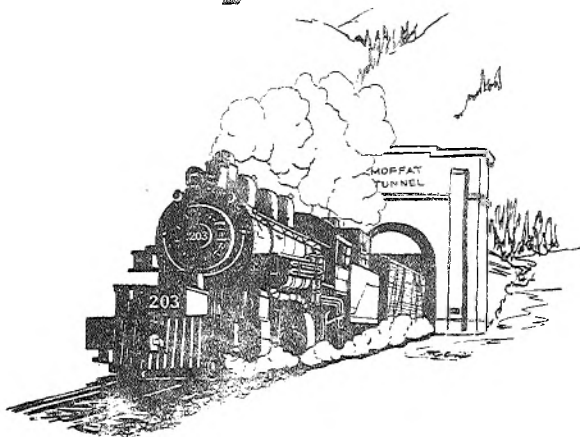


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MEETING NOTICE: DATE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1974
TIME 7:45 P.M.
PLACE SOUTHEAST WING OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2900 S. UNIVERSITY AT
BATES; OFFSTREET PARKING AT REAR (EAST) OF MEETING HALL.

PROGRAM NOTES: AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING CLUB MEMBER IRV AUGUST IS GOING TO SHOW A SELECTION OF NOSTALGIC SCENES OF COLORADO RAILROADING IN THE 40'S AND 50'S THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS. IRV HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB FOR 30 YEARS, IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB FOR TWO SEPARATE TERMS AND IS A PAST BOARD MEMBER. HE IS NOW SEMI-RETIRED, REMAINING ACTIVE AS A PART TIME CONSULTANT IN ENGINEERING WORK.

IRV HAS SELECTED FROM HIS 16MM MOVIE FILM LIBRARY A 1956 SEQUENCE OF GREAT WESTERN ACTION DURING THE SUGAR BEET HARVEST, A 1957 D&RGW CLUB EXCURSION TO FARMINGTON, N.M., MOVIES OF A FEBRUARY 1952 WINTER TRIP FROM SALIDA TO CRESTED BUTTE ON A NARROW GAUGE FREIGHT AND VIEWS OF CP AND CN ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER 1953 IN QUEBEC WITH ACTION ON THE CV DOWN INTO NEW ENGLAND.

FROM HIS SLIDE COLLECTION HE PLANS TO BRING SOME REALLY "HEAVY ARTILLERY", SUCH AS A 1952 WINTER TRIP TO MONARCH ON A FREIGHT, SCENES ON THE RGS IN 1948 TAKEN IN THE VICINITY OF LIZARD HEAD PASS, OPHIR LOOP AND TELLURIDE, AND A RMRRRC EXCURSION IN THE LATE 40'S FROM SALIDA UP TO MONARCH, THEN OVER TO VILLA GROVE. THIS SPECIAL INCLUDED THE NARROW GAUGE OBSERVATION CAR SILVER VISTA IN ITS' CONSIST. ALSO TO BE SEEN IS A THREE ENGINE MT FREIGHT AND A CLUB EXCURSION TO CRIPPLE CREEK IN 1949 ON THE LAST PASSENGER TRAIN TO RUN TO THAT FAMOUS MINING TOWN.

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CECIL B. DE MILLE EAT YOUR HEART OUT!!! THAT'S WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN SAID AFTER WITNESSING THE PROGRAM GIVEN AT THE OCTOBER MEETING AND BANQUET BY JIM EHERNBERGER AND ED GERLITS. JIM AND ED TOOK US ON A PHOTO TOUR AROUND THE ENTIRE SOUTH AMERICAN CONTINENT BY MEANS OF A UNIQUE SLIDE AND MOVIE PRESENTATION. IN AN UNUSUAL FORMAT BOTH MOVIES AND SLIDES WERE SHOWN SIMULTANEOUSLY ON THREE SCREENS ACCOMPANIED WITH BACKGROUND MUSIC. THEIR TRIP TOUCHED UPON BOTH THE ANCIENT AND THE VERY MODERN IN PRESENT DAY RAILROADING IN SOUTH AMERICA. ALL IN ATTENDANCE WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN TO THAT MOST INTERESTING CONTINENT SURELY HAD AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR CONCEPTIONS OF LIFE AND TRANSPORTATION "DOWN BELOW" ALTERED CONSIDERABLY.

A LARGE SELECTION OF DOOR PRIZES WERE GIVEN AWAY AT THE MEETING. BELOW IS A LIST THAT REFLECTS THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO PURCHASED WINNING TICKETS FOR THEMSELVES OR FOR THEIR FRIENDS AND THE PRIZES THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED. WE BELIEVE THIS INFORMATION IS QUITE ACCURATE, BUT APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE IF AN ERROR SLIPPED IN WE DIDN'T CATCH. OUR SINCEREST APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO ED GERLITS, DOW HELMERS, RICHARD KINDIG, ED KOCHANEK, LEE LOGUE, AND JACK THODE, THE CONTRIBUTORS OF THESE PRIZES. THE "COLORADO MIDLAND" AND "SUPPLEMENT TO THE DSP&P" WERE CONTRIBUTED BY THE CLUB.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
NORM HEALD	PRINT OF UP ENGINE TERMINAL
HERBERT O'HANLON	53 - 5½ x 8 POST CARDS BY LYMAN COX

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
MICKEY HANSEN	TWO PRINTS BY OTTO KUHLER
EMIL SOZIN	53 - 5½ x 8 POST CARDS BY LYMAN COX
BOB SLATTERY	AUTHENTIC 1909 COLORADO MIDLAND PASS
ALVIN WILES	PASS TO HIGH COUNTRY RAILROAD
ED GERLITS	D&SL 25-YEAR SERVICE PIN

THE FOLLOWING BOOKS WERE GIVEN AWAY AS PRIZES:

JACK O'RIELLY	"O & W"
STU ANDERSON	"TWEETSIE"
BOB LUTTRELL	"LITTLE RAILWAYS OF THE WORLD"
TERRY GILSTRAP	"ONE WAY TO ELDORADO"
ROBERT F. JOHNSON	"BRITISH TRAINS - PAST & PRESENT"
E. M. ORTON	"MAINE TWO FOOTERS"
WM. G. HARBER	"IRON ROAD TO EMPIRE"
KENNETH OLIVER	"100 YEARS OF STEAM LOCOMOTIVES"
BOB GRISWOLD	"LOCOMOTIVES IN OUR LIVES"
DON SMITH	"ALONG AN OPEN TRACK"
DAVID H. BEAZELL	"GUIDEBOOK OF WESTERN U.S."
HERBERT OSTHOFF	"TRAGEDY AT EDEN"
MERLE ANDERSON	"COLORADO MIDLAND"
MICKEY HANSEN	"PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE DSP&P"

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO ED GERLITS AND JIM EHERNBERGER FOR THEIR FINE PROGRAM WHICH CERTAINLY TOOK A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT TO PREPARE, TO NEAL MILLER FOR THE 16MM MOVIE STUDY OF THE HIGH COUNTRY RAILROAD AND HERITAGE SQUARE ATTRACTION, TO CARL AND MARY CARLSON FOR PLANNING THE DINNER AND MANAGING THE TICKET SALES, AND TO ALL 195 PEOPLE WHOSE ATTENDANCE MADE THE MEETING A SWELL SUCCESS.

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SIXTY FANS PARTICIPATED IN THE CLUB'S SPECIAL PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY TRIP ON OCTOBER 6 TO THE TOP OF ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS MOUNTAINS. THE WEATHER WAS NOT THE MOST ENCOURAGING DOWN AT "GROUND LEVEL" BUT TO EVERYONE'S DELIGHT THE TRAIN EMERGED FROM THE LOW LYING CLOUDS AND MIST JUST ABOVE RUXTON PARK. "MOSTLY SUNNY" CONDITIONS PREVAILED AT THE SUMMIT AND THE VIEW FROM THERE WITH THE LAYERS OF CLOUDS BLANKETING THE PLAINS AND SURROUNDING LOWLANDS WAS QUITE IMPRESSIVE. ALSO IMPRESSIVE WAS THE COMMENTARY THAT CLUB MEMBER AND COG RAILWAY CONDUCTOR ARTHUR HIBBARD BLANKETED THE PASSENGERS WITH, UNDOUBTEDLY LEAVING SOME OF THEM "IN THE CLOUDS". MOST OF THOSE PRESENT COULD READ BETWEEN THE LINES OF ART'S AMUSING NARRATION HOWEVER, AND REALIZED HE SOMETIMES "STRETCHED" A FACT OR TWO.

SEVERAL PHOTO STOPS WERE MADE ALONG THE WAY TO THE TOP. GRADING WAS OBSERVED AT WINDY POINT WHERE A PASSING TRACK IS BEING BUILT. PASSING TRACKS WITH ELECTRIC SWITCHES CONTROLLED FROM MANITOU ARE BEING INSTALLED AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS TO ALLOW CONTINUOUS OPERATION BOTH WAYS ON THE LINE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. TWO SWISS BUILT 206 PASSENGER, TWO CAR TRAINS ARE TO ARRIVE IN 1976 AND FURTHER INCREASE THE RAILROADS CAPACITY.

THE RETURN TO MANITOU SPRINGS WAS JUST IN TIME TO ALLOW THREE PARTICIPANTS IN THE EXCURSION TO STROLL OVER AND GAIN THE DUBIOUS DISTINCTION OF BEING THE LAST FARE PAYING PASSENGERS ON THE MT. MANITOU INCLINE FOR THE 1974 OPERATING SEASON. THE LAST TRIP WAS MOSTLY IN THE CLOUDS SO NO MOVIE RUNS WERE REQUESTED. THE LAST TRIP DOWN WAS DELAYED ABOUT 40 MINUTES, MUCH TO THE "DELIGHT" OF THE INCLINE EMPLOYEES, WHEN ONE MEMBER OF A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE CAR WANDERED OFF INTO THE WOODS AND HAD TO BE TRACKED DOWN. AT LEAST THEY THINK HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WANDERED OFF.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE TRIP, TO ART HIBBARD FOR HIS EDUCATING TALK, TO CHARLES MAX FOR THE GOOD WEATHER AT THE TOP, AND TO THE MANITOU AND PIKES PEAK RAILWAY FOR MAKING THE EVENT SUCH AN ENJOYABLE ONE.

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UP 8444 WILL STEAM OUT OF DENVER ON FEBRUARY 15 FOR A RUN TO LARAMIE AND RETURN ACCORDING TO REVISED PLANS BY THE INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER, NRHS. THE ORDER BLANK AND DESCRIPTIVE FLYER INCLUDED WITH THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE RAIL REPORT MAY STILL BE USED. THE ONLY CHANGE IS THE DATE OF THE TRIP.

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THE CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILWAY IS CONTEMPLATING ANOTHER ROTARY SNOWPLOW RUN JANUARY 11TH AND 12TH, 1975. IF FURTHER INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE WE WILL MAKE MENTION OF IT NEXT MONTH.

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THE JOHNNY CASH SPECIAL, "RIDIN' THE RAILS" WILL BE TELEVISED ON NOVEMBER 22ND OVER THE ABC NETWORK, SO CIRCLE THAT DAY ON YOUR CALENDAR. THE PROGRAM WILL REVIEW SEGMENTS OF AMERICA'S RAILROAD HISTORY. PORTIONS OF THE SPECIAL WERE FILMED AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM AND AT THE DEPOTS IN DENVER AND GREELEY. SEVERAL SPECIAL RUNS WERE MADE BY AMTRAK BETWEEN GREELEY AND DENVER. PART OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT WAS USED WAS THAT WHICH IS DROPPED FROM THE WESTBOUND SFZ IN THE MORNING AND RETURNED TO CHICAGO ON THE EASTBOUND IN THE AFTERNOON.

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ENGINE 346 WAS STEAMED UP AND OPERATED AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM THE LAST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER. THE LOCOMOTIVE, SEVERAL STOCK CARS AND CABOOSE MADE UP THE CONSIST THAT WAS REMINISCENT OF THE FALL LIVESTOCK TRAINS OF MANY YEARS AGO.

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GOOD NEWS FROM AMTRAK - JUST RECENTLY ANNOUNCED IS AMTRAK'S INTENTION TO BEGIN KANSAS CITY - DENVER PASSENGER SERVICE IN 1975. SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE WAS THE ROUTE CHOSEN. INSTEAD OF A MORE DIRECT ROUTE OVER THE UP VIA LIMON, THE TRAIN WILL OPERATE BY WAY OF LA JUNTA, PUEBLO, AND COLORADO SPRINGS TO DENVER. THIS PLAN DOES NOT SIT TOO WELL WITH THE COMMUNITIES ALONG THE UP, OR WITH THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FARMERS UNION, A GROUP THAT HAS BEEN QUITE ACTIVE IN PROMOTING THE MORE DIRECT ROUTE. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE FOR THE TRAIN TO BE AN EXTENSION AT KANSAS CITY OF A TRAIN FROM WASHINGTON. FROM KANSAS CITY WEST IT WILL BE A SEPARATE TRAIN OF ABOUT FIVE CARS. OF COURSE NOTHING IS DEFINITE AT THIS TIME IN REGARDS TO ROUTE, CONSIST, SCHEDULE, ETC.

AMTRAK HAS BEEN ADVERTISING IN THE LOCAL PAPERS RECENTLY, AND A ONE MINUTE RADIO AD WITH THE JINGLE "EASY DOES IT, AMTRAK DOES IT" HAS BEEN HEARD PROMOTING CHICAGO - DENVER RAIL TRAVEL.

THE AMTRAK PASSENGER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (PSR) PROGRAM BIT THE DUST AT THE END OF OCTOBER. THE PSR'S WERE ON TRAINS AND AT STATIONS AND HAD A WIDE VARIETY OF DUTIES ASSISTING PASSENGERS AND OTHER CREW MEMBERS AND COORDINATING SERVICES AND PR ACTIVITIES ON THE TRAINS.

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THE STATION AT SARGENTS WILL BE MOVED SOMETIME NEXT SPRING REPORTS BILL JONES. ESTIMATE COST OF THE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN SET AT \$3,000 PLUS ANOTHER \$2,000 TO \$3,000 FOR RESTORATION PURPOSES. DONATIONS WILL BE WELCOME AND CAN BE SENT TO MRS. WILLIAM REDDEN, 401 N. Iowa St., GUNNISON, 81230. MRS. REDDEN LIVES ON IOWA St., NOT PINE St. AS STATED IN LAST MONTHS RAIL REPORT.

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A NEW LEASE ON LIFE - ONE OF THE OLD NARROW GAUGE BRIDGES STILL SPANNING THE S. PLATTE RIVER IN PLATTE CANYON SOUTHWEST OF DENVER HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT PLANNED FOR THE PLATTE RIVER VALLEY NEAR DOWNTOWN DENVER. THE STRUCTURE WILL BE MOVED AND USED AS A FOOTBRIDGE OVER CHERRY CREEK.

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A WIDE VARIETY OF EQUIPMENT IS BEING ASSEMBLED BY THE AT&SF AT ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. WHERE IT APPEARS A SANTA FE RAILROAD MUSEUM IS TO BE ESTABLISHED. W. N. "NATE" DIXON OF SANTA FE, N.M. REPORTS THAT THE FOLLOWING POWER HAD BEEN MOVED TO ALBUQUERQUE AS OF THIS FALL: 2-6-2 No. 1010 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE BROUGHT FROM LOS ANGELES, DIESEL "DOODLEBUG" No. M-190 FROM THE CLOVIS-CARLSBAD RUN, ALCO DIESEL No. 9820, 0-4-0 No. 5 DIAMOND STACK STEAMER "BUTTERCUP" WITH WOODEN COWCATCHER AND NO BELL, FAIRBANKS-MORSE SWITCHER, TWO BALDWIN SWITCHERS, AN ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN ROTARY SNOWPLOW THAT OBTAINS ITS POWER FROM A DIESEL PUSHING IT, A GM DIESEL SWITCHER, AND TWO STEAMERS FROM BELEN YET TO BE MOVED. THE EQUIPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AND OPENING DATE OF THE MUSEUM IS UNKNOWN.

60 MILES TO THE NORTHEAST ANOTHER AT&SF LOCOMOTIVE WAS IN THE LOCAL SANTA FE, N.M. NEWS RECENTLY. UNFORTUNATELY THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE 2-10-4 No. 5030 ON DISPLAY IN THE TOWN PARK WAS NOT TOO PLEASANT, NGR SHOULD WE SAY VERY COMMENDABLE. THE CITY COUNCIL HAD VOTED TO ASK THE MAYOR FOR A DONATION OF PAINT FROM HIS STORE TO COVER THE LOCOMOTIVE. THE REMARKS BY SEVERAL COUNCILMEN

HOWEVER SEEMED TO INDICATE THEY ALL DID NOT HOLD THE ENGINE IN HIGH REGARD. ONE INDIVIDUAL DID NOT THINK THE LOCO WAS IN GOOD ENOUGH SHAPE TO PAINT, ANOTHER CALLED IT "JUNK", AND ANOTHER ASKED "WHAT GOOD IS IT?" WITH A FENCE AROUND IT. A CONTEST FOR THE MOST BRILLIANT SUGGESTION ALTHO, WOULD PROBABLY END IN A TIE BETWEEN "DONATING IT TO THE SANTA FE COUNCIL ON RECYCLING" OR "TO DIG A BIG HOLE RIGHT NEXT TO IT AND LET IT SINK IN". THE CITY MANAGER SAID THAT BECAUSE THE FENCE IS OFTEN CLIMBED AND IS A MAINTENANCE PROBLEM PERHAPS IT SHOULD BE EXTENDED OVER THE TOP OF THE LOCO TO COMPLETELY ENCLOSE IT. THIS IS CERTAINLY STRANGE TALK COMING FROM THE CAPITOL CITY OF A STATE WHOSE CITIZENS WERE THE DRIVING FORCE IN SAVING THE ANTONITO-CHAMA NARROW GAUGE LINE.

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OVER 30 MILES OF TRACK WERE ABANDONED BETWEEN PALMER LAKE AND COLORADO SPRINGS AND BETWEEN CREWS AND KELKER IN SEPTEMBER. THE TRACK SOUTH OF COLORADO SPRINGS TO BE REMOVED IS RIO GRANDE, THE TRACK NORTH OF THE SPRINGS TO BE TORN UP IS THE SANTA FE. CTC CONTROLLED FROM LA JUNTA NOW COORDINATES TRAIN MOVEMENTS OVER THE REMAINING SINGLE TRACK. THE CHANGE RESULTED IN THE ELIMINATION OF OVER A DOZEN HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSINGS IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

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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.

FOR SALE:

RAILS AROUND GOLD HILL, CAFKY, NEW HIGHEST OFFER ABOVE \$175
SWITZERLAND TRAIL, CROSSEN, NEW HIGHEST OFFER ABOVE \$175
OFFERS TO BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN NOV. 30, 1974.
E. C. DUNN P.O. Box 40, SANTA FE, N. M. 87501

FOR SALE: APPROXIMATELY 140 RR BOOKS FOR SALE AT REASONABLE PRICES - SEND SSAE
EDWARD C. BLISS 2944 ARROYO DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92103

CHAS. ALBI, 460 S. MARION, #306, DENVER, COLO. 80209, IS SEEKING COPIES OF "FAMOUS AMERKAN TRAINS" BY ROGER REYNOLDS (1934 ED. W/GREEN BINDING), "ORIENT EXPRESS" BY GRAHAM GREENE (1933), "MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS" (ALSO PUB. AS "MURDER ON THE CALAIS COACH") BY AGATHA CHRISTIE.

WANTED: "GOLDEN RAILS" BY KRATVILLE; TRAINS MAGAZINE - OCTOBER 1966; RAILROAD MAGAZINE - JANUARY 1954; POOR'S RAILROAD MANUAL - 1907; WESTER PACIFIC ANNUAL PASS 1910-1916 ROBERT A. LeMASSENA 1795 S. SHERIDAN BLVD., DENVER, COLO. 80226

SEEKING BEST OFFER ON FOLLOWING: NUMBER OF ANNUAL PASSES PRIOR 1900. CHANDLER, TROLLEY THRU THE COUNTRYSIDE; HENNICK-CHARLTON, LA. 1ST ST. RY AND INTERURBANS; CAFKY, RAILS AROUND GOLD HILL, COLO. MID; CRUM, RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN; DENVER SO. PARK & PACIFIC PIX SUPPLEMENT; WARMAN, SONGS OF CY WARMAN-THIS LIMITED SIGNED ED, WITH A POEM WRITTEN IN LONGHAND & SIGNED BY WARMAN. SEEKING EXPRESS COMPANY ITEMS. THE BOOKS ARE IN NEAR MINT CONDITION. A. VON BLON, Box 6422, WACO, TEXAS.

FOR SALE: TO AMERICAN FLYER COLLECTORS. HAVE UNUSED, MINT CONDITION, A.C. GILBERT CATALOGUES FOR THE YEARS 1951 THRU 1965, EXCEPT 1957, '58, '59. ALSO SOME HO CATALOGUES. \$25 FOR THE SET. B.F. CUTLER, 350 S. CLINTON, APT. 11-C, DENVER, COLORADO 80231. TEL. 341-6847.

FOR SALE: COMBS: WESTWARD TO PROMONTORY (LIST \$8.85) \$5.00; KRAUS: HIGH ROAD TO PROMONTORY (LIST 7.95) \$5.00; OTIS: ILLUS. HISTORY OF THE PANAMA RR (REPRINTED 1971) (LIST 7.50) \$5.00; HELMER: O & W (LIST 6.00) \$4.00; PURSELL: EARLY STATIONARY STEAM ENGINES IN AMERICA (LIST 6.75) \$4.00; MAP: HOTCHKISS MINING CLAIMS MAP (ABOUT 1935) OF THE SILVERTON AREA, 52X58 IN.; MINOR TEARS AT EDGES NEED TAPING. SHOW RRs. BEST OFFER BY NOV. 30, 1974. MORRIS W. ABBOTT, 33 DRIFTWOOD LANE, MILFORD, CONN. 06400.

FOR SALE: GLIMPSES OF AMERICA BY J.W.BUEL. A PICTORIA & DESCRIPTIVE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY'S SCENIC MARVELS DELINEATED BY PEN AND CAMERA. THE BOOK DEALS WITH THE WESTERN UNITED STATES AND HAS QUITE A FEW VIEWS OF COLORADO, MANY ARE OF A RAILROAD NATURE, LOCOMOTIVES, BRIDGES, TUNNELS, STATIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY. THE BOOK IS OLD AND WAS PRINTED IN 1894 AND HAS 350 PAGES. \$22.00 HENRY J. WAGNER 3RD. E. CENTENNIAL DRIVE, CENTENNIAL LAKE, MARLTON, NEW JERSEY 08053

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