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NOW....TIME DOES FLY, WE HAVE BEEN HARD PRESSED FOR TIME THIS FALL AND HERE IT IS THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER....SO A SHORT DOUBLE ISSUE AND AS MUCH NEWS AS WE CAN FIT OR REMEMBER.

SAN DIEGO RAILSCENE: S.D.&A.E. 5115 had some traction motor troubles early in November. We saw the 5115 cut in behind S.P. power coming down grade between Beaumont and Colton on 11/15 as she headed west for shop repairs in L.A. In the meantime, back on the iron at San Diego, 5102 threw a cooling fan through the radiator and was put out of service. The 5102 sat dead for several weeks and finally departed in an eastbound freight 12/5, dead in the middle of the train. It is rumored the little C.E. will not be repaired. In the meanwhile the 5115 had been repaired and returned freshly painted. The S.P. placed EMD 4620 (SW-8 800HP) switcher in San Diego service and the 4620 has made the run to La Mesa-El Cajon quite often. Back on the mainline power the 406, EMD GP-9 had bearing trouble in the form of a hot box and was held in S.D. for repairs, departure the following day created a nifty big five unit pot of power. Train size on the branch have cut back and the little freights look quaint with 7,8,9 or 10 cars, easier to photograph the entire train! Mainline power has been GP-9, F-7 and some low hood GP-18 or GP-20 power. For the most part it is old washed out looking original paint scheme S.P. power, 5600 and 5700 "geeps".

SANTA FE has been mixing the 1200 and 1300 GP-30 and GP-35 power lately. Many heavy trains in November with a slow down in train length since the first of the month. All November Potash is gone and the big covered hoppers have returned east for reloading. Cotton has been heavy at the port with over 100 carloads during November and some alfalfa pellets shipments at the bulk loader. Most of the cotton and pellets come in via S.D.&A.E. to the Santa Fe and the port. The big 800's and 900's were common while the trains were heavy and will probably return as potash shipments pick up again at some future date. Passenger business is still running behind old trusty Alico 51, the original of the series. (Re-engined with 1750 HP GM diesels) On Saturday, Nov. 28 the big blue private car #11 better known as "CAR ELEVEN" was headed for the big town of L.A. on the San Diegan and had a slight problem....it uncoupled at speed!

DECEMBER MEETING: Santa Fe Station 7:30PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1964.

JANUARY MEETING:
ANNUAL DINNER AND INSTALLATION
OF SOCIETY OFFICERS, MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1965.

DINNER: Midway Chuck Wagon, 7:30 P.M.
(See last page for order blank.)

BARRIGER LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, November 25th a farewell luncheon was held at the El Cortez Hotel for John W. Barriger III, President of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR. Mr. Barriger will take his retirement in January, serving his last day as president on December 31, 1964.

A group of friends from local railroads, railfan organizations and personal friends of Mr. Barriger enjoyed several hours together and many good hearty laughs as tales of the past were reviewed by several close associates.

Mr. Barriger stated that this really isn't the last of his yearly meetings here with us but he just didn't know which road or uniform he might be representing next time we meet.

Mr. Barriger presented his successor to the position of P.&L.E. president, a man we feel will do a fine job, Mr. Curtis D. Buford. Mr. Buford has been with N.Y.C. since 1946 and has also served with A.A.R.

The best of wishes to Mr. Barriger in his new (but maybe temporary) job as a retired railroader....have fun John! And our most sincere wishes to Mr. Buford as he takes over the top spot of the P.&L.E.

SAN DIEGO RAILSCENE....Continued

The incident with Car 11 was a freak and as luck had it there was no serious damage and no serious injury to anyone on the car. The coupler apparently just wasn't locked tight or the pin didn't hold, anyway she cut loose and set the air, the train stopped faster and big blue CAR ELEVEN connected at about 15 MPH to the rear car of the San Diegan.

On the brighter side of private car trips we had the CYRUS L. HOLIFAY securely tied to the rear of #77 on 11/25/64 to take President Barriger back to L.A. after the luncheon. The car returned on Thanksgiving Day morning with Jack Steddale and Eric Sanders aboard.

RESULTS OF DECEMBER MEETING & VOTE

The regular monthly meeting was held Monday, December 7th at the Santa Fe depot. The ballots were counted as follows:

PRESIDENT= Dwight E. Couch, Jr., 1st VICE-PRESIDENT= Jack Stodolko, 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT= Walter H. Silberhorn, 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT= Gladys "Trains" Skeen, RECORDING SECRETARY= Robert H. Coyle, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY= Barbara J. Thomson, TREASURER= Fred R. Finke, EXCURSION DIRECTOR= Seth L. Thomson, HISTORIAN= Clifford Skken, DIRECTOR= Charles Rezek. Earle Swaine becomes a member of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS as past president, Donald Dicker remains as a DIRECTOR for his second year.

The vote for increased dues carried 100% by a vote of the members in attendance. This sets the following rates: REGULAR \$3.50 SUSTAINING \$3.50 (or more) JUNIOR \$2.50 under 18 yrs. FAMILY \$1.00 additional to Regular.

A sound b&w steam movie was shown and a color/sound film "This is my Railroad" by S.P. Excellent refreshments were served by Society members Mr. & Mrs. Montgomery. (the hot apple cider was the best!)

DUES INCREASE RENEW FOR 1965

The additional dollar for yearly dues is needed to keep the Society operating in the black. Although the total treasury is up to a pretty fair figure at present, it doesn't take much to use it when repairs and restoration is taking place on our railway equipment.

We urge you to continue your membership during 1965 and help do your share to keep and maintain locomotive 104, observation 050, car 54 or fine old S.D. trolley (still being worked on), streetcar 171 at Perris, streetcar 528 at Del Mar, narrow gauge U.S. Gypsum crew car and any other items we may acquire.

Maintenance and repairs become more and more expensive, we don't have to many workers to volunteer their services so repairs cost us more at times. REJOIN FOR 1965 NOW.

SAME OLD OFFICERS??

There has been a word or two about the same people running the Society each year..... well, who do you figure will run it if there are no volunteers to run for office? We were lucky this fall, a couple new officers have been elected along with some of the old group. Out of all members, 14 were willing to run on the election ticket. If you want to help and see some new names on the ballot, stop right up for the 1966 nominations. Get in and help run the Society during 1965!

*****MAY WE TAKE A FEW LINES TO WISH EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF R.H.S. of S.D. AND ALL OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE VARIOUS RAILFAN GROUPS.....

"A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.....AND A BIG PROSPEROUS HAPPY NEW YEAR....ALL YEAR IN '65"

GLADYS "TRAINS" (UMBURGERS) MOVED

Around the corner and west on University you will find the new and larger hobby shop operated by Gladys & Cliff Skeen. Yep, they have a nice big roomy store at a new location on University Avenue.....the number is 4275. The same old phone number remains: 284-3449. 4275 University will also be the new home of the RHO of SD lending library.

RESTORATION OF TROLLEY CAR 54

The old streetcar by the Whaley House has had a short vacation from the toils of the Society workers. Construction of the metal trucks will start soon. New 2nd VP Wally Silberhorn, Tommy Mann, Earle Swaine and a few of the other devoted members to this job will be working on the old car soon.

SOCIETY DINNER AND EXCURSIONS

→ Enclosed in this issue is a handy form page with several cut out applications. One is for the annual dinner and installation of 1965 officers. This will be the January meeting, MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1965 at the Midway Drive home of fine food, THE MIDWAY CHUCK WAGON, 2855 Midway Drive, near Rossmore. Dinner is \$3.50 each, includes tax, tip & door prizes. Time is short, don't delay, make this a big success, send for your reservations today..... Don't delay! We will meet in the lobby at 7:30 P.M. (see cut out forms page)

→ First come, first served.....that is the story on tickets for the private car excursion to Los Angeles or Disneyland on Sunday, Jan. 10th. We will ride the beautiful big private observation car "CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY" on the rear of trains 73 and 78 the "San Megans". We must have 18 full fares to run the trip.... \$15.00 per person, roundtrip, in advance..... Send a 20 dollar bill, for the dinner and the special car trip. (if train fare is less, we will refund accordingly.) SUNDAY, JAN. 10th!!!
→ Orange Empire Trolley Museum excursion on Santa Fe mainline and never traveled branch in freight only territory, the DIXIE-RIPLEY trip on Saturday & Sunday, FEB. 6 & 7, 1965. FARE is \$24.00 (O.E.T. P.O. Box 501, Perris, Calif.)

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC. - SPECIAL ORDER FORM -

*****IMPORTANT!!!!

TIME IS SHORT. DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL DINNER AND INSTALLATION OF SOCIETY OFFICERS----- MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 4, 1965 - 7:30 P.M. The dinner is again being held at the Midway Chuck Wagon, 2855 Midway Drive, San Diego. (near Rosecrans) NOTE: Cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30 PM - Dinner will be Chuck Wagon style, everyone going as a group to be served, "ALL YOU CAN EAT". Featuring Prime Rib of Beef and other delicious entrees. Dinner is \$ 3.50 each, this includes the dinner, tax, tip and beer prices. DINNER AT 7:45 P.M.

*****IMPORTANT!!!!

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1965. THAT LONG AWAITED TRIP TO LOS ANGELES ON THE "CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY" WILL BE SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th. WE ARE RAISING MONEY IN A SPECIAL FUND TO PURCHASE A STANDARD GAUGE MOTOR CAR FOR TRACK WORK AT PERRIS....A handy item for the Orange Empire Trolley Museum, your donation is needed. Use the handy forms for each of the above items..... Cut off and mail---TODAY!

RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO, INC.
P.O. BOX 9351, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, 92109.

"ANNUAL DINNER & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS"
MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 4th, 1965 - 7:30 PM

Name _____
Address _____

Please make _____ dinner reservations for me,
enclosed is my ()check ()money order for
\$ _____ (\$3.50 per person)
Cocktail Hour 6:30 PM
to 7:30 PM.

(Dinner will be held in the private FIRESIDE ROOM, group will meet in lobby at 7:30 PM)
Chuck Wagon features Prime Rib of Beef plus other delicious entrees, "ALL YOU CAN EAT"

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1965 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____
Address: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____

- ✓ Regular Membership \$3.50 ✓ Junior \$2.50
- ✓ Sustaining \$3.50 or more. (under 18 yrs.)
- ✓ Family \$1.00 additional to regular membership.

1965 cards will be mailed as dues are received and processed, deadline 3/1/65.

PLUS \$ _____ Donation to Restoration Fund.

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RHSofSD PRIVATE CAR EXCURSION TO LOS ANGELES
via SANTA FE in the "CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY"

Name _____
Address _____

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1965 - 8:00 A.M.

Please reserve _____ seats on the special car trip. I plan to go all the way to L.A. _____
Get off at Anaheim for Disneyland _____

Santa Fe train #73 departs San Diego 8:00 AM
train arrives L.A. 10:55 AM.....returning
on train 78 departs L.A. 5:45 PM train
arrives San Diego 8:40 P.M. Sunday, Jan. 10th

FARE: \$15.00 roundtrip (no half fares)
(Subject to refund if fare is less.)
My Phone is: _____ \$ _____ enclosed.

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"MOTOR CAR SPECIAL FUND FOR O.E.T."
A work car for the trolley museum.....

Name _____
Address _____

Enclosed is my donation toward the purchase
and presentation by RHSofSD to the Orange
Empire Trolley Museum.....\$ _____

(\$70.00 is our goal....\$1.00 a member????)