

Report

Of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association

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MUSEUM BY-LAWS UP FOR VOTE

The Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association's by-laws committee has presented a new set of revised by-laws to the members for approval. The new version was read to members present at the March meeting of the museum.

The by-laws to be voted upon will make up the major portion of this issue of the Report. Voting on these by-laws, acceptance or rejection by the members, will take place at our meeting on April 16. Read over your copy and be familiar with its content and then come on out and vote.

ROCKET SLEDS AND LOCOMOTIVES

Good news! Flickers are scheduled for PSRMA's April meeting. They promise to be good ones, too.

General Dynamics films on Rocket Sled (ejection seat tests) Experiments at Edwards Air Force Base are to be shown to us by Mr. Hugo F. Mohrlock, an engineer for General Dynamics.

The rocket sleds ran on one of the most exacting railroads ever constructed. The rails had to follow exactly the curvature of the earth with tolerances within the thousands of an inch. Can you imagine the Santa Fe or Southern Pacific if they had to be build that exact?

Movies of the movement of the E. J. Lavino and Company's number 10 between San Bernardino and Ferris will also be shown if time permits.

Yes, our April meeting promises to be quite interesting. Remember it will be on April 16, a Sunday, at 7:30 p. m. in the Safety Room, upstairs in the Santa Fe station at the foot of Broadway. Be sure to come! Bring a friend too.

MEETING NOTICE

Date: Sunday, April 16
Time: 7:30 p. m.
Place: Safety Room, Santa Fe Station.

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HYDRO STATIC TESTS SLATED

The museum is continuing to labor towards its first steam operation. Such an operation has been long awaited in the Southern California area.

On April 24, the two locomotives now at Ferris will be given hydrostatic tests. The hydrostatic test consists of forcing water into the locomotive boiler by means of a high pressure pump or other means.

Pressure in the boiler is usually at a higher pressure than when the locomotive is under steam. By using water the danger of explosion is reduced to a minimum and the location of any leaks or weak places in the boiler structure are easily located.

It is also possible that the Mojave Northern locomotive may be fired up on April 24, for testing. Remember that it is not certain that the locomotive will be fired on this date, but it is a possibility.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

If you haven't paid your dues for 1967, please renew them now. Dues may be mailed to PSRMA's treasurer, Charles Gerdes at 10642 Garden Way, Spring Valley, California 92077. Better yet, attend a meeting and see us in person.

Regular membership dues are \$5.00 per year and sustaining memberships are \$3.00 per year.

WORK ON RAILBUS SLATED FOR APRIL AND MAY

Even though we now have much work to do on our steam locomotives, work must continue on the restoration of the Santa Maria Valley Railroad Number 9. Much has been done to bring the old railbus back to its former self. Just think of all the body work, the glazing, and roofing that has been done on this piece of equipment.

Put these dates on your calendar now, and come out to help out with your museum.

The days of work on the bus will be all day on Saturday, April 15 and Sunday, May 14.