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## PSRMA SPRING GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 27TH AT HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

The second quarterly General Meeting for all PSRMA members will be held on April 27th, a Friday evening, at 7:30. The place once again is the La Sala Room of Balboa Park's House of Hospitality.

A brief business session to be held includes the closing of nominations for PSRMA Vice-President - General Manager.

Following the business session an evening of entertainment will be offered by railfan/historian Dick Pennick. Those of you who have seen portions of Dick's vast collection of slides and historic artifacts know what is in store.

This is also the opportunity for ALL PSRMA members to get together and learn first hand what the latest Museum developments are, to ask questions of Association officers and staff members, and to just get together in an enjoyable social event.

So mark April 27th on your calendar, and if at all possible join us at the General Meeting. Oh yes, refreshments will be served.

## PSRMA TO PARTICIPATE IN 1973 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXHIBITION AT DEL MAR

Preliminary arrangements have been made for PSRMA to have a small display booth at the 1973 Del Mar Fair, June 22nd through July 4th.

The Pacific Beach Model Railroad Club has offered us space in their club room, located in the Hobby Building on the fairgrounds. This area is open from 10 am to 10 pm during weekdays and until 11 pm on Friday and Saturday throughout the fair.

The Club will provide long table space and the use of the wall behind the  
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## LIBERATION MIKADO -SOME GOOD NEWS AT LAST

With some good news for a change, on March 21st PSRMA President Kerr received a long distance telephone call from Mrs. Helen Delich Bentley, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission. Mrs. Bentley informed us that she will be able to arrange for donated shipment of 141R1199!

However, before she can get the shipping committment it will be necessary for PSRMA to have made all other necessary arrangements for the movement from France to San Diego of the 2-8-2. The primary remaining services are the cranes for loading and unloading the locomotive on and off the ship.

The French National Railways have been asked to donate French-side loading as a part of their donation. At press time word had not yet been received on their decision.

The Smith-Rice Derrick Barges corporation have again been approached for aid on this end of the operation, but no reply has been received thus far.

The ship tariff donation has a value of some \$12,000 while crane estimates in 1969 placed those services at \$9,500. Minor additional costs for Custom House Broker, Insurance, and Santa Fe movement will probably total another \$1,900.

We still have about one half of the total project cost to raise in cash or services. We indeed do have a long way to go still, but the ice has been broken and who knows, the good guys may win yet!

Cash contributions for the project have been very small, about \$400, plus some \$80 in free advertisements. If you haven't contributed to PSRMA's most ambitious preservation project, please consider doing so.

Hopefully the Liberation Mikado and Observation Car 1509 will play a major part in San Diego's observance of the American Bicentennial Celebration.

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table for photos, drawings, maps, etc. At this time the PSRMA Board members wish to receive ideas from the membership on what the display should consist of. Ideas on design of the display are needed as well as availability of photos and other items suitable to the promotion of PSRMA. We need names of individuals interested in helping out from original concept and design to actual setup and staffing during the fair.

Thanks to the generosity of the Pacific Beach Model Railroad Club we have the golden opportunity to carry our goals to the thousands of visitors passing through the Del Mar Fair. But it is going to take a concerted effort from a fairly large group of our members to pull it off. If you can help IN ANY WAY, please call Chop Kerr (291-4787), Dick Pennick (463-2276), or George Geyer (234-0555) RIGHT AWAY!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This is the last reminder for all PSRMA members to renew...April 15th is the deadline and this is your last issue of REPORT is you have not renewed. We need your continued support, and are very pleased with the steady stream of renewals that have come in since the beginning of the year. Thanks to all of you who continue on with us, and, in these momentous times of Museum development, a plea to remain and help.

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