

NOTICE = NO MEETING OF R.H.S. of S.D.
ON MONDAY, JAN. 4, 1960

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IN THIS ISSUE

NEWSLETTER

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC. - NEWSLETTER NUMBER 1-1960, JAN.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS OF THE R.H.S. of S.D.

Newsletter No. 28-

With this issue, #28, we will renumber as 1-1960 and so on through the year, for new members as well as old, it is easier to check back on issues in this way. The original numbering started a long time back and is a little strange to some members.

All issues from January on will be numbered according to the month: Jan., 1-1960.....Feb., 2-1960, etc.

1959.....A BIG YEAR FOR RHSofSD.....

Many things happened in 1959, some good, some bad. As a whole it was a good year, with the biggest membership in the history of the society, one of the biggest number of visitors went to see the locomotive and coach at the fair and we added streetcar 171 to the RHSofSD roster of equipment. We had a last run on the U.S. Gypsum 3 foot narrow gauge line, and didn't know it at the time. Our first really big trip south of the border was a lot of fun and a big success, our last big trip of '59 was a big success too, for the people that went to Perris, not quite so successful for the treasurer, but the trip was still a success in many ways. Poor old car 54 is still not restored but is slowly on the mend, a good coating of roofing material is still needed on the car 050 but things aren't too bad. The membership enjoyed the first installation dinner and many happy get togethers at the meetings in the Santa Fe depot.

HELP MAKE 1960 BIGGER AND BETTER!!!!

JANUARY MEETING.....

The January meeting will NOT be held on the first Monday in the Santa Fe Safety Room as we normally have been doing.

THE JANUARY MEETING WILL BE ON
THE SECOND MONDAY EVENING.....
NOT AT THE SANTA FE DEPOT

JANUARY MEETING-INSTALLATION OF NEW
OFFICERS TO BE COMBINED AT A DINNER
MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1960

JANUARY MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF NEW
SOCIETY OFFICERS TO BE HELD AT THE NEW
MILLION DOLLAR "MIDWAY CHUCKWAGON" ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1960 - 8:00 P.M.

RHSofSD DINNER PLANS.....

Come to the January meeting and enjoy a delicious dinner, ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!! Choice of Prime Rib of Beef or Fried Chicken, plus all the trimmings, all kinds of salads, etc.

RHSofSD has reserved the banquet room at the beautiful Midway Chuck Wagon, MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1960 - 8:00 P.M., The group will go through the food line together, then after one plate full, if you wish, you may go back for seconds-thirds too, if you are that hungry.

The food is the best, so plan to be there, regular meeting, installation of new officers, program and some nice door prizes to the lucky ones.

For the small sum of \$3.00 per person you can enjoy all the food you can eat and a very enjoyable meeting of the RHSofSD.....see last page for details and payment of dinner checks.

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF S.D., Inc
P.O. BOX 9351, SAN DIEGO 9, CALIFORNIA

NEWSLETTER

Published monthly by the RHS of SD for all members, notice of coming meeting, minutes of past meeting, excursion information, general news of membership activities and railroad news items. Corky Thomson, Editor- Send news items to 3204 McGraw St., San Diego 17, Cal.

The Newsletter is mailed just prior to monthly meeting, news items should be in the mail not later than the 20th of the month for following issue.

The Railway Historical Society of San Diego is a non-profit group dedicated to the preservation and memory of all things pertaining to the rich rail history of the Southwestern United States.

Yearly dues are \$2.50 per member, or \$3.50 for a family membership (allows one member all benefits and publications), badges and membership cards are issued additional members of the family. Sustaining membership is issued for \$2.50 in cash or more, or for a value received of \$2.50 or more, such as donations of equipment or service.

Dues are due and payable as of JAN. 1 and should be paid not later than the first day of March. Membership dates begin and end in January. All members joining after the first day of Oct. are automatically carried for the full following year.

Membership in RHS of SD includes the monthly NEWSLETTER, the quarterly DISPATCHER, reductions in fares on all society sponsored trips, participation in restoring old railway equipment and caring for society exhibits, members are welcome to show their movies and slides at meetings and make use of the books and literature in the library. (Library is not fully working as yet)

MEMBERS ARE URGED TO PAY THEIR 1960 DUES EARLY.....AVOID THE RUSH!!

RESULTS OF DECEMBER MEETING.....

Meeting called to order by our President, Mr. L.J. McCLIMARY at 8:15 PM, there was no treasurer's report, our treasurer Mr. Fred Finke was busy with over time work due to the Christmas shopping at Marston's.

New member, Mr. W.G. Lindsay was introduced.

Bill Morrison gave a report on the car 54 project. Not much being done, they need more help, work parties are held on Saturday afternoons and on Sunday mornings.

Tommy Mann reported on supplies for maintenance at Del Mar, NO PAINT YET. Cost of home made dummy trucks for the old car # 54 would cost about \$200.00.

Wally Duthie reported on coming trips, the final and last run over the Ferrocarril Inter-California Railroad has been offered to our group. No date has been set by the railway officials, we just hope they will give us enough notice to gather a good crowd.

Wally also reports that the Sunday trip on the Ferrocarril Sonora-Baja California is set for SUNDAY, MARCH 20. This will be a one day trip, similar to the 1959 trip, Swiss built cars, rides in the cab and a few other surprises. Charter busses from San Diego to the border have been reserved early.

ELECTION RESULTS:

For President.....C.T. "Tommy" Mann
For 1st V.P.....Jack Stedelle
For 2nd V.P.....Roland Anderson
For 3rd V.P.....WILLIAM Snyder
Recording Secretary, Barbara Thomson
Corresponding Secretary, Corky Thomson
Treasurer.....Fred Finke
Historian.....Richard Gennick
Excursion Director...Wally Duthie

One board member should have been nominated and elected, the board will fill that position by appointment.

The January meeting was voted out in favor of a meeting and dinner for the installation of officers. Original date set for Sat., Jan. 9th.....changed to MONDAY, JANUARY 11th, to be held at the Midway Choochwagon, 8:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned by the President, wishing everybody a Merry Christmas.

STEAM MOVIES & REARRANGEMENTS.

(two steam trips to Saltonfield, '55, '57)

BACK ISSUES OF THE DISPATCHER.....

Many interesting issues of our Dispatcher are still available. Maybe you have lost certain back issues, or wish some to give to a friend, or you may have missed certain issues before joining the society. Back issues are available from Eric Sanders, DISPATCHER, 7861 Normal Ave., La Mesa, California. Issue #2,6,11,14,19,23,24,26,27,28,29 & 30 are available. Write to Eric for more information and prices.

The RHSofSD has received a nice letter from the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce, expressing their pleasure in having us visit their community on Sunday, Nov. 15, 1959. They offer to again cooperate in any way possible at the museum or with any future trips to that area.

We have had a pretty good response to the proposed trip on the abandoned Inter-California RR. No date is set for the trip, we hope to have a little advance notice before running such a trip. Equipment will be from the Sonora Baja California RR. The railroad will be completely torn up after our trip, rail and fittings probably going to the S.B.C. If you are interested in going, send a self addressed stamped envelope to WALLY DUTHIE, RHSofSD, P.O. Box 9351, San Diego, 9, Calif.

Member Dick Dodge sends us a clipping from the San Francisco Chronicle of Nov. 30, 1959.....a big 5"x12" add for the winter olympics.

Easy Way To The WINTER OLYMPICS- S.P. SPECIAL TRAINS, Feb. 18, 20, 21, 22 and 26th "NO TRAFFIC JAMS" "NO ICY ROADS" "ENJOY A FULL DAY AT SQUAW VALLEY." \$15.50 from San Francisco, Round trip. Leave S.F. 12:01 A.M., arrive Truckee 7:00 A.M., arrive Squaw Valley (bus) at 8:30 A.M. Return: Leave Squaw Valley at 4:30 P.M. (bus), leave Truckee 6:15pm arrive San Francisco 12:45 A.M. Note: Admission to Winter Games on sale at all S.P. ticket offices.

Southern Pacific advertises in S.F. newspapers and in Sunset Magazine.

New Santa Fe time table out Dec. 6, 1959 is No. 1, account of new book of rules. Dick Dodge

THE A.T.&S.F. RY. CO. STATUS OF GAS-ELECTRIC MOTOR CARS, as of 10/1/59

#M 108, 109, 110 Motors taken out 6/52
Converted to coach-baggage-express
Renumbered T 105, 106, 107.
M 115 In service, Plains Division
M 116 Laid up temporarily, Middle Div.
M 118 In service, Panhandle Division.
M 119 Laid up temporarily, Plains Div.
M 120 Laid up, Panhandle Division
M 122 In service, Northern Division
M 126 In service, Plains Division
M 150, 151 Laid up good, Northern Div.
M 160, 161, 162 Laid up, Slaton Div.
M 176 Laid up good, Oklahoma Division.
M 179 Laid up, Panhandle Division
M 183, 184, 186 Laid up, Slaton Div.
M 190 In service, Pecos Division
Information from Prof. S.R. Wood

YOU THINK YOU GOT TROUBLES????

SHORTS FROM SUMMIT, by Chard Walker (from the December issue of THE CALIF. SOUTHERN EXPRESS, Mt. Rubidoux, P.R.S.)

Friday the 13th of November turned out to be unlucky on the First District. Everything seemed to go wrong in the evening. First the Victorville switch engine derailed a car at Oro Grande, and while everyone was concentrating on getting it rerailed, a westward U.P. freight stalled on the grade near Thorn and had to be doubled into Hesperia. This delayed # 19 and # 115 in the process. Meanwhile a Santa Fe freight had pulled up behind # 115, and when it attempted to start it pulled a drawbar. Next #18 lost its ATS (Automatic Train Stop) device and had to be manual-blocked from Victorville to Barstow. So everyone was glad when midnight came and it was Saturday the 14th.

That is just a sample of many good tales of the rails to be had in the Mt. Rubidoux monthly. Subscription to the CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN EXPRESS is only \$1.00 per year. Send your dollar to Bernard J. Root, Editor- 180 "J" St. San Bernardino, Calif.

GOOD TRIPS PLANNED IN 1960.....

Down south the full calendar year of rail trips is not complete as yet, up north they have the year pretty well worked out.

MARCH 20th....RHSofSD one day Sunday excursion on the Ferrocarril Sonora-Baja California Railroad, from Mexicali to Rito and return. Charter busses from San Diego, or go by private car. Roundtrip, bus & rail: \$8.75, rail portion only, \$4.25. Bring your own lunch, soft drinks available on train. Leave San Diego (by bus) 7:00 A.M. Leave Mexicali on train trip, approximately 10 or 10:30 A.M. Return to San Diego around 7:00 P.M.

Equipment will be Swiss built air-conditioned coaches, possibly some old S.P. coaches, diesel locomotive. Trip will feature rail photo stops as well as scenic photo stops in authentic Mexican villages, photo stop at the one-way highway-rail bridge over the Rio Colorado....and some other surprises. PLAN NOW FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1960.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1960.....

Join the Pacific Railroad Society for an S.P. trip from Los Angeles (or Coleten) to the Kaiser Railroad down in the Salton Sea country....THE EAGLE MOUNTAIN RR to the ore mines. For more information: PACIFIC RAILROAD SOCIETY, Box 5279, Metropolitan Station, Los Angeles 55, Calif.

SAN DIEGO & ARIZONA EASTERN.....

"A hard egg to crack"

Many attempts have been made to have a trip through the famous Carrizo Gorge with now luck. RHSofSD isn't alone in this long lost battle with S.P. and the S.D.&A.E. Again it has been the hope of this group to operate a train to that impossible spot, with no luck.

Don't give up, we are trying some new methods and ideas for operating a train through the gorge, all is not a complete loss....we just might be the lucky ones. It may be a member only trip, but the main thing is, a trip.... through CARRIZO GORGE.

Time will tell.....

The U.S. Gypsum Co. at Plaster City has notified us of plans to scrap the little crew car....no more trips.

Live Steamers....in miniature

The dream of a miniature railway for 1 inch and 1½ inch live steam locomotives has almost been a reality at times, and then as far away as the moon. The Pacific Beach Model RR Club has been working toward a large railroad in the infield at the fairgrounds. Due to recent politics and troubles in the staff and management at Del Mar, the big 7½ inch gauge railway has taken a slow order. All is not lost, it is still planned to be built.

Now, the original plot of land at Ocean Beach, near the San Diego River Flood Control Channel has been again turned over to San Diego Park and Recreation Dept. The original plans are once more in effect and the P.B. club may be able to build the railway on that land. The large building for an HO layout is still planned also. Money donated to the project over a year ago has been held in a special account.

At the fairgrounds or at the beach, live steamers will one day soon see that dream railroad built.

S.D.&A.E. is operating S.P. #1000, if not renumbered, this was one of the original S.P. diesel yard engines. The 1000 was purchased in 1939 from E.M.D. has 49,600 lbs. tractive force, is a 650 horsepower job, class DS-1 B-B.

S.D.&A.E. # 103 is still on the list of S.P. locomotives, unless scrapped very recently.

Santa Fe freight units locked horns in the dead of night recently near San Juan Capistrano, two four unit E.M.D. freight diesels had a "CORN-FIELD MEET" on C.T.C. trackage!!!! The two diesel monsters met at about 15 miles per hour, three crew members were injured, not seriously. The two "A" units buckled behind the cabs, three freight cars were derailed.

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WELCOME TO MORE NEW MEMBERS.....

Dr. Robert S. "DOC" Julian, 1098 Rd. Spadra, Fullerton, California. Doc owns the H3 LA-MTA car #1435 now at the Orange Empire Trolley Museum, Perris. He also owns Pacific Electric cabooses #1977 and #1978. (Doc is an O.E.T. 'er)

Mr. William G. Clarke, 805 Winter St., Santa Ana, Calif. Mr. Clarke is from Canada and a former operator of B.C. Electric Ry. car #1225 that now is located at O.E.T. at Perris.

Jack L. Whitmeyer, 2716 W. 5th St., San Bernardino, Calif. Jack belongs to quite a few of the rail groups, works for Santa Fe and is an all around bug for anything that rolls on rails. He likes ferry boats and coastal ships too.

Clinton H. Marr, 2460 Chelsedony St., San Diego 9., John Holzer, 8767 Jefferson Ave., La Mesa, Calif.

Barney Root, 180 "J" St., San Bernardino, Calif. Barney is a mighty enthusiastic railfan, we don't know just what he favors most, from model railroading up to the U.P. "Big Boy", but Barney is active in Mt. Rubidoux Chapter of the P.R.S., and is a familiar sight around the museum at Perris.

Louis J. Thomas, 7503 Carnelian Ave., Cucamonga, Calif. George R. Llewellyn, Jr., P.O. Box 18, Silverdale Washington.

WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS. HOPE WE CAN OFFER YOU ALL A VERY RAILROADY 1960 AND NEW STEPS FORWARD IN SAVING AND RESTORING OLD RAILWAY EQUIPMENT.

COME ON YOU 1959 MEMBERS, GET THOSE RENEWAL CHECKS IN THE MAIL.....

Payable to RHSofSD, send them to the society box, P.O. Box 9351, San Diego 9, Calif.

REMEMBER, YOU CAN SEND A CHECK FOR MORE THEN THE \$2.50 DUES, THE SOCIETY NEEDS ADDED DONATIONS OF ANY AMOUNT, DONATION TO THE SOCIETY OVER AND ABOVE THE COST OF DUES IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY A BADGE, \$1.00 - SEND IN A CHECK FOR DUES AND A MEMBERSHIP BADGE ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

JANUARY MEETING.....

Plan now to attend the January meeting, one week later than usual, NOT AT THE SANTA FE DEPOT.

DINNER AND MEETING, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1960.

MIDWAY CHUCK WAGON RESTAURANT, 2855 Midway Dr., near Rosecrans Blvd.

SEND YOUR PAYMENT TODAY.....\$3.00 A PERSON, ALL YOU CAN EAT, DOOR PRIZES, PROGRAM.....MONDAY, JANUARY 11th.

Pay now or at the dinner (in advance of being served), only \$3.00 each. If you wish to pay in advance, make check or money order payable to the RHSofSD.

Send dinner order payment to the society address, P.O. Box 9351, SD (9).

OR....CALL: Barbara Thomson at her home, (after 5:00 P.M.) BR-3-5081 to verify reservations. OR....CALL: Mac McCleary at JU-2-2764 for reservations.

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT OR CALL TO MAKE RESERVATION, DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

We have the room reserved at the Midway Chuck Wagon, now it is up to you to be there for a real feed, 8:00 PM on Monday, January 11, 1960.

MEMBERS MAY HAVE A SET OF THE 3 VIEWS OF OLD S.D.&A.E. POST CARDS FOR 10¢

One is a double header (steam) on the big trestle in Carrizo Gorge, one shows streetcars on Broadway and the last is a scenic view of the famous Carrizo Gorge and some of the S.D.&A.E. tracks winding along the side.

10¢ for the set, members purchasing cards will have them included along with the following issue of the Newsletter. Send to RHSofSD address.

WE WILL GET BACK TO NEWS OF RAILS AND THE SOCIETY AFTER JANUARY.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.....

SEE YOU AT THE CHUCK WAGON ON THE ELEVENTH OF JANUARY, 1960.

SONORA-BAJA CALIF. TRIP---3/20/60

Plan now, to ride the S.D.C.