

Introducing PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM Association, Inc.

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WHO WE ARE

On Sunday, April 16, 1961, thirteen persons interested in the preservation and operation of historic railroad equipment of all types met to organize the San Diego County Railroad Museum. At first, progress was slow, for the problem of locating and paying for equipment and supplies was not easily dealt with.



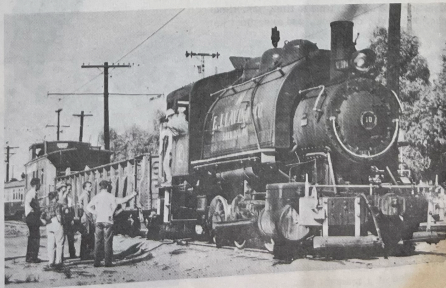
The desire for a museum in San Diego or the surrounding area was great, however. The Railway Museum organization was incorporated as a California non-profit corporation in 1963, and the name of the group was changed to the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association. Soon afterward, the group acquired its first piece of rail equipment, a small rail bus manufactured in 1932 by the Fairmont Company. The acquisition of this piece of equipment stimulated interest in the organization's activities with a resultant increase of membership.

Many hurdles still remained to be cleared. Among them was the problem of acquiring steam, trolley and other fast-disappearing types of railroad equipment while it was still available, and the need for a suitable museum site. Moreover, it was learned that if donations of vehicles, major rail equipment, supplies and funds were to be expected, federal tax exemption would be necessary. Therefore, the group sought and obtained the exemption as a non-profit educational organization in 1966.

The federal exemption was granted just in time, for the two 0-6-0 tank switching locomotives were donated to the PSRMA in May of 1966. The Shay was donated in 1967, and the 2-8-2T arrived in 1968.

So who are we? We're a group of San Diegans dedicated to the preservation and operation of various kinds of railroad equipment. The PSRMA hopes someday to have a museum on a site of its own where the equipment may be placed on exhibit and operated for the enjoyment and education of the general public. The members share a wide range of interests, including steam, Diesel and electric railroading; mechanics; photography; excursions; collecting of various types of railroadians, etc.

Wouldn't you like to join the activities of the PSRMA? See the back page of this brochure for information on how you can participate.



BREAK TIME during an operation of #10 at Perris. This engine is operated from time to time at the Orange Empire Trolley Museum in Perris, California. The Trolley Museum is located west of Route 395, about 15 miles south of Riverside.

0-6-0T switch engine, Number 10
Donated by E. J. Lavino & Co. of
Sheridan, Pa. Coal burning. Built
by American Locomotive Co. in
1923. Builder's number 64764.
Cylinders, 18x24; DR 27 1/2
Steam pressure, 180 psi. Weight,
117,440 lbs.

