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ATTENTION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!!
THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1977 IN THE
BANQUET ROOM OF THE IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT AT

505 KALMIA ST. & 6th AVE. (one
block south of Laurel)

A BLOCKBUSTER PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE
LEGENDARY R. P. MIDDLEBROOK, SAN DIEGO'S NUMBER
ONE RAILFAN. MR. MIDDLEBROOK IS A RETIRED A.T. & S.F.
LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER AND HAS CONTRIBUTED HIS EXPERTISE
AND MUCH OF HIS VAST RAILROAD PHOTO COLLECTION TO MANY
WELL KNOWN PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING THE DEFINITIVE WORK
ON SANTA FE STEAM POWER "IRON HORSES OF THE SANTA FE
TRAIL" BY E. D. WORLEY. THE PROGRAM WILL FEATURE MOVIES
TAKEN BY MR. & MRS. MIDDLEBROOK ON THE RAILROADS OF
SWITZERLAND, GERMANY & AUSTRIA AND WILL SURELY BE A
MOST INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION.



THE BAR WILL BE OPEN FOR NO HOST COCKTAILS AT 4:30.

DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:00.

GET RESERVATIONS IN TO GEORGE GEYER AT 2928 FIR ST.
SAN DIEGO, CA. 92102. PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED SELF
ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH THE FORM IN THIS ISSUE.

NOTE:

A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL ALSO BE HELD TO FILL
THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DIRECTOR LARRY ROSE.

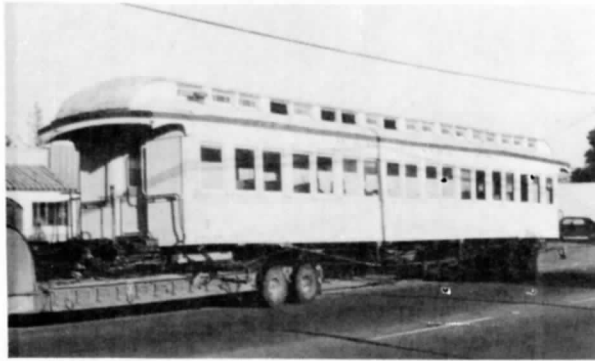
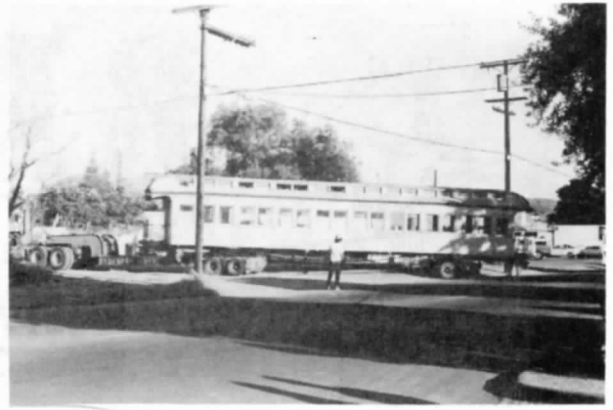
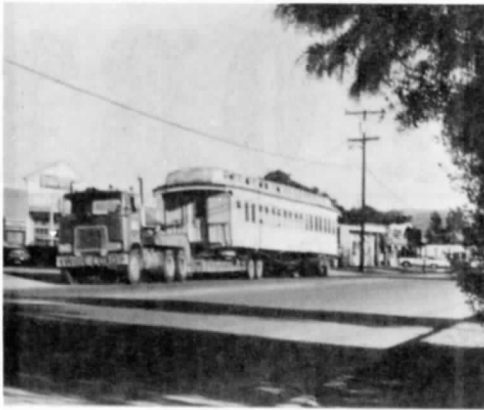
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June 7, 1976

Dardanelle
&
Russellville
Railroad

Coach No. 14

arrives at Poway storage site. Wheels had been delivered earlier by truck and placed on the track ready to receive the cars. Combination Car No. 13, the car Lucius Beebe once rode, was delivered the following day.



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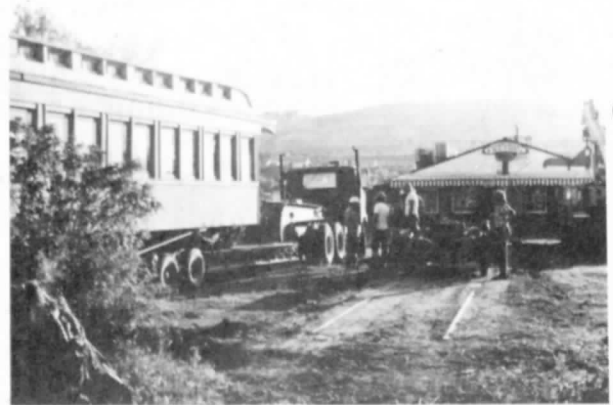
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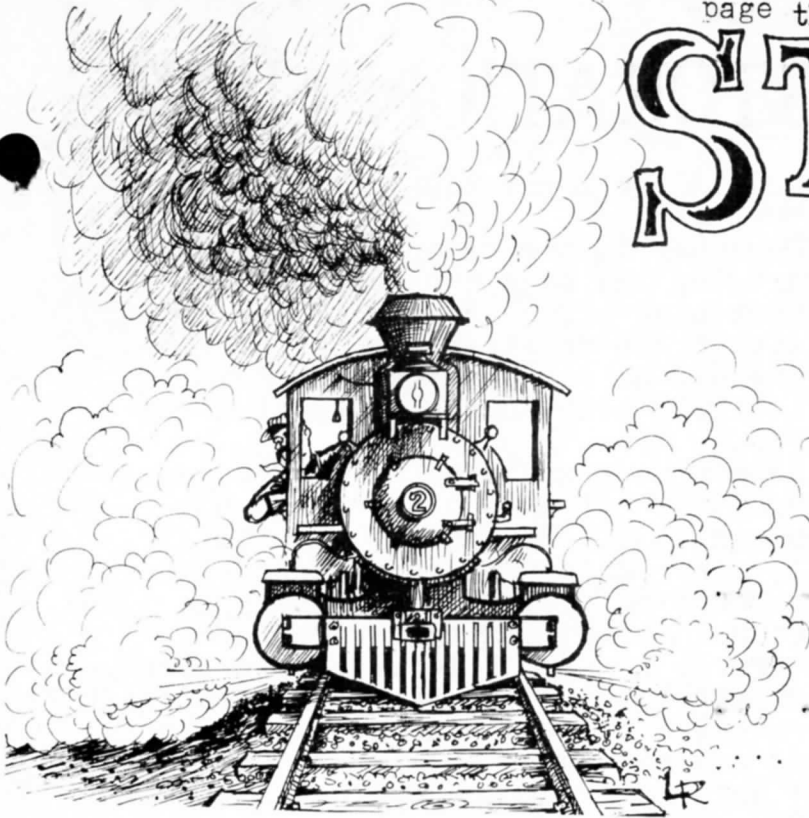
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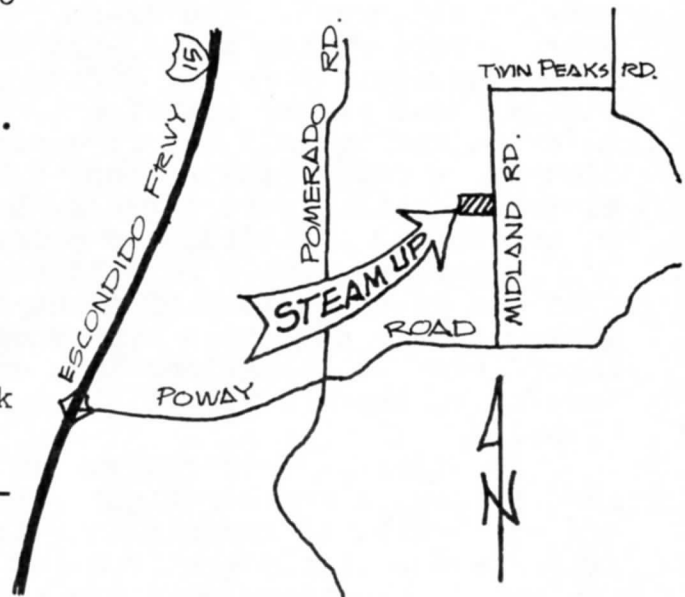
STEAM UP



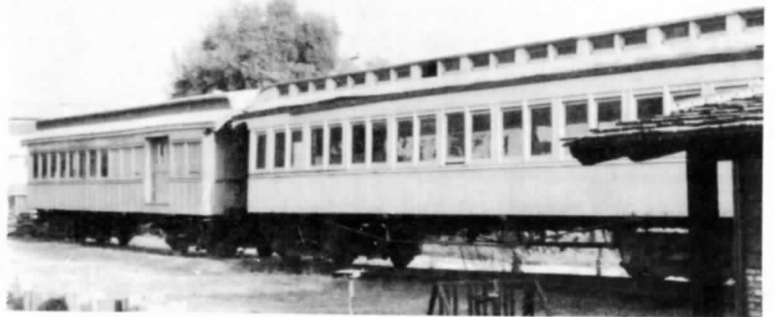
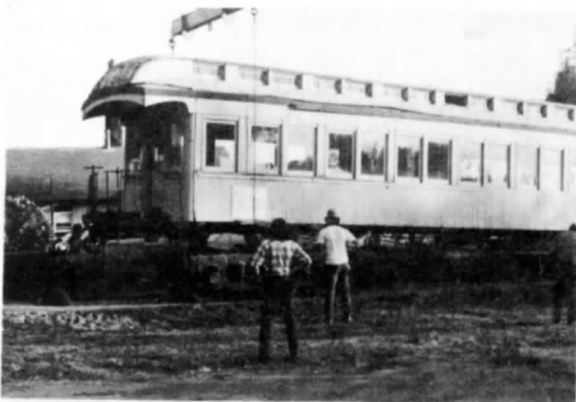
All you out there who love the sound of hot escaping steam, the long moan of a whistle, the screech of steel on steel, get ready for Saturday, January 15th. The PSRMA restoration crew is hosting a work party-steam up picnic for all members and their families. Museum member Col. John Porter, owner, chief mechanic and engineer of the Poway Village and Rattlesnake Creek Railroad in Poway has graciously offered to steam up his 1878 Baldwin 0-4-0 steam locomotive.* The fully restored narrow gauge loco was actually used to help build the Panama Canal. There will be rides in the chair car, in mining cars, and hand pumpers if you think your

hearts are up to it. Tickets are 50¢ for all day, to help Mr. Porter out with the fuel bill. Kids ride free. There is a restaurant and plenty of parking on the property. The restoration crew plans to arrive about 9:00 am and do some roof work on our two 1890 Dardanell and Russellville passenger cars. Any help we might get from men or women who haven't yet got their hands dirty will be greatly appreciated. So come on out and give it a try. See what it is like to work on equipment that was put together with pride over 80 years ago; see it once again respond to an affectionate hand.

At 12:00 noon steam will be up in the loco and all hands will break for lunch and rides and general fun for the rest of the day. So come on out in work clothes if you care to; or casuals if you don't. Bring a lunch, or try the "steerb主rgers" at the restaurant and enjoy a day of old-time railroading at Poway Village, 14112 Midland Road in Poway. See the map.

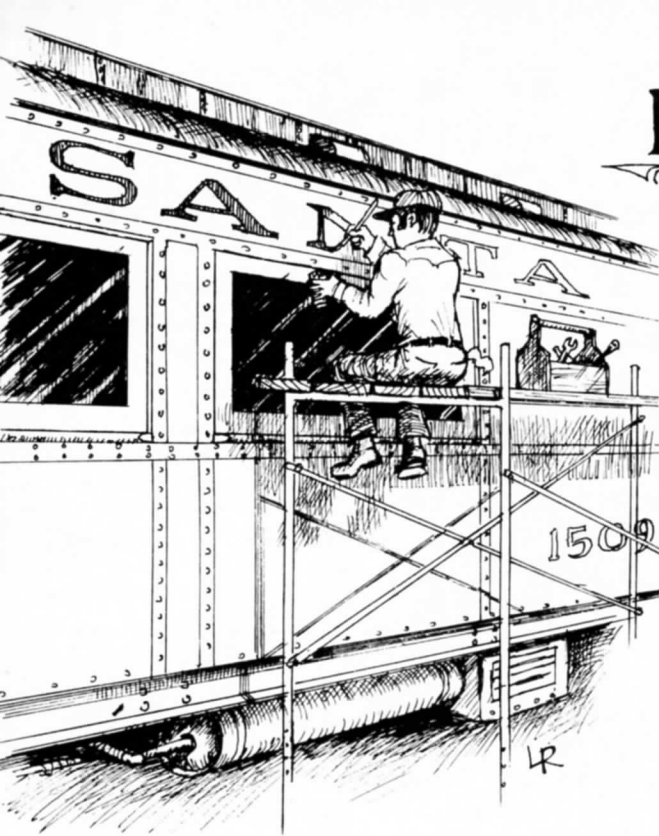


*weather permitting



RESTORATION NEWS

by Larry Rose



December is the time for vacations and partying and even the restoration crew took time off to celebrate the Holidays with their families. A few of the hardcore museum workers, however, did find a little time to take care of a few odd jobs.

Repair work was started on the rear platform steps of ex-Santa Fe cafe observation car 1509. The steps, you will recall, were smashed by a drunken driver within hours of the completion of the "MacArthur" movie filming. Bids were taken from a number of metal fabricators around town and turned over to the museum's insurance agent. The contract has been awarded and the new steps (exact duplicates of the originals) should be installed before January 10th.

The crew also fixed the noticeable lean in our wooden refrigerator car caused by a broken brace in the insulated walls. A diagonal turnbuckle and chain arrangement in the ice bunkers now holds the car in correct alignment. The ex-Fruit Growers Express reefer is used to store spare parts, switch stands and scaffolding for our restoration work.

Elsewhere, a really dirty job was done on our Coos Bay Steamer on display down at the waterfront. Master Mechanic Ken Helm and Jim Lundquist pulled out all the firebrick and cleaned the firebox in preparation for a boiler inspection to be performed soon. They looked like coal miners when they were through, but such work has to be done if we are to get No. 11 certified and possibly get up steam in 1977!

Superintendent Norm Hill has come through again. Norm secured a donation of 45 gallons of paint from the Old Quaker Paint Co. The Old Quaker people have been kind enough to custom mix some more Pullman green in addition to 15 gallons each of red primer and black engine enamel. Hopefully, the new year will see all PSRMA rolling stock in a fresh coat of paint.

In order to preserve our antique equipment for the enjoyment of future generations, a weather tight exterior is a must. The required supplies are now available and all that is needed are some warm bodies to help preserve the little that remains of our nation's railroad heritage. If you would like to help in the restoration effort, call Larry Rose at 469-3064, or Ken Helm at 284-8056 for details. The restorers last month were: "Nick" Nichols, Ken Helm, Jack Linn, Bert Straw, Norm Hill, Jim Lundquist and Larry Rose.

Don't forget the steam up in Poway, Saturday, January 15, hosted by the restoration crew. John Porter's 99 year old Baldwin 0-4-0 locomotive will do its thing*for members and friends in the finest tradition of old time railroading. DON'T MISS IT! See map and details elsewhere in this issue.

*weather permitting





This issue of REPORT is intentionally brief due to the necessity to get a reminder out to all members about the upcoming steamup-restoration session-picnic at our storage site in Poway on Saturday, January 15th. It is also an opportune time to also remind everyone of the approaching Annual Dinner at the IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 Kalmia San Diego on Sunday, January 30th. A reservation coupon is included in this issue. Be sure to send it in as soon as possible so the proper arrangements can be made. The program will be excellent, as usual.

Santa was especially nice to your editor this last December, ferrying a brand new electric typewriter all the way from the North Pole! After putting up with that Remington portable for all these years, it's like moving up from a VW to a Rolls Royce. Eventually, I would like to try a carbon ribbon for the REPORT, but for the time being be satisfied with a plain ol' cloth ribbon! The new equipment should greatly improve the readability of the newsletter.

Coming up soon in REPORT will be stories on the Amtrak Depot renovation and recent Amtrak service history. Anyone having info on either topic, please share with your Editor what you can, including photos. All photo material will be retained in the REPORT file unless you specifically request that it be returned.

Two copies of the December issue featuring the Gregory Peck article were sent up to Mr. Peck in the hope that they might be of some interest. No response, however, as of this date. Obviously he has been so engrossed in them he hasn't had time to reply!

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MUSEUM COLLECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED AT MIRAMAR

This month, most of PSRMA rolling stock will be moved to one location at Miramar Naval Air Station. The new line up will lead off with a triple header of steam locomotives in this order: Feather River Ry. Shay No. 3, O-6-OT E. J. Lavino No. 10, O-6-OT Mojave Northern No. 3 followed by a "mixed train daily" of two tank cars, one reefer, one box car, the Army kitchen car, Union Pacific Coach 576 and Santa Fe Observation Car 1509.

This string includes all of the museum's cars and locomotives stored in Southern California except the two 1890 wooden passenger cars at Poway, the Harbor Drive exhibit, the Santa Maria Valley railbus in Dick Pennick's back yard and a street car in Campo.

All members are urged to come out and get acquainted with the equipment and the restoration team which will be at Miramar almost every Saturday.

ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION

Name _____

Dinner includes tossed green salad (choice of dressing), Anna potatoes, mixed vegetables, beverage and dessert.

Send with s.s.a.e. to ANNUAL DINNER, c/o GEORGE GEYER, 2928 FIR ST. SAN DIEGO, CA. 92102

SEAFOOD COMBINATION
(abalone, shrimp, scallops)

No. (____) @ \$7.50 each = \$_____

BRAISED SWISS STEAK
WITH MUSHROOMS

No. (____) @ \$7.50 each = \$_____

EXCURSION COMMITTEE SUBMITS CALENDAR

February or March, 1977 : A one-day train trip on the San Diegan and Coast Starlight to Santa Barbara and return. During a layover in Santa Barbara, excursionists will travel around the area by chartered bus and will also have an opportunity to have lunch in an area restaurant. Eric Sanders in charge.

April or May, 1977: Another of the popular six-day excursions through Copper Canyon in Mexico, with a stay in Creel. Barbarann Parker in charge.

Consideration is also being given to other trips, including destinations such as Los Angeles and the Grand Canyon.

November 5, 12, or 19, 1977: Tenth anniversary excursion to Puerto Penasco, Mexico.

"Thanks to all members and friends who helped with and/or participated in 1976 excursion activities. Thanks especially to those who served on the committee and those who staffed the excursions. We are indebted to you.

"Yes, Barbara Parker is still planning to escort a group to Copper Canyon and Creel. Yes, yours truly is still planning to escort a group to Santa Barbara. You'll hear from us shortly.

"And, best wishes to Vernon Cook, your 1977 Excursion Committee Chairman."

Regards,

Eric Sanders, 1975-76

Excursion Committee Chairman

ANNUAL DINNER JANUARY 30th

Once again, we are pleased to announce plans for PSRMA's upcoming annual social gala, the Annual Dinner and Installation of 1977 Officers.

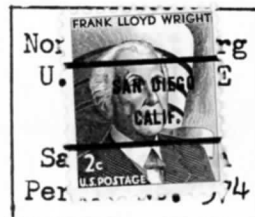
Due to the popularity of the 1975 Annual Dinner, we plan to return to the Imperial House Restaurant, amid the elegance of the Imperial Tower, 505 Kalmia St., adjacent to beautiful Balboa Park. The excellent cuisine will be augmented by another outstanding program that will be of interest to the ladies as well as the guys: retired Santa Fe hoghead (engineer) R. P. "Phil" Middlebrook, a railfan from the first day he set foot in the gangway of a steamer in 1914, will present an excellent color film account of the Middlebrooks' 1970-71 sojourn by rail through Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. Plan now to be with us on Sunday evening, January 30th, for an outstanding meal, congenial company, our own bar, and a superb program. A flyer is enclosed with this issue of REPORT. Remove the coupon attached and mail with your check to the address shown. We very much look forward to seeing you!

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