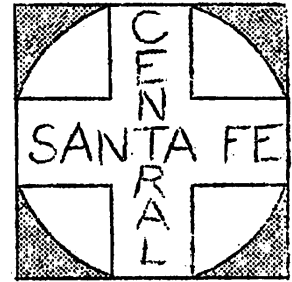


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-- 1964 in RETROSPECT --

This past year has been anything but uneventful. We have witnessed the passing on of two of the club's officers. First, our Treasurer, Frank Rigney, in February; then our President, Harold Demmon, in June. Frank was a most frequent contributor to this publication, donating many articles of historical significance in the field of railroading and rail transportation. Harold, too, was a frequent contributor, submitting articles pertaining to the club in general and acting as reporter for the "O" Gauge section. As President, I'm sure you'll all agree, Harold was an inspiration to all of us.

We've had our two semi-annual shows. The May show being moderately successful, although not as good as some other May shows in the past. The October show was by far the best we've had in many a year. If we can get as much, if not more, cooperation on future shows, the club's future will look much brighter.

This past year, the club has welcomed many new students in both major gauges. Some of them have dropped away, but those that were truly interested in model railroading as a hobby have made it through. I'm sure that all senior members welcome the new faces as students and those students that have become seniors.

On the HO side we have seen improvements made in Bakersfield's yard, Doc Scudder has constructed a new control panel for the  
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Mountain Division and numerous modifications to the Eastbay Traction Company. While all this was taking place, two steel driving men and one small spike starter have extended the right of way on the Sierra and Pacific Coast, one of the few remaining narrow gauge roads showing a profit.

Over the hill on the R.G. and S.P., the crew haven't been standing still either. With the labor situation the way it is, Bill Reynolds has been slowed down at his end of the line, but he is not one to give up without a fight. At the other terminal, Chuck Trombley is hard at it remodeling and extending the facilities. The Bill Williams Circus is showing signs of becoming a permanent fixture. The signalling department has been observed installing new and improved block signals on the main line. Minor improvements have been made, I believe, in the Richmond and Barstow yards.

I think that all will agree that, with the exception of the tragic loss of Harold Demmon and Frank Rigney, the past year has been a good one.

As Vice-President, I want to thank all those who gave of their time and effort to help improve the appearance of the club building, its exterior as well as its interior. I wish to thank in particular, Wink Winiker, our Steward, who has always done a fine job managing our snack bar during the annual shows. Thanks too, to Joe Narcisso and Jay Hansell, our  
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== "O" GAUGE GOSSIP ==

Public Relations men. Due to the press of his business, Joe was unable to give as much time and effort this year as in the past, but when he was able, he did an admirable job. Thanks go to Otto Graf for his untiring efforts and success in producing 12 issues of Clinkers and Sparks. To ALL those unsung members who have helped make this year what it was, I say many thanks.

Bob Beebe

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\*\* EBWES OFFICERS 1965 \*\*

Congratulations and best wishes are due the following members, who are our newly elected slate of officers:

- President.....Bob Beebe
- Vice-President.....Bill Reynolds
- Secretary.....Don Messenger
- Treasurer.....Ed Marshall
- Electrician.....Bill Williams
- Building Supt.....Dick Mills

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JANUARY CALENDAR

- 8th...Board meets at 9 PM  
Business meeting at 10 PM
- 15th..Show Night...Open at 7:30PM
- 22nd..Work Night
- 29th..Movies at 9 PM

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The December Election, in "O" Gauge has placed Bill Williams in the Trainmaster's office. Bill is perhaps better known to the club membership, than to this writer, as he has served the club before in several offices. Bill will wear "Two Hats" as he was also elected to serve another term as Building Electrician.

If Bill can be "Bull of the Woods" in scale with his well known modeling abilities, we should have a successful year ahead in "O" Gauge.

Ed Hurtado accepted the Assisstant Trainmaster's post. Ed's knowledge of the electrical and operating characteristics of the "O" layout will provide plenty of "good right arm" for Bill and his program.

Jim Stanley will hang on to the storeroom keys long enough to clean up the floor and organize the jumble existing at present.

The writing of this "Gossip" will be done on a Round-Robin basis, at least for a trial period, with each "O" gauger in turn, contributing.

Paul Icanberry has done a fine job, these past years, on what is a thankless task, to say the least. His "savvy" on everything from Trolley wire to Dispatching is well known to the Club as a whole as well as in his own gauge.

Shows, meetings, and work parties invariably included Paul who along with Ed and Fred were also the last ones to leave in the early morning.

So it's a "Thanks", Paul, from all of us and we will be glad to have you working on the layout with us and with less interference from Board meetings and the like.

Jim Stanley

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