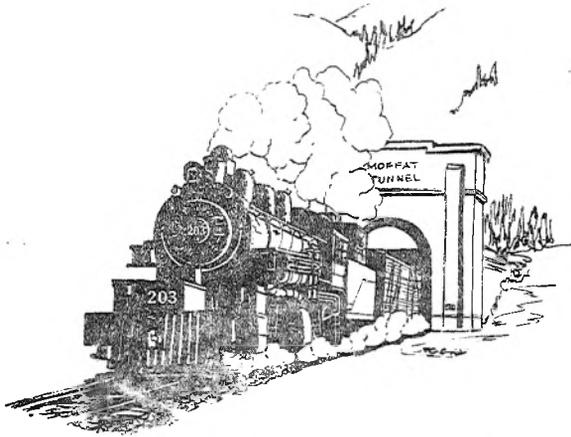


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Tuesday, September 10, 1974
Time 7:45 p.m.
Place Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,
2900 S. University at Bates' offstreet
parking at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: The September meeting will be a Potpourri, each individual bring 20 or less slides to be shown on the clubs stack-loader projector. The slides should be put in order as follows: first slide put on the bottom, the white or blank side up, second on top of the first, also with white or blank side up, continue on through all 20 slides in this manner ending up with the last slide on top. This way the projector will show the pictures in correct order. Check through when finished, with stacking to see if all right sides are up. Choose your own subject matter, altho it would be appropriate for it to be railroad material. It would be nice to have a commentary of each slide so we will all know what we are viewing. Don't be bashful, we would like to have pictures from members who have never joined in the fun before. See you at the meeting.

ALL THOSE fortunate enough to have attended the August meeting were treated to a wonderful movie by Beyer Patton. Beyer snowed over 1,000 feet of film made during two visits to the narrow gauge GUAYQUIL & QUITO RAILROAD in Ecuador, South America. This 288 mile long railroad traverses some of the most scenic regions of South America in climbing from the seacoast to almost 12,000 feet above sea level. We saw beautifully painted little Baldwin 2-6-0s and 2-8-0s whip four car passenger trains and short freights up the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % grades of the spectacular switchbacks at the Devil's Nose; operation of trains right down the main streets of towns and villages along the way with children and adults hopping on and off the train as it slowed for the station; switching operations on these same streets with hundreds of people and livestock of all kinds crossing the tracks constantly; passengers of all kinds and sizes riding atop the cars and the locomotive tenders; (in fact, any railroad safety official could easily have had a heart attack viewing some of these shots) closeups of the natives in the busy markets and streets; beautiful and spectacular scenery; all in one of the finest nonprofessional travel movies ever shown at the club. Our thanks to Beyer Patton for sharing this adventure with us. We hope we will be able to see his European movie at one of next year's meetings.

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BANQUET. Enclosed flyer for our annual banquet - please get your reservations in early as we have to let Stouffer's know how many to plan for. We have a good program and books, other prizes to give away as door prizes. So hope to see you at our 36th anniversary dinner, Oct. 12, 1974.

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TRIPS - Your officers and directors decided not to run a Cumbres & Toltec trip this year. We couldn't get anything arranged that would appeal to a large group at this late date. Hopefully next year we can do something extra special. The club has set Oct. 6, 1974 as a date to run an extra section on the Pikes Peak cog railway at 12:45 p.m. as the time to allow for photo runs weather permitting. So come join us for a ride on the world's highest cog railroad. Adult fare will be \$8.00 - Children's fare of \$4.00. Send in coupon at bottom of newsletter for tickets.

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GREAT WESTERN NO. 75 has been filming the new manhunter series for CBS at Loveland, Colo. the last couple of weeks using the depot on the C. & S. Railroad there as a setting of the era of 1934. This particular episode is scheduled to be the first of the series that will premiere on Channel 7 on Sept. 11, so watch for it here and in other parts of the country. A lot of the other scenes were also filmed in the Colorado area.

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FREEDOM TRAIN - The Preamble Express of the American Freedom Train Foundation arrived in Denver as scheduled on August 13 to fill in the 19 for '76 Mayors committee on the details of exhibits and all the work connected with getting the train set up for the official visit in 1975. The dates as of now are Sept. 29 - Oct. 1. These can be extended if the demand would warrant doing so. The train will be 24 cars long pulled by two steam engines as to the information Mr. Ed Haley and I were told at the briefing on board. A lot of work is involved in this project and it will take a lot of effort on everyones part to make this a success. The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club has taken this on as one of the things we will do for the 1976 Centennial. Other information will be in future newsletters as we receive it.

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SANTA FE RAILROAD. Rumors are that the Santa Fe railroad will set up a railroad Museum in part of the Albuquerque Roundhouse. They brought in two engines from the west coast on a 15 mph special train. One engine is a 0-4-0 named the Little Buttercup, the other was #1010 2-6-2 coal burning Santa Fe used in movies and by Death Valley Scotty on his Special; also the two engines stored in Belen, #5029 and #2926, are to be moved there. Santa Fe Railroad is again thinking of building a line north to the Farmington area for coal and other energy sources. This would be from the Gallup main line. Wonder if this would be Narrow Gauge? Surely not.

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DURANGE, COLORADO. An early morning fire in downtown Durango Business district destroyed a one block area and help was brought in from other city fire departments. So with all the fire hoses from all directions plus over the D.& R.G. tracks, both sections of the Silverton Train were cancelled out that day. The fire took two lives - one a fireman plus a policeman who were caught by a falling wall, damabe of about \$6,000,000 was caused. A tragedy we never like to see happen to anyone. A lot of wonderful trips and memories will always be with a large part of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members who have visited in the Durango Area.

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CLUB'S CAR RICO plus other cars and Steam Engine at the Colorado Railroad Museum was used in August in a Johnny Cash film. Its role was as a pay car in a holdup scene. The title of the forthcoming T.V. show will be 'The Great American Train Story' or 'Riding the Rails.' Date as of now is Nov. 22, 1974. So watch for it too.

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FLASH::: Intermountain Chapter N.R.H.S.'s Union Pacific Trip for November 2, 1974 has been cancelled due to extension of EXPO. 74. Information will be forthcoming from N.R.H.S. Chapter and to ticket holders as to future date of trip. Probably now to be run in 1975.

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FOUND: Darrell Arndt. After about three weeks, finally got a card from our traveling Newsletter Editor way up in ol' New England in the Steamtown area. Wonder what he is doing way up there? Could it be something that runs on rails? I'm sure he is enjoying his vacation and we will hear about it in the October Newsletter. A safe journey home, Darrell, so we can again read the interesting news in the Newsletter. This Newsletter hastily assembled by the President in a little over three weeks tiem Es Todo.

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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.

Have Edison Battery oil bottles will sell or trade for soda pop bottles that have name of town as part of the Bottling Co. name - as Booneville Bottling Co.

For sale Lavender's Bents Fort. Want copy of Reed's History of Texas R.R.s, Allhand's Boll Weevil, Worley, Iron Horses of the Santa Fe.

A. Von Blon, Box 6422, Waco, Texas 76706.

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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club
Post Office Box 2391
Denver, Colorado 80201

Check or Money Order for _____ tickets is enclosed.

Amount \$ _____

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