

Report

Of the San Diego County Railway Museum Association

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WELCOME ABOARD

SDCRMA'S FIRST EXCURSION TRAIN

by Wallace Duthie, vice president
and excursion director

The San Diego County Railway Museum Association is happy to have you along on its first excursion which, unfortunately, coincides with the approaching demise of the last electric lines in Southern California.

The itinerary for the day is as follows:

7 a.m. Leave Kettner & Broadway via California Bus Tours (division of San Diego Transit System)

10 a.m. Leave Georgia Street Division 20 via special chartered Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority street car (through Tanner Gray Line Motor Tours) Route: 11th-Broadway-1st Street to 1st & Chicago loop, turnback on the P line.

10:30 a.m. Lv. 1st & Chicago via 1st-Broadway-11th-Figueroa-Pico-Vermont-7th-San Pedro-Avalon-Vernon-Pacific-Florence-Seville to Palm Place loop. (P, R, S and J lines)

12:07 p.m. Lv. Palm Place loop via Seville-Florence-Pacific-Vernon-Hoover-48th St. prox. to Vermont. (J, V, off line)

12:50 p.m. Lv. 48th & Vermont via Vermont-8th to Western (V, S)

1:15 p.m. Lv. 8th & Western loop via 8th-Vermont and 3rd to Gramercy wye. (S, V and R lines)

1:35 p.m. Lv. 3rd & Gramercy wye via 3rd-Vermont-7th-Boyle-Whittier to Brannick St. loop (R line). Return via Whittier-Boyle and 7th to Figueroa.

3 p.m. Continue on 7th to Vermont to First & Vermont loop. Return via Vermont-Pico-Georgia to Division 20.

4 p.m. Bus to Knott's Berry Farm

6:30 p.m. Dinner

8:00 (approx.) Lv. for San Diego

The number and location of photo stops will be somewhat limited, and there will be only one run-by for movie cameras. This will be on the 48th Street private right-of-way. Excursionists will disembark.

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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY RAILWAY MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

The San Diego County Railway Museum Association at the close of the February 10 meeting found itself blessed with a new Constitution and some new operating procedures.

Members accepted the Constitution and standing rules which provided for a minimum of six meetings a year and annual dues of \$2.

1963 officers elected at the meeting are: Eric Sanders, president; Wallace Duthie, vice president; Terry Durkin, secretary; and Charles Gerdes, treasurer. First action of the new president was to request approval of the appointment of outgoing president Al Diamond as museum committee chairman. Approval was granted.

The \$2 annual dues are payable on an anniversary basis with maximum advance payment limited to an 18-months period.

First Association priority will be given to the formulation of plans for establishing and operating a railway museum.

Two former San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway Company employees will relate their experiences at the April meeting. SDERY's Route 16 will be the topic at a later meeting.

Individual museum-type activity is already underway. Member Charles Gerdes is engaged in the restoration of a one-time SDERY Birney car. Gerdes and Douglas Duncan are also expecting to restore a horse car. Terry Durkin boasts ownership of the Mission Valley & Southern, featuring section crew mobile equipment. Bill Wootton, Gary Johnson, Tom Matson and George Geyer work from time to time on RHSofSD-owned equipment and on OET right-of-way.

Wally Duthie was delegated responsibility for the operation of the March 3 LANTA trolley excursion. Appointed to assist him were: Jack Stodelle, publicity; George Geyer, hospitality; Charles Gerdes, finances; and Bill Wootton & Gary Johnson, routing.

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