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From the Desk of the President



We recently had the privilege of experiencing high speed train service in France. Their 300 km/h trains are great. While we don't consider ourselves expert in high speed train technology, it seems to us that the wheel has already been invented in Europe. Do we as American's feel we have to study and develop something that already exists? Why can't we buy proven technology and put trains back as a preferred method of transportation? High speed trains can share tracks in some locations with conventional trains. Dieselpowered self-propelled cars could run where electrified routes are not cost effective and frequent service is not needed. Let's get on with it.

--Norman W. Holmes

Annual Membership Meeting

Our annual membership meeting has been moved to the last Saturday in June to avoid conflicts with the CSRM festival and Father's Day. It will be Saturday, June 26, 1993 at 7:30 PM. We hope you can attend. A BBQ dinner at reasonable cost will be available, and a state of the museum report will be given along with our annual "Glad Hand" award. This will be followed by the ever popular slide and video show. Your attendence is encouraged. Come and join us for an evening of fun.

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