque at Perris...horseless carriage club show...first view of new Rail Museum to be largest in the West.

An all day outing doing the unusual...Take the kids and enjoy a real train,..... especially the open-end observation car (one of the last).



This will be "OUR" train, consisting of the following: Open-door baggage car (with doors properly protected against anyone falling out), heavy-weight coaches, Del Mar Snack Car and a good old OPEN-END OBSERVATION CAR!!

Why a visit to Perris?? (1) It is a very scenic trip up the Coast on the Santa Fe Surf Line.. (2) We will operate off the regular line at Orange, on the freight only line... (3) Up beautiful Santa Ana Canyon on the Santa Fe line between Fullerton and San Bernardino.. (4) Up the freight only branch to Hemet as far as Perris, including Box Canyon Grade... (5) OUR DESTINATION, Perris, here you will visit the Orange Empire Traction Museum and the museum site of the Mt. Rubidoux Chapter of the Pacific Railroad Society. There are about 30 old streetcars and heavy inter-urban cars on display, in operating condition! There is a wealth of something "different" for the camera bug. The old Perris depot is a worthy subject for the camera, the Horseless Carriage Club of San Diego and Newport Beach will make an appearance with a number of their old autos, and there will be a big "Old Time" barbeque for those that wish it. CLIMB ABOARD the "California Southern Flyer" for a trip over four historic rail lines and a swell day of doing something just a little bit different.

For the convenience of those who reside in communities NORTH of San Diego, stops will be made at DEL MAR, OCEANSIDE, SAN CLEMENTE, SANTA ANA and RIVERSIDE, as per the following schedule:

			<u>Reg. Fare</u>	<u>Half Fare</u>	<u>Member Fare</u>
Depart:	San Diego	7:00 AM	\$9.50	\$4.75	\$9.00
	Del Mar	7:25 "	8.30	4.15	7.70
	Oceanside	7:45 "	7.35	3.70	6.85
	San Clemente	8:45 "	6.25	3.15	5.75
	Santa Ana	9:15 "	4.75	2.40	4.30
	Riverside	11:25 "	2.50	1.25	2.00
Arrive:	Perris	12:30 PM			
Depart:	Perris	3:30 PM	(The return trip will be a high-speed run, stopping only to allow passengers to detrain at their respective stations.)		
Arrive:	San Diego	8:00 PM			

Note: Half fare will be paid for children under 12. Members must show RHS of SD card in order to obtain member fare, which does not apply to relatives or friends.

FOR RANCH STYLE BEEF BARBEQUE - add \$2.25 for adults, \$1.25 for half fares. This feature is optional, but is for the combined benefit of the Nuevo Volunteer Fire Department and the Orange Empire Traction Museum, which is a non-profit, spare-time organization devoted to the preservation and operation of electric railway equipment (trolleys and streetcars)

TICKETS may be purchased at the Santa Fe Depot Ticket Office in San Diego between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM. Mail orders may be sent to Wally Duthie, Excursion Director, 228 W. Washington St., San Diego 3, Calif. Make checks or money orders payable to the RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, and be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Tickets purchased or ordered after MIDNIGHT, Nov. 10, will be subject to a \$1.00 additional charge.

(Tear off and mail)

Name: _____	Number of tickets: _____	Member _____	Train _____	B-B-Que _____
Address: _____		Reg. _____	_____	_____
		Half _____	_____	_____
Total amt. enclosed _____	Will board train at: _____			