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**Railroad Booster's Excursion at Palms Station  
PE's X738 May Day 1938**

ERHA meets in the restored station now at  
Heritage Square on the third friday of each month  
photo courtesy of Ralph Melching

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### President's Column

We hope you will renew your ERHA dues... or TIMEPOINTS subscription, in time to avoid missing a single issue— *remember*, the end of January is the deadline!

Among the activities of your ERHA is historic preservation. This began back in the 1950s, when we were the Southern California Division of the Electric Railroaders' Association. Our Equipment Committee preserved several Los Angeles Transit Lines, ex -Los Angeles Railway streetcars: 525, 1160, 1201 and 2601. After a period at Travel Town in Griffith Park, these cars were moved to Perris and became the core of the collection at the Orange Empire Trolley (now Railway) Museum. 525, 1160 and 2601 were placed on permanent loan, and 1201 was donated subject to return if Orange

Empire every changes its mission. ERHA was the first non -charter member of Orange Empire and has contributed toward the restoration of the cars it saved as well as toward the acquisition of other cars for preservation.

More recently, historic preservation for ERHA has moved beyond car preservation and now includes preservation of buildings embodying our traction heritage. ERHA co - sponsored every silent movie/theatre pipe organ show put on to raise funds for moving the Southern Pacific -Pacific Electric Palms Depot to Heritage Square and restore it. Now that we meet at Heritage Square, often in the almost fully -restored Depot itself; we can congratulate ourselves on this successful project.

ERHA members provided historical information necessary to successfully nominate the Los Angeles Railway Plaza Substation, located on Olvera Street in the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument, to the National Register of Historic Places. Registration helped to save it when the City of Los Angeles was about to tear it down. We also provided information used to an Historic Structures Report, which was the basis for the now -completed restoration of the exterior, and provides guidelines for the future use of the building; including a proposal for a small museum of Los Angeles transportation history.

The ERHA also supplied information to the Highland Park Heritage Trust to enable HPHT to nominate the Los Angeles Railway Huron Substation to be an Historic- Cultural Monument of the City of Los Angeles. The new owner has rehabilitated the building after it was damaged by fire, and we enjoyed a joint ERHA -HPHT meeting at the Substation.

Your President also prepared a successful nomination of the Los Angeles Pacific Ivy Substation (Pacific Electric Culver Substation) to the National Register. After many years of negotiations, the City of Los Angeles, which had acquired the building from the Southern Pacific, has agreed to let the Culver City Redevelopment Agency rehabilitate it for recreational use in conjunction with an adjoining park. The CCRA has just awarded the construction contract for this work and ERHA looks forward to being able to meet in this historic building in the future.

David G. Cameron