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Ely Trip...

If you were not there you missed a great trip. We left the Grand Sierra parking lot at 9:00 am Friday morning went east on I80 to Fernley where we picked up Ron and Dee Sazabo's as well as Ken, Betty, Mike and Vicki Harper. The next stop was very brief in West Fallon to pickup Werner Vinson.

We then motored east for a lunch stop at the International Hotel in Austin. Boy they were swamped by the crowd of 29. Hamburgers were good, service was not.

Continuing on we made a short stop in Eureka. Several of the buildings including the Opera House and the Court House have been beautiful restored and are in everyday use.

We arrived at the Hotel Nevada in Ely shortly after 5 pm. When the 6-story Hotel Nevada opened in 1929, it was the tallest building in the state and its first fire-proof building. Guest speakers were Senator Tasker L. Oddie and Congressman Sam Arentz, and rooms rented for \$1.50 and up, "All with private toilet; 85% with private bath. For more on the Hotel go to: <http://www.hotelnevada.com/history.html>. Friday night we were on our own after checking in. Everyone seemed to find the Coffee Shop at the Hotel was the spot to eat.

Saturday morning found us again boarding the bus at 8:45 for the short ride to the Nevada Northern Depot where we found not 1 but 2 steam engines double heading for the days trips. The train consisted of Engines No. 40 and No.93 with 2 coaches, No. 7 (Ely) and No. 8 (Nevada), also a flat car with bench seats and bringing up the rear was a caboose.

We left promptly at 9:30 for the morning trip to

UP COMING EVENTS...

June 17th Meeting, 1:00 pm, at the home of John Smith, 9511 Fleetwood Dr., Reno. 775-972-3059

June 27th to 30th. National Garden Railway Convention, at the Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas. <http://2007ngrc.com>

July 13th thru 15th, Water & Rails Pond and Railway Tour in Reno/Sparks.

August 19th Meeting, 1:00 pm, at the home of Jack and Mary Wyle. (Lots of track out in the desert and several BIG Engines.)

September 8th & 9th, The Sacramento Group will have an open house weekend. Layout tours and BBQ on Saturday. Annual Picnic at Hagen Park on Sunday. (Lots more to come)

October 6th & 7th, Open house hosting the Sacramento Group with a BBQ Dinner at the Brunner's late Saturday afternoon.

Please RSVP to your meeting hosts.

Keystone where the entire train was wye'd for the return trip. There was an onboard narrator pointing out points of interest.

After returning to the Depot we were offered a walking tour of the Shops. Most of our members took them up on it. Very informative but somewhat long. Then back to town for lunch. Pat and I and several others found a soda fountain that made sandwiches and other good lunch things.

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The NN ran an afternoon train which John Smith, our bus driver and NNGRS member, drove us out to Keystone for those who wanted to take photos. While the train was backing into the wye it was held up by a bunch of desperados on foot and horseback. They shot up the strong box before the good guys showed up and arrested them. This was all in good fun and provided many photo opportunities. Then it was back to town.

We again loaded up on the bus at about 6 pm to ride the Wine Train. The train left at 7 pm with the same consist as in the morning but pulled by a 50 year old Alco diesel locomotive. The round trip took about 2 hours at a rather casual pace. One interesting thing was that the coaches are equipped with 'walkover' commuter seats. They had removed every third seat and replaced with a wooden stand that was covered with a table cloth. The tables were set with wine and water glasses and some very nice plastic flatware. We were served a crescent sandwich, fruit, cheese and candy and nuts. The wine was from a Nevada winery.

When we got back the Hotel Nevada some of our members retired to the area where liquid libations were served while others tried their hands at the games of chance.

Sunday Morning at 8 am it was back on the bus for the trip home with a stop in Austin for a quick cup of coffee for most. Our arrival in Reno was about 4:30. I for one was tired but it was a great three days.

Those in attendance were: Geoff and Pat Brunner, Bruce and Diane Harper, Ken and Betty Harper, Mike and Vicky Harper, George and Bonnie Owen, Henry and Chris Oetjen, Jim Petro, Ray and Teri Ritch, Arley Simpson, John and Wilma Smith, Ron and Dee Szabo, Werner Vinson, Rich and Kathy Walton, Harold and Florence Wiebke, and meeting us in Ely for the train rides, Chuck and Judy Logie and Dave and Jan Weatherby.

Hope to have pictures in the next issue.

Geoff Brunner

September In Sacramento...

NNGRS has been invited by the Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society to visit their 2 day Railway open house September 8th and 9th. We don't have the list of who is opening what and where yet. But we know that there will be a BBQ on Saturday evening and a picnic on Sunday. John Smith has come up with an idea that we could make a 2 day bus trip out of it. The estimated cost per person for the bus would be \$30.00 with a crowd of 30 or more. I will try to make arrangements for where we would stay overnight after we have idea of how many are interested and what the travel itinerary will be.

If you are interested please let Geoff Brunner know as soon as possible so I can start making arrangements.

We get to reciprocate on October 6th and 7th with the Carson Valley members open on Saturday with a BBQ at the Brunner's and then on Sunday the Reno crowd gets to show off their trains.

Of Interest...

Received a letter several weeks ago from Massoth Electronics USA. They manufacture the electronics for LGB. This includes sound and running. They are offering club discounts. If anyone is interested go to www.massoth.com for more information.

For Sale...

Chuck Logie, one our newer members, has a large number of LGB locomotives and cars for sale. You can contact him at 775-856-1291 or logiejcl@sbcglobal.net. And he will email you the list.

Polo Shirts...

I have Polo Shirts for Jim Petro, Hawley MacLean, Tom Hubbard, and the Robson's. I will bring them to the June meeting.

The Home & Garden Show & Water & Rails...

We had lots of help from the RR club members, ALS Board and the Koi Club. A big thank you to every one that help set up, volunteer and take down. Cal, Harold and Hawley had their buildings for the show, they were a big hit!!!! We won people's choice, best of show.

The water and rails is just about here. We will need volunteers for people that are running trains. This is turning into a great event thanks to all of the people that are helping!!

Hawley MacLean

Some random photos from the show by Hawley MacLean.

