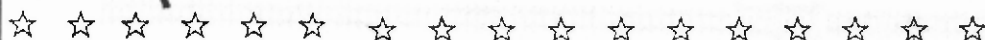




## JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY



### JULY 4...1776

On this historic date, our forefathers pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor for the maintenance of their independence.

In a time of peril and grave danger to ideals held dear, they struck a spark which has never died.

In the midst of uncertainty and confusion, they molded a pattern that still fits today!



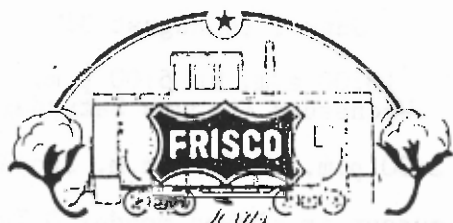
### JULY 4...1951

It is fitting today...when things we hold dear are threatened...to remember the spirit in which our country was founded.

Once again it is time to pledge "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor" to maintain the independence we celebrate today.

While written thirty-five years ago, the message remains the same...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!



Many small towns were originally established as railroad "tank" towns, built around the old steam engine water tank. One such town is located fifteen miles north of Dallas, Texas. Established in 1902 along the St. Louis - San Francisco Railway track, the community of 3,400 proudly carries the name Frisco, Texas.



The Volume 51, Number 1, 1986 (June issue) of the National Railway Historical Society Bulletin featured a cover photo of Frisco streamlined Pacific No. 1031. The museum currently has two photos of No. 1031 on display. One showing it in service at the Tulsa depot and the other showing it on its way to meet the scrap yard torch! Memberships in the NRHS are available. For more information contact Mr. Ed Heiss 2531 E. Cherokee, Springfield, MO 65804.



## SOUTHWEST PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY


The Southwest Pacific Railroad Company was incorporated August 24, 1866, under the provision of an act of the General Assembly of Missouri, approved March 20, 1866. The company was organized by John C. Fremont, to take over the franchise and property of the Southwest Branch of the Pacific Railroad which had been seized by the State of Missouri, and had been purchased from the state by Fremont on June 14, 1866. On January 4, 1867, the company conveyed its franchise and property to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company, which also at that time, was controlled by Fremont and his associates. On June 21, 1867, the property of the company was seized by the State of Missouri, because of the failure of Fremont or the company to pay the first installment on the balance of the purchase price of the Southwest Branch. Such property was retained by the state of Missouri until July 1, 1868, on which date it was conveyed to the South Pacific Railroad Company under the provisions of an act approved March 17, 1868. On June 21, 1867, the date of its seizure by the State, the property of the company consisted of about 89 miles of standard gauge, single track railroad, located in Missouri, extending from Pacific (now Franklin), in a southwesterly direction to Arlington.

Next month... The South Pacific Railroad Company

# Museum Dispatch

June 25th, 26th, and 27th the museum presented "Yonder Comes the Train," an original slide program about the influence of trains on American history, to the Greene County Library Summer Reading Program at the Brentwood, Republic, and Ash Grove branches. ☐

The 1986 museum calendars are prepared and are being distributed to members of the Frisco Folks. They are a replica of the 1969 edition issued by the Frisco and include facts about the company's 1969 operations and services. [ ]

A pictorial brochure of the museum is now in production and will be available for distribution by July 1. 

# Frisco Folks

The Museum is pleased to welcome the following new member of the FRISCO FOLKS:

Gene Lohmeyer Fireman  
Lamar, MO

Please remember that the Frisco Folks is the primary means of financial support for the museum!

HELP!!!RESEARCH DEPARTMENT!!!HELP.

The museum has recently acquired a 1923 "Schedule of Wages for Engineers, Fireman and Hostlers Employed on the Muscle Shoals, Birmingham and Pensacola Railway." If you have any information about this railway Co., please call or write the museum office.

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

June 1 to August 31

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday through Saturday

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday

The museum is closed Monday & Tuesday

September 1 to May 31

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday

Other times available by appointment

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