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INSTALLATION DINNER SET FOR JANUARY 19

Pacific Southwest Railway Museum's 3rd annual installation dinner will be held on January 19, 1969. That's the third Sunday of the month.

The meeting will not be potluck this year, as has been done in the past.

This year the dinner will be at Sir George's Smorgasbord in El Cajon. Sir Georges is located just north of Main Street in the El Cajon Shopping Center on Magnolia.

Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m., and there will be a flicker, too! The film will be the Santa Fe's Milepost 100, commemorating the railroad's 100th Anniversary. Program director, Kent Anderson notes "that a couple of rail official are expected to attend."

Anderson also stated "that brochures containing specific information and reservation blanks will be mailed soon."

The dinner and all the fun will come with the reasonable cost of \$3.25 per person. Please do come, and don't forget, wives and girlfriends are welcome, too!

STEAM UP SLATED FOR NEW YEAR'S

PSRMA is planning a New Years Eve celebration of its own! Our celebration will be the steaming up of Shay number 3 for a whistle blowing first.

Come on down at midnight and join in on the festivities. Like last year, the operation will extend into the day of the first of January.

General Superintendent Bob DiGiorgio has announced that the engine will be fired about 7:00 p.m. with the first run about 10 p.m. New Years eve. Operation will continue until sometime after midnight. On New Year's Day the shay will be fired up about 11 a.m. and will

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NEW OFFICERS FOR 1969

At our last regular business meeting in October, 1968, members on hand elected our officers for 1969.

Our officialdom for the coming year is made up of two old time members and some fairly recently acquired members. The two oldtime members are our president, Richard Pennick and secretary, Thomas W. Matson.

Newer members elected to office include Jerry Windle, vice president, David C. Hobson, treasurer and Robert DiGiorgio, as director.

Welcome aboard, gentlemen! We are looking forward to a great year in '69!

MEMBERS JOIN IN UNDERWRITING REPAIRS

Ten members have joined together to finance the cost of repairs to the fire-box of PSRMA's 2-8-2T, Number 11. The members have pledged to give \$100 each toward the \$900 cost.

Would you like to help? If you wish to join in this project, please contact Terry Durkin by calling 298-6205. We hope to bring you more news on this project in the next issue of Report.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1969

PSRMA's board of directors will hold their meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings will be at 7:45 p.m., in the Board of Directors room at the San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, Sixth and Broadway, in down town San Diego.

As in the past, members of the museum are most welcome to attend these meetings. Our board consists of the following directors. Eric Sanders, Chairman and members Dick Pennick, Jerry Windle, Thomas Matson, David Hobson, Walter Barber and Robert DiGiorgio.

The year 1969 will be the anniversary year for many historical events. Several that we can think of are local events.

In 1969, as most of us are aware is the 200th Anniversary of the founding of San Diego, the first city in California.

Many events are planned through out the year. Mostly the theme of events will be based on the Spanish period of San Diego's history. Other important milestones will undoubtedly be celebrated, too!

Of more interest to the railfan, is the 100th anniversary of the driving of the golden spike, completing the first transcontinental railroad, on May 10, 1969. This is expected to be some shindig. A reenactment of the driving of the spike is to take place at Promontory, Utah. The Union Pacific is said to be getting one of its famous "Big Boy" locomotives ready for operation in honor of the event.

Locally, November 15, 1919, will mark the 50th anniversary of the driving of the golden spike completing the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railway. The spike was driven in the desolate Carriso Gorge by John D. Spreckels, the roads chief.

The golden spike driven in Carriso Gorge cost \$286.00 in 1919, and is now owned by the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. The spike today is in the custody of the San Diego Trust and Savings Bank of San Diego, and is often displayed by the bank.

Local trolley fans may be saddened by remembering that April 24, 1969, will mark the 20th anniversary of the last street car operation in San Diego. The cars of the San Diego Electric Railway were replaced by busses, starting on the 25th.

Today, several of the street cars remain on display. Two of the PCC cars, the 508 and 528, are in Southern California. The 508 is at the Orange Empire Trolley Museum at Perris, while the 528 is on static display at the Del Mar Fairgrounds under the custody of the San Diego Railway Historical Society. Another car, the 1043, a former Third Avenue

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Railway System car is now at the Bay Area Electric Railway Association's museum at Rio Vista Junction, California.

The Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association will be ten years old in 1969, but it cannot officially celebrate until 1971. What? Well, the story goes this way.

The first meeting of many leading to the formation of the museum was held on October 18, 1959.

The museum, then called the San Diego County Railway Museum, was not officially formed until April, 1961. Looks like we will have to wait until 1971 to celebrate, too bad we can't join the others in '69.

Well, we hope you can have fun in celebrating the others. Maybe if you are in luck, you'll be able to make it to the big blow out at Promontory Point, Utah, on May 10.

R E P O R T

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ITS TIME FOR DUES

If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 1969, please remember that they are now due. Fees for regular members is \$10. and \$3. for contributing members.

Please remember to make all checks and money orders payable to Pacific Southwest Railway Museum. Please address to J. F. Hathaway, Director of Personnel, P. O. Box 12096, San Diego, California 92112.

R-54-4 NEW YEAR'S RUN

start running about noon. Running will continue until sometime in the late afternoon.

The operations will be opened to the public as well as members. Members with dues paid up for the years 1968 or 1969 will be allowed to operate the locomotive under the supervision of the crew on duty.

President Sanders has mentioned that the operation is "go", unless some insurance problem should arise.

Come on out for a fun first.

HELP! WE NEED YOU

Yes, we need your help. This time for once, we are not asking for money. This time around we need a little of your time.

On several occasions we have had a member on hand on weekends with the locomotives open for display. Now we need some of
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you members - both regular and contributing - to man the locomotives for a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday.

Members need not have a great deal of knowledge about the equipment. Brochures are to be made available for handing out to interested people.

It is felt that by having the engines open for inspection that the museum will create a better image of goodwill and maybe interest a few new members in the process.

If you are free to help out on this worthwhile project please feel free to do so. Interested members should contact:

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NEW YEAR'S OPERATION

New Year's Eve

Crosby Street and Harbor Drive.

New Year's Day

San Diego

NEWS OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CORNER

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY: The SP has been refused permission to drop its San Joaquin Daylight, Sacramento Daylight, Sunset, and City of San Francisco passenger trains.... The TOPS (Operating Data and Information) computer has been connected and is in operation at most points between Portland, Oregon and El Paso, Texas.....28 cars were derailed on the Colton-Palmdale cut-off the last week in November. Cause was said to be a broken rail....Rumors are out that SP's last cab-forward, Number 4294 is in Sacramento Shops along with one of the roads famous Daylight type locomotives. Rumor has it that they are being readied for operation in connection with the Centennial celebration of the driving of the golden spike in May, 1969. We will keep you posted on the development of this rumor....1000 more forty-foot boxcars are being converted into "Yellow Stripe" wide door cars for lumber loading in Oregon....

ATCHISON TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY: San Diegans for the most part continue to be powered with the new passenger power, the 350 and 400 Class. One San Diegan was late getting out of San Diego recently. Unit No. 350 split a switch near the harbor Drive overpass while on its way to the turntable....The Port of San Diego is keeping the 22d Street yard full of hoppers with shipments of Soda Ash and Potash....From the Southwest Historical Society's "Clearance Card" we note that ten of the 900 Class, SD-24's are being converted into "hump" engines for use at Argentine Yard. Four units will be used on each hump 24 hours per day with two units left over for spares. Other news from the same publication indicate that a 31 mile line will be constructed near Carlsbad, N. M., to serve the Duval Corporation. The new line will be serviced by unit trains consisting of 66 cars each of 13,000 gallon tank cars loaded with moulton sulphur, making a 925 mile roundtrip to Gulf ports.....Santa Fe has announced that a "simulator" will be constructed in a surplus passenger car for the training of locomotive engineers. (The SP is also having a simulator installed in Los Angeles, but it will be in a permanent location).

PULLMAN COMPANY: All pullman car conductors will be removed from pullman handling trains sometime next year. Only about 325 Pullman Conductors remain in service now. It is interesting to note that before the railroads bought Pullman 11 years ago there were 4000 sleepers in service. Now only about 1000 remain. (Trainmen News)..

MERGERS: A new railroad, 27,000 miles long came into being around Thanksgiving. It is called the Burlington Northern. The BN is made up of the Great Northern; Northern Pacific; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; Colorado and Southern; Ft. Worth and Denver; Spokane, Portland and Seattle and the Pacific Coast Railroads.....The Penn-Central has been ordered to take over the bankrupt New Haven on February 1, 1969.....A new labor union representing most of the operating employees in the U. S. and Canada is to come into being on January 1, 1969. The new union will be called the United Transportation Union, and is the result of the unification of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginmen, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, and the Switchmen's Union of North America. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers chose not to join the other unions in the unification move.

DOLLARS: Net income of the nations railroads for the third quarter of 1968 has been reported as \$107,000,000, according to the Association of American Railroads. That's \$29,000,000 more than for the corresponding period last year. (Trainman News)...

SAN DIEGO AND ARIZONA EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY: Trains 451 and 452 have been averaging 40 cars recently. In most recent weeks trains have been operated on the El Cajon line five and six days a week with an average of about 10 cars per day. Crossing Gates will be installed in the future at 28th Street in San Diego....Another shipment of 25 cars of Plaster City gypsum moved to tidewater over the SD&AE the first week of December.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION
1968 REGULAR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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KENT, CHARLES
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MEMO FROM DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Once again it's time to remind all you members who haven't renewed to mail in your dues for 1969. So far we have 17 Regular and 24 Contributing members paid up for next year (1969), but the proposed budget is counting on 50 Regular members paying dues and 80 Contributing members. The end of the year is upon us, and it is the time. Members who have not renewed by March 15 will be dropped from the records, and will have to reapply through the regular channels to rejoin. Don't put it off, we need your support NOW. Members who have been on the ball and already renewed are:

REGULAR:

Jack Barich
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Terry Durkin
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Stan Kerr
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David Armstrong
Charles Briar

Membership cards for 1969 are here and are being mailed out as the renewals are received. A renewal form is printed below--please use it!

Thank You,
John F. Hathaway
Director of Personnel & Records

RENEWAL FORM (Please Print or Type)

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

(street) (city) (state) (zip code)
REG. () CON. () ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK ON MUSEUM PROJECTS?: YES () NO ()
Send this filled out form if you are at present a member of PSEMA, or have been in the past and are still receiving issues of the REPORT, with a check for your dues (\$10 for Regular membership, \$3 for Contributing) to:

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