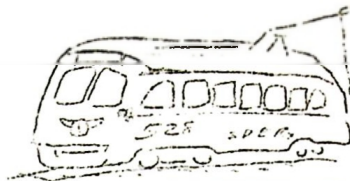


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The Railway Historical Society of San Diego, Inc. will hold its next regular meeting Monday, May 5, 1958 at 7:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe Station, Kettner and Broadway, downtown San Diego.

Program for the evening will be a Question and Answer session. There will be a panel of "experts" to answer any and all questions on railroading. This will be followed by the showing of 8mm movies by members Roy Miller and Tom Mann.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAST MEETING

Business taken care of at the last meeting consisted of the election of two members to the Board of Directors. Allan Copeland will serve two years and Dave DeVol will serve for one year.

Second V.P. Tom Mann reported that the ties for the Cable Car had been moved to the Frog Farm. He also reported that the lights will be installed around the exhibit at the Fairgrounds. 528 will be wired. The AT&SF will charge us one dollar (\$1) a year for the lease of the Safety Room. Dick Main was appointed O50 Committee Chairman.

Our most distinguished Excursion Director, L.W. "Mac" McCleary, reported that it was decided at the Board of Directors meeting that Sunday, July 27 would be the date for the RHSoSD excursion to the San Bernardino Shops. We will take the regular scheduled train and pay regular fares plus a slight fee for Society expenses. The fare will probably be about \$10 per adult. We may not be able to charter our own private coach but Mac suggested it would be no problem to "take over" a coach. He also reported that the U.S. Cypsum trip is postponed until Fall. Seems as though laying of new rail necessitates all train movements at night. Mac also reported that it seems as though our Society is coming of age. He had a letter from Railroad Magazine requesting notification of all future excursions to be printed in their bi-monthly publication.

Our Dispatcher-Editor-Historian, Eric Sanders, requested a bull session at his home Monday evening, April 21 to discuss future plans for the Dispatcher.

Pres. Thomson reported receiving a letter from the City offering us a site behind Whaley House to park #54. Corky also reported on plans for future railroad museum. The Hon. Prexy appointed Allen Copeland and Dave DeVol to serve on a committee with Jack Stodelle, Tom Mann and Corky filling in, to work with Mt. Rubidoux Chapter and Orange Empire Traction on plans for the future rail museum.

Third V. P. Roy Miller gave report on future programs for the Society. The membership and guests enjoyed the three movies shown by Roy.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW AND GET ALL THE FUTURE ISSUES OF THE DISPATCHER AND NEWSLETTER

NOTICES FROM THE HISTORIAN-LIBRARIAN

Eric Sanders reports the results of the bull session held at his home Monday evening, April 21.

In regards to the Library-museum it was recommended that we contact other clubs to see how they handle their material.

Several work nights will be planned to organize present material.

We will have a loan collection at the meetings.

We must have a definite storage place.

In regards to the Dispatcher:

Build up Newsletter for club news and news items.

Convert Dispatcher to a quarterly.

Urge people to join the Society to receive both publications.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE DISPATCHER AND DICK DODGE

The Southern Pacific has discontinued the local trains between Tucson and Yuma, Arizona via Casa Grande due to lack of patronage. This is the southern line between Picacho and Wellton, which was the original main line.

Applications have been filed by AT&SF to abandon trains #23 and #24, the Southern Section of the Grand Canyon, thru the state of Texas. Trains #1 and #2, the Santa Fe Chief, will take over the services.

Watch the next issue of the Dispatcher for a description of the new third train at Disneyland, a 2-4-4 Forney type locomotive. (Baldwin 1894).

U.P. turbines #1 thru 25 are assembled but not delivered.

Time tables are now being issued under the LAMTA insignia.

(Tom Matson reports that they are starting to paint the equipment in new color scheme-same as old Metropolitan Coach Lines). Due to their ability to adjust fares they have raised token rates from 7 for \$1 to 6 for \$1.

The cafeteria in L.A. Union Station is now closed. There are dispensers in place of the cafeteria. Rumors are to the future possible closing of the Fred Harvey restaurant.

SEND IN YOUR DUES NOW. A NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTER WILL BE PRINTED IN JUNE. BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON IT.

WE NOW HAVE FORTY TWO (42) MEMBERS.

WHO'S DOING WHAT AND WHY?

Seems as though our Dispatcher Editor Eric Sanders and family took a few days vacation during Easter week. Guess the old grind of being an editor was too much for both Eric and Ellen. They came back all refreshed and put out two issues instead of one. Here's to more vacations for the Sanders. Taking everything into consideration (particularly the fact of the Editor being who he is) they were pretty fair issues. Who knows, at this rate, with a few more vacations coming up, we might get a couple of issues of the Dispatcher this year. In all seriousness, a great deal of thanks is owed to Eric and Ellen for all the time spent putting out the Dispatcher. Ellen must be a very patient person.

Our esteemed Recording Secretary, Tom Matson, also slipped away for a few days to Palm Springs.

Second V.P. Tom Mann and family took off to the hills for a few days during Easter week, too. (Unfortunately that man Mann made it back). Sure was a sweet vacation for all the telephones around town. If he hadn't returned when he did I would have reported mine out of order. Never saw such a cop with such a case of telephonitis. That must be why the Police department put him on the desk at La Jolla. He can make all the calls he wants and get paid for it.

Understand the Lyle Judd's are moving into a new home shortly. Seems as though Lyle is looking for storage space for overhead wiring for trolley cars. Anyone with any extra storage space might contact Lyle. I know it would be greatly appreciated.

One of our new members, Chuck Underhill, who has just returned from Mexico City and vicinity where he and wife Thelma spent several weeks, is off again to the PCR convention in Phoenix. Nice work if you can get it.

Seems as though four loyal members of the Society attended the Mt. Rubidoux meeting again this month. Our boy, Jack "Silver Streak" Stodelle furnished the entertainment for the evening. The Mt. Rubidoux boys and their families enjoyed the Rainmakers and The Silver Streak immensely. Accompanying Jack were Tom Mann and Corky and Barbara Thomson. (Jack is a charter member of the Mt. Rubidoux Chapter, Pacific Railroad Society).

San Diegans seen on the Santa Maria Valley fan trip Sunday, April 20 were Society members Mr. & Mrs. L.W. McCleary, Dick Pennick, Ross Shimeall, Dick Main, Henry Bugenhagen and Corky and Barbara Thomson. Corky and Barbara were awakened at 6 A.M. by the blast of a steam whistle and away they went. Who should they find already there and waiting but Dick Pennick and Ross Shimeall. Seems as though they had been guarding the place diligently all night. Little ole #21 started off on the regular Sunday morning run to Guadalupe and was escorted all the way by four RHS&SD steam lovers. Much film was used up on her long before the fan trip got under way at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Hancock really gave the fans a treat. There is an engine in perfect condition and an engineer who really knows how to handle her. There is no doubt but what Mr. Hancock will be long remembered by every fan on the trip plus the fans who were motorcading alongside. Many, many feet and rolls of film were used on this beautiful trip and a lot of excellent tape recordings were made with the cooperation of Mr. Hancock. This was a trip that will not soon be forgotten. (Corky, Barbara, Hank Bugenhagen and Dick Main also found a beautiful old San Francisco Cable Car tucked away in a building at a fertilizer works. It had narrow gauge trucks under it and was motor driven. Must check deeper into this).

P.S. Enroute to Santa Maria Corky and Barbara found SD Transit Company #508 at rest in its present home in the fields of Perris. Sure was a novel sight to say the least. And there, guarding it, were four of the O.E.T. boys. Think they must sleep in it. They're working hand in hand with Mt. Rubidoux to make this operating museum in Perris a reality. Their British Columbia car is now at Sacramento where it will be used for an excursion before finishing its' trip to Perris. They have several other pieces of equipment and have just purchased 8 acres of land adjoining Mt. Rubidoux land in Perris where they will build their car barn.

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FUTURE FAN TRIPS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday, May 4, S.P. Steam 1700 class Mogul will make the trip from Sacramento to Knights landing and return.

On Sunday, May 11, L.A. Chapt. of NRHS is inaugurating a new train THE CITY OF PASADENA. The trip will leave from U.P. Glendale Depot. Fares are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. The train will leave Glendale at 9:30 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. after a picnic stop at Sycamore Grove and will cover all of the Pasadena Branch. Make checks payable to LA-NRHS. Address: Treasurer, Box 3311, Terminal Annex, L.A. 54. Send stamped addressed return envelope.

We received the word from "the horses mouth" on the Santa Maria trip that PRS is running the Owens Valley narrow gage trip Memorial Day. This is also a steam trip and may well be the last rail fan trip over this line.

There will be a double-header STEAM trip out of Glendale sometime in June. There has been no definite date set yet but the trip will definitely be ran. S.P. has come thru again and is going to run another FAREWELL TO STEAM. More of this when we find out the actual date.

The Thomson family made a recent trip to Disneyland and were amazed at the changes that had been made since they were there some six months ago. Among other things they have a new train. It is the Grand Canyon excursion train, and is pulled by a 2-4-4 Forney type locomotive. The coaches are all open sides with the seats extending completely across the width of the coach. The Grand Canyon trip is terrific. They also are building a model of the Colombia sailing ship. This is most interesting being able to see how a ship is actually built.

COMING EVENTS

The Mt. Rubidoux Chapter of PRS is planning a dinner at Perris the latter part of June and would be very happy if a group of PRS members could attend. There will be more about this in the next newsletter. (Tentative date is June 27)

HOOBAY

Santa Fe engine #3751 was moved to Viaduct Park in San Berdoo recently. ANOTHER ONE SAVED. Bill Garner of San Berdoo reported that steam has been working recently on the MOJAVE NORTHERN at Victorville. Might interest you to know that Mt. Rubidoux is planning an excursion on this line in the near future.

A WORD TO THE MEMBERSHIP

This Newsletter bit is a completely new undertaking for its publishers. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Let us know what you want the News letter to contain. You can help a great deal by keeping us informed of your activities. Please call BR 3-5081 and give us a hand.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING MONDAY, MAY 5 BRING A FRIEND PAY YOUR DUES NOW