

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB  
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The August meeting of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 1961, at the Farmers Union Auditorium, East 16th Avenue and Sherman Street, Denver, at 8:00 p.m. The program will be given by Eliot B. Moses, who will show slides taken in Japan.

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The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club recently mailed out copies of the Great Western booklet "Where Steam Still Serves" to all members who have paid their dues for the year 1961. If you haven't as yet received your copy of this booklet, you'd better check the status of your dues. The editor of the "Colorado Magazine", published by the State Historical Society of Colorado, calls this "not only an interesting and informative booklet for the general public, but a rare collector's item for railway buffs".

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In spite of a disappointingly small turnout for Work Day on July 16th, a good bit of work was done. Thanks to I. E. August, who had the running gear of our Engine No. 20, spray-painted, we managed to just about complete the new paint job on the engine. Additional work was done also on our two street cars.

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A combined CB&Q-C&S-GW trip is being tentatively planned for Sunday, August 27. Portions of the trip will cover branch lines never traveled before by the Railroad Club. Part of the motive power will be provided by C&S #638, the remainder by TWO of Great Western's locomotives DOUBLEHEADING! So there you have it---Steam all day, all the way! Details of this trip will be sent to you as soon as the arrangements have been finalized.

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Speaking of excursions, there are two others worthy of note: On Saturday, September 9, the San Juan Railroad Club will run a one-day trip from Farmington to Silverton and return. Tickets are \$12 round trip for adults, \$6 for children under twelve years. Details can be had by writing "San Juan Valley Railroad Club, P. O. Box 584, Farmington, New Mexico." The Alamosa Kiwanis Club will run their "Kolor Karavan" from Alamosa to Silverton and return, on September 29, 30 and October 1. Tickets are \$21 for round trip for adults, \$10.50 for children six to twelve years of age.. Details can be had by writing "Alamosa Kiwanis Club, P. O. Box 719, Alamosa, Colorado".

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Those of you who were at the Dinner Meeting in April undoubtedly haven't forgotten the outstanding program presented by Mac Poor, Dan Peterson, and Dave Gross, "Mountain Railroading in Sight and Sound". These gentlemen have presented this same program a number of times since, the latest being at a meeting of the Highlands Masonic Lodge 86 in Denver on June 16. Five hundred persons enjoyed the slides and sounds that night.

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Congratulations to D&RGW employee Robert Colwell, for his courage and cooperation in apprehending Delmar Spooner, admitted killer of two law enforcement officers. Colwell piloted a section car carrying a State Patrolman into the area where the killer had last been seen. The killer was subsequently captured by them and taken to jail. Congratulations also to Earl Sullivan, engineer on the Yampa Valley Mail, who first spotted the killer and reported his location to the State Patrol.

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Want to know how safe it is to ride a train? Figures recently released by the National Safety Council show that for each passenger fatality, rail passengers traveled 1,842 million miles; city and intercity bus passengers rode 514 million miles; airline passengers rode 153 million miles; and automobile and taxi passengers rode 44 million miles.

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In line with our recent announcement that the Santa Fe is turning toward "piggy-backing" refrigerator trailers, is the announcement that the Santa Fe is now receiving delivery of one hundred 85-foot flat cars, and 150 forty-foot refrigerator trailers. Trailers and flat cars will be used in the transportation of fresh fruits and vegetables from California and Arizona points to midwest locations. Refrigeration units on the trailers maintain temperatures from 70 degrees fahrenheit to 10 below zero, and automatically heat or cool as climatic conditions and pre-set controls dictate.

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Also from the Santa Fe: A woman who wanted to show off her son's scientific knowledge to members of her bridge club called the youngster in and asked, "Bobby, what does it mean when steam comes out of the spout of the kettle?"

"It means," Bobby replied promptly, "That you are going to open one of Daddy's letters".

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