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REGULAR MEETINGS SUSPENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

At the June 13 meeting, members present voted to suspend regular business meetings for the summer because of the many conflicts with vacations and other activities. The next regular meeting will be September 12.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC WILL BE AT READER

Members also voted to hold another picnic meeting in connection with railroading if possible. Stan Wozencraft was appointed chairman of a committee to decide on a time and place. Others on the committee were R. W. McGuire and Jim Wakefield.

After discussing three different sites, the committee decided the Reader Railroad would be the best choice. Mr. Long was contacted and agreed to reserve a car for us. We will try to arrange a runby or two as an added attraction. The regular fare will be charged. but if we have at least ten children under 19, they will be allowed to ride for \$2, and for each five children (provided we have ten or more) one adult can ride for the same \$2 fare. Everyone will be responsible for his own food. You may buy lunch at Waterloo if you wish.

The date will be either August 7 or August 14. We would like to hear from all interested as soon as possible telling us which date is better for you. Please call Stan Wozencraft: 664-3301; R. W. Mc-Guire: 375-1738 or Jim Wakefield 663-5673 any evening after 5 p.m. We need to hear from you no later than Saturday, July 24, so we may set the date and make final arrangements.

DORTCH FAMILY ADDS 2-6-0 TO STATE'S ACTIVE STEAM LIST

For the first time in almost twenty years, W. T. Carter & Brother #1, a wood-burning Mogul, was returned to steam July 3 and 4 at Scott, Arkansas. The locomotive was built by Baldwin in 1906, C.N. 29588. It is being restored by Mr. Robert L. Dortch, Sr., Mr. Robert L. Dortch, Jr. and the R.A. Grigsby Collection.

Much work remains to be done on the locomotive, but its condition and appearance have been greatly improved since its arrival at Scott last August.

The Dortches have also acquired a caboose from the Graysonia, Nashville & Ashdown. The loco may be steamed up again this weekend, July 17-18. In any event, the Plantation Museum is an interesting place to visit.

STEAM TRAIN PROVES POPULAR ATTRACTION AT BOOMTOWN

Another former Carter 2-6-0 from the Grigsby Collection powered the Roughneck Special during the El Dorado Boomtown Days Celebration. Steaming back and forth on 800 feet of track laid by the El Dorado and Wesson, the 1907 Baldwin pulled an E & W flatcar and Rock Island caboose 17781. Many younger passengers and a few older ones were making their first train ride. Several people were reliving their past, having ridden on mixed train cabooses in years past. The train probably carried in excess of 6000 passengers during its eight days of operation.

READER RAILROAD SUMMER SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT LONG

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NOTICE

Due to increased freight and passenger business, this line will operate extra trains each Friday during the months of June, July and August, and also Friday, September 3, 1971.

These trains will depart from this line's depot at Reader, Arkansas, at 10:30 in the morning. Passengers will be welcome aboard. We wish to point out, however, that these Friday extra trains are operated primarily for the purpose of handling the bulk of our freight in order not to delay the return of our scheduled Saturday trains.

The operation of these Friday extra trains gives the rail enthusiast a unique opportunity to put in two days of genuine steam railroading during his summer vacation. It will, accordingly, be appreciated if you will advise all interested persons in order that they may fit passage on these trains into their 1971 vacation plans.

T. W. M. Long