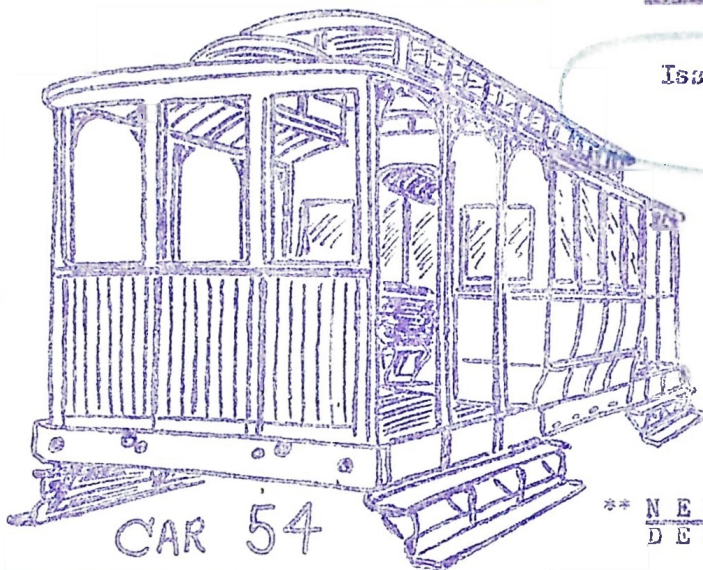


RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INCORPORATED. *** NEWSLETTER ***

San Diego
Electric Railway
Streetcar 54

Restoration work
being done in
Old Town, next to
the Whalley House.

WISHING EVERYONE
A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.



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1963 Membership
List enclosed.

Meeting Notice.

Railroad News.

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MORE NEWS OF POTASH TRAINS

11/20/63

Last month we told some of the facts on our new San Diego tonnage, POTASH.

The potash trains come rolling in thick and heavy when there are several ships to be loaded and when the cars are empty they just seem to melt away in the night.

The empties don't always go out in a full solid train but are cut into regular freight trains heading north. All at once the special yard tracks are empty and not a covered hopper car can be seen.

A week or so passes and here they come again, 60 to 85 cars to a train, 8 or 9 units of diesel power on the point. In a day or so the yards are again jammed with hoppers. It all started again a few days ago.

Earlier in the month the bulk loader had a motor burn out and the system was shut down from Saturday, Nov. 2nd until the 5th. There was a ship only half loaded and it delayed the ship considerably. Some 6,000 tons had been loaded out of 11,800 tons, the loading was all done by Wednesday and another ship which had been waiting moved up for 8,000 tons.

Later in the month 31,000 tons of potash and alfalfa pellets saw the holds of ships as the bulk loader went into action. The Japanese freighter Yamakuni Maru will load 6,000 tons of potash and 800 tons of pellets. The Howa Maru will load 2,000 tons of pellets. The President Van Buren will load 6,000 tons of potash. Other ships will also load tons of cotton from the Tenth Avenue Terminal.

Special schooling is being given to the San Diego longshermen on how to operate the bulk loader in a 16 hour course at the 10th Avenue Pier.

DECEMBER RHS of SD MEETING

12/2/63

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 1963 - 7:30 P.M.

SANTA FE RAILWAY STATION Safety Room

BUSINESS: Very little!! Merry Christmas!

PROGRAM: Movies of past rail excursions.

Corky Thomson will present some films of steam excursions, including the summer of 1963 behind two standard gage SHAY steam geared logging engines on the FEATHER RIVER RAILWAY at Feather Falls, California.

REFRESHMENTS: The usual good goodies.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP: A chance to join with your fellow members and discuss and enjoy our hobby. There have been a few differences of opinion from time to time, this is the time of year to all once again join together and forget any past problems and look to the new year with a new hope for that long sought for museum site.

Earle Swaine hopes to make it a short meeting for society business and long on enjoyment of our railroad hobby interests.

BE THERE.....MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 1963 to help make the last meeting of the year a real big happy one, 7:30 P.M. in the safety room, upstairs in the depot.

NOTICE: There will not be a board meeting on Wednesday, November 27th.

The R.H.S. of S.D. NEWSLETTER

Monthly bulletin of the Railway Historical Society of San Diego, Inc. A non-profit group dedicated to the preservation and memory of all things pertaining to the rich rail history of the Southwestern United States.
Mailing address: P.O. Box 9351, San Diego, California, zip code: 92109.

EXCURSIONS NOTES

Golden West Railtours, 2210 So. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, 90064, will operate a special Santa Fe train from the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal to the famous CALICO ghost town in San Bernardino Mountains, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1963. Fares on this trip are \$11.75 adults, \$5.95 children. Train leaves L.A. at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. Write for brochure. Also, coming in January of 1964, HI-LEVEL excursion from L.A. to San Diego, Sunday, January 19, 1964.

The steam runs hoped for with S.P. 5021 seem to have hit a snag, railroads all say NO.

R.H.S. of S.D. excursions??? Excursion director Corky Thomson hopes to get things rolling again in 1964.....proposed trips include Fallbrook, Escondido, San Juan Capistrano and possibly a trip to Ferris and the Orange Empire Trolley Museum. One or two of the proposed trips will be run in '64. An auto trip to Vista and some live steam at the Pollard Machine works is to be done in the spring, sorry we didn't get to this in '63 as originally hoped for.

WHAT A YEAR! Many things happened in 1963 to kind of bust up many well made plans. Earle Shaine our president, had his share of illness and a bit of hospitalization, Clifford Skeen saw the inside of the hospital too. Many of our members have had more illness this year than they should have had, including Mr. & Mrs. C. Schneider. Corky and Barbara Thomson had three of their four children in the hospital during the year, Corky lost his father in October, after several months illness. To wind up the year Barbara Thomson had surgery and spent a week in the hospital and is now spending six to eight weeks recovering. Roy and Daisy Miller are also having troubles with the recent heart attack hitting Daisy. Earle has a bit of heart problem too. We hope all of our members have a happy and healthy NEW YEAR.

We wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and prosperous and healthy NEW YEAR in 1964.

R. H. S. of S. D.

NEWS NOTES ON THE RAILROADS

After cleaning up that recent derailment on the S.D.&A.E. things about got back to normal when the scale test car was reported to have derailed in the Imperial Valley near Seeley, causing some delay in operations. This derailment was reported to have happened on Tuesday, Nov. 5th.

85 cars of potash were seen on the Santa Fe on the 4th of Nov. More large shipments arrived later in the month.

75 cars eastward on the S.D.&A.E. made a very impressive long train as it pulled out on Thursday, Nov. 7th, four units up front.

Novelty, Southern Pacific (T&NO) diesel number 452 was seen as lead engine with train numbers indicating train #452, the eastward SD&AE freight. Here to catch same locomotive number and train number. (we have pictures!)

Many of the Cotton Belt and T&NO power showing up on the SD&AE, including low nose GP-48's and GP-30's.

One of the little center cab diesel locomotives from the Naval Repair Base was seen being readied for a trip east to Illinois. It was on Santa Fe yard tracks.

Trestles on the San Diego surf line are being strengthened for added pounding of the heavy fast moving potash specials.

SD&AE alfalfa pellet shipments are easy to spot in the big gray covered hoppers of Southern Pacific origin. Yellow marker on them states they are for hauling edible items. Inside is treated with special coating.

A rather large derailment between the main line of the S.P. and El Centro, (between Niland and El Centro) recently slowed things down into San Diego until the line was again open to El Centro.

The hill from Sorronto to Miramar (former Linda Vista station) is becoming "Little Cajon" with a share of draught troubles and broken couplers on the heavy freights with 8 unit power.

Private car, formerly Missouri Pacific number 11, will be back in January. It is being painted and having certain interior work done at present. It will be solid blue.

The San Diego County Railway Museum Association is now known as the SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION. 1964 officers are, William Wooton, president.....Wally Duthie, vice-pres.

Terry Durkin recently ran a trip over the Escondido Branch of Santa Fe with the AT&SF roadmaster as an escort, using motor cars. Several R.H.S. of S.D. members were on board including Wally Duthie and Eric Sanders, all enjoyed the outing on rails.

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(If we missed anyone, contact us)

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BALLOT????? Yes, we had ballots all made out and ready to mail to you two weeks ago. There was only one office to vote for, Wally Duthie was nominated from the floor at the November meeting for office of president. Since that time Wally has decided not to run, he feels he would not have time to properly devote to the job and other activities are taking too much of his time. This leaves the slate of 1964 officers just as nominated by the five man committee. Chairman of the nominating committee was Carroll Schnader. The committee gave the 1964 year a lot of thought, the following names were offered after much consideration: for office of president, EARLE A. SWAINE...for office of 1st vice-president, GLADYS L. SKEEN...for office of 2nd vice-president, CHARLES T. MANN...for office of 3rd vice-president, CLIFFORD G. SKEEN....for treasurer, FRED R. FINKE...for recording secretary, HARLAN HATZ...for corresponding secretary, BARBARA J. THOMSON...for historian, DWIGHT E. COUCH...for excursion director, SEETH L. THOMSON...for board of directors, DONALD DECKER.

With Wally Duthie withdrawing from the presidential nomination there is no contest for any of the positions and no need for a secret ballot unless some member does not feel this is right. The original ballots were all printed but have been torn up. If you wish to contest the election of officers, please write to the society. If there are no persons in disfavor, it will be automatic, the above named persons as presented by the official nominating committee, will take office in January of 1964.

To clear up the three vice-president positions: 1st VP is in charge of publicity, 2nd VP is in charge of maintenance and restoration of our equipment, 3rd VP handles the programs and entertainment for meetings.

*** 1964 DUES MAY BE PAID ANY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH ***

Use the handy cut off application for sending in your 1964 dues, please fill out the form in full in order to bring society records up to date.

XXXXXXXX cut along this line XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX cut along this line and mail with 1964 dues. XXXXXXXXXXXX

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR 1964 MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Zip # _____

Please renew my membership for 1964, enclosed is \$ _____ () check () cash () M.O.

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Enclosed is additional funds for the
Restoration & Equipment Fund, \$ _____
(Receipts will be mailed for all money
received for dues and donations.)

AT&SF COMBINE #12 The Escondido Model RR Club is currently working on the Santa Fe combination coach recently donated to Escondido.

Members are preparing the car for a new paint job. The exterior has been sandblasted and a coat of gray primer is being applied.

The car will be moved from the present siding near the Santa Fe depot to a special section of track in Grape Day Park. The area will be fenced off and the club will build an "HO" operating layout in the car.

Future club operations will be open to the public on Thursday evenings and on Sunday by appointment. (George Guth, Escondido, 11/4/63)

ORANGE EMPIRE TROLLEY MUSEUM Cool weather and many projects make this an ideal time of year for members and friends to journey to Perris. Have you been to Perris lately to help work on the many projects, ties, track, trolley, cars?

O.E.T. is always in need of laborers and donations. If you can't help at Perris on week-ends, maybe you can donate a dollar or two to keep things moving. You San Diego trolley fans don't do much here in our area, we hope you all are helping at Perris. Dollar A Month Project is still in effect, send some money for your favorite O.E.T. project: Orange Empire Trolley Museum, Inc., P.O. Box 501, Perris, Calif. 92370.

R.H.S. of S.D. MUSEUM???! Yes, there is progress being made toward a future museum site. We ask the membership to have patience, there has been much secrecy regarding a museum site and it is necessary at this time. The museum committee is working on the project, wait for results. When something positive happens, it will be told.

1964 RAILROAD CALENDARS Steam comes alive again on the pages of the large 11x17 spiral bound RAILROAD CALENDAR for 1964.

The Mt. Rubidoux Chapter, Pacific Railroad Society, 180 "J" Street, San Bernardino, California, 92440, offers this calendar with steam in action on many roads, 11 pictures of them. For the traction crowd there are also 2 shots of trolley operation.

Railroad Calendars sell for \$1.25 each, California residents add 5¢ for state tax. Calendars may be ordered as gifts also, a gift card will be included at no extra charge.

PACIFIC BEACH & WESTERN The Pacific Beach Model RR Club announces the close down of train operations on two dates, due to holidays. The HO train operations will not be open on Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, and on Tuesday, December 31st, New Years Eve. Regular operations on Tuesday evenings will resume on the 7th of January, 1964.

The club is normally open to the public every Tuesday evening, 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Latest news of live steam operations at Del Mar is the construction of 1½" scale, 15" gage turnouts for the proposed outdoor line. Track will be put around the south dike parking lot, with construction slated to start early in 1964. Turnout construction is being done on a special jig in the HO building. Thursday is work night if anyone wishes to visit, same hours as on Tuesday night operations.

The "HO" Orange Empire Traction Company now has overhead wire strung at the car house and over quite a bit of main line trackage.

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