

JANUARY RHSofSD MEETING

Instead of the regular "first" Monday evening of the month meeting, the January meeting will be one week later due to the first Monday falling on New Years Day.....AND, instead of meeting at the station we will hold the JANUARY meeting at the Midway Chuck Wagon. This is our dinner meeting and installation of 1962 officers. Order slips are on the back page of this issue as well as the last issue.

The January meeting will be on the second Monday, JANUARY 8, 1962 in the beautiful "Fireside Room" of the Midway Chuck Wagon at 2855 Midway Drive in San Diego. (Near intersection of Midway & Rosecrans) Cocktail hour will be from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in the upstairs "Gas Light Bar", dinner line will start at 7:30 P.M. downstairs. The Midway Chuck Wagon handles banquet dinners by holding the line open for the entire group at a given time, in this way we are all in our own private banquet room in a matter of a very few short minutes, with "ALL YOU CAN EAT" and a swell group of people to eat with.....and when you finish your first helping you can go back for more!!!

Earle Swaine promises another highly entertaining evening with the program he has worked up for us. Good food, good entertainment and a rousing cheer for the 1961 staff and a big hand for the new staff of officers.....BE THERE FOR A VERY ENJOYABLE EVENING WITH ALL OF YOUR FELLOW RHSofSD MEMBERS.

TIME: 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. for cocktails in the Gas Light Bar (upstairs)

7:30 P.M. starts the dinner line, please be prompt in order to get the group all in at once without any delays....DINNER LINE at 7:30 P.M.

From 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. we will be in the Fireside Room, eat all you want, there is no limit.....after that Earle Swaine will supply the fun and entertainment and the new and old officers will be introduced.

PLACE: The Midway Chuck Wagon Restaurant, 2855 Midway Drive, San Diego.

(For information, call Barbara Thomson after 3:00 P.M.,-----Broadway 3-5081.)

****Note- no tickets being mailed, send in your money, check list at dinner.

REMEMBER THE DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1962 Cost: \$3.00 per person

DINNER.....ENTERTAINMENT.....DOOR PRIZES
INSTALLATION OF 1962 OFFICERS.

We would at this time like to wish each and every member...A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR and we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas.

One way to start the New Year is to be aboard the RHSofSD "New Years in MEXICO" all rail trip to beautiful Guaymas on Bacoohibampo Bay. This issue of the Newsletter may not reach some of you before the trip but a very fine brochure was recently mailed to you with all the details. Contact Wally for any additional information: Wally Duthie - CY-5-3403 (bus. CY-5-6309)

Lets see more of the members start showing up at the monthly meetings in '62. Society business, the long talking dry stuff has been cut to a minimum with the Board of Directors holding meetings for such items, the general meeting on the first Monday of each month in the Santa Fe depot is for YOU. There is time to renew old friendships, talk railroading, see a few slides or movies, listen to interesting speakers, enjoy good refreshments and have a chance at winning the variety of nice prizes each month. (not this month!!!--next.)

With the completion of the New Years Excursion to Guaymas, the office of Excursion Director will be taken over very capably by Corky Thomson. During the past three years there has been a great deal of pioneering and up-hill fighting by a great many people to help put over the various excursions. I wish there were space enough to name and thank everyone that has helped with the publicity, art work, brochures, mailing, printing, officiating on the excursions, keeping the mailing list up to date, etc. All of these things are very important and all require a lot of work.

Our finances have improved considerably and if our objective of an operating museum is to be attained, we must continue to offer a variety of excursions that appeal to the public, which in the long run, pays for our special trains. However, it must be remembered that every excursion is as much of a gamble as any business venture or investment. In spite of all efforts to hold down costs on each excursion, there are many expenses and incidentals, besides the basic cost of the train itself. These costs must be included in the fare. One of the big problems in running trips here in the U.S. has been the problem to meet the high minimum fare guarantee. These fares are set on an adult basis and when the half fares come along it takes bit of figuring and sometimes gets to be quite a hassle.

Once again, my very special thanks to all of the people that have helped with the work of putting the excursions on the road.

Wally Duthie
Excursion Director

1962 is here, and that means its time to pay dues again. The deadline is not until March, but why wait for the deadline.....pay now and avoid the rush..... handy renewal form on back page....do it today. This is not complete to date, but the following have paid their 1962 dues-----J. Dean Archibald, Byron Bean, Robert Beaton, Fred Beasley, Hobart Calkins, William Clarke, Dwight Couch, Ross Fry, John Gorby, Richard Guthrie, Louis Haake, Tom Matson, Leslie Johnson, Everett Jones, Vonda Joynt(now member), Dr. Robert S. Julian, Edwin Junghans, L.W. McCleary, Morey McDonald(now member), John Montgomery(now member), George Overshiner, Warren Quon, Jim Reading, Alan Riege, George Rider, Charles Seitz, Carroll Schnader, Ray Skinner(now member), Murray Smith, Fred Ticknor, Chard Walker, Paul Wilson, Joseph Zera. (If your name is not here and you have paid, its just due to the holidays, we will list you next month.)

The Newsletter staff has been so swamped with holiday doings to make much effort toward this issue, last month we promised more news items, etc.....come to the society dinner on Monday, January 8, 1961 and we will discuss railroad news and happenings over a good meal!! We hope to be back on a normal routine when publishing the February issue, new officers, a new year and we hope some new and outstanding railroad items for the Newsletter.....HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

If you missed the December meeting, the election turned out as follows: 1962 officers will be under the able command of Wendal Byers, our new president, in 1st V.P. position is Earle Swaine, 2nd V.P. is Tommy Mann, 3rd VP, Charles Resek. Corresponding Secretary for '62 is Jana Resek, Recording Secretary will once again be the task of Gladys Umbarger, Fred Finke carries on as treasurer, and a good one he has been all these years, Fred is almost part of the furniture now. Corky Thomson takes over some of the trip headaches while Wally Duthie retires after several years, Eric Sanders will carry the banner of society historian. L.W. McCleary has volunteered to keep the mailing list in proper order, big task but sure needed, there will be other jobs open, if you can help run the society don't hide in the back of the room, let your officers know of your abilities.