

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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Your replies to our last letter were most appreciated, and we are lining up our operating time-table to try to give you what most of you wanted.

First, we ran a trip with U.P. 9000 to the Cheyenne shops. It snowed a lot, and it was pretty cold. But it was a wonderful trip in every way, even if it did cost the treasury a little money. The turnout was marvelous—215. As someone said, "many are cold, but few are frozen!" (Jack Riley's phone has finally stopped ringing, too!)

Next, the board highballed the second section of "South Park," with Ed Haley, Dick Kindig, Mac Poor and Francis Rizzari running the show. If you have anything which will be of interest—photos, passes, stories, data, etc.—please get in touch with one of the committee right soon.

Then came our annual dinner at the Lakewood Legion. John Maxwell, Ed Dunn and Morris Cafka did a nice job and fed us royally with a steak dinner.

Harold Eno of the Rio Grande told us that we could have the N-G equipment for a trip on 2 & 3 June—and they will hook an open-air gondola on the rear, to boot! Notices are enclosed, and don't say that you weren't warned to send your **money** in promptly.

While the University of Wyoming is going to run their L. N. P. W. Special to Fox Park and back on 7 July, we are dickering with the U. P. for our own train—some time in July, maybe August. Nothing definite yet, except that we will go to Northgate and back, with steam.

Earl Carter of the C.&S. didn't turn us down on a Leadville-Climax trip. But, we still have to solve the problem of how to get passenger cars up there, without it costing us a fortune. We'll give you lots of notice. Looks like August or September.

The Rio Grande may remove its last 3600 this fall after the rush is over. We are trying to get a last trip behind it, if that sad event occurs; October, probably.

Bill Gordon typed up all of the membership cards, and is now working on the roster.

Jack Thode has amassed a lot of data on the Great Pueblo Flood of 1921, and has whipped up a fine story about their train No. 3, which was engulfed near the depot there. It will be published soon, as a booklet, like our previous ones.

In case you haven't heard, a new group has been started here in Denver—Rocky Mountain Steam Traction Society. They are interested in old steam-rollers, traction engines, threshers, steam shovels, automobiles, calliope, etc. Such items are attracting nation-wide interest these days, but we'll stick to the rails, just the same. Everett Rohrer has left our group, so that he can devote his full time to the trackless, though steam-propelled, machinery.

Now, just a small request, for all of our members. Club officers, and official committee members are undertaking some long-range negotiations with the local railroads in several fields. Should you have occasion to deal with these railroads for some personal item, please make it quite clear that your letter is a personal request, and that it is not club business, particularly if you use club stationery. It will help us a lot if you will do this.

NEWS FINAL

U.P. 52, 57, 85 and 86 are gone, along with steam passenger service into Denver. (Exception—U.P. 334, usually hauled by a 3700, 4-6-6-4.) Dick Kindig and Bob and Betty LeMassena attended the last arrival and departure on 31 Jan., in spite of no heat and no light. U.P. is cutting up all small power (4-6-0, 4-6-2, 4-8-2, 2-8-0, 2-8-2 and 2-10-2) in Denver. (Visit the storage track along E. 40th St. regularly.) But—they are repairing all heavy power (800, 3700, 3800, 3900 and 4000) in Cheyenne, storing them for future use.

Best rumor of 1956: The U.P. is trying to swap their multiple-headache jeeps to the S.P. for the rest of their 4-8-8-2, cab-in-fronts! (Don't run to Sherman Hill until you hear their exhausts!)

The C.&S. has 2-8-0's and a 2-10-2 in service at Ft. Collins, with the same stored at Denver.

The Santa Fe still runs an open-end observation car—on 101 & 102. The Rio Grande has a Vista Dome on 1 & 2. Take a short ride sometime. And, nothing new on the "Q".

Robert A. LeMassena, President.