



NEWSLETTER

R. H. S. of S. D.

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JANUARY MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF 1960 OFFICERS AT SPECIAL DINNER....

The January meeting was hold one week later then usual this year with a change in location. On Monday, Jan. 11th the RHSoSD held their meeting at the beautiful new Midway Chuck Wagon for a special dinner meeting to install the new officers.

On hand for the event were the following members: Mr. & Mrs. McCleary and guests, Mr. & Mrs. Mann and their daughter, Jack Stodelle, Rex Cuttall, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder and son, Fred Finke, Barbara and Corky Thomson, Dick Dodge, Wally Duthie, Dick Pennick, Murray S.-Smith and guests, Mr. & Mrs. Seelow, Mr. & Mrs. Rider, Mr. & Mrs. Farwell, Earle Swaine, Mr. & Mrs. Calkins, Del Gay, Mr. & Mrs. Clarke (Santa Ana), Mr. & Mrs. Patterson and non-member guests Mr. & Mrs. Joe Havlik. Guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Jones of the Santa Fe Railway with his wife Mrs. J.

After a very fine dinner of fried chicken or primo rib, and several trips for seconds and thirds, (chuck wagon style) everyone was well filled and in a good mood for the speeches and the installation of officers. Our president for 1959, Mr. McCleary introduced our guest speaker Mr. Jones, he then gave a short talk on the present problem of feather bedding and such practices. Mr. Jones then introduced the incoming 1960 officers with many bits of humor thrown in to add a bit of laughter to the-

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R.H.S. of S.D. FEBRUARY MEETING.....

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1960.

8:00 P.M. IN THE SAFETY ROOM, UPSTAIRS IN THE SANTA FE STATION, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO, KETTNER & BROADWAY.

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING, COMMITTEE REPORTS, PROGRAM AND REFRESHMENTS.

REMEMBER.....MONDAY, FEB. 1, 1960. BRING A FRIEND, GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME.

Jan. Meeting....continued- affair. The new officers were basically the same as in 1959 so it was a very humorous installation, with some good comments about present officers taking over for another year.

"Mac" McCleary turned the gavel over to incoming President, Tommy Mann, the 1st Vice President position remained in the firm grip of Jack Stodelle, the 2nd V.P. was originally voted in for Roland Anderson, but due to working conditions, he cannot take the position. The Board appointed a 2nd V.P. after much hard work finding a suitable replacement, the job was turned over to Rex Cuttall, he has been in charge of restoring car 050, so Rex should make a good choice for the position. In 3rd V.P., we again placed Bill Snyder in the drivers seat for '60, Fred Finke continues as Treasurer and Mr. & Mrs. Thomson carry on as Recording and Corresponding Secretary, the job of

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member of family receiving publications.
Junior membership (under 18 yrs) \$1.50

Membership includes all issues of the
NEWSLETTER and the DISPATCHER, reduced
rates on society sponsored trips.

Meetings are held on the FIRST MONDAY
of each month in the Safety Room, up-
stairs in the Santa Fe Depot, located
at Kettner & Broadway in San Diego.
Meetings start at 8:00 P.M., include
short business session and committee
reports, a program of slides, movies or
a speaker and REFRESHMENTS.

The DISPATCHER is available at \$1.00
per year, 7861 Normal Ave., La Mesa,
Calif. (Eric Sanders, Editor.)

"A HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIAS".....
A valuable new reference book by member
Philip S. Rush, contains the important
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IFORNIA RANCHER, P.O. Drawer No. 31, SAN
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OLD S.P. ROUNDHOUSE AT TUCSON.....

Evidence of the days of steam engines
is disappearing day by day. The old
south 3rd Avenue roundhouse in Tucson,
Arizona is being torn down. The round-
house was built in 1905 by the Southern
Pacific, at one time it was the largest
engine repair facility between El Paso
and Los Angeles.

(Richard Guthrie)

D.S.R.G. SELLS THE SILVERTON.....

The DSRG is selling the 45 mile line
from Durango to Silverton. The Helen
White Foundation, a nonprofit organiza-
tion will operate the line as a living
monument to the great past of the nar-
row gauge railroads.

Plans call for continuation of the
summer trains, DSRG will operate the
line in 1960, the Foundation is expected
to take over in 1961.

S.P. EXTENDS C.T.C.

The Southern Pacific has added eight
miles of Centralized Traffic Control to
the Sunset Route. The new section of C-
T.C. takes in the important junction at
Pleacho where traffic splits for the
Gila Bend and Phoenix routes to Yuma. It
is planned to have C.T.C. for the entire
distance between Yuma and Tucson in 8
months. The CTC board is at Tucson.

(Richard Guthrie)

REMEMBER THE DATE.....

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1960 - 8:P.M.
You should plan now to attend, see you
all at the February meeting.

JAN. MEETING, continued from page one.

Excursion Director was in the hands of Wally (Sonora-Baja Calif.) Guthrie again in 1960, now to the list of officers is our Historian, taking over from Richard V. Dodge is Richard E. Pernick, and to fill out the list, retiring President, S.D. "Mac" McNeary takes over as one of the Board of Directors along with Jerry Lee Fecht and one new board member to be appointed. V.O. Williams is still Librarian, by appointment.

After the installation of officers, the meeting was turned over to 2nd V.P. Bill Snyder. (in charge of refreshments and entertainment) Bill presented three 16mm films, one a short black & white film on the general effect of railroads on the nation, showing how the RR's pay for schools through local taxes, how they purchase many products from local stores and industry, etc. This film was loaned to us by KPMB, Channel 8, they also supplied the excellent 16mm sound projector for the occasion. The second film was a sound and color pictorial of the D.&R.G. narrow gauge from Durango to Silverton. The film was taken about 5 years ago, the locomotive was brightly painted at that time. Much of the film was about the movie making on the Silverton line, many shots of the Hollywood film makers were shown. The last film is a reel of news shots from KPMB Channel 8 of RSHSofSD doings, scenes of the 1959 Sonora-Baja Calif. trip, the Ferris trip and the old car at the Frog Farm. The society is adding to this as films are taken and it will be a very good historical collection of society affairs. The meeting broke up after the last film, all those that were not down with the flu and were able to attend, had a very happy and enjoyable evening.

Unfortunately, the flu bug took its toll on RSHSofSD members that had planned on attending the dinner, we received a TELEGRAM from the Umbargers, regretful that they could not attend. Our new member William G. Clarke and his wife were down from Santa Ana for the dinner.

NEW MEMBERS FOR 1960.....

Add the following to the list of new members: DEL M. GAY, 8214 IDERDEL LANE, LEMON GROVE, CALIF., and our old friend and one of the originators of the R.H. S. of S.D., none other than Ed Shedaker, also joining with Ed is his wife, Ena. The Shedaker address is 4559 Matero Dr., San Diego 15.

Welcome to the society Del Gay and welcome back after a long absence to Mr. & Mrs. Shedaker.

Three views of rail travel, one in the Carrizo Gorge showing double header on the high trestle, one of S.D.&E.Ry. cars on Broadway and a view of the rugged Carrizo Gorge area and S.D.&E.R. road bed.....available to members at the special rate of 3 for 10¢. (RSHSofSD, P.O. Box 9151, San Diego 9, Calif.) cards will be sent with the following Newsletter, or if you include postage, they will be mailed direct. Non-Members may have the set for 20¢, postage paid. This includes a short history of the cards and information on the DISPATCHER. Send 20¢ to DISPATCHER, 7861 NORMAL AVE., LA MESA, CALIFORNIA.

SANTA FE TO ABANDONE LINE.....

The Santa Fe Ry. plans to abandon 22.5 miles of line in Arizona and is going to build 37 miles of new track.

The line to be abandoned extends from Prescott to Skull Valley through the Sierra Prieta Mountains. This will bring an end to through train service to the "Mile High City" of Prescott. This would place Prescott on a spur line from Abra Siding, north of Prescott.

The I.C.C. has had their examiner investigate the situation and it has been recommended that the line be abandoned in favor of the new line around the Sierra Prieta Mtns. The new line would skirt Granite Mtn, and would result in a substantial saving to the railroad in time and money. The present line is steep and winding.

(Richard Guthrie)

DUES ARE DUE, PLEASE PAY YOUR 1960 DUES BEFORE MARCH 1st, 1960. MANY MEMBERS HAVE SENT THEIR DUES IN, BUT NOT ALL, PLEASE HELP THE TREASURER, PAY NOW

SONORA BAJA CALIFORNIA TRIP.....

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1960

PLAN NOW TO RIDE THE S.B.C.

SANTA FE PAINTING DIESELS.....

The new 2400 horsepower hood units may get new paint jobs. The 817 is being repainted from the standard black with zebra stripes to the blue and yellow of the F-7 freighters. The body will be blue, nose and base at walkway will be yellow, trucks and fans will be black. New units from the factory will catch the same new painting. Lettering will be yellow.
(Mt. Rubidoux)

SAN JOSE S.P. ROUNDHOUSE.....

The roundhouse at San Jose, Calif. is another of the buildings being torn down in this age of self propelled electric locomotives. Built in 1885 the building saw many years of service and many a steam locomotive passed in and out of the old brick structure.

The stationary steam plant is also cold. Used for heating cars, the San Jose depot and for use around the locomotive facilities, it has been replaced with eight steam generators taken from diesels. They will heat the cars and the depot from now on.

The old boilers were from two of the 3000-series steam locomotives.
(Wheel Clicks)

A NEW BOOK ON ELECTRICS.....

Members interested in rail travel by electrical power, and especially the inter-urban railways will enjoy the new book, "ELECTRIC INTERURBAN RAILWAYS IN AMERICA".

Special pre-publication price until February 1, 1960 is only \$8.50, after that date it will sell for \$9.50, it may be ordered from Stanford University Press, Stanford, California.

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE.....

While on his recent holiday in Mexico, Jack Stodelle was startled to hear on the S.B.C., the friendly sound of an S.P. Consolidation as it whistled into Benjamin Hill. Jack was having a cup of coffee, grabbed his camera gear and dashed out to see the steam locomotive.....low and behold, a diesel road switcher appeared. (P.S.)

ORANGE EMPIRE OPERATION.....

The first weekend of the new year saw that long awaited day at Perris. The diesel powered generator was run, and a streetcar moved under power at Perris. Car number 1423, an M-3, moved at 6:34 PM on January 3rd.

It has now been proven that the power plant will work. This should really put a fire under the pot and get some overhead wire strung.

On Sunday, January 17, 1960, M-3 car number 1435 operated under trolley wire. Also operated by means of a ground cable, was L.A.Ry. tower car 9351.

Pat Underwood, Electrical Dept. Supt. says that the power plant will be run on Sunday afternoons from now on, barring a necessary shutdown for maintenance.

(O.E.T.)

RAILFAN TRIPS.....

Don't forget our own special train on the ~~PERRO~~ FERROCARRIL SONORA-BAJA CALIF. This will be on Sunday, March 20, 1960.

Fares for the trip as announced by the Excursion Director, Mr. Wally Duthie:

MEMBERS, complete trip, bus and train: \$8.75 roundtrip. MEMBERS, train only, \$4.25 roundtrip. (using your own car to reach Mexicali)

NON-MEMBERS, complete trip, bus & train: \$9.25 roundtrip. NON-MEMBERS wishing to ride train only portion, \$4.75.

Children under 12 years of age: Bus & train, complete trip: \$7.00 roundtrip.

Train portion of trip: \$2.50 roundtrip.

(Note: Children must be well supervised by parent or an adult, no more than two children per adult in charge. We have had several complaints about the way children were left on their own, there is too much chance of a child being hurt if they are not well supervised. Please...if you have children going on the trip, take care of them and keep them out of camera range at photo stops.)

MEMBERS PLANNING TO RIDE THE MARCH 20 EXCURSION ARE URGED TO SEND IN NOW FOR THEIR TICKETS.....COMPLETE TRIPS, BOTH THE CHARTER BUS AND THE RAILROAD, MEMBERS..... ONLY \$8.75-----TRAIN ONLY PORTION: \$4.25.

This trip is open to all, members are welcome to do a little advertising, bring a friend or two. (SEE PAGE FIVE, DETAILS)

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE.....
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There on the side of the hood, near the cab....a steam locomotive shine whistle, still sounding just as good as in the days when steam burst through to create that wonderful sound, known only to the steam world. If a road switcher in Mexico can sport an air operated steam whistle, why not the diesels on this side of the border?

SAN FRANCISCO SCRAPS.....

San Francisco Municipal Ry. has retired car 1004, one of the first stream liners. The 1001 and 1002 have also been scrapped, leaving the 1003, 1005. These were custom-built non-FEC stream liners. (Western Railroader)

MAINTENANCE OF RNSofSD CARS.....

Paint has been acquired from the Fair Grounds for the outside of car 650 at Del Mar. A work party will be called in the near future for painting the outside of the car.

Car 171 at Perris needs some rust prevention on several paint blisters. The car has had many coats of paint in the many years it saw service in the S.F. Muny. The change of climate has caused several blisters to pull the old paint away clear down to metal. If any member is going up to Perris, please try to make a repair to the paint spots needing it the most. We will have a Perris work party in the near future.

SANTA FE MIXED.....

Freight trains arriving in the dead of night sport some unusual mixtures of power. One recently came in with a 200 series "A" unit (in blue & yellow) followed by two "Geeps" (black & white) and another "A" unit, freight units look quite sporty double heading up the hill from Sorrento with the big 3 unit ALCO passenger diesel too.

SONORA BAJA CALIFORNIA out of Mexicali, Sunday, March 20th 1960, R.H.S.of S.D. (get your tickets early!)

RAILFAN TRIPS.....

The consist will be about the same as last year on the S.B.C. Modern Swiss built cars, diesel locomotive and a day of relaxed enjoyment on the train.

MEMBERS....LETS ALL GO S.B.C. ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20th, 1960.....busses will depart at 7:00AM, train departure will be at about 10:30 AM, Mexicali. A full brochure will be included with the next issue of the Newsletter, but if you are sure you can go, tickets are now on sale from the Excursion Dept., write to R.H.S. of S.D., P.O. Box 9351, San Diego (zone 9) Calif., send check or money order, made out to RNSofSD.

P.R.S.----"BAKERSFIELD TRIP"

On Sunday, February 14, 1960 "Valentines Day" the Pacific Railroad Society, P.O. Box 5279, Los Angeles 55, Calif., will operate a Santa Fe excursion train from L.A. to San Bernardino, over the Famous CAJON PASS, to Barstow, Mojave and through the Tehachapi Loop down to Bakersfield. Then as a switch, the all Santa Fe train will have SOUTHERN PACIFIC power put on for the return trip to L.A. via the Loop and S.P. trackage into L.A. FARES.....P.R.S. Members.....\$11.95 Non P.R.S. members, \$12.45, kids(5-11) \$7.50 Trainleaves L.A. at 7:45 A.M., returns at 10:00 P.M. (SUNDAY, FEB. 14, 1960)

GOLDEN WEST RAILFANS.....

A Gala, Old Time Railroad Excursion to the Harbors of Redondo, Los Angeles and Long Beach, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1960.

The trip will also include a visit on board a huge round the world ocean liner. The fare is low, only \$4.95 per person, and includes a complete lunch. Via Santa Fe, all the way....tickets may be ordered from Golden West Railfans, 215 W. 5th St., Room 323, Los Angeles 13 (please include self-addressed stamped envelope.)

NEXT MEETING.....MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
RNSofSD 8:00 P.M.
(Santa Fe depot, Kettner & Broadway)