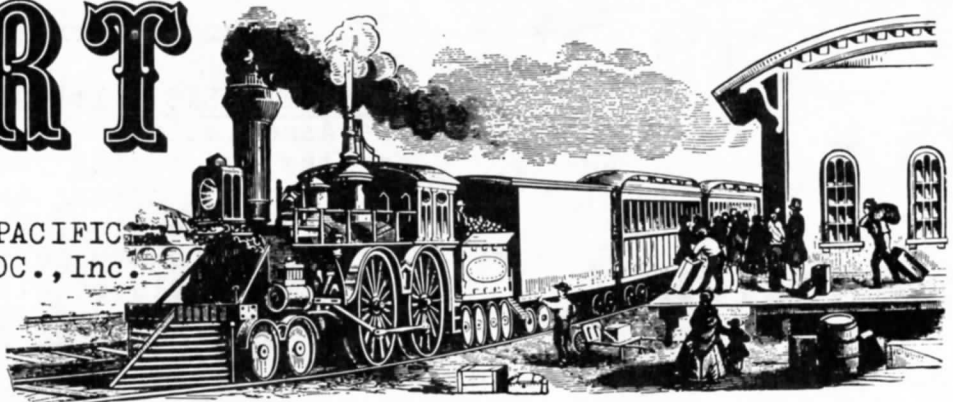


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## Big Boys, shays, nominations set for July 29th

July 29, 1977 is the date for the upcoming PSRMA general meeting at the House of Hospitality, Balboa Park.

Primary item of business will be the annual collection of nominations for the Museum's 1978 management team. A copy of the nominating ballot is included with this issue of the REPORT. Since our general meetings are held only quarterly, the election must be held at the October meeting, our final meeting of the year.

Other business will include informative reports on recent restoration activity and Museum acquisitions, the upcoming PSRMA fun night at the Huish Family Fun Center on Kearny Mesa in August (see item elsewhere in this issue), a progress report on movement of our two stram locomotives from Perris, and a report on a proposal involving the SD & AE abandonment submitted recently by PSRMA to the local business and governmental community as well as the railroad.

Highlighting the evening's activities will be another outstanding program relating to the fascinating railhobby. The Southern Pacific Transportation Co. has provided their fine documentary on the first transcontinental railroad, "Grand Enterprise". There will be a super film from the St. Regis Paper Co., Tacoma, Wash., entitled "The Last Run of the Shay". Shay No. 7, the last steamer to run on the St. Regis line, was retired in the late 1960's, much to the sorrow of railfans everywhere. The Union Pacific has contributed its epic "Last of the Giants", full of mainline steam nostalgia. And more, more, more! Tasty refreshments will follow.

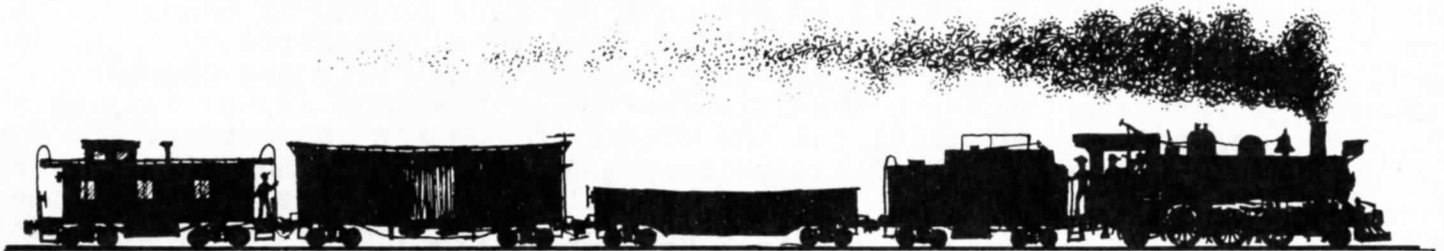
Please come join us for an interesting and fun-filled evening. And bring a friend!

THE DATE: Friday, July 29, 1977

THE TIME: 7:30 p.m.

THE PLACE: La Sala Room, House of Hospitality, Balboa Park

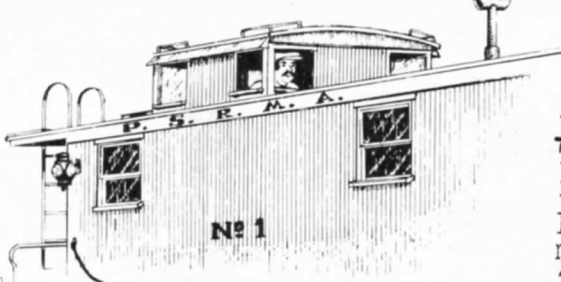
PARKING: Behind Electric Bldg. or Fleet Space Theater



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GET IN THE P.S.R.M.A. HABIT !

by H. C. Kerr, Jr., President



**FROM THE CUPOLA**

1978 OFFICERS - It's that time of year again. The Association's by-laws provide for nominations for the succeeding year's officers to be made prior to and during the third quarterly general membership meeting. This meeting is set for July 29th (see front page of this issue). A nominating ballot is included with this issue of REPORT.

Please be thinking about suitable candidates for President, Vice President & General Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Director (two-year term), and Review Committee member (one-year term). I must emphasize that you give very careful consideration to your choices. PSRMA needs dedicated and enthusiastic officers and directors, now more than ever before. The success of the organization is a reflection of the leadership. Do not nominate anyone for a position unless that person has agreed to serve if elected. This caution can't be overstated. Also note that all elected officers and directors must be a Regular (voting) member in good standing, who has been a Regular member for at least six months by January 1st, 1978. Therefore, new Regular members who have joined after June 30th, 1977 or Contributing members who have upgraded to Regular status after June 30th would not be eligible for nomination in this election, but would be eligible next year providing the person's membership is maintained continuously (Art. 2, Sect. 4-B, Bylaws).

VACANT POSITIONS - Board Chairman Dick Pennick has served ably for twenty-seven months as Director of Publications and REPORT editor, and during this time REPORT has matured as a publication. The Directors are sorry that Dick must relinquish his post for personal reasons. We wish him well in his new activities. In comparison with similar railroad society newsletters and publications, REPORT is one of the very best and PSRMA can be justly proud of that fact. REPORT will continue to be published on a reduced scale by a committee headed by Vice President Larry Rose. This arrangement is only a stop-gap until a new full-time editor is located. Surely among our 350 members there is someone with the interest, time, and talent to give the editor's job a try. Interested persons should please call me on 291-4787 or Larry Rose on 469-3064. Don't be bashful about volunteering. The new editor will receive guidance and help until he feels confident in the job.

PSRMA also needs volunteers to fill two positions that have been vacant for too long. Needed is a head for the Public Relations Department and a chairman for the Ways & Means Committee. Both of these positions require an idea person who is a self-starter that can function with minimum guidance from the Board. Now that PSRMA is growing and expanding its activities, we can't continue much longer without active people in these two positions.

SD & AE RAILWAY UPDATE - On February 9, 1977, the Southern Pacific Transportation Co. announced its intention to abandon the SD & AE Railway. Naturally this news sent shock waves through the business community and governmental offices in San Diego & Imperial Counties, and in Mexico. From time to time, news stories have appeared with speculations as to what is going to happen. The S.P. must formally file for abandonment by July 6, 1977, which they plan to do, not wishing to delay the matter any longer than necessary. In the meantime, several interesting activities are underway. The County of San Diego has formed a Committee Opposing Railroad Abandonment (CORA), chaired by Supervisor Lucille Moore. The committee has members from all city halls and Chambers of Commerce representing county communities served by the SD & AE, as well as the San Diego Unified Port District and the Traffic Manager's Conference. The working group of CORA meets weekly. Its primary goal is to coordinate the preparation of an economic impact analysis which will be used as the basis for the presentation to the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) opposing abandonment. PSRMA has been an observer at all executive council meetings of CORA. The

(cont'd from P. 2) The following "Notice of Intent" was published in the S.D. Union on June 8, 15, and 22nd:

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON OR TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE**

San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway Company hereby gives notice that on or about June 30, 1977 it intends to file with the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423, an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity permitting the abandonment of a portion of its main line, and its Coronado and La Mesa (El Cajon) branches, as follows:

- 1. SD&AE main line from railroad mile post 0 454 at or near San Diego to MP 15.588 at or near San Ysidro, and MP 59.94 at or near Division to MP 129.61 at or near Plaster City, a distance of 94.782 miles, in San Diego and Imperial counties, Calif.;
- 2. La Mesa (El Cajon) branch from railroad MP 1.12 at or near San Diego to MP 17.22 at or near El Cajon, a distance of 16.10 miles in San Diego county, Calif.;
- 3. Coronado branch, from MP 4.75 at or near National City 12th Street to MP 12.0 at or near Salt Works, a distance of 7.25 miles, in San Diego county, Calif.

The lines for which the abandonment application will be filed include the stations of:

<b>MP Main Line</b>	102.3 Tunnel 15 Spur
1.1 San Diego	109.7 Dos Cabezas
4.8 National City 12th Street	122.5 Coyote Wells
5.8 National City	<b>MP Coronado Branch</b>
7.4 Chula Vista Jct.	4.8 National City 12th Street
9.1 Chula Vista	5.7 National City 24th Street
10.1 Otay	8.2 Rohr
11.1 Palm City	9.9 Salt Works
13.2 Baird Roll	
15.5 San Ysidro	<b>La Mesa Branch</b>
80.3 Division	1.1 San Diego
85.8 Campo	7.2 Encanto
94.5 Hipass	10.3 Lemon Grove
92.9 Jacumba	12.3 La Mesa
94.0 Titus	15.3 Grossmont
96.8 Dubbers	16.8 El Cajon

The reasons for the proposed abandonment are that the volume of traffic carried on the lines proposed to be abandoned, and the revenues therefrom, are not sufficient to justify the expense of continued operation. On September 10, 1976, severe storm damage was incurred at numerous locations along a 30 mile portion of SD&AE's main line between Division and Plaster City. This part of the main line is now out of service and its reconstruction cannot be justified from an economic standpoint. A review of the economic potential of the railroad has led to the conclusion that all lines west of MP 129.61 (near Plaster City) should be abandoned.

These lines of railroad have appeared on the system diagram map in Category 1 (Section 1121.20) (b) (1) since February 28, 1977.

Interest of railroad employes has been protected by broadening work opportunity of conductors, brakemen, switchmen, and clerks through merger into seniority rosters of Southern Pacific Transportation Company, and similar arrangements will be undertaken with representatives of remaining employes.

Any interested person, in response to this notice, is entitled to take either of the following actions:

- 1. File with the Interstate Commerce Commission written comments containing:
  - (a) Exact name and address of the commenting party;
  - (b) Brief statement of interest in the abandonment or discontinuance proceeding;
  - (c) Specific statement of position and summary of evidence with regard to any or all of the following:
    - (1) Intent to offer financial assistance;
    - (2) Environmental impact;
    - (3) Impact on rural and community development;
    - (4) Suitability of the properties for other public purposes; and
    - (5) Recommended provisions for protection of the interests of employes.

Written comments will be considered by the Commission in all proceedings in developing conditions and in determining whether to conduct an investigation on its own motion. In the event an investigation is conducted, then the commenting party may participate in the proceedings as its interests may appear.

2. File with the Interstate Commerce Commission a petition requesting that the application and proposed abandonment be investigated.

The petition to investigate shall be in the form of a verified statement, and at minimum contain:

- (a) Identification of petitioner including its name, address, and business;
- (b) Statement of petitioner's interest in the abandonment or discontinuance proceeding; whether petitioner uses the involved service; and if it does not, information with respect to the group or public interest it represents;
- (c) Specific reason(s) for requesting the institution of an investigation, including information with respect to petitioner's reliance on the involved service, with allegations of fact supported by an affidavit of personal knowledge of the facts;
- (d) Any rebuttal of information or material submitted by applicant; and
- (e) Request for oral hearing and reasons therefore if desired.

Upon receipt of a petition to investigate, the Commission shall determine the extent of the investigation to be instituted. Those parties filing petitions to investigate should be prepared to participate actively in either oral hearings or via the submission of additional material in the form of verified statements. Parties seeking information concerning the filing of petitions should refer to 49 CFR 1121.36.

Petitions to investigate and written comments should indicate the proceeding designation No. AB-16 (Sub-No. 1) and should be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423, no later than August 4, 1977. Interested persons may file either a written comment or a petition to investigate with the Commission to become a party to this abandonment proceeding. A copy of each petition to investigate or written comment shall be served upon the representative of the applicant: Charles W. Burkett, Southern Pacific Building, 1 Market Plaza, San Francisco, Calif. 94105. Replies to comments or petitions, the latter shall be in the form of a verified statement, shall be filed with the Commission no later than August 14, 1977 and shall be served on all commenting parties and petitioners. The original and two copies of all petitions, comments and replies shall be filed with the Commission together with a certificate of service.

In the event a petition to investigate prepared in accordance with the above instructions is filed, then the Commission will conduct an investigation of the abandonment. Written comments filed with the Commission will be considered by the Commission in all proceedings in developing conditions and in determining whether the Commission should conduct an investigation on its own motion in the event no petition to investigate is filed. Additionally, if an investigation is conducted then parties filing comments may participate in the investigation as their interests may appear.

Persons desiring further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Interstate Commerce Commission's Section of Finance, Office of Proceedings or refer to the full abandonment and discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR 1121. Persons desiring information concerning financial assistance for the continued operation or acquisition of the involved line should contact the Commission's Rail Services Planning Office. The carrier's representative to whom inquiries may be made is Charles W. Burkett (address above). A copy of the application will be available for public inspection on or after June 30, 1977 at each agency station or terminal on the line proposed to be abandoned or discontinued between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday:

- SD&AE Freight Station, San Diego, Calif.
- SD&AE Freight Station, San Ysidro, Calif.
- SD&AE Freight Station, Campo, Calif.

The carrier shall furnish a copy of the application to any interested person proposing to file a written comment or petition to investigate, upon request. 6-8-15-77 (11025)

SD&AE Railway Co.

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Traffic Manager's Conference and the Port of San Diego will each make separate presentations to the ICC. The State Transportation Board is also concerned, but is primarily concerned with alternative uses of the right-of-way for non-rail purposes should abandonment be granted. The S.P. has expressed a willingness to sell the SD & AE and at least five potential buyers have expressed an interest. Two buyers are from San Diego, and one each from Los Angeles, Northern California, and the East Coast. The names of these potential markets have not been revealed but a purchase price of \$32 million is being bandied about. PSRMA hasn't been idle during this period. We are intimately concerned about the fate of the SD & AE. The Association has prepared an alternate proposal for saving the SD & AE should it be abandoned. In essence, the proposal suggests that the mainline of the railway from the border near Tecate, Mexico to Plaster City, Calif. be developed into a passenger-carrying scenic railway, and that a railway museum be developed in Campo. Naturally, PSRMA is mentioned as the

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Things ain't like they's s'posed to be! I promised in the last issue of REPORT that my final issue would be extra-special. I intend to live up to that promise, but it looks like you will have to suffer through one more issue before you see it.

Although my final issue (July) is pretty well along, it still would be too late to distribute the nominating ballot, which must be in the members' hands several weeks prior to the July meeting. Thus the reason for this issue.

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The Museum is still in urgent need of a new Publications Dept. head. If you have an interest and the expertise, don't be bashful. We need you!

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RAILROAD Magazine, that fine hobby rag that celebrates its 71st birthday this year, frequently reports on our activities or has a nice comment or two about us. In the most recent (July) issue, Mike Eagle-son reports on our steamup at member John Porter's Poway Village & Rattlesnake Creek R.R. in Poway last January (not February, Mike. Sorry.) and the problems involved in trying to use bad oil for fuel. In the same column, Mike reports on the current status of the French steam locomotive project. This project is all but dead but could be brought to life quickly with shot of moola. About \$40,000 would save this fine Baldwin 2-8-2 oil-burner, in operating condition, from an almost certain scrapping. The engine was a free gift from the French Railways in 1971, but the major stumbling block was the ocean transportation to the U.S. This engine would make a fine mainline excursion locomotive, including possibly the SD & AE. Just think: only 40 people with \$1000 each could provide mainline steam power for Southern California. Freedom Train gave us all a taste of what that would be like! Chop Kerr (291-4787) has the details.

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Don't forget the general meeting on Friday, July 29th, the last Friday of the month. Although Museum staff appreciates your continued membership and your valued help with our exhibits and restoration programs, etc., it's still encouraging to see lots and lots of members' heads filling the La Sala room at the House of Hospitality on meeting nite. It's a sort of visual reinforcement of the support we know we have but is still nice to see demonstrated. It's sort of akin to packing a County Government hearing to demonstrate support for a certain side of an issue. Believe me, people count heads, and it's sure reassuring to know that each of our members think enough about our programs and goals to come down down and show us they believe in us and are behind us 100 percent. Besides, the programs are great and it gives us a chance to meet members we haven't had the opportunity to before, and vice versa.

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PLEASE CORRECT YOUR PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

Article 4, Section 2 of the proposed changes submitted to all members recently should have read as follows: "Nominations may be submitted by mail, those arriving prior to the above stated meeting must be read at the stated meeting". Please make this change to your copy and come prepared to vote on the proposed changes July 29th.

**Honor Roll**



The Museum thanks the following members and friends whose generous contributions have furthered the goals of PSRMA during the month of June:

- Ed Herfter (donated miscellaneous track tools)
- John Baldwin (substantial cash contribution)

ADDED NOTE TO EDITOR'S DESK

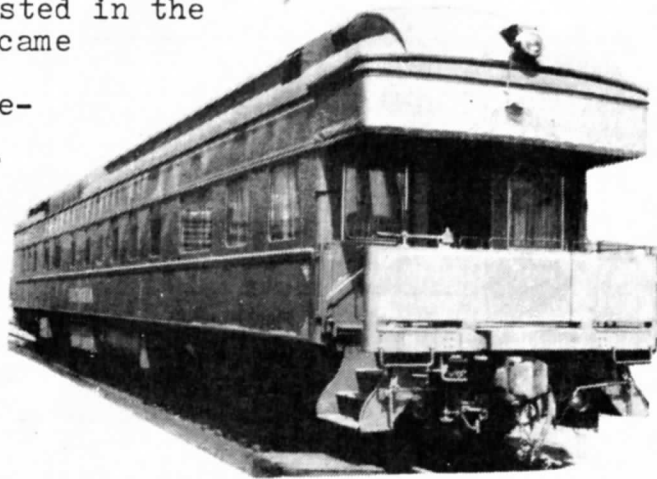
In my comments on P. 4, I unintentionally failed to mention that RAILROAD Magazine also carried some additional Museum items in Sy Reich's column "Hobby Club" in the July issue. Additional mention is made of the donation of the French locomotive to us and the problems we've had raising money for the project, and a nice item is included about our recent installation dinner and the use of our rail equipment in the filming of the movie "MacArthur". Thanks, Sy and Mike for the comments. They are much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS, "VICTORIA" STAFFERS! by Jo Pressnall

You've come through again! Because of your great response, we were able to have the VICTORIA open weekends, as advertised, plus 12 of the 22 weekdays in June. We want to be open every day in July so I'll be calling you to see which day you've picked to "play on the train". In the meantime, anyone with some time to give can call me at 435-5022. Don't be bashful!

We had some new folks and first-timers help us in May in June: John Goodwin, Sr., John Goodwin, Jr., Irma Deroche, Ralph Lazear, and Gertie McMahan. Welcome to the wonderful world of PSRMA, and thank you.

Tanya Rose reminded me that one of our most faithful staffers, Brad Bauman, had not been listed in the last REPORT. Brad is a young Navy man who came to visit the VIC, ran into Tanya Rose, and the rest is legend. He was doomed almost before he started. He ended up becoming a member and has been staffing nearly every weekend. It was my oversight, Brad, and I do apologize. Now you must bring the new and interesting person in your life to the July meeting so all of us can meet her. The other important folks who helped us this period were:



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| Bob Nelson      | Herb Ruiz         |
| Tanya Rose      | John Goodwin, Sr. |
| Teresa Tanalski | John Goodwin, Jr. |
| John Pattison   | Brad Bauman       |
| Ron Milot       | Peggy Secor       |
| Jim Lundquist   | Barbarann Parker  |
| Jack Linn       | Barbarann's son   |
| Cecil Badman    | Herb Kehr         |
| Ann McVeagh     | Gertie McMahan    |
| Irma Deroche    | Bill Hofer        |
| Robert Nickles  | Nick Nichols      |
| Jean Bassitt    | Steve Rosefeld    |
| Ron Zeiss       | George Geyer      |
| Betty Ruiz      |                   |

- Gladys Moore
- Jim Cooley
- Anita Rhein
- Ralph Lazear

Most of these fine people staffed more than once, proof that it's fun once you get started. Thanks again.

COOS BAY 11's COME A LONG WAY

Nine years ago, July 17, 1968, our Ex-Coos Bay Lumber Co./Georgia-Pacific steamer No. 11 left Powers, Oregon on its own wheels, dead in train, bound for San Diego. Three days later and three miles south of Eugene, Oregon, the 2-8-2T derailed and S.P. deemed it untrackworthy. It was loaded on a depressed center flatcar, finally arriving in San Diego on Aug. 3rd. It was unloaded on on the 8th at 10th Ave. Marine Terminal by two Owl cranes.

PSRMA MEMBER OFFERS DISCOUNTS ON NEW RAIL BOOKS

Museum member Dan Marnell, owner of Silver Gate Books, extends substantial discounts to any Museum member on new or recently published rail books. Call Dan at 582-6737 for a copy of his large list before buying that next favorite train book. He may also be able to find that out-of-print book you've been looking for as well.

"FROM THE CUPOLA" (cont'd from P. 3)

primary and most likely caretaker/operator of such an endeavor. An added benefit of this action would be to preserve intact the existing railroad right-of-way and its appurtenances for use in any future national emergency. This proposal will be filed with the ICC, given to CORA for input to its analysis, and circulated to all concerned parties in government, business, and the community. Should any PSRMA member wish to obtain a copy of this proposal, copies will be available for sale after the middle of July for \$1.75 each. It is anticipated the S.P. will file a formal petition for abandonment between July 15th and Aug. 1st. The local Metropolitan Transit District advisory committee has reviewed a proposal to have Amtrak serve the international border using the S. Bay trackage of the SD & AE.

NEW BAJA RAILROAD TO BE BUILT - The San Diego papers recently reported on the plans by Mexican government railroad officials to construct a new standard-gauge rail line from Mexicali to Ensenada, with a branch to Tijuana. Long-planned but never progressed beyond the thinking stage, a Ferrocarril Sonora-Baja California spokesman reported to the County Task Force that the proposed line is now "a certainty" whether the SD & AE is abandoned or not. Surveys may begin later this year.

PSRMA SETS FUND-RAISER IN AUGUST

The Museum is happy to announce that it has been able to secure the Huish Family Fun Center, Claremont Mesa Blvd. at 805, for the use of PSRMA families and friends on Thursday night, August 4, 1977, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. All of the center's facilities, including an outstanding miniature golf course, covered trampoline, and a baseball batting cage, will be available for one low price.

The Huish center is a top-quality family recreation center, and it should provide a pleasant summer evening of wholesome entertainment for young and old alike. A flyer will appear soon in REPORT. Have fun and help support PSRMA in the process.

The FLORENCE & CRIPPLE CREEK RAILROAD		TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN Stations on F. & C. G. R. R. and C. R. R. Standard G.	
TRAIN No. 10	TRAIN No. 8	STATIONS	TRAIN No. 1
8:30 <sup>A</sup>		Lv. Cripple Ck. Ar.	5:00 <sup>P</sup>
		5.7 Lv. Victor Ar.	4:35 <sup>P</sup>
		40.3 Ar. Florence Lv.	2:05 <sup>P</sup>
		VIA D. & R. G.	
		73.2 Ar. Pueblo Lv.	12:55 <sup>P</sup>
		Lv. Colo. Sprgs. Ar.	11:25 <sup>P</sup>
		140.5 Lv. Palmer Lake Ar.	10:39 <sup>P</sup>
		192.8 Ar. Denver Lv.	8:45 <sup>P</sup>
		No. 10	No. 2
No. 1	No. 9	Ar. Canon City Lv.	11:20 <sup>P</sup>
2:11 <sup>P</sup>	6:45 <sup>P</sup>		4:55 <sup>P</sup>

July 16-17: Restoration/maintenance. Possible training operation of diesel. Call 469-3064 for details.

"Golden Age of Railroading" exhibit open to public.

July 23-24: Restoration/maintenance. Possible training operation of diesel. Call 469-3064 for details.

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July 29: PSRMA Genreal meeting, House of Hospitality, 7:30 p.m.

July 30-31: Restoration/maintenance.

August 4: PSRMA Family Fun night, Huish rec. Center, 6999 Claremont Mesa Blvd. at 805.