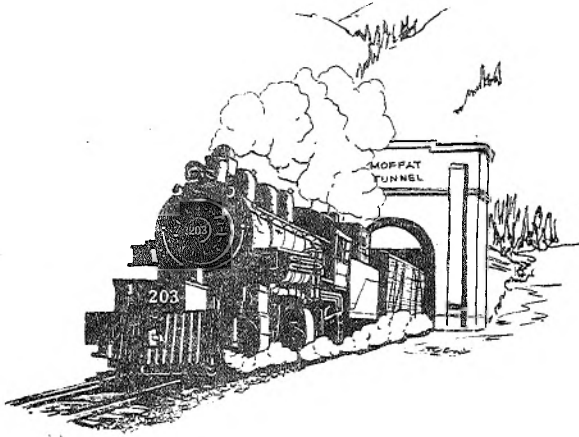


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MEETING NOTICE: Date January 10, 1973
Time 7:45 p.m.
Place Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,
2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet parking
at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: Neal Miller will lead off the new year with slides and movies
from his "oldies" library.

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BN completed a \$16 million track consolidation in Spokane, Wash recently. The highlight of the project was the completion of the 4260 ft. Latah Creek bridge, enabling the BN to shorten its mainline between Chicago and Seattle by 9 mi.

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D&RGW ran its first Ski train of the 1972-3 season on Saturday, December 30, 1972. The Ski train runs only on Saturdays and leaves Denver Union Station at 7:35 a.m., 5 min. behind the Rio Grande Zephyr. The return trip leaves Winter Park, Colo. about 4:00 p.m., arriving in Denver between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. The Ski train usually terminates for the season about Easter.

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UNION PACIFIC - It's that time of year again - National Western Stock Show time starting January 12, 1973. The Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the Stock Show special with Union Pacific locomotive No. 8444, its last surviving steam locomotive, pulling the train. The fare of \$15 per person includes round-trip train fare, general admission to the National Western Stock Show, a reserved seat for the matinee rodeo performance and bus transportation to downtown Denver following the show. Departure from Cheyenne 8:30 a.m. arriving Denver 11:00 a.m. Leaving Denver 8:30 p.m. to arrive Cheyenne 11:00 p.m. It is interesting to note that the 8444 has logged more than 1,710,000 miles since it was built in 1944. The date of the Stock Show Special is January 13, 1973.

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D&RGW sold 10 of their GP-7's to the Rock Island in November. Two of the units to go were 5111 and 5112. The Rock Island has an urgent need for power and will put them into service immediately without repainting them at the present time. They will later apply their herald and renumber the units 4200 to 4209. These units will replace 10 older (D&RGW?) F-7 units.

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MILW has no more electrics on its coast division. The last unit E39A-C-D-E47A was moved over to the Rocky Mountain Division in November. This doesn't look good for the survival of the Milwaukee's electrification, particularly in light of an order for more EMD units being filled lately.

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D&RGW has been receiving some new EMD units in December, believed to be GP 40-2. Nos. 3112, 3113, and 3114 have been seen since Christmas Day. 3114 had EMD B/N 72715-9 Dec. 1972 on its builders plat.

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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 any correspondence, nor will we appraise items.

WILLIAM C. JONES, 11665 W. 73rd Ave., Arvada, Colo. 80005 buys Otto Kuhler's "Portraits of the Iron Horse", published prior to WW II.

H. J. WAGNER III, 7571 Rudderow Ave., Merchantville, N. J. 08109, sells the following books: (1) Narrow Gauge Rys. of America - Fleming (Hardy) - \$25.00; (2) The Argentine Central - Hollenback - \$10.00; (3) The Rio Grande Pictorial - Collmand & McCoy - \$15.00; (4) Sierra Ry. - Deane - \$4.00. Enclose 30¢ per book for postage and handling.

ROBERT A. LeMASSENA, 1795 S. Sheridan Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80226 will pay \$30 for "Iron Horses of the Santa Fe Trail" by Worley.

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