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-PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

THE USUAL GOOD TURNOUT, WITH SEVERAL NEW VISITORS, WAS EXPERIENCED AT OUR LAST MEETING AT RON MAC-WILLIES HOME. HIS VARIED COLLECTIONS OF GUNS, MODEL "T" FORDS, AND TRAINS WERE ADMIRIED BYAALL.

AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS HELD, AND HARRISON BEMIS WAS NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT, OLD FAITHFUL HERB MORLEY AGAIN SEC-TREAS., AND MYSELF PRESIDENT. I THANK THE MEMBERS FOR THIS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AND WILL DO MY BEST TO FULFILL THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE.

HERB PROPOSED A NEW TYPE OF PICTURE REFERENCE CATALOG - THE PURPOSE, A SIMPLIFIED AND EXACT REFERENCE TO TOY TRAINS. PRIOR METHODS HAVE LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED IN THIS FIELD. BY POOLING PICTURES FROM ALL COLLECTIONS OVER THE COUNTRY, THIS IS POSSIBLE. THIS ACT RECALLS A SAYING "STRENGTH AND GOOD ARE TO BE FOUND IN NUMBERS"; EACH PERSON ADDING HIS THOUGHTS AND EFFORTS TO THE WHOLE, MAKES THIS A MORE COMPLETE, ENJOYABLE, AND BETTER HOBBY FOR ALL. MAY THIS BE KEPT IN MIND FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

MR. AND MRS. RUSS HAFDAHL OF SEATTLE, WITH WHOM I SPENT A VERY ENJOYABLE FIVE DAYS LAST JUNE, ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN THIS AREA FOR A VISIT SHORTLY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

I WISH ALL A VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, WITH MANY NEW FOUND TOY TRAINS AND FRIENDS.

SIGNED -- GEORGE SMITH

- NEXT MEETING PLACE -

DICK THOMPSON 2901 E. 4TH LONG BEACH
FEBRUARY 1, 1960 -- 7:30 PM

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-- NEWS ALONG THE COLLECTING FRONT --

DON ROBBINS OF BELLAIRE, TEXAS, IS NOW A MEMBER OF OUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ED MILLER WILL BE BUILDING A NEW HOME AT VISTA, CALIF., SOMETIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

THE FIRST COPY OF OUR BULLETIN WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE MEMBERS. WE HOPE TO MAKE IT BETTER AS TIME GOES ON.

THE S.P. SHOPS ARE COMPLETELY REBUILDING A PLANTATION LOCOMOTIVE FROM HAWAII. PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE DESIRING TO SEE THE OPERATION.

WE WILL MISS BILL HARRIS' BEAUTIFULLY DISPLAYED COLLECTION IN HIS GROCERY STORE AS HE RECENTLY SOLD THE STORE.

A BIG TURNOUT IS EXPECTED AT THE NEXT MEETING AT D. SON'S HOUSE TO VIEW HIS INTERESTING AND V. VARIED STANDARD GAUGE COLLECTION. ON DISPLAY WILL BE NEARLY 100 LOCOS AND OVER 400 CARS.

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- WHO AM I ? -

I WAS BORN OCTOBER 11, 1906 IN SALIDA, COLORADO. AT THE AGE OF 4, I RECEIVED MY FIRST TOY TRAIN. IN 1944, AFTER VISITING EVAN MIDDLETON, AND SEEING HIS DISPLAY OF OLD TRAINS, I COULDN'T RESIST COLLECTING MYSELF. MANY TOY TRAINS WERE COMING TO ME THROUGH THE BUSINESS AND IT JUST SEEMED A NATURAL TO COLLECT THEM FOR THE INTEREST THEY AROUSED WITHIN ME AND TO OUR CUSTOMERS. I HAD ONE OF THE BEST COLLECTIONS OF STANDARD, #1, AND 2 INCH GAUGE TRAINS OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURE ON THE WEST COAST. NOW AFTER SELLING THIS COLLECTION, I AM STARTING ON ANOTHER AND HOPE TO HAVE A GOING ONE WITHIN THE NEXT 20 YEARS. WHO AM I ? (@)

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DICK WHEELER NEEDS IVES COUPLERS FOR OPERATING OUT-
DOOR LAYOUT; — *Trading Post* — WANTS SCALE STD GA
7/16TH INCH EQUIPMENT, BLDGS AND TRAINS.

WALT DRONEK IS LOOKING FOR #816 OR #2816 HOPPER CARS
AND "O" GA SCALE EQUIPMENT; HAS STD GA TO TRADE.

BILL HARRIS WANTS LIONEL SCALE TRACK, SWITCHES AND
CARS; STILL LOOKING FOR #700E AND #392 BOILER FRONTS.

JIM ROGERS HAS A VARIETY OF PRE-WAR "O" GA BOILERS
TO SELL OR TRADE.

POOR 'OL MEL ROBERTS IS STILL LOOKING FOR MAERKLIN
AND VOLTAMP; HAS ROOM FULL OF JUNK TO TRADE.

GEO DEXTER IS IN THE MARKET FOR "OO" GA AND SCALE
LIONEL TRAINS.

DR. MATT'S INTEREST RUNS TOWARD DORFAN AND IVES
TRAINS. HAVE ANY TO TRADE?

HERB MORLEY IS ALWAYS IN THE MARKET FOR ANY KIND OF
LIONEL TROLLEYS; HAS GOOD SET OF 3 RED IS POSSIBLE
PULLMANS THAT CAME WITH #700E FOR SALE. *THOMPSON*

HARRISON BEMIS HAS A HENRY KATZ & Co. FIVE-FIFTEEN
LTD. FOR SALE OR TRADE.

JIM KURTEN IS LOOKING FOR MORE STD GA RUBBER ROAD
BED.

DON ROBBINS NEEDS GOOD 1134 TENDER, 188 DK. GR,
LIONEL #7; HAS TRAINS, BAND WAGON, CIRCUS AND
PUMPER WAGONS, OTHERS, TO TRADE; ALSO FEW STD GA
PARTS.

THOSE WHOM WE ARE UNABLE TO CONTACT AND WHO WISH TO
CONTRIBUTE TO OUR TRADING POST EITHER SEND AD TO
BEMIS OR GIVE TO HIM AT MEETINGS.

(@) FRANK COX