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The Railway Historical Society of San Diego, Inc. will hold its next regular meeting Monday, April 7, 1958 at 7:30 P.M. at the Santa Fe Station, Main and Broadway in downtown San Diego. It will be held in the Safety Room. Look for the arrows directing you to the meeting place.

Program for the evening will be the showing of three films: Cable Cars of San Francisco, Shining Rails and Wheels A-rolling. Members will also have an opportunity to display their bits of railroadians.

Main business for the evening will be the nomination and election of two directors for the Board of Directors.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAST MEETING

Business taken care of at the March meeting consisted of the membership accepting the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws. Reports were given on the progress of our railway exhibits. Ray Miller reported on the prospects of having a picnic at Travel Town in Griffith Park in September. He had hoped to have it in the U.P. Diner but found it was reserved for the remainder of the year. It was reported that at future meetings there would be a table set up for the members to display their collections, photographs and railroadians in general.

Movies for the evening consisted of "The Rainmakers", a Wheeler and Woolsey comedy; and a Death Valley Days TV series depicting Death Valley Scotty's famous train ride to Chicago.

DUES REMINDER!!!! GET THEM IN NOW

As provided in the By-Laws, membership in the Society is now contingent with the payment of dues.

The five classes of membership are:

REGULAR--\$2.50 per year--for the person (18 years of age or over) who is active in the Society.

JUNIOR--\$1.50 per year--for the person under 18 years of age (must have parent consent and be sponsored by a regular member).

SUSTAINING--\$2.50 per year minimum in money or service--for the person, firm or corporation who does not participate actively in the Society.

FAMILY--\$1.00 per year in addition to Regular membership--for the family of the regular members.

HONORARY--membership shall be granted to those persons who have gained prominence in the Society's esteem (by the unanimous vote of the membership). No dues required.

EXCURSIONS

Our excursion director, Mr. L.W. McCleary, is at present working on several possibilities for excursions this year. Nothing definite at this writing.

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REQUEST FROM THE SECRETARY

Tom Matson, recording secretary, requests that all future reports by the various committee chairmen be made up in triplicate and submitted to him at the completion of the report at the regular monthly meeting.

Letters written in the name of the Society should be written on our new stationery and a carbon copy should be submitted to the corresponding secretary, Barbara Thomson. Also, all correspondence pertaining to the Society should be turned over to the corresponding secretary to be placed in the Society's files. Society stationery will be presented upon request by the corresponding secretary.

NOTICES FROM THE DISPATCHER EDITOR-HISTORIAN

Eric Sanders reports that issues 17 and 18 of the Dispatcher are being mimeographed and will be mailed along with the Pacific Railway Journals Fallbrook Lines issue.

Eric would also like to have a meeting of all members interested in having a Society library and museum. Also a meeting of those interested in the future of the Dispatcher. Call Eric Sanders, HO 9-1288 if you are interested in either of the above projects.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 P.M. at the offices of Gorby and Gorby, 1816 Lincoln St. All interested persons may attend but only Board members may vote.

RECENT HAPPENINGS OF THE SOCIETY

The turnout of members for the moving of old 54 was gratifying. Despite the rain there were many a loyal Society member there to oversee the moving operation. She is resting peacefully at the frog farm at the present where she will be completely renovated under the capable guidance of our Traction Committee boss-Dave De Vel.

On the evening of March 20 the following brave souls ventured out in the storm to attend a meeting of the Mt. Rubidoux Chapter, Pacific Railroad Society in San Bernardino: Prexy and Mrs. Seeth L. "Corky" Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. McCleary (our famous Excursion Director) and Dave DeVel (head of our Traction Committee) and his fiancée Kay Troutman. We were served a delicious dinner provided by the wives of the Mt. Rubidoux boys. Despite the terrible weather a good time was had by all. The purpose of this excursion was to find out more details about the plans for the operating rail museum in Perris (where P.C.C. 508 is at home for the present). Details of this meeting will be given at the April meeting. Must say we were warmly welcomed.

Our esteemed President, Corky Thomson, 1st V.P. Jack Stedelle and 2nd V.P. Tom Mann accompanied Mr. Jim Reading, City Traffic Engineer, on a tour of San Diego Saturday, March 23, in search of a possible location for a future Railroad museum similar to Travel Town in L.A. More info on this later.

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Presy Thomson and past presy Lyle Judd presented an interesting program for the Horseless Carriage Club of San Diego Friday evening, March 28 in National City. An interesting talk on the past, present and future of our Society was given by our boys, which was followed by movies of the P.E. fan trip and the moving of the P.O.C. 528 to the Fairgrounds and the moving of old 54. There were approximately 250 people present and our present and past presy were well accepted. Mr. Judd is also a member of the Horseless Carriage Club. Other members representing R.H.S. of S.D. present were Mr. and Mrs. L.W. McCleary, Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Thomson.

PAST AND FUTURE FAN TRIPS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

On Sunday, March 23, 400 loyal fans left L.A. Union Depot destined for Ojai behind a 2740 hp SD 9 diesel. Despite the snails pace up San Fernando Valley all were in good spirits. The train was ran backward with the horse car at the end of the train and locomotive coupled directly to the first coach. This was brought about because there was no way of turning the train at Ojai so all the engine had to do was run around and couple on to the opposite end. Altho it was a rather slow trip everyone seemed to enjoy it a great deal. (Corky was particularly happy because he latched on to a brand new record entitled Memories of Steam). This trip was ran by FRS of LA

On Sunday April 20 there will be an excursion on the Santa Maria Valley railroad. This will be pulled by STEAM (Baldwin locomotive #21). This trip will leave Santa Maria station at 11:30 A.M. and return at 4:30 P.M. The fare is \$5.25. A chartered bus will take passengers from 6th and Main Sts. L.A. (leave 7:15 a.m.) directly to train-side and return for \$5.00. (I already know of four R.H.S. of S.D. members making this excursion--the McCleary's and the Thomson's). All orders for tickets must be in by Monday, April 14. This trip is being run by Southern Calif. Chapter, R.H.S. of S.D.

COOPS

Almost forgot to mention that the R.H.S. of S.D. was well represented at the 9th annual banquet and installation of officers dinner of the Pacific Beach Model Railreaders Club at Michaels in Lemon Grove Friday evening, March 14. The following members and their wives attended: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stodelle, Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Judd, Mr. & Mrs. L.W. McCleary, Fred Reif, Dick Dodge (who presented a few of his beautiful color slides), Tom Matsen, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Main, Mr. & Mrs. Corky Thomson, and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mann. (Corky, Barbara and Tom Mann are also officers of the P.B. club and Dick Main is a student member).

APPRECIATION

I would like to express the appreciation of the R.H.S. of S.D. to the San Diego Tropical Fish Society (especially Bob O'Neal and Joe Geisler) without whose help and use of their Multilith machine this Newsletter would have never been published.

This Newsletter was hastily thrown together with the help of Tom Matsen, Corky and Barbara Thomson. We promise to do better next time.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 7--7:30 P.M. BE THERE!!!!!!