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LOCOMOTIVE INSTRUCTION SLATED

An instruction session in the operation of steam locomotives will be held on Saturday, March 9, 1968, at 7:30p.m., in the Santa Fe station safety room. The class is primarily for the instruction of those members who have signed up for the steam instruction. All members who are interested are invited to attend.

Member Robert Di Gorgio is in charge of the instruction meeting. Guest instructors will be R. P. Middlebrook, a retired Santa Fe engineman and George Oliver, a Santa Fe engineer. A question and answer session will follow their presentation.

The shay will be fired up on Sunday, March 10, for further instruction for those members who have signed up for instruction.

DUES INCREASE APPROVED

The membership of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association has approved the recommendation of the board of directors to increase the yearly dues for regular members to \$10.00 per year.

The action was taken at our January meeting and made the increase retroactive to January 1, 1968.

DI GORGIO MADE MASTER MECHANIC

Robert DiGorgio has been appointed to the position of Master Mechanic for the museum. DiGorgio replaces Herbert B. Kelsey who has entered military service.

MEETING NOTICE

The Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association's next regular business meeting will be held on Sunday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. As usual the meeting will be at the Santa Fe Station, upstairs in the Safety Room.

Please be sure to attend. This is the time to take an active part in the operation of your museum. Mark the date down now. See you there.

APPLICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE POST ARE BEING SOUGHT BY MUSEUM

Applications for positions of chief administrators should be sent in immediately. Wonder why? At its January meeting the board of directors vacated all existing positions.

By doing this, it was felt that every one would have the chance to apply for a position. In this way more people could have the chance to run things a little.

Positions available are as follows: General Superintendent (operations); Director of Publications, Public Relations Director; Superintendent of Records and Personnel; Comptroller; and Purchasing Agent-Storekeeper.

Interested in a job? If so please forward your application by letter to:

Stanton W. Kerr,
Vice President and General Manager,
4164 Calavo Drive
La Mesa, California 92041.

Appointments will be made by the board of directors at their meeting on March 12, after reviewing the applications received.

MEMBERS MAY ATTEND

Just to remind you. Members of the museum may attend meetings of the board of directors. They are invited to listen to the proceedings and have the opportunity to express their ideas if they wish. At these meetings only board members may vote.

If you wish to attend the meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the board room of the San Diego Trust & Savings Bank, 640 Broadway, Downtown San Diego. Take the elevator in the building lobby to the mezzanine floor and ask a custodian for directions. Remember the next meeting is on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m.

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B O A R D B R I E F S

DISCUSSION of the possibility of acquiring either by lease or donation of some railroad equipment owned by a movie studio, as well as discussing efforts that were being made to acquire a small diesel locomotive and passenger cars.

APPROVED that the date for renewal of dues be extended to March 15, for the year 1968, only.

APPROVED that the president should contact the Orange Empire Trolley Museum in regards to operating of Number 10 during the time that their power plant is out of service.

DISCUSSED costs involved in operating a museum sponsored train trip on the Sonora-Baja California Railway.

R E P O R T

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GOLD COAST MARKS 11TH YEAR

The southernmost operating steam railroad in the U. S., located at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will celebrate its 11th anniversary Saturday, March 16, 1968.

An operating museum, THE GOLD COAST RAILROAD, will take advantage of its anniversary to dedicate its new terminal building at 811 S. W. 34th Street in Ft. Lauderdale.

U. S. Congressman J. Herbert Burke will be the guest speaker for the big event, which will be followed by a spike driving contest.

The "Ferdinand Magellan", a social car once used by FDR will be on display.

LAND NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

If you have read the February issue of the 4th District Local, which by the way is not sponsored by the museum, you probably know all about PSRMA's land negotiations.

Yes, we are trying to arrange with the Navy for use of the long unused trackage which served the Camp Elliott area, just across U. S. 395 from the Miramar Air Station. Congressman Bob Wilson has been asked for his aid and the association has drawn up a proposal and maps of what it would like to accomplish in the area.

Since the Santa Fe has applied to close down its Elsinore station and about six miles of track at that end of the Elsinore branch, the museum has made some negotiations in this direction too. This site would give the association a great start with its trackage and station facilities. Nothing much can happen in this deal until the California Public Utilities Commission has rendered a decision one way or the other on the fate of the branch.

Yes, the Report is aware that the deals on land and the possibilities of land have not been published. For one the association feels that these things while not secret, should not be greatly publicized. After all all one needs to do is attend board meetings or regular business meetings where these things are reported on regularly.

EXCURSION AGREEMENT REACHED

At a meeting Tuesday, February 27, an agreement was reached between the board of directors for PSRMA and ally Duthie for the operation of PSRMA trips.

A contract with Duthie, to operate excursions for the museum, will be signed as soon as the necessary papers can be drawn up.

PUERTO PENASCO OR BUST

Yes, we are still thinking of another trip to Puerto Penasco, Baja California. In fact the museum board of directors have been planning it for some time. Sorry, but the date has not been set as of this time.

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NEWS OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CORNER

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAYS: San Francisco cable cars are on the comeback. Despite the recent runaway, they have become so popular with both the tourists and natives - carrying 10 million passengers in a year - that there are plans to build 3 more cars at a cost of \$35,000, from blue prints used for the original cars. At one time there were 600 cars, but now only 39 remain. (California Southern Express).

DELAWARE AND HUDSON RAILROAD recently purchased four Alco PA diesel units from the Santa Fe. Here are the old and new numbers: AT&SF 59L now D&H 16; AT&SF 60L now D&H 17; AT&SF 62L now D&H 18; and AT&SF 66L now D&H 19. To go with the engines the D&H also purchased 12 light weight passenger cars from the Denver and Rio Grande Western. (The Clearance Card).

SANTA FE: Several weeks ago some 800 class Alco freight units were derailed under the Harbor Drive overpass near 8th Avenue....Early in February the 22nd Street freight yard was full of potash. One train was noted with 86 cars of the stuff.....The new "Super C" piggyback and container train, operating on a 40-hour schedule between L.A. and Chicago, went into service on January 17. The new service is in competition with air freight and gives second morning delivery at Chicago or Los Angeles. (The Clearance Card).....Recent additions to its fleet of passenger locomotives include the following units: 350-359, GE U28CG; 100-108, EMD F-45; 400-405, GE U30CG. The new units, some of which are still on order, are suitable for both freight and passenger service. (California Southern Express).....Santa Fe expects to spend \$82 million in capital expenditures in 1968. Included are 1850 new freight cars and 40 high-capacity freight locomotives. Other projects include 389 miles more welded rail and a 712 mile microwave system between Wellington, Kansas and Bilsbee, Texas. (Santa Fe Magazine).

MERGERS: The PENN*CENTRAL came into being on February 1. That was the date of the wedding between the Pennsylvania and the New York Central Systems. The bankrupt New Haven was included in the deal.....The Norfolk and Western has been ordered to take in the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad. The N&W has also purchased the Ft. Dodge, Des Moines and Southern and the Iowa Central railroads.

MERGERS ARE NOT ONLY FOR RAILROADS. The rail brotherhoods have been fighting the mergers of railroad corporations, but even they, have now decided to start the ball rolling on a merger, among themselves. Talking merger into one union are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Switchman's Union of North America.

SAN DIEGO AND ARIZONA EASTERN: After 17 years, the 5100 series, GE 70-tonners are but a memory. Early in January, the last one, number 5106, departed San Diego for Los Angeles. So ends an era.....A second road switcher serving south bay celery packers was operated from January 4 to February 3....A GP-9, number 3686, was used on the 10 a. m. short turn serving Rohr, Salt Works and San Ysidro on February 5.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC in 1967, spent \$156 million for 3800 new freight cars, 131 locomotives, 621 highway units and 31 cabooses. Application has been filed with the ICC to discontinue operation of the City of San Francisco between Ogden and Oakland. The train averages a \$1700 loss each trip. (Southern Pacific Bulletin).....Diesel switcher 1000, SP's first diesel, has been sold. The unit is now Holley Sugar Company's Number 1, and is used at the El Centro plant. Area railfans probably will remember that this unit was used on the SD&AE at various time in 1960-61. (Pacific News).

MORE ON MERGERS: The Interstate Commerce Commission has cleared the way for the Baltimore and Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio Railroads to acquire control of the Western Maryland Railway. The ICC also set May 31 as the deadline for inclusion in the Norfolk & Western Railway of the Delaware and Hudson and Boston and Maine Railroads. The N&W takeover of the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad is expected by April 1. (SD Union)

R-46-4 R U S T Y R U L E S

From San Diego and Arizona Eastern
Railway Time-table 74, May 7, 1939:

"Trains approaching Mount Hope cemetery west of bridge 6 will use care to avoid meeting funeral parties where road crosses track. If any should be encountered there, hold train back and allow party to cross ahead of train.....

"When using "set-out track," Kettner Blvd. and Broadway, San Diego, SD&AE Ry. trains will protect against San Diego Electric Railway inbound trains and must not delay the latter trains."

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MUSEUM TO RECEIVE UNION NEWS

Kent Anderson, public relations director for SRMA, has announced that the museum will receive the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen's weekly publication, "Trainmen News." The publication will be kept at the museum's office.

MAIL TALE (From Trainman News)

With RFO's just about gone, the air lines are having a field day handling mail. A leading railroad journal has checked up, however, and come up with this sad news: That took 24 hours by rail in 1905 took 96 hours by air last week. How much more of this kind of progress can our transportation system stand?"