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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please disregard the announcement made recently in the president's letter of the steam locomotive operation at the 10th Avenue Marine Terminal. The operation is cancelled.

The operation was considered firm, meetings were held, and plans were formulated. However, some technical problems developed and later the Harbor District had a change of heart. It's all off. Sorry about that.

Will you please help us sell tickets for the Puerto Penasco excursion scheduled for Saturday, November 9. This trip will be an exceptionally fine one and the Association might even make a little money. Brochures will be mailed out shortly and you may have extra copies if you call me at 469-1288. The excursion will be a most pleasant one and it will also offer an opportunity for contributing members and friends to become better acquainted with regular members. Come along, have some fun, and get better acquainted.

You are invited to attend the Sunday, October 20, general membership meeting. Agenda, we hope, will be limited to the election of officers, presentation of a budget, a question and answer period between members and the Board of Directors, and the showing of some San Diego Transit street car films and perhaps a few shots of San Diego railfan activities of recent years.

Don't forget to renew your membership and, if you are a contributing member, possibly switch to a regular membership. Either way, stay with us!

Hope to see you all on October 20 and November 9.

Sincerely
Eric Sanders

SANTA FE NOTES

During the month of September, the roads newer passenger power in the 300 and 400 classes has been used on San Diegans.

OCTOBER 20 IS ELECTION NIGHT

PSRMA's election of officers is now fast approaching. The officers for 1969 will be selected at our meeting on Sunday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the Santa Fe station in the safety room, upstairs.

If you can not make it, be sure to write to your Report Editor, 2418 Edding Drive, Lemon Grove, Calif. 92045, for an absentee ballot. Time is running out, remember that the ballots must be returned to your editor by October 20.

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

A work party is planned for Sept. 28, to remove PSRMA equipment from Wally Barber's Commercial St. yard in La Mesa..... Beginning with the weekend of Sept. 28, a museum member will be on hand at the locomotives, to inform the public of museum activities and goals and to answer questions regarding the engines.....Got any money burning a hole in your pocket? PSRMA sure hasn't. In short we, like always, need that green stuff called money.....In an economy move the Report will only have one more issue this year, probably the same size as this one.....GP locomotive No. 11 is in excellent shape, but it cannot be used until \$900 dollars worth of boiler repairs are made. It seems that a few rivets need replacement in the area near the mudring....

SHAY TO BE FIRED UP OCTOBER 12

Our shay No. 3 will be test fired on Sat. Oct. 12. This will be the climax of the labors put in during September.

If time permits, members will be allowed to take instruction on the engine, under the following conditions:

Those wishing instruction must write to
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SHAY FIRING CONTINUED

Robert DiGiorgio, General Superintendent, 10158 Buena Vista Avenue, Santee, Calif., 92071. Trainee assignments will be made on the basis of postmarks. Regular members shall be selected in preference to other members. Those receiving instruction on the locomotive will be charged at the rate of \$3.00 per hour.

Remember, you contributing members, that you are more than welcome to take part in the museum's activities. If you are interested in this instruction please do a line to our super.

Word of caution to all. Instruction will take place only after all the necessary work is completed on the engine.

ALL ABOARD FOR A ONE DAY TRIP IN MEXICO by Eric Sanders

It seems incredible, but in one day one can travel to faraway Puerto Penasco and back-much of the distance by train.

This can be done next month. PSRMA will run a rail car excursion train Saturday, November 9, from Mexicali across the Colorado delta country and the Sonora Desert to the isolated Gulf of California fishing village of Puerto Penasco, and return, a round trip totaling 300 miles. Also available for those interested will (Continued next column)

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be a bus connection between the San Diego area and Mexicali, a round trip of about 210 miles.

Patrons will have two hours in Puerto "to do the town." The seaport village is out on a point at the end of the Puerto Penasco spur. There are shops to visit and waterfront activities to view. Don't expect to find well stocked curio shops, however.

Train will leave Mexicali at 10 a.m. and return about 6 p.m. Bus will leave San Diego or La Mesa about 6:30 a.m. and return sometime after 11 p.m. You may drive if you wish. Park your car at station. The train will consist of two, or three sets of two-unit British built rail cars powered with Rolls-Royce engines.

Train fares are adults \$10 and children ages 5-11, \$6.50. Bus fares are \$7 for adults and \$6 for children 5-11. A small discount is allowed on member and one guest train fares. There is no discount on bus fares.

Beverages and sandwiches will be available in the buffet of each car set. Better bring a lunch, however.

Tourist permits are required. Smallpox vaccinations are recommended. Do come along and join the fun. Six hours of fun and enjoyable scenery.

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