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MEMBERS CHOOSE 16 FOR '77 MUSEUM POSTS

At PSRMA's quarterly general meeting on July 23rd, nominations were received for 1977 officers and directors, and an unusual and nostalgic program was enjoyed by nearly 50 members and friends.

Nominated for the six positions were (in alphabetical order):

President:

W. George Geyer
H. C. Kerr, Jr. (inc.)
Ronald L. Milot

Vice President & General Mgr.:

W. George Geyer (inc.)
Ronald L. Milot
Larry L. Rose

Secretary:

James J. Lundquist

Treasurer:

Eric A. Sanders (inc.)

Director:

Norman R. Hill
Herbert G. Kehr
Jack C. Linn
Richard E. Pennick
Margaret Secor

Review Committee members: (2)

Walter H. Barber, Jr.
Herbert G. Kehr
Mary Ann McVeagh

(Ed. Note: Due to the resignation of Review Committee member Raul Morales, two vacancies exist on this committee, not one.)

Staff extends its appreciation to each of these candidates for unselfishly offering their service to the Museum. The General Election will be held at the October meeting.

Following the business segment, a very interesting color slide and movie program on the final years of the San Diego Electric Railway's street-car operations was presented by members Eric Sanders and Bill Wooten, and former member Gary Johnson. Residents of San Diego who arrived after 1950 would not believe the weblike maze of overhead wires and poles that existed over downtown streets for nearly 50 years. PSRMA extends its sincere appreciation to these three gentlemen, as well as Mr. & Mrs. Larry Rose and Mr. Bert Straw who teamed up to provide the tasty refreshments.

Please make a personal commitment, each of you, to involve yourself in some way in the Museum effort for the remainder of this Bicentennial year. Many areas of endeavor cry for assistance that can come only from our membership. Chop Kerr, our president (291-4787), is the man to call for advice on how you can help. We hope to see you at our next general meeting in October. Another outstanding program will be in store.

BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY: MAKE IT WHILE WE CAN

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM — Mini-museum in antique private railway car and steam locomotive on the Embarcadero near the B Street Pier . . . 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, free . . . phone 280-1781.

This advertisement now appears in the San Diego Union each Sunday under the heading "Browsing around the Museums", thanks to the diligent efforts of the PSRMA staff. Because of this exposure and the exhibit's outstanding location, trade has been brisk. Staffers were without brochures or flyers of any kind for nearly two weeks in July, awaiting a revamping of the exhibit flyer by Publications Director Dick Pennick. The new handouts were finally completed and delivered the last week of July and enough should be on hand to last for the rest of the year. Dick's design is a striking and artful blend of photos, artwork, and text printed in dark brown ink on pale tan paper, and should provide visitors with not only a good impression of PSRMA but also an attractive memento of their visit to the "Golden Age of Railroading".

The end of the year is going to arrive all too soon, and Jim Lundquist is doing all he can to encourage enough of our members to devote one or two days a month as hosts at the exhibit. Jim reports that the exhibit was open every day in July, thanks to the following members and friends:

Cecil Badman
Sarah Cooley
Jim Cooley
Bob Dier
Bernice Duckworth
George Geyer
Herb Kehr
Chop Kerr
Carol Lande

Jack Linn
Jim Lundquist
Ware Marshall
Ann McVeagh
Elizabeth Montgomery
Hilma Muzikar
John Nichols
Ron Palhegyi
Barbarann Parker

John Paterson
Donna Regan
Anita Rhein
Bill Romer
Larry Rose
Tanya (Mrs. Larry) Rose
Steve Rosefeld
Eric Sanders
Jan Sanders

Mickie (Mrs. Rob) Sides
Rob Sides
Bert Sides
John Swanson
Corrine Tenkanen
Doug Vernon
Bob Wilson
Frank Kearney
Alice Parker

Many of these people have staffed five, six times or more and have become accustomed to Jim's relentless phone calls. Jim joins the Museum staff in extending a well-earned "thank you" to all who have helped so far to make the exhibit a success.

If you can sit in an overstuffed chair and welcome people aboard VICTORIA from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. anyday, then give Jim a call at 466-8405. Your help is appreciated! We must make it while we can. Once the Bicentennial fever is gone, things will slide back to "business as usual". It's now or never!

JULY 4th IS (pant!pant!) OVER!

While your editor was pulling his hair out trying to get color shots of the gloriously beautiful sailing ship STAR OF INDIA sailing under full sail on the bay, the gathered throngs (and there were thousands of them) filed through our "Golden Age of Railroading" display. Since our exhibit is just a across the street from the Star's berth, convenience played a big part.

A special attraction on this Bicentennial birthday was the ringing of the Coos Bay locomotive's bell precisely at 11 a.m. PDT, which was accompanied by a simultaneous ringing of the famous Liberty Bell in Philadelphia at 2 p.m. EDT, which in turn marked the 200th anniversary of the initial tolling of that bell at 1 p.m. EST, July 4th, 1776. Many new friends were made, the Museum coffers were enriched, and your editor got his photos of the first sailing of the STAR in 50 years. What a day!

NEW MEMBER ROSTER AVAILABLE

The latest edition of the roster of PSRMA members is available, but due to the increased postage and printing costs, a \$0.25 per copy fee is required from any member desiring a copy. The listing includes name, address, and phone number (if provided) of each member, and lists voting and non-voting members separately. Copies may be obtained from Ronald Milot, Director of Records and Personnel, PSRMA, Inc., 2345 Presidio Dr., San Diego, CA 92103.

NORMAN HILL NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Norm Hill, a working construction superintendent and temporary resident of Orange County, has been selected as PSRMA's new Superintendent of the Operating Department, replacing Dick Pennick, who retired from the post August 1st.

At their meeting of July 6th, the Directors heard a letter by outgoing Sup't Pennick outlining the many new responsibilities and headaches involved with the job and his tremendous reduction of time available to devote to it, due to increasing needs of home and family. The Board expressed its regrets to Dick, who is also Board Chairman this year, and indicated it was satisfied with the Museum's accomplishments during his tenure as Super.

Dick took over as head of the Operations Dep't. two years ago upon the resignation of former Superintendent Robert DiGiorgio. Dick agreed to carry out the duties of the post on an interim basis until a suitable replacement was found. That replacement has now been found. Pennick assured Mr. Hill and the Board that he will be available on a consulting basis whenever needed, and with the Board's permission will continue as Editor of the Museum newsletter REPORT. Staff says "Thanks, Dick, for a job well done!"

Hill, a relatively new member of PSRMA, will bring new ideas,

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- Richard E. Pennick....board chairman
- H. C. KERR, Jr.president
- W. George Geyer.....vice president
- Herbert G. Kehr.....secretary
- Eric A. Sanders.....treasurer
- Ronald L. Milot.....director
- Larry L. Rose.....director
- Stephen C. Rosefeld.....director

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new programs, and a seemingly unquenchable enthusiasm to the job. Norm is a model railroader as well as a railfan, and has distinguished himself during the last year as a knowledgeable and hard working member of Larry Rose's restoration team.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER CAMPAIGN ISSUE

All aspiring contestants for the 1977 Museum staff are invited to submit a campaign statement to the REPORT editor for inclusion the September issue. This issue each year has traditionally been our "campaign" issue, although just as traditionally, few have taken advantage of the opportunity to blow their own horn a little. Statements should be limited to 200 words or less and should include such information as the office you are seeking, the reasons you feel you are qualified to perform satisfactorily in that capacity, and your reasons for seeking the office in the first place. All statements should be in the Editor's hands no later than September 1st.

HONOR ROLL, SECTION GANG, ETC.

(Editor's Note: the HONOR ROLL and SECTION GANG columns will appear in September REPORT due to the lateness of this issue).

TRAIN SERVICE		BETWEEN		STATIONS.	
TRAIN No. 10	TRAIN No. 8	TRAIN No. 1	TRAIN No. 7		
8.30		Lv. Cripple Ck. Ar.	5.00	7.25	
		Lv. Victor Ar.	4.35	6.55	
11		Ar. Florence Lv.	2.05	4.10	
VIA D. & R. G.					
12.4	1.16	Ar. Pueblo Lv.	12.55	2.40	
	2.25	Lv. Colo. Spr'gs. Ar.	11.25	12.57	
2.32	4.00	Lv. Palmer Lake Ar.	10.39	12.00	
3.30	5.10	Ar. Denver Lv.	8.45	10.00	
5.00	7.00	No. 10	No. 10	No. 2	
No. 1	No. 9	Ar. Canon City Lv.	11.20	4.55	
2.11	6.45				

Each weekend: Restoration sessions. Call 469-3064 for details.

Daily: Golden Age of Railroading display open to public on the Embarcadero. Call 466-8405 for staffing.

Sept. 7: Board of Directors, San Diego Trust & Savings Bank, 7:30 p.m. 463-2276.

69th anniversary of ground breaking for San Diego & Arizona Ry. near 28th & Main, San Diego, Sept. 7, 1907.

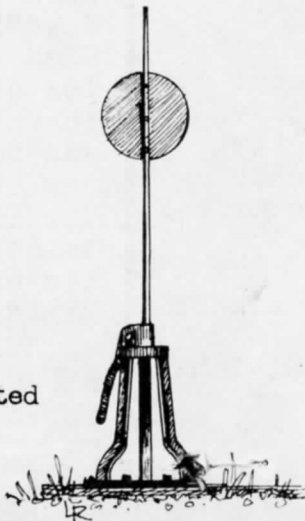
Oct. 22: Last quarterly general meeting & election of 1977 staff, House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 22: Tent. trolley excursion, S. Francisco. Via Amtrak or? Plan to use old Car 1. If interested, call G. Geyer, 234-0555.

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