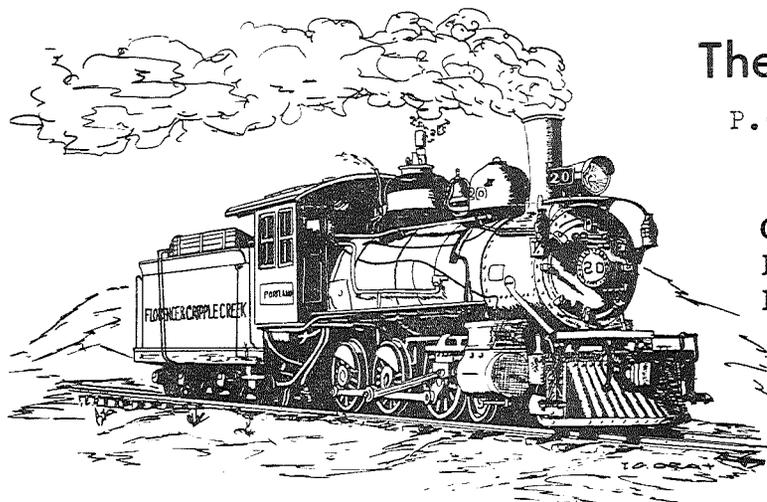


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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The by-laws of the Club provide that the annual business meeting and election of officers for the succeeding year will be held at the December meeting. As you know from the separate announcement enclosed, our December meeting will be held in conjunction with our banquet at the Hyatt House, 1790 Grant St., Denver, Colorado on Saturday evening, December 9, 1967.

The business meeting and election will be held as a part of that meeting. The business meeting and election portion of the evening's events will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. It is not necessary to attend the banquet to attend the business meeting and election of officers. Rather, all members in good standing are requested and urged to attend the business meeting and participate in the election of officers, whether they attend the banquet or not. (Of course, we hope that you will attend the banquet).

In accordance with the by-laws of the Club, this is your official notification of the annual election of officers, and is being mailed at least ten days prior to the meeting. This is YOUR chance to select the officers YOU think can best meet the challenges presented during the coming year.

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LIVE (almost) After four years of work, Club-member Herb Votaw finished the 6021st part for his 1/12 full-size scale-model of AT&SF 2-10-4, No. 5029, thereby completing his fourth such model of outstanding locomotives. Newly painted in shiny black lacquer, this latest product of Herb's expert workmanship looks incredibly real as it rolls along a short piece of track at eye-level. Though the 5029 is somewhat smaller than Herb's model of UP 4019, one is surprised to observe that it is as big as his model of D&RGW 4-6-6-4 No. 3712, and slightly larger than his UP 844. Every detail is accurately reproduced in wood, metal or plastic, and the moving parts all work exactly as they did on the original locomotive. One begins to appreciate the magnitude of the work involved in building this model when he sees the hundreds of photos which Herb took and collected, pictures which showed the otherwise hidden details of obscure parts. For ultimate faithfulness of detail these four models are probably unique in this country. They are so realistic that one almost expects them to belch smoke and steam while they move slowly along the track.

Herb will be delighted to show his models to Club members in the evenings or on weekends. He lives at 2778 S. Xavier in southwest Denver (935-8396).

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SILVERTON From the Rio Grande "Green Light", the following report on passengers on the Silverton Branch is noted:
REPORT

"As a matter of interest a comparison is made covering the past six years to show the tourist interest in the Silverton Train.

Year	Trains	Passengers	Year	Trains	Passengers	Year	Trains	Passengers
1967	196	79,917	1965	191	71,057	1963	150	50,988
1966	198	77,959	1964	190	65,187	1962	100	37,855

"In 1966 five special trains were operated compared to one in 1967."

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EQUIPMENT
ON DISPLAY For the benefit of our newer members, we would like to point out that several items of railroad equipment are on display at the Colorado Railroad Museum, 17155 West 44th Avenue, between Denver and Golden, Colorado. The Club owns one steam locomotive, a narrow gauge 4-6-0 type originally built for the Florence & Cripple Creek in 1899. After the demise of the F&CC, the engine was sold to the Rio Grande Southern, where it kept the same number. In 1951, the officers and directors of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club decided to purchase this engine and RGS business car 021 for \$2400.00, part of which was donated by club members. The business car, named "Rico," was later restored and repainted in the old maroon paint it once bore in its plush days on the railroad Otto Mears built.

Two items of electric transportation equipment were acquired by the Club--a standard gauge Birney-type street car, purchased from the Fort Collins Municipal Railway after abandonment of this company in 1951, and a Denver & Inter-Mountain interurban, number 25 (also standard gauge) acquired when the electric line pulled down its wires in 1953. Both of these cars are painted in the colors they carried in service, and are capable of being restored to operation without too much work.

A narrow gauge caboose, D&RGW 0578, completes the Club's full-sized railroad equipment standing on rails at the museum. Used all over the narrow gauge system during its lifetime, it spent its last years on the Salida-Gunnison-Montrose section of the railroad. Equipped with new sides and interior repairs under club ownership, it is now in fine condition and appears to be ready to roll, should its services ever again be required!

In addition to the Club's equipment at the museum, many other pieces of standard and narrow gauge equipment not owned by the Club are on display, including D&RGW 346, the oldest locomotive in Colorado (1881), which is occasionally steamed up for a run on the 3-foot trackage in the area. Inside the museum building, built in the style of an old-time railroad depot, are many interesting displays of old papers and railroad equipment. Admission is free to Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members upon presentation of a paid-up membership card. Visitors from out of town may secure accommodations at the adjacent Iron Horse Motel.

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SWAP 'N SHOP Personal ads are accepted from members for items to be listed for sale or trade or wanted. We cannot enter into correspondence concerning an item, nor will we appraise items to be offered for sale. Send your listings to the Editor by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Wanted - Would like to know for whom the town of Washburn, Texas is named. Also, would appreciate any information on train hold-up on the FW & DC at Bellevue, Texas, in January or February of 1887.
A. F. Von Blon, Jr. 1208 Locust, Muskogee, Okla.

For Sale - "Denver, South Park & Pacific", also, the "Pictorial Supplement". Both in excellent, almost new condition. Highest offer will be accepted; prefer to sell both books together.
Dow Helmers P.O. Box 301, Pueblo, Colorado

An organization the size of ours, and with the scope of activities carried on by the Club, requires the efforts of many persons.

At this time, I would like to thank the other officers, directors, and committee chairmen for the invaluable assistance they have given during the year. Also, I would like to thank those persons who have given of their time and efforts in the work of the maintenance and repair of our equipment at the museum, who have submitted articles for the newsletter, and who have helped in various projects and tasks of the Club.

If I were to single out one person for time spent, effort expended, and accomplishment on behalf of the Club, it would be our treasurer, Ane Clint. Ane does the final set-up of the newsletter, the reproduction, folding, and stuffing of the newsletter, just to name a few of the activities Ane does in addition to the accepted duties of Treasurer.

To all those members who have worked to further the aims of the Club during 1967, my sincere thanks, and to all our members and friends, my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous 1968!

(Signed) Ed Schneider, President

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY "Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense." -- EMERSON

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Ed Schneider, President

R. A. Cordill, Secretary

Tom Gray, Vice President

Ane O. Clint, Treasurer