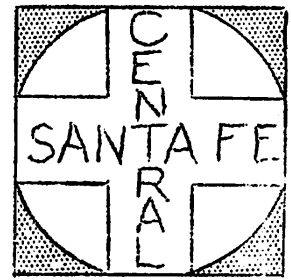


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- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

/// JULY CALENDAR ///

We had a rather small turnout of visitors on June 19, but what causes most of my apprehension is that so many of our members are lax about getting here on time, on Public Operating Nights. When we advertise 7:30 P.M. as starting time, the trains should be running not later than that time. When you pay admission to see something, you expect to see it.

- 3rd.....Business Meeting 10:00P.M.
Board of Directors 9:00
- 10th....Practice Operation and
Work Night
- 17th....Public Operation Night
7:30 to 10:00P.M.
- 24th....Work Night
- 31st....Movies of N.M.R.A.
European Tour 1963
(see article below)

It was a pleasure to see Dick Bugbee again. He has been one of the absent faces present for several years.

Joe Goodson and Donn Pease were voted to Senior Membership at the June business meeting. Donn was immediately forced to go on leave as he has moved to Lake Charles, la. However we welcome you both as voting members.

Capt. Don Coleman has also gone on leave for two years. He will be working for Uncle Sugar. Your place will be waiting for you, Don.

Fred Beach has now rejoined us, and is getting stronger by the hour. This time two months ago, he could not have punched his way out of a wet paper sack.

We pay \$5.00 every Friday for the box of doughnuts. Some nights we do not get our \$5.00 back in the "Kitty". There are 72 doughnuts. One cup of coffee and one dunker at .10 is a bargain. The \$7.20 would keep us in sugar, milk, coffee and doughnuts. Not every is as generous as others. Maybe some could dig a little deeper.

The HO Trolley write-up in the May issue was breezy and cleverly written by Galen Sarno.

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*** TOUR MOVIES ***

Ross Morris, a fellow "O" Gauger who made the N.M.R.A. European Tour with William K. Walthers last year, has kindly consented to bring 2 400' reels of 8mm colored film to our 5th Friday meeting, July 31. The films are being lent to him by Mr. Walthers. The films are not titled, but Ross will furnish some comment on the pictures as they are shown. We hope for a good turnout that night.

=== MAILING NOTICE ===

The May and June Issues of C and S will be mailed out together. We hope to stay on the monthly publication schedule for the remainder of the year. Editor

MORE MESSAGE

Judging from the different titles, there are more chiefs than Indians in that group. We need more of this type of paragraphs. We have HO-Steam, HO-Branchline, HOn3, On3 O-Trolley and C-Steam. There should be an article from each section every issue. You could pick a different reporter each month. different viewpoints are refreshing
Harold R. Demmon, President

**** "O" GAUGE GOSSIP ****

There must be gold in them there hills. At least Chuck Trombley must think so. He is busy installing a bridge over the Santa Fe Western tracks just East of Blanco. He says there will be a mine in operation there soon. There will also be an interchange track installed at Hanford. Standard Gauge hopper cars will be handled to and from the mine on the narrow gauge. This is not the same mine as the one in the hills North of Blanco. If you intend to stake out a mining claim near Blanco, you had better be getting down there.

Engine facilities keep appearing in the Richmond roundhouse area. They must be manufactured by Jack Munro, as he is the only person seen working in that area. We might add that the coal chute and oil tanks are assets to the area, as they are well and neatly made.

Ed Hurtado's intercom system has a few bugs in it, but promises to be an improvement over the old one. All stations can converse with each other as well as the dispatcher.

San Pablo Lines keeps producing some old cars from time to time. Some of them are 20 years old. Most have to be converted from 3-rail to 2-rail to operate on our tracks. This just goes to show how long Jim Stanley has been model railroading.

We understand Ken Harrison will be in Massachusetts for the next few months. In the meantime, I.J. Brain and Ken Shattuck hope to get the Antioch Operating Panel back into operation. Ed Marshall will probably get into the act too. The trolley section is short handed right now.

Dave Johnston has been on the job the last few Fridays. We need more absent members to get back on the job.

Dick Mills has sweat himself down so that he weighs only a few pounds less than a horse. Cont...

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NEW FEATURE

THE HOT BOX is your space to air opinions- pro or con- on any subject pertaining to EBMS. Fred Beach has started the ball rolling in May and June and now is the time, if you have an opinion, to discuss it, to pen your thoughts. Is everything good, bad, or so-so? This is a means of telling everyone how you feel about doughnuts, Shows, 3rd Fridays, Clinkers and Sparks, maintenance, scenery, heat, cold, keys, light switches, door-duty etc. We also would appreciate contributions for the History Page. Brief or wordy - submit it, please.

...MORE GOSSIP

He has been pouring cement, building roads, planting grass, and otherwise adding to the scenery between Conejo and Fresno. Working under that tin roof is just as tough as it would be for a cat to work on the tin roof.

Bill Reynolds is still working on the On3. He is working at one end, and Trombley at the other. The only way they can communicate is by carrier pigeon.

Some of the urgent projects that we need:- Trolley Bridges over Richmond Yard Tracks, local station boards at Fresno, Hanford, Bakersfield and Mojave. Trackage at Hanford and Richmond, and Bridge over Mainline Track in Block 9.

Operation on 3rd Friday in June was very good. There may be a few bad pieces of track that require some attention. Should anyone know of such a spot, report it or fix it.

H. R. Demmon

THE HOT BOX

What is the Eastbay Model Engineer Society, to you, as a member?

Is the "Society", first of all, an informal, pleasant brotherhood of interesting, helpful, trustworthy, and loyal friends? It's quite natural that as large as our club membership stands, there may be quite a gap, at times, between the opinions held by some of our members. But, defensibly, such opinions are the privilege of the individual holding them. We truly cannot condemn each other because of differences of opinion. Both sides of a question are entitled to a reasonable and intelligent exploration of the facts before the majority.

Do each of you, fellow "Club" members, feel a loyalty and responsibility to the "Society", sufficiently enough to glow with pride of association, when compliments are dished-up by interested non-members, or individuals whose activities are entirely separate and apart from ours? And do you, respond to the general and/or detailed criticism with a positive and reasonable defense of the total organization? Because we are bigger than most model railroad associations, not one of us as an individual member, can remain indifferent to a situation that is the concern of the "Society" in part, or the total organization. It is well to be aware of all the functionings in all parts of the Club.

Do you, as an individual member, attach important value to your cooperation with you fellow members, whether they are elected officers or not, following through on an assignment for the moment or for the evening? Any organization experiences its success or relative mediocrity, dependent on its hard core of volunteers, who can be depended upon to patch things up, and be on hand to do the dirty, little chores that were forgotten by all the rest.

Thinking about cooperation, can each of you truthfully say you are fully cooperating when you arrive, with or without motive power and rolling stock, on our monthly, obligatory, 3rd Friday evenings, on the stroke of 7:30 or later? Obligatory, since the covenant-agreement by which the premises of the society are made available to us, requires that we open the layouts to the public exhibition once each month. The late-arrivals of the membership on 3rd Fridays, create some almost intolerable stresses for the few that were there before 7:30. The 3rd Friday is one of our most important joint cooperative ventures, and to make a pleasant and successful relationship with your fellow members, get set up before the door is opened to the paying public. Be ready at 7:15.

Is the foregoing type of cooperation too much to ask of each member? Only one evening each month, get in there a little bit earlier. A few of us have been doing just that for many years, and will probably continue. Why? The shared-pride and shared-pleasure from our friendship is one answer. There is usually more than a quorum of members at the business meetings, and some of these members are seen only at the business meetings. If you feel that the extent of cooperation consists largely of your right to be heard at the business meetings and the right to vote, it is suggested you take another deep and searching look at the intentions and purposes of the Society. The business meetings are very necessary, but when a member accepts his responsibility wholly, and cooperates fully, and with positive, friendly enthusiasm, there can be no question of what the Eastbay Model Engineer Society means to you.

Fred S. Beach

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