

Red Car rides offered on Monrovia Day

Monrovians will be able to take a ride down memory lane, when the Big Red Car returns to town as a feature of the Centennial celebration, Saturday, May 17.

After Red Car 1058 rolls down Myrtle Avenue in the Monrovia Day parade, rides will be offered at \$1 each at the one-day Pacific Electric "station" at Foothill Boulevard and Primrose Avenue.

Car 1058 was part of the 1,000 series, the largest inter-urban trains built for the Pacific Electric railway. At one time the P.E. ran 7,000 trains daily over 12,000 miles of track. The Pacific Electric operated from Redondo to Redlands and from San Fernando to Santa Ana, setting the stage for the development of Los Angeles into the metropolitan area that it is today.

After being partially burned, Car 1058

was rescued from the scrap heap by Richard Fellows of Vernon. Fellows, whose family owned and maintained shipyards for years, used his expertise in the painstaking restoration of this all-wooden car. The procedure took three years.

Although modified to operate on the street, the car is in every other respect identical to its 1900 appearance, with original hardware and fixtures. The car measures 55½-feet long; 15-feet, 1-inch high; 9-feet, 4-inches wide; and weighs 60,000 lbs. It seats 64 people.

Red Car 1058 is being brought to Monrovia through the planning, efforts, and fund raising of a special Historical Society committee headed by Eleanor Hendricks, so that this important part of the city's past will be here for the Centennial celebration.