

SUCCESS ON THE SONORA

Another successful excursion down Mexico way on Sunday, November 12, 1961. Well over 600 people enjoyed the train ride from Mexicali to El Centro and a visit to Coachula. From all reports this trip probably went off just a bit better than the two earlier excursions in recent years. Having made this two before, it is easier to do each time and should always be popular in years to come. The Society wishes to thank all the members involved, with special thanks to L.W. "Mac" McCleary for his extra duties in making this a very successful trip. Wally Duthie was put in a difficult spot with extra time being spent with his business, Mac and most of the Board of Directors came through and helped carry the load. Gorky and Mac worked out a system with the mails and kept the ticket orders running on schedule, thanks to Bill Kingston for acting as a relay point. The weather behaved this year and all in all, the trip went off quite well, considering the many hazards of running a trip of this nature, many bus pick up points, ticket problems, information, getting everyone across the border and on the special buses to the depot, getting the people on the train and keeping a smooth schedule. There were a few very unfortunate people that arrived by car a little late and missed the train but considering the number of people making the trip, it is only natural that there will be a few problems.

NEW YEARS TRIP Contact Excursion Director WALLY DUTHIE for information on the Mexican trip over New Years week end. Wally should have some information at the December meeting on this trip.

NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW TRIP Coming next
spring, another SANTA FE, ALL THE WAY-
San Diego to San Bernardino for the big
Nazi, Orange Show, our own train, right
out of San Diego. This one was almost a
failure last time, start talking about
it now, when that Santa Fe train rolls
out of San Diego in 1962, we want the
trip to be a sell out.....so start the
ball rolling NOW.

DECEMBER MEETING DATE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1961 - 7:30 P.M.
Santa Fe Depot, San Diego, California.

BUSINESS: Results of the election for 1962 officers, report on the excursions held 11/12/61 and future trips, plans for the 1962 installation dinner, etc.
PROGRAM: 3rd VP Earle Swaino will have another interesting evening for us, be on hand for the entertainment portion, refreshments and prize raffle too.

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BALLOTS FOR 1962 OFFICERS

With this issue of the NEWSLETTER, the 1962 officers are listed, place an "X" by your favorite candidate and mail the ballot to the society prior to the December 4th meeting. Due to the fact that there were no nominations from the floor at the November meeting, there are only the names placed on the ballot as picked by your nominating committee. If there is a member you feel should be running for an office, get his or her permission and use the blank space on the ballot for your write in. Please mail the ballots back to the society as soon as you receive your copy of the Newsletter, don't put it off and forget about it. Mark your envelope with the word BALLOT in the lower left corner, this will aid processing the mail and keeping the ballots going to the proper place for the final count. MAKE SURE YOUR BALLOT IS IN THE MAIL EARLY ENOUGH TO REACH THE SOCIETY BOX NOT LATER THAN DEC. 4, 1961.

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD WEEK

November 26th to December 2nd, 1961 is the first of the Natl. Model RR Week exhibitions and displays put on by model railroad clubs all over the nation. Local clubs are all participating, watch for signs and displays in stores, the area clubs are having open house all through the week.

"NEWSLETTER"

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NEWS NOTES First off, our apology for the FALSE report of steam power being worked on by the S.P. at Sacramento. It seems that the first hand, accurate report was a sure thing at the time. When checked out, it was a hand me down from some S.P. trainmen, about the 4460 when it was readied for the Reno trip of a couple years back. Unfortunately when it was phoned to us from L.A., the story was supposed to be up to date and a big deal.....as it turned out, no such luck, no 4400 being serviced.....BUT.....the new KRAUSS-MAFFEI Diesel-hydraulic locomotives of the S.P. were through Los Angeles on 11/5 and serviced, the next morning they headed north with a train and dynamometer car (about 65 cars) for Roseville and future tests over the Donner Hill. While in LA. they were serviced in the huge new diesel maintenance area just north of the old Taylor Roundhouse. This new facility can lube, sand and water over 30 units at a time. Also news, the S.P. has a wash rack in use now also, and they are finally out to clean up those filthy looking units so common along the S.P. right-of-way. A report from L.A. stated that there were only a few dirty diesels, the rest were all clean and shiny.....The big S.P. 4-10-2 at San Bernardino may be in service for fan trips in 1962 if all goes well.....U.P. 4-8-4 made a run for the fans on the 11th of November.....U.P. will operate two ski trains in '62 to Sun Valley, Jan. 20th and March 10th for a nine day trip, contact your nearest U.P. agent.....G.M. EMD has put a new model diesel into the running, it is the GP-30, a 2500hp hood unit, it is designed for high speed freight.....SANTA FE has lowered the fares on the San Diegan during the week, now there is talk of possibly making it a standard fair, seven days a week. This would put many persons back on the trains during the weekends, maybe help get people on trains again where they belong when going places.....Airline travel is down compared to last year and those big jet jobs prove expensive to buy and operate.

MT. RUBIDOUX CHAPTER - PRS

Have you sent for your new 1962 RR CALENDAR from the Mt. Rubidoux boys??? It is a beauty, send for it today, or send for several, they make dandy Christmas gifts. 11x17 spiral bound 1962 RAILROAD CALENDAR with eleven pictures of steam and two electric.... \$1.25 each, Mt. Rubidoux Chapter, PRS 280 "J" Street, San Bernardino, Calif.

PERRIS NEWS Mt. Rubidoux crowd is now laying rail along the old California Southern right-of-way.....Orange Empire Trolley Museum has moved the two L.A. trolley cars to Perris from the Fox Studio. Plans are to change some of the overhead to handle pantographs on the Key cars. Plenty of doing being done at the OET yards, all they need is your help, in dollars and in good old muscle power, the OET needs more action from the many members, get up to Perris and put in some time on the many, many projects. There are a lot of things needing doing, they just ask that some of you occasionally come to Perris and give a hand, there are tools available, food, lodging and anything else you might need. The new book service is going a little slower than they had figured on, write to P.O. Box 501 for a book list. They are selling all the regular RR books and sound recordings, profits go to the betterment of the trolley museum.

NOV. MEETING AND THE WHALES If you missed the last meeting, the films were quite different. Some sailing and railroading in Peru, plus some of the big game hunting done by the ships in southern waters, shooting 90 ton whales!!! Come to the December meeting for some slides of railroading and society doings....Monday, Dec. 4th.

We are short on time and paper, next issue should put us back to 2 or 3 pages...if the news comes in.....NEWSLETTER, goes to press the 20th, Editors, Barbara & Corky Thomson will be glad to get information of your trips, members doings, railroad news, just drop us a line: 2204 McGraw St., San Diego 17. (BRoadway 3-5081)