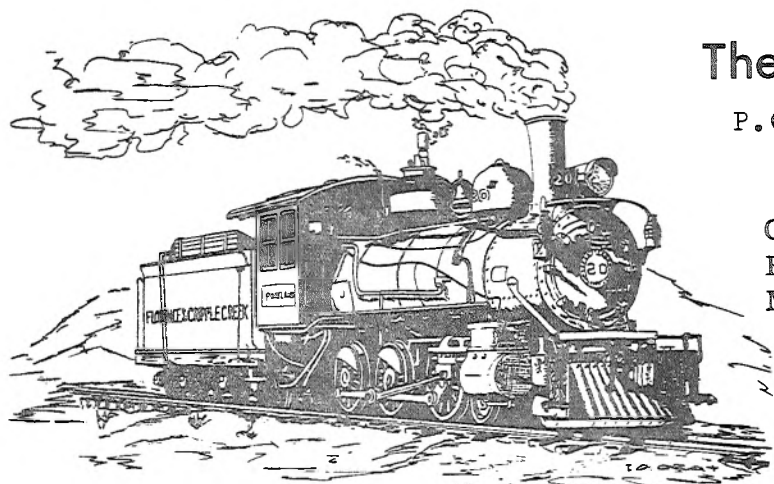


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MEETING NOTICE: DATE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1970
TIME 8:00 P.M.
PLACE WESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS BLDG., (LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM), 17TH
& CALIFORNIA STS., DENVER, COLORADO

PROGRAM NOTES: DICK RONZIO WILL PRESENT THE PROGRAM THIS MONTH - A 35MM SLIDE SHOW, "SCENES OF OLD
COLORADO RAILROADS". INCLUDED WILL BE THE UINTAH, DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC,
MOFFAT, AND COLORADO MIDLAND.



SOPER LOCOMOTIVE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT
THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM

Mrs. Gertrude Soper stands proudly beside the glass case in which her husband's live steam model locomotive has been placed on display.



President Jim Ehernberger of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club makes the presentation speech during the short dedication ceremony.

Photos by W. J. Gordon

SOPER LOCOMOTIVE PRESENTED TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB At 2:00 PM ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1970, OVER 100 CLUB MEMBERS GATHERED AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM NEAR GOLDEN TO ATTEND A PRESENTATION CEREMONY. GERTRUDE SOPER, WIDOW OF CLUB MEMBER BILL SOPER, ACCOMPANIED BY MANY MEMBERS OF THE SOPER FAMILY, FORMALLY PRESENTED BILL'S BEAUTIFUL HAND MADE LIVE STEAM MODEL OF COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILWAY No. 4 TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB. CLUB PRESIDENT, JIM EHERNBERGER, ACTED AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES AND ACCEPTED THE LOCOMOTIVE FOR THE CLUB. BILL JONES AND RON HILL WERE IN ATTENDANCE REPRESENTING THE COLORADO RAILROAD HISTORICAL FOUNDATION. THE LOCOMOTIVE HAS BEEN PLACED IN A LARGE GLASS CASE PROVIDED BY BOB RICHARDSON. MAC POOR AND JOHN INGLES PAINTED THE CASE AND REPLACED SOME CRACKED GLASS. CARL E. C. CARLSON ENGRAVED A SMALL PLAQUE WHICH GIVES THE STORY OF THE ENGINE AND ITS BUILDER. THE LOCOMOTIVE IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE WEST ENTRANCE TO THE MUSEUM BUILDING.

MANY OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE EVENT SPENT SOME TIME BROWSING THROUGH THE INTERESTING DISPLAYS WITHIN THE BUILDING AND ENJOYED SEEING LOCOMOTIVES, ROLLING STOCK AND HISTORICAL RAILROAD ARTIFACTS SCATTERED AROUND THE GROUNDS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. FORTUNATELY THE WEATHER WAS LIKE SPRING. IN PAST YEARS THE SOPER FAMILY HAVE BEEN OF MUCH HELP TO THE CLUB WHILE THE PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC WAS BEING WRITTEN AND EDITED. BILL'S FATHER AND UNCLE WERE BOTH SOUTH PARK TELEGRAPHERS AND ONCE WERE STATIONED AT ALPINE PASS AND BOREAS PASS DEPOTS AT THE SAME TIME. BILL HIMSELF WORKED FOR THE COLORADO & SOUTHERN FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. WE URGE THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT VISITED THIS FINE MUSEUM TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WILL ADMIT YOU TO THE MUSEUM DISPLAYS FREE OF CHARGE AND YOU WILL FIND YOUR VISIT QUITE REWARDING.

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MEMORIAL DAY TRIP - #111 CONNECTION CHANGE! ENCLOSED WITH THIS MAILING IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR MEMORIAL DAY EXCURSION TO LARAMIE, WYOMING. SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS SENT TO THE PRINTER, A CHANGE IN SCHEDULE HAS BEEN MADE. BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE, IT WILL PUT US THROUGH LASALLE BEFORE #111 ARRIVES THERE. ALL PERSONS GOING ON THE EXCURSION SHOULD PLAN TO BOARD THE TRAIN IN DENVER.

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DUES ARE DUE FOR 1970 (IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT YOURS IN YET), AND SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE CLUB'S MAILING ADDRESS - P. O. Box 2391, DENVER, COLORADO 80201.

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QUESTIONNAIRE ENCLOSED WITH THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS A QUESTIONNAIRE THAT WILL REQUIRE VERY LITTLE OF YOUR TIME BUT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF YOUR CLUB. PLEASE COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND MAIL IT BACK TO US THAT THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF YOUR CLUB MAY BE AIDED AND GUIDED BY YOUR WISHES IN FORMULATING CLUB PLANS.

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HIGH SPEED ABROAD WITHOUT PARTICULAR FANFARE, THE FRENCH AND GERMAN RAILROADS HAVE INITIATED 125-MPH PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE, AND ITALY WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY. IN SWITZERLAND, SPEED LIMITS HAVE BEEN RAISED TO 90-110 MPH., AND THE PRINCIPAL NORTH-SOUTH AND EAST-WEST LINES ARE BEING REBUILT FOR 125-MPH SCHEDULES. TRAFFIC DENSITY IS ENORMOUS: 300 TRAINS (FREIGHT AND PASSENGER) PER DAY THROUGH THE GOTTHARD TUNNEL, AND THE MAIN STATION AT ZURICH IS BEING REBUILT TO HANDLE 1000 PASSENGER TRAINS DAILY. ALL OF THIS IS ELECTRICALLY POWERED. THE GERMANS ARE USING 9000-HP C-C LOCOMOTIVES, WHILE THE SWISS RELY ON 6500-HP B-B AND 6500-HP C-C DESIGNS FOR BOTH PASSENGER AND FREIGHT. THESE WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY SOME NEW B-B-B 10,600-HP UNITS. MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE PENN CENTRAL, PLANS TO DOUBLE HIGH-SPEED METROLINER SERVICE BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK HAVE BEEN SCRAPPED.

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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.

SWAP: WILL SWAP TWO D&RGW LOCOMOTIVE CLASSIFICATION LAMPS (ELECTRIFIED) WITH LENTICULAR LENSES FOR RAILROAD FINANCIAL MANUALS, COLORADO RAILROADIANA, OR HO LOCO MODELS.
ROBERT A. LEMASSENA, 1795 S. SHERIDAN BLVD., DENVER, COLO. 80226

FOR SALE: 1 SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RAILROADING, PUBLISHED BY NATIONAL RAILWAY PUBLISHING CO. 1910 - SIX VOLUMES. 1 SET OF THE SCIENCE OF RAILWAYS, THE WORLD PUBLISHING CO., 1903 - 11 VOLUMES. BOTH SETS ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. WILL SELL EITHER OR BOTH SETS TO THE BEST OFFER. MICHAEL C. VARNEY 2968 WEST A, TORRINGTON, WYO. 82240.

JIM EHERNBERGER, PRESIDENT STUART ANDERSON, VICE PRES. BILL GORDON, SECRETARY TED MCKEE, TREASURER