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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF PSRMA EXHIBIT AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION

Thanks to the generosity of the Pacific Beach Model Railroad Club, PSRMA is going to have an opportunity to present its goals, and needs, to approximately 400,000 people at the 1973 Southern California Exposition and San Diego County Fair. Through an exhibit located near the model railroad display in the Hobby Building we not only wish to expand the knowledge of our organization through the community but also enjoy a significant increase in our membership through this exposure.

And right about here is where YOU come in. We need volunteer members to staff the PSRMA booth during the days of the Fair, June 22nd to July 4th. A special insert is enclosed in this issue of REPORT to be returned by those of you who can spare even a single day or evening staffing the booth.

This is our first true opportunity to present ourself to such a huge gathering of the general public. And obviously with an undertaking as big as this, the support of as many members as possible is ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY!

We need more support from the community to achieve our goals; but right now we need the support of our own members to educate the community.

So please, check the special insert, indicate when you can work at the Fair, and make sure you write your name and phone number at the bottom when you return the questionnaire.

To coin a phrase, YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU, NOW MORE THAN EVER.

FROM THE CAB

Dick Pennick, General Superintendent

What's that old song that goes: "...baby, look at you now?" It would be appropriate for our fine old refrigerator car at MCRD. On Saturday, March 31st, member Bill Newland spray painted the entire wooden car using the original colors as matched from paint chips by Frazee's of El Cajon.

Through the fine efforts of Treasurer Dave Hobson (who arranged for us to obtain the paint at cost), Frazee manager Jim Elmore (who donated the special mixing charge of about \$8), and Bill (who had to take a crash course to learn how to use the spray apparatus), the car now looks like a million bucks. Incidentally, the use of the sprayer itself was donated by a professional painter.

Internal structural repairs must still be made and the lettering and designs must be applied, but these will be done as time permits.

A big apology is in order for Dan McLean and Ron Zeiss, who showed up at the appointed hour, but finally left when Bill was delayed enroute. Those things will happen!

It's going to be planting time soon at our Miramar storage site. The Navy has finally completed installation of the water sprinkler system adjacent to our railway equipment there, so members will be asked to help in the near future with the planting and care of the required shrubs as mentioned in our lease.

We are expecting to receive donation of the plants from a wholesale nursery.

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THE VIEW FROM THE CUPOLA
H. Chalmers Kerr, Jr., President

WHAT IS A RAILWAY MUSEUM - Continued

In the March '73 issue of REPORT I discussed in general what a railway museum might consist of. Continuing from that point, in which broad concepts of railway museum organizations were discussed, I offer a capsule description of the eight largest railway museums in the United States as examples for further study:

1. B & O TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM in Baltimore, Maryland. No operations. Passenger-car roundhouse with central turntable houses 95 percent of museum collection. Over 35 steam, diesel, and electric locomotives; cars; models, small artifacts, and an operating model railroad.
2. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT in St. Louis, Missouri. No operations. At present 50-plus steam locomotives, 3 diesels and several electrics. Dozens of passenger and freight cars out in the open along with trucks, buses, fire equipment, and aircraft. A small building now serves as headquarters. On the forty acre site \$4.5 million is to be spent for four exhibit buildings to house all the equipment plus an administration building and small park. A major educational program is in operation and a 6,000 volume library is assembled.
3. RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. No operations. Presently a 100-foot turntable is served by 18 tracks to display 19 steam locomotives, 12 passenger cars, a few electric locomotives, and freight cars. Future plans call for a single building to enclose the entire collection.
4. STRASBURG RAILROAD in Strasburg, Pennsylvania. Features regular operations on a 4.5 mile railroad. This common-carrier museum railroad is co-located with the museum in Number 3 above. Four steam locomotives and several coaches and freight cars utilized in operations.
5. STEAMTOWN, U. S. A. in Bellows Falls, Vermont. The world's largest collection of steam locomotives with over 55 on ex-

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hibit and others yet to be moved to the site. Passenger and freight cars and other steam age relics such as fire engines, farm machinery, and river boats are featured. Has a 95-foot turntable plus 15 tracks. Plans call for an 18-stall roundhouse to display equipment. Now has a depot-store building and an engine house for 6 or 8 of the most ancient relics. Operates regularly a 22-mile ride on the Green Mountain Railroad adjacent to the museum.

6. NATIONAL RAILROAD MUSEUM in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Operates a two-mile ride around the museum grounds. Exhibits include 15 steam locomotives, 17 passenger cars, and many freight cars. Just completed a 600-foot train building with six tracks to house a majority of the equipment.
7. MID - CONTINENT RAILROAD MUSEUM at North Freedom, Wisconsin. Eighty pieces of equipment including 9 steam locomotives all stored in the open. Operates a 4.5 mile train ride.
8. CANADIAN RAILWAY MUSEUM in Montreal, Quebec (okay, not a U.S. operation, but another good example of what has been accomplished in this area). No operations. Over 100 steam, electric, and diesel locomotives plus passenger and freight cars, streetcars, and interurbans, all housed in a large, modern building.

Prompted by the March discussion, several PSRMA members took the time to write or call me offering their ideas on how our museum should develop. Naturally a wide variation exists in what goals PSRMA should pursue. As additional inputs are received, I will organize the ideas and present them at a future General Membership meeting or at the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Museum Development Committee.

All museum concepts so far expressed have one main thread of commonality-PSRMA must develop a MUSEUM, i.e., an educational institution as opposed to an amusement ride or a railfan club. We are so committed, legally and morally, by our articles of incorporation, by our tax status and the donations received there-

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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and
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR
June 22 - July 4, 1973

Dear member,

The Museum is priveleged to announce its participation this year in the annual Southern California Exposition at Del Mar. A committee is already at work preparing exhibit material for our 140 s.f. space near the Pacific Beach Model Railroad Club exhibit in the Hobby Building. The Museum is indebted to Mr. Seeth Thomson and the Pacific Beach club for providing this space for our use.

Through this exhibit, our two major goals will be to (1) educate approximately 400,000 people to the Museum's existpence and its purpose, and (2) increase our membership. The effects of this mass public exposure could be far-reaching and significant to the successful development of your Museum.

This year, fair dates are from Friday, June 22nd through Wednesday, July 4th (13 days). In order to adequately staff our exhibit, we will need a maximum of 26 members, two for each day. Since some members may wish to spend the entire day at the exhibit, less than 26 may be required. Exhibitors passes will be provided for all staffers, or if insufficient passes are available, entry fees will be paid by the Museum. Some members have already planned to take one-day vacations in order to man a staffing shift, and if you, too, would like to make an imporéant contribution to the Museum effort, please fill out the box below and return to: Dick Pennick, Chairman, Exhibit Committee, 9584 Upland Street, Spring Valley, CA 92077 (phone: 463-2276). Please return NO LATER THAN June 15th so that there will be time to provide you sith the necessary materials and instructions. Hopefully, we will be able to get all staffers together for an informal discussion proir to June 22nd. REMEMBER, most members will ask for the weekend shifts, so if it's possible for you to staff during the week, please so indicate below. Wives of members are also cordially invited to participate.

Please check as many shifts as you feel you would like to staff:

DATE	SHIFT (1) (10 - 4)	SHIFT (2) (4 - 10)	DATE	SHIFT (1) (10 - 4)	SHIFT (2) (4 - 10)
Fri. June 22	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri. June 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat. June 23	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat. June 30	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sun. June 24	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun. July 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon. June 25	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mon. July 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue. June 26	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tue. July 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed. June 27	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed. July 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thur. June 28	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

NOTE:

Friday and Saturday shifts are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

by, and by the commitment made to past and present members and other supporters.

Defining WHAT WE WILL BECOME is just the beginning. After that is done, a close look is required at HOW TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS and finally the nitty-gritty of OPERATIONS, EXHIBITS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND FACILITIES must be addressed.

In effect, a MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN is called for. Such a plan isn't locked in concrete for it must be flexible to respond to our changing conditions. However, it is our order of battle that each new PSRMA administration is pledged to follow to the best of their ability.

Thanks, and keep your ideas coming.

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The planting holes will be dug by machine, so the task of setting the plants in place should be a fairly simple and rather enjoyable chore. Afterwards, some kind of maintenance schedule will have to be worked out until the plants are established. They will then grow without further care.

As you may remember, this planting requirement was imposed by the Navy in lieu of cash rent for use of the track for storage. Our expenses to date would be equivalent to about \$200 per year rental, which is nominal for the amount of storage and protection we are getting. This pro rata cost will decrease even more the longer we use the track.

There will be a change of command soon at Miramar, and we can only hope that some changes favorable to the Museum will be wrought in the process.

A special thanks to those sharp-eyed few who noticed some parts missing from our Coos Bay "Minarets" engine. Your super removed them for safekeeping several weeks ago.

With the short space left, one more plea for volunteers to help out with the County Fair staffing. See page 1.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A total of 55 Regular and 49 Contributing members have joined us for 1973. This strong support of membership continues to be the most encouraging weapon available for the many stiff problems facing PSRMA if we are to achieve our goals of an operating railroad museum and educational institution.

Among those who have joined us for 1973 as Regular members are:

GEORGE GEYER, 2928 Fir St., San Diego, CA 92102 (2340555)
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Contributing members who have joined or renewed for the current year include:

MR. & MRS. CHRISTIAN BROWN, 4515 Natalie Dr., San Diego, CA 92115 (281-8261)
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Once again we would like to encourage
all our members to join in actively in
Association projects and activities. Keep
an eye on REPORT for upcoming events.

JULY GENERAL MEETING

Very tentative plans call for a pic-
nic-style meeting for July. Final details
will be forthcoming in the next issue of
REPORT. Needless to say, an activity of
this type would be open to all PSRMA mem-
bers and their families.

Among the few short items of business
to be taken care of in July is the spe-
cial election for a new Vice-President-
General Manager to fill the unexpired
term of Hugh Smith.

Herbert Kehr, of 4551 Bannock Avenue
here in San Diego, was nominated for the
position at the April General Meeting.

DIESEL SWITCHER IN UTAH

Negotiations are underway for the
movement of PSRMA's ex-Army diesel swit-
cher currently located in Utah. There is
a possibility the engine may have to be
moved to San Diego on a flatcar but hope-
fully because of the extra expense invol-
ved this will not be necessary.

EXCURSIONS

Excursion Committee Chairman B. V.
Parks is working on a number of proposed
trips for the coming year. Much member-
ship help is going to be required on any
of these PSRMA money-raising efforts, so
if you're interested give B. V. a call at
463-5129 and let him know.

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