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Dear Jerry,

Many thanks for your letter of the 24th with very interesting data, scetches, and prints.

I can fully appreciate the NATS matter. After all, two of my buddies bought a jalloppy at El Paso and drove on th Camp Beale, and three others braved the desert and hitch-hiked out. Would have liked to have heard from you. Look forward to meeting you next time you get up this way.

I have the 13 sheets of the Donahue. They are beauties.

No further news on Clear Lake or on the Oregon border lakes, but found mention of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Tulare Lake steamers. 'Owens' Lake steamers BESSIE BRADY and MOLLIE STEVENS are mentioned in a history of Inyo. My friend in Salt Lake City has just sent me several pages on early lake boats---many are sail and many are pleasure craft, but there is a little about early steamers. I have not had a chance to go thru it very closely.

National Geographic has just returned the B.C. Lakes material, so I will have to send it out to some other.

Your shots are very interesting. Too bad you could get only Caevent film. The old gal is really puzzling over the walking beam !

The FORT SUTTER has been moved from Suisun Bay to just north of Sacramento, near the CHEROKEE and GOLDEN ERA.

The HAYWARD is now tied up in Suisun Bay, right close to the Solano end of the S.P. railroad bridge.

A couple of weeks ago I learned that Capt. Way was out here, but my letter c/p the Maritime Commission bounced back, so I shot one back c/o the Greene Line "please forward" but no response yet. A week ago I learned the Queen was at the Fulton Shipyard in Antioch. A friend in Sacramento, SSHA member Ottley, contacted Capt. Way, and a group of fans are going to Antioch Saturday. Sunday, from the Santa Fe train en route to Stockton, I got a glance at the boat. The lower deck is now boxed in, but could not see the stern except that the paddle box was still on. I thought they would surely remove the wheel and perhaps the paddle box too. She does not seem in a good spot for pictures, but we shall see Saturday. Last Saturday was bad weather, otherwise I might have gone to Antioch just to look around.

Last Sunday however was a beautiful day, and I finally decided to make a trip I had wanted to for many months, in fact several years. The Colberg Motor Boats operate a motor boat from Stockton daily at 1.30 pm to the various delta islands ~~if~~ for mail, express, and passengers for the various plantations. On Sundays, with no mail and little freight, the trip takes only 4 hours. The boat ties up at some delta point overnite, and makes return trip the next morning. However the operator drives back to Stockton at night, and if there are enough round trip passengers, a bus brings them back.

