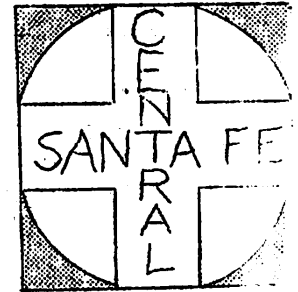


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- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

--- MORE OF MESSAGE

By the time this message is read Fred Beach should be well on the way to recovery. He asked me to thank any of the members who donated blood in his name to the Blood Bank. This is a service that one hopes he will never need, but you never know. It might be you or a member of your family the next time. It isn't too late now to make the donation.

Our editor missed the show, due to the sudden illness of his wife, who had to undergo emergency surgery. For this reason he could not have his ear to the ground for news of the show. If you did not get something to him in regards to your layout, you missed the boat. Co-operation is the backbone of a club like ours. Any complaints heard, regarding your area being slighted, means that you did nothing to prevent it.

The May Show was a good show in every way except attendance. There were probably several factors which controlled the lack of attendance. Counter-attractions, and more than likely lack of publicity were the main reasons. For counter-attractions we have no defense, except to stage a first class show. But our publicity is something that can be handled by us. Before we stage another show we must go into the matter thoroughly.

Your president would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped to make the show operate. Especially Mr. and Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Mary Lou Crombley, Bill Winniker, Ed Marshall, Marie Winniker, cont. col 2

Sarge McFarlane, Mona Vinson and her friend. Herb Zahner was noted taking a post-graduate course in mopping the floor. Many other people helped, but those helped beyond the call of duty. There should be some sort of citation you could confer upon those people. In lieu of that, please accept my personal thanks.

Harold R. Demmon,
President

CITY SERVICE RESTORED

The citizenry of Bakersfield (HD) have convenient traction service once again. Eastbay Traction Co. has recently completed the new city trackage there, after more than a year's time. During the interim, passengers were forced to board trains at a temporary station on the freight loop.

These changes are part of a continuing urban renewal project. The city has been completely rebuilt. The railroad tracks have been relocated for the mutual benefit of the city and the traction company. Pioneer Construction is presently putting up several high rise buildings. Grading and landscaping is taking place under the guidance of Hansell and Co. Even at these early dates it is apparent that long range coordinated planning will pay off in handsome results.

Eastbay Traction's General Manager, K. Harrison is quite proud of the new trackage. He says it is part of a progressive movement within his organization to provide improved service. cont p.2

...MORE HO TRACTION REPORT

He recognizes that traffic Manager Sarno is doing a good job keeping the trains on time, but most of the credit is due Overhead Lines Manager Peery and B. J. Keitel of the Maintenance Department. In addition, Operations Supervisor Cooper has successfully introduced two new control centers, which have alleviated several problems.

Eastbay Traction declares that it is the only railroad in the area it serves successfully keeping abreast of the times. It extends an open invitation to all to visit it and see for themselves.

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G. Sarno
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---- JUNE SCHEDULE ----

- 5th...Board Meets 9:30 PM
Business Meeting 10 PM
- 12th...Work Night and
Practice Operation
- 19th...Open to Public 7:30 PM
- 26th...Work Night

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* CINDERS *

MANY THANKS to all of the cake donors -- You can have your plates back any time. More THANKS to KRON-TV for showing a film strip, taken on our layout, early in May; and the mention the news commentator gave us.

N.M.R.A. MEMBERS read the memo from P.C.R. President sent. It is on the Bulletin Board.

A chart is now adjacent to the power switch at the front door. Check it to turn out the lights CORRECTLY.

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"O" GAUGE GOSSIP

Some flaws in the smooth operation of the May Show deserve mention. Only three members were present at 2 PM Saturday. How can a Trainmaster be expected to schedule operations, and what does the paying public see? There are ca. operating during shows that have not been inspected and stamped. We did decide on rules, remember?

One of the big attractions at the show was the Bill Williams Circus. It was very complete with callion music and all the trimmings. Many favorable remarks were heard from the visitors regarding the tent, train and surroundings.

The scenery in the area of Barstow Yard has been upgraded by Dick Mills, and he intends to keep working on our scenery.

Russ Ahrnke, Jim Reno, Bob Dangle, Chuck Wilson, Roy Anderson, Jack Collier, maybe more, were spectators at the show. We could really use them on Work Nights.

Paul Icanberry and Ed Hurtado have worked many extra hours getting ready for the show. Carl Dean and his meter help very much by finding open circuits and other defects. Jim Stanley has worked himself into a "switch fixer" position. Now that Fred Beach has had some plumbing done on his pump, we will be very glad to see him back.

John Hill was confronted by Jack Munro recently in the All-Nation Hobby Shop in Chicago. Jack was there on business. Small world?. Early Sat. and Sun. mornings during the Show, Dave Merrill and Paul Icanberry hosted a frankfurter and salad feed, for late-staying "O" gaugers. Mighty Good, Demmon

WANTED----- CONTRIBUTIONS

Jot down the latest news in your division and stuff it in the editor's pocket. We need news and History Pages. or Mrs. Editor might have to publish her latest medical history. June 19th is the deadline. OR ELSE.