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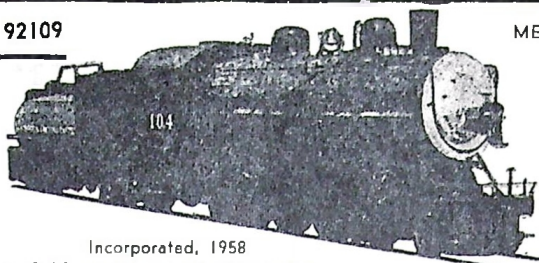
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MEMBER: Orange Empire Trolley Museum,
Perris, California

Meets First Monday each month
Santa Fe R.R. Depot, San Diego

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Street Car No. 171
(Located at O.E.T., Perris, California)

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NEWSLETTER

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BOY SCOUT FAIR Saturday, May 13, 1967

We have been requested to open our railway exhibit at the S.D. County Fairgrounds again this year for the annual Boy Scout Fair.

Opening the exhibit depends on our members, we will need enough help to properly handle the large crowd. If you can help out, please let us know at the next meeting or drop a card via the mail. The fair will be from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Our locomotive and observation car will be open for several hours during the afternoon, not the entire time of the scout fair.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1967 - BOY SCOUT FAIR

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR June 23 thru July 4

Yes, it is almost fair time again, and this year it is the longest run ever....12 days! You will all be needed during this period to help staff the locomotive & car...and the streetcar if ample help is available.

If you are able to help with this important yearly task, contact Gladys Skeen or one of the other society officers. The equipment is not on display for the entire gates open hours of the fair each day but we do try to open as many of those hours as possible, normally hours of the fair exhibits are 10:AM to 10:PM daily.

There will also be some clean-up work parties prior to fair time, Don Decker will be in charge of this detail.

Remember, 12 days this year, June 23rd thru Tuesday, July 4th.

ORANGE SHOW EXCURSION Success

The National Orange Show is a good attraction but has been difficult to make good on when we or any other group attempted to go by train. It seems the weather is sometimes bad in February and people just don't take the chance.

This year the Orange Empire Trolley Museum trip topped the 600 mark with 20 cars! We had a group of tickets allotted to San Diego, we sold 77 out of 80 and filled the Cyrus K. Holliday with a special extra fare group of railfans. We traveled regular San Diegan to connect and the whole day was great, lots of train riding and a grand time was enjoyed by all. The O.E.T. had unusual motive power, a pair of steam boiler equipped 700 series GP-9's. The Del Rosa part of the trip was great for the railfans.

APRIL R.H.S.of S.D. MEETING, 4/3/67-----

The regular monthly meeting will be held in the Safety Room, upstairs in the Santa Fe Railway Station, Kettner & Broadway, SAN DIEGO.
Meeting will start at 8:00 P.M.

PROGRAM James Reading will show pictures of San Diego and Mexico, plus a talk and a little question and answer period for everyone. Refreshments will be served - Time to talk railroading with your fellow members too!!
MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 3rd 1967 - 8:00 P.M.

DISNEYLAND RHS of SD MEMBERS INVITED-----

President Cliff Skeen announces a plan for our members to enjoy a full evening at the big all age fun place....Disneyland!!

Drive up or ride the special bus, a full evening with all rides open and no limit to how many times you ride! Disneyland, all yours on Saturday evening, April 8, 1967. This will be a special evening for Convair Recreation Dept., the park will be closed to the general public. For the low sum of \$ 3.75 each. If you wish to go by special bus, add \$ 3.00 and plan to be out at the parking lot of the CONVAIR-Astronautics plant on Kearney Mesa by 4:45 P.M. The bus leaves at 5:15 P.M.

For information on this special DISNEYLAND trip please contact Clifford Skeen, 284-3449. (Gladys "Trains" 4275 University Ave. 92105.) Money will have to be paid in advance, make checks payable to Clifford G. Skeen and he will get your tickets. \$3.75 per person, no limit on rides at the park! \$3.00 extra for bus.
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1967, Make your reservations now as time is limited....so are tickets.

CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY BASEBALL GAMES-----

Jack Stodelle announces several trips to the big time baseball games via Santa Fe and the big private beauty....observation car...the Cyrus K. Holliday. Each trip is a package deal at \$20 per person, includes rail fare and admission to Dodgers game, plus meal on car while coming home.

April 30th S.F. Giants, May 14th Chicago Cubs, June 4th Pittsburgh.....contact Jack Stodelle, 297-3355 days, or 582-4636 evenings.

NEWSLETTER- Normally a monthly bulletin to all members of RHSofSD. (sometimes we double up an issue or two.) S.L. "Corky" Thomson, editor.

1967 SOCIETY OFFICERS-

President: Clifford G. Skeen, 4275 University Ave., San Diego 92105. (284-3449)

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Board of Directors: The above 1967 officers plus Rex Cuttell, 808 Kline St., La Jolla, 92037.

Hamilton H. Wright, 4359 Orchard Ave., S.D. 92107.
Harry Standefer, 3821 Chamoune St., S.D. 92105.

V.P. duties: 1st handles publicity, takes over in absence of president. 2nd in charge of all equipment maintenance, etc. 3rd handles monthly meeting programs and refreshments.

BOOKS FOR SALE: May we offer a few tips on the place to find good railroad books and a large variety.....locally in San Diego area you will find a good selection at the WHISTLE STOP, at 3819 Sixth Ave. in the Hillcrest area, there is also a selection of RR sound recordings..... North of San Diego the largest selection of all types of books and publications can be found at the ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM book store at the museum. (P.O. Box 548, Perris, CA. 92370.) In the northern central part of the state, on the coast, the general store at Rearing Camp & Big Trees RR, Felton, California. Western Rail-roader also offers a book service, P.O. Box 668 San Mateo, CA. 94401.

Looking for some bargains, something close to home? RHSofSD member, J. Dean Archibald has some books from his private collection for sale. MANSIONS ON RAILS-Beebe- signed by author \$30
RAILS OF THE SILVER GATE-Dodge-signed \$20
SWITZERLAND TRAIL OF AMERICA-Crossen-signed \$30
RIO GRANDE-Beebe & Clegg-signed by both \$30
SLIM RAILS THROUGH THE SAND-Turner-signed \$15
STEAM, STEEL & LIMITEDS-Kratville(1st edit) \$30
THE OVERLANDLIMITED-Beebe(1st edition) \$10
THE NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC- Stindt&Dunscomb \$25
REDWOODS, IRON HORSES & THE PACIFIC-Crump \$25
SHORT LINE TO PARADISE-Johnston(6 1/2 x 10 1/2) \$10
THE CENTRAL PACIFIC & THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RR's Beebe \$30 (Contact Mr. Archibald at 286-3421)



The "CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR" almost was no more in January when the I.C.C. held up final word on ending this train service. On February 14, 1967 the I.C.C. ISSUED THE ORDER TO SAVE THE CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR!! The train has been set to run for one more year while all three roads do all they can to maintain the service.

Burlington, Rio Grande and Western Pacific share the cross country streamliner. It was pointed out that these roads operate a fine service but stated they would allow discontinuance if it cannot be made to pay off in reasonable revenue to the operating roads. Several plans will be put into effect to help, possibly more mail service too.

RIDE THE C.Z.----- Railfans! Feather River Weekend via the CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR, Sat.&Sun., March 18-19, April 1-2, April 15-16, 1967.
Contact Arthur Lloyd, 974 Pleasant Hill Road, Redwood City, Calif. 94061.



COLTON-PALMDALE CUTOFF....PROGRESSING
The big new freight line is pushing through little by little. Track laying started recently from the Palmdale end and is reported to be eleven miles long now. They are using all new welded rail on the entire new construction. Special pre-stressed concrete beams are being used in bridge work. Grading work continues in the Cajon Pass area and the final construction will offer some fine new train watching in the pass. The new S.P. line is side by side with Santa Fe-Union Pacific trackage all through the pass.

A large earth slide near Dunsmuir on the main line just missed the "Cascade" and took three S.P. men to their death as tons of rock tore down the mountainside into the river below. Crews had just cleared the line shortly before and the streamliner had gone through in safety when the slide came, scattering men and equipment along with it. Freight trains are being rerouted over the Alturas line until the main line can be reopened.

On a happier note, PACIFIC RAILROAD SOCIETY offers a "MOUNTAIN OUTIN' " on Sunday, April 2, 1967 from Los Angeles to Bakersfield via the famous Tehachapi Loop on the S.P. Excursion 173 costs \$10.50 each or \$7.25 for the kids and is scheduled to leave L.A. Union Station at 9:A.M. Glendale at 9:20 and San Fernando at 9:50 A.M. Returns at 9:45 P.M. Train will be streamlined equipment, triple unit diner, lounge car, etc. **P.R.S., P.O.Box 5279, Los Angeles, CA. 90055.**

ARE YOU AN EX-MEMBER OF R.H.S.ofS.D. ??????

As of March 1, 1967 we entered a new year, if your card says 1966, you are not a member anymore. **REMEDY:** Send \$3.50 to us.....we will be happy to send you a 1967 card, good through March of 1968.....**DO IT TODAY, DON'T DELAY.**

1967 DUES are due! Have you sent yours? Over 70 members are now on the 1967 roster, **ARE YOU???**



Local railfan news bits from here and there along the Santa Fe..... The newest of locally owned private cars, the Burlington "Blackhawk" is now renamed the "VICTORIA". It is a beautiful car and will soon be one

of the fancy ones. The new owners took out the furnishings and are redoing the interior-PLUSH! The Victoria has been repainted dark blue (Santa Fe freight locomotive, Baltic Blue) the same as the former San Diego owned car, CAR ELEVEN. This time gold striping is being applied to give the car a real rich appearance. One must see the Victoria, that gold carpet on the rear platform and the gold curtain over the platform!! This is a fine private car and a welcome addition here in San Diego....but the Cyrus K. Holliday still has a certain charm, and is still a favorite of local railfans. Ask any of the recent riders to the O.E.T. excursion, the C.K.H. was great..... Recent observations (a scattering) saw such road power as the 1400 and 964 paired up in February, units 924-825-1306-843 brought potash in at 7:am on 2/16, the 1400&964 departed the same day with 61 MT's at 5:pm. On 1/18 unit 1268 rammed a new Camaro near Palm Street at about 9:30 P.M. The auto was a total wreck. On 2/20 units 1269-1456-1457-1375 were doing freight duty and on 2/24 we saw passenger Alco #51 back in service after a collision with a garbage truck in the Anaheim area. The 51 apparently wasn't damaged to much but was a nasty looking mess of garbage, papers, trash, etc. Three coaches were damaged. On the first of March a trio of C+C units were in, they were the 840-801-923, two Alco's and a G.M. More potash too. On 3/3 the 1431-1313-1406 were seen at the freight yard with yard goat 2387 alongside awaiting duties. Five units arrived with more freight and potash and went north with 71 MT's at about 10:pm on 3/5. PA-1's #51 & 52 were in dual "A" unit service on #73 on 3/8, included in the consist was coach 3071, the freak heavyweight lightweight, it is a smooth side car, weighing more than the regular Budd built cars but not a standard heavyweight. This car is used frequently in San Diegan service. Wild sight of railroading on train #73, Alco's 78 & 68 roaring right along on 3/9/67 at 7:10am, Morena. Four freight units flew low leaving town on 3/12 with a short train probably mostly MT cars, lots of speed! One of the new 40ft high cars in consist.

On 3/8 a large Pullman military special came into town at 12:05 pm exactly, as per orders! The consist was very interesting, 18 cars with a real assortment of road names and colors, S.P., U.P., ATSF, MILW., N.Y.C.-----and on the tail end, real genuine MARKERS, best sight we have seen for a long time since the use of the single red light on the rear of Santa Fe passenger trains. Power was 4 units, A-B-B-A, 339 and 335 "A" units. Departure was around 2:30 P.M.



The museum has purchased the five cars which have been on lease from L.A.M.T.A. since 1963. These are PCC 3001, 3100, derrick 9225, tower car 9350 and rail grinder 9310. These cars have been leased at a very low sum but insurance has cost \$400 per year. Now

with purchase possible, all five cars will cost a total of \$228.80, which is considerably lower to buy them when another \$400 was coming due for the special insurance. Donations are being sent for this project under the heading RTD CAR FUND, can you help by sending a dollar or two?

The Orange Show "Citrus Belt Local" was a success and things are shaping up well for the annual trains to Hemet and the Ramona Pageant. A choice of two dates are available, tickets have been selling well and we might mention it is not possible to make connections from San Diego for these special trains. Fare from L.A. is \$15.75 for adults, \$11.75 for children, this includes rail trip, the pageant, dinner and return rail trip. Saturday, April 29 train leaves L.A. at 9:45am.

A special treat for a few railfans will be available if space lasts on Saturday, May 6th, excursion train to the pageant will leave at 9:00am from the INGLEWOOD Santa Fe Station and operate via Pico Rivera and Fullerton. It is possible to connect via San Diego but not on the homeward trip. This special operating out of Inglewood should be a rare treat for the railfans, a special fare of \$7.50 is offered which does not include the pageant, or you can pay \$9.75 and include the barbecue dinner at Hemet. Space is limited so get your reservations as soon as possible.

SPRING SCENERY Railroad Excursion via the MOUNTAIN OBSERVATION CAR 599 on Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, 1967 will cover the S.P. line from Los Angeles to Bakersfield with the 599 on the rear of the San Joaquin Daylight!! This too, is limited in number so you must get your reservations in early. FARE is \$10.50 each for adults, \$8.00 for kids under 12. Be sure to pick which date you wish to go, Sat. or Sun. May 13 or 14. Train departs at 6:30 A.M. from L.A. Union Passenger Terminal. The return is at 7:30 P.M. Remember...LIMITED CAPACITY!

Meanwhile, back at the museum....all three steamers were lined up along with the P.E. freight electric at the north end of the line. The two Mojave Northern 0-6-0T's had been on the south end until the E. J. Lavino & Co. eng-made the final move to O.E.T. tracks. The three steamers make quite a sight and should be an added attraction for museum visitors. Coming soon, Feather River Railway SHAY locomotive.



Golden West Railtours recently brought a train of high-level cars to town with the passengers visiting Sea World.....Some of the old regulars, "F" series passenger diesels have been on San Diegans recently, 32 & 16C in a three unit A-B-A consist were seen on 3/13. The 16C still retains the old original exhausts and high fans on the roof. On 3/20 Alco's 51 & 67 on train #77 made a thrilling sight with 12 cars at high speed northbound through Carlsbad, Calif.

Alco units 78-68 operating regularly in San Diegan service brought in an 11 car train on the 22nd with business car #38 on the rear, that is the general managers car. That same day saw many L.A. school kids down for the zoo. The following day, 3/23 there was an extra train with 4 unit GM "F" power A-B-B-A with a mixed string of the Budd lightweights and heavyweight cars. This was all school kids visiting the zoo, part of the L.A. Park & Recreation annual Easter Week trip to our zoo. (These trips had been discontinued when the new L.A. zoo opened but there seems to be some problems with the new zoo up there.) We observed the special running just ahead of #77 north of Oceanside, the regular train had two Alco's and 13 cars.

SUMMIT STATION CLOSED On 2/13 the A.T.&S.F. Ry suddenly closed operations at famous Summit, on Cajon Pass. Our good friend and member, CHARD L. WALKER, long time operator at this mountain spot has moved to Hesperia, his new address is PO Box 993, zip 92345. Summit just won't be the same with the passing of many interesting eras of the great mountain railroading, steam, helpers, new diesels, old diesels, but always the quaint old depot and the friendly telegrapher...NO MORE. It was always a pleasure to roll through Summit and see Chard out in front waving to us. P.R.S. will probably move the old trolley car to L.A.



San Francisco streetcar No. 171, presently located at Perris, has become an insurance problem. The big car was in operation at the museum for tourist service but was recently side tracked because of insurance costs. A solution to this problem is in the works. RHSofSD owns the car but by a simple change to OET ownership the car will be covered by their insurance for operational use. OET has a permanent loan deal available to us where we sign over car 171 to them, they will maintain it and be able to operate it but in the event we ever want the car back, it will be possible to have it for our own use. This will solve the problem and still allow RHSofSD members to help maintain the car if they wish.

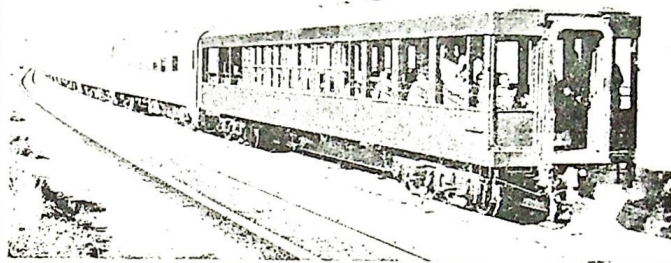


Many visitors were on hand during the National Model RR Week operations in February. The model RR club continues as usual with Tuesday night operations. Visitors are always welcome at the Del Mar exhibit. You can still see a scale model "Summit" station on the P.B.&W. where Chard Walker will live on in "HO" scale. There are openings for any interested persons wishing membership.

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM'S FAMOUS #599.....

O.E.T., P.O. BOX 548, PERRIS, CA. 92370.

San Joaquin Daylight trip, May 13 & 14, 1967



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