

Dear Jerry:

I have been checking into your headlight and am sure that it was never on any engine that operated in San Diego County. All the California Southern, Southern California and Santa Fe engines that were on the Fallbrook runs had the big square affair.

The NC&O and Cuyamaca engines had the same type of headlight. There was a similar one on the La Jolla 4, but it had two handles near the top instead of the one yours has. I should have said the NC&O and Cuyamaca had the square ones. The La Jolla 4 burned carbide gas. Both the McCormack Lumber engines had bigger ones. The Steamship dummies had small square ones.

Funny how when you begin to get senile you can't remember anything that happened yesterday, but can remember when you were four or five years old. Perhaps you can touch up the Riley story for the bulletin. I am not just sure of the exact date. We moved to Santee in 1901, so it was sometime before that.

Regards,

Phil