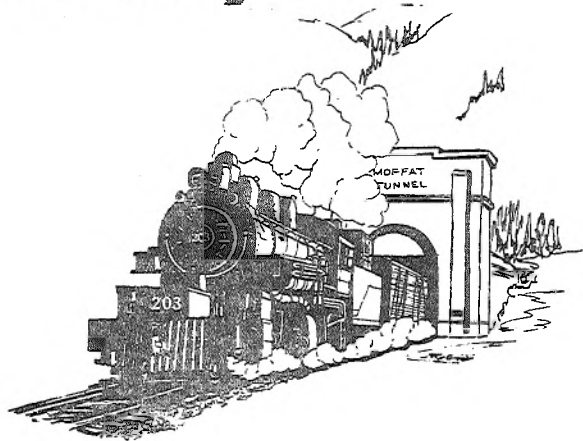


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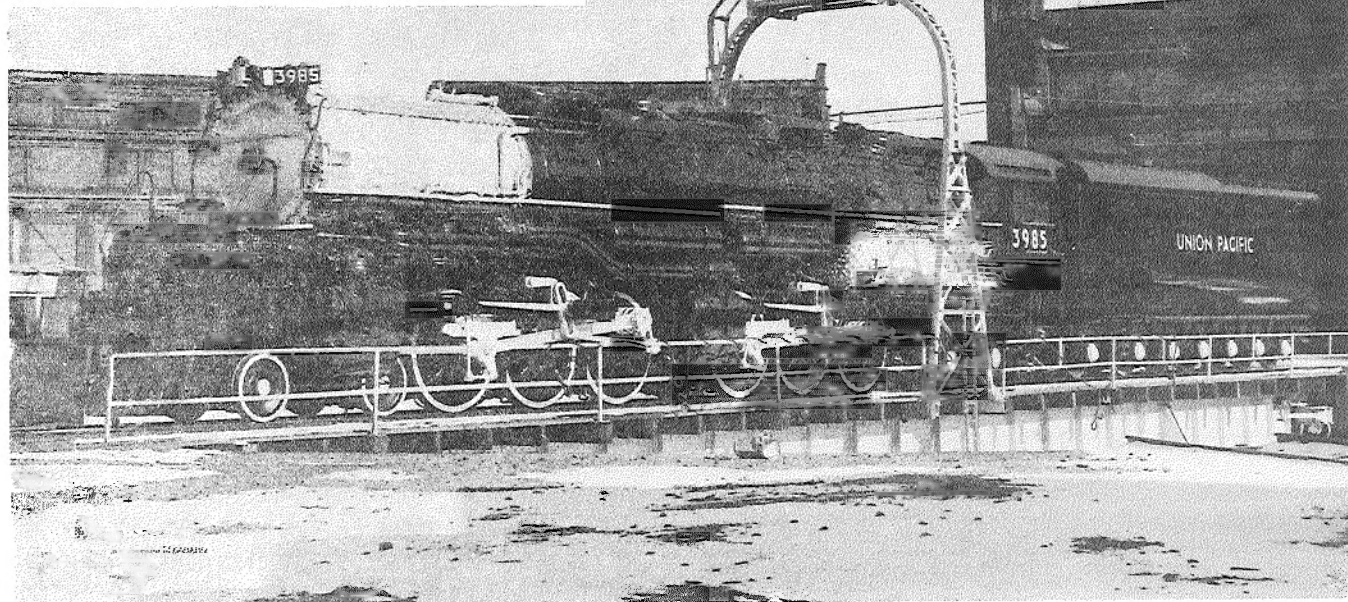
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MEETING NOTICE: Date Tuesday, March 11, 1975
 Time 7:45 P.M.
 Place Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,
 2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet park-
 ing at rear(east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: The program for March will be:

Europe from a Train Window

Erwin Chains will treat us to a potpourri of slides taken on a rail tour of Europe during the summer of 1971. The program will encompass sights in England, Germany, France, and Switzerland.



UNION PACIFIC 4-6-6-4 CHALLENGER NO. 3985 AT CHEYENNE, WYOMING, ON JANUARY 22, 1975

THE FEBRUARY PROGRAM WAS A DOUBLE BARREL "SHOT IN THE ARM" FOR NARROW GAUGE ENTHUSIASTS AND OTHERS WHO "PACKED THE HOUSE" FOR THE DOUBLE FEATURE PRESENTATION. LEADING OFF THE PROGRAM PORTION OF THE MEETING WERE SCENES FROM THE FAMOUS OTTO PERRY MOVIES INCLUDING THE SAN JUAN AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG ITS ROUTE. ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB EXCURSIONS INCLUDING A RIO GRANDE NARROW GAUGE TRIP WITH OVER A DOZEN CARS INCLUDING THE SILVER VISTA, THE SOUTH PARK AT KENOSHA PASS, THE PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY PRIOR TO THE ELIMINATION OF STEAM POWER AND MANY MORE VIEWS TO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

FOLLOWING THE OTTO PERRY SELECTION WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO VIEW A SHOWING BY MR. WILLIAM L. LOEFFLER OF "RIVERS OF SILVER, RIBBONS OF STEEL", A 25 MINUTE 16MM COLOR AND SOUND MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION CONCENTRATING ON THE HISTORY OF THE NARROW GAUGE RAILROADS IN THE WEST. THE FILM IS DESIGNED FOR SHOWING TO VIEWERS IN A TELEVISION AUDIENCE WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH MOUNTAIN RAILROADING. IT IS AN ENJOYABLE RETROSPECTIVE LOOK AT THE REASON FOR THE NARROW GAUGE FORM OF RAILROADING AND THE IMPORTANCE IT PLAYED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN U.S. INCLUDED IN THE SCENES WERE RARE SEQUENCES OF A UINTAH TRAIN WORKING UP BAXTER PASS, A ROTARY SNOWPLOW OPERATION ON CUMBRES PASS AND A TOURIST TRAIN RUNNING OVER THE GEORGETOWN LOOP FILMED BY THE BIOGRAPH STUDIO IN 1903. RECENT FILMS TAKEN OF THE SILVERTON TRAIN PORTRAYED HOW IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO RIDE A TRAIN SIMILAR TO THOSE OF YEARS AGO THAT PROVIDED THE ONLY DECENT FORM OF TRANSPORTATION INTO THE MOUNTAINS.

WE ARE INDEBTED TO MR. LOEFFLER, WHO PRODUCED THE FILM, FOR ARRANGING HIS PERSONAL SCHEDULE SO THAT HE COULD SHOW THE FILM AT THE MEETING. MR. LOEFFLER TEACHES MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION AND IS INVOLVED WITH EDUCATIONAL TV. HE IS PRESENTLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION ARTS OF THE NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK AND STOPPED IN DENVER FOR THE MEETING WHILE ON HIS WAY TO THE WEST COAST. WHEN THE USE OF THE GEORGETOWN LOOP, UINTAH AND CUMBRES PASS FOOTAGE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE FILM WAS COMPLETED, MR. LOEFFLER DONATED IT TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB FILM LIBRARY. THE SEQUENCES ARE OF HIGH QUALITY AND WERE METICULOUSLY COPIED FROM THE ORIGINAL 35MM NITRATE FILM IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

IT WAS CERTAINLY AN ENJOYABLE EVENING FOR ALL AND WE THANK MR. LOEFFLER FOR HIS TIME AND EFFORT IN BRINGING "RIVERS OF SILVER, RIBBONS OF STEEL" TO DENVER FOR OUR VIEWING PLEASURE.

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UNION PACIFIC CHALLENGER No. 3985 IS SHOWN IN THE FRONT PAGE PHOTO ON THE TURNTABLE AT CHEYENNE GLISTENING UNDER THE WINTER SUN IN A FRESH COAT OF NEW PAINT. SHORTLY AFTERWARD THE ENGINE WAS MOVED BY DIESEL OVER TEMPORARY TRACKAGE TO A DISPLAY AREA JUST WEST OF THE DEPOT, AS IS SHOWN IN THE SMALLER VIEW. JIM EHERNBERGER OF CHEYENNE SUPPLIED THESE PICTURES OF THE OPERATION.

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HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD???? ALL 1975 MEMBERSHIP CARDS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOURS, WHY NOT STICK A CHECK IN AN ENVELOPE AND MAIL IT IN RIGHT AWAY. \$3.00 PER YEAR, \$4.00 FOR NEW MEMBERS. YOUR CARD WILL THEN BE FORWARDED PROMPTLY.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO THE 1974 CLUB ROSTER IS ENCLOSED WHICH YOU MIGHT WANT TO FOLD AND PUT IN WITH YOUR COPY OF THE ROSTER. WE WELCOME ALL OF THE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED SINCE LAST SUMMER AND LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR ACTIVITIES.

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THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER PRINTED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF ANE CLINT. ANE HAS ACCEPTED THIS CHORE AND ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVER 15 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, NOT ONLY THE PRINTING END, BUT THE FINAL TYPING OF THE TEXT FOR PRINTING AND THE FOLDING. IT IS THIS SORT OF DEDICATION AND SELFLESS SPIRIT DEMONSTRATED BY ANE AND OTHERS THAT HAS HELPED THE CLUB GROW AND PROSPER, BENEFITING ITS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. SHE IS ALSO A PAST TREASURER OF THE CLUB AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IT'S DIFFICULT TO ADEQUATELY EXPRESS IT, BUT FROM ALL OF US, ANE, THANKS!

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A BIT OF MISFORTUNE STRUCK THE INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER'S TRIP BEHIND THE 8444 ON FEBRUARY 15, THE EXCURSION LEFT DENVER IN A LIGHT SNOW THAT MORNING AND PROCEEDED NORTH WITHOUT INCIDENT INTO THE



CLEARING SKIES OF WYOMING. AS THE ENGINE WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN THE FIRST PHOTO RUNBY NEAR LYNCH, WYOMING, A SUDDEN STEAM LEAK IN THE FRONT OF THE LOCOMOTIVE RESULTED IN A LOSS OF POWER. THE TRAIN WAS ABLE TO BACK DOWNGRADE TO CHEYENNE WHERE THE FAMOUS STEAMER WAS REMOVED AND PLACED IN THE ROUNDHOUSE. IN THE MEANTIME, THE TWO UP PASSENGER DIESELS THAT PULLED THE PASSENGER CARS TO DENVER FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS WERE CALLED AND PROCEEDED TO CHEYENNE TO SUPPLY HEAT AND POWER. THE SPECIAL LEFT CHEYENNE AT 3:30 PM FOR LARAMIE WITH TIME FOR TWO PHOTO RUNBYS ENROUTE. ALTHOUGH THE "E" UNITS LOOKED SHARP IN THEIR SPOTLESS UNION PACIFIC PAINT SCHEME, THEY COULD HARDLY FILL THE SHOES OF THE 8444. A QUICK TURNAROUND IN LARAMIE AND AN UNEVENTFUL RETURN PUT THE TRIP BACK INTO DENVER ABOUT 10:30 PM.

ON SATURDAY, A WEEK LATER, THE ENGINE, ALONG WITH THE UP FLAT CAR OUTFITTED WITH FLAGS THAT WENT TO SPOKANE LAST YEAR AND A CABOOSE, WAS STEAMED UP AND CAME DOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KICKOFF OF GREELEY'S INVOLVMENT IN THE COLORADO CENTENNIAL AND THE UNITED STATES' BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH THE 8444, IT WAS STILL UNABLE TO MOVE UNDER ITS OWN POWER AND WAS TOWED FROM CHEYENNE BY A DIESEL. THE ENGINE AND FLAG CAR WERE PARKED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE DEPOT AS SPEAKERS, BANDS AND MARCHING UNITS DISPLAYED THEIR TALENTS NEARBY.

LATEST WORK INDICATES THE ENGINE WILL BE RETURNED TO SERVICE IF PARTS CAN BE OBTAINED AND REPAIR COSTS CAN BE KEPT AT A MINIMUM. THE PROBLEM IS LOCATED IN THE RIGHT CYLINDER.

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EXCELLENT WEATHER ARRIVED IN TIME FOR THE CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC ROTARY SNOWPLOW SPECIAL WHICH OPERATED ON FEBRUARY 1 AND 2 OUT OF CHAMA, N.M. THE PLOW TRAIN PROGRESSED ABOUT THREE MILES THE FIRST DAY. PROGRESS WAS SLOWED SOMEWHAT THE SECOND DAY DUE TO ENCOUNTERING THE START OF THE HEAVY GRADE TO THE PASS. ONLY AFTER SEVERAL OF THE CARS WERE DROPPED WAS THE CONSIST ABLE TO MAKE PROGRESS, STOPPING SHORT OF "WEED CITY" SOUTH OF LOBATO TRESTLE. A QUICK "HEAD" COUNT AT ONE POINT REVEALED 50 TO 60 CARS FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS FROM THE HIGHWAY.

THE SPECIAL, WITH ITS PASSENGERS, RETURNED TO CHAMA IN MID-AFTERNOON ON BOTH DAYS. SATURDAY EVENING 114 PEOPLE ATTENDED A DINNER SERVED BUFFET STYLE IN THE RAINBOW THEATER. FOR THE UN-INITIATED IT MIGHT BE MENTIONED THAT THE RAINBOW IS TO CHAMA WHAT THE DENVER COLISEUM IS TO DENVER. LOCATED NEAR THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN CHAMA (EASY TO GET TO, ALSO) IT'S A FUNCTIONAL LITTLE BUILDING THAT SERVES AS A THEATER, POOL HALL, BASKETBALL COURT, DANCE HALL, MEETING ROOM, ETC., (NOT NECESSARILY ALL AT THE SAME TIME). THE DINNER WAS FOLLOWED WITH THE SHOWING OF TWO FINE FILMS, "TICKET TO TOMAHAWK", FILMED IN THE DURANGO AND SILVERTON AREAS ON THE D&RGW AND THE RGS AND FEATURING RGS TEN WHEELER No. 20 NOW OWNED BY THE CLUB AND ON DISPLAY AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM AND ANOTHER FILM STARRING BUSTER KEATON IN THE CLASSIC SILENT MOVIE ABOUT THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE.

VISITORS TO THE C&TS THAT WEEKEND CAME FROM FAR AND NEAR. PERHAPS ONE AWARD FOR DISTANCE MIGHT GO TO TWO CANADIANS FROM.....SARNIA, ONTARIO. (YOU THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO SAY "FROM CANADA" DIDN'T YOU??) DOUG SHORT, A MEMBER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, AND A COMPANION, JAMES HOPPER MADE THE JOURNEY TO CHAMA. DOUG WRITES THAT THEIR TRIP WAS ACCOMPLISHED VIA AMTRAK FROM PORT HURON, MICHIGAN TO DENVER, THEN BUS TO COLORADO SPRINGS WHERE THEY JOINED HAROLD SEELY AND L. ORTON FOR THE LAST LEG OF THE EXPEDITION. DOUG TOOK SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET OF 16MM COLOR FILM FOR TWO CANADIAN TV STATIONS. THESE STATIONS, ONE OF CANADA'S LARGEST IN TORONTO, THE OTHER IN WINDSOR, ONTARIO SERVING THE DETRIOT AREA, FEATURED THE ROTARY EVENT AS NEWS SPECIALS FOR THEIR VIEWERS. DOUG AND JIM WERE QUITE IMPRESSED WITH BOTH AMTRAK AND C&TS OPERATIONS AND GAVE AN A-1 RATING.

A TOTAL OF 97 FARE PAYING PASSENGERS RODE BEHIND THE PLOW WHILE 74 OF THOSE FOLLOWING ON THE HIGHWAY SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT BY PRUCHASING PACER PASSES. IT SEEMS THAT A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. THE PEOPLE AT THE C&TS CERTAINLY DESERVE A PAT ON THE BACK FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT PUT IN TO MAKE THE RUN, THE DINNER & PROGRAM AND THE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS SUCCESSFUL AND MEMORABLE.

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IN OTHER CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC NEWS.....THE ROTARY OM AND ENGINE No. 487 WERE FIRED UP AGAIN A WEEK LATER FOR THE FILMING OF A JOHN DEERE SNOWMOBILE COMMERCIAL. THAT ACTIVITY LASTED FROM THE 9TH THROUGH THE 17TH AND RESULTED IN THE TRAIN OPENING THE LINE AS FAR AS CRESCO, NINE RAIL MILES NORTH OF CHAMA. FILMING WAS DONE AT CRESCO WITH A TRAIN CONSISTING OF ENGINE 487, EX-RPO CAR,

2 BOXCARS, A GONDOLA AND CABOOSE. THE COMMERCIAL IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED NEXT AUGUST.

A PRIVATE ENGINEERING FIRM HIRED BY THE COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO RAILROAD AUTHORITIES INSPECTED THE PHYSICAL PLANT OF THE LINE FROM ANTONITO TO CHAMA. SHOULD IT BE DECIDED TO APPLY FRA CLASS I STANDARDS TO THE RAILROAD (I.E. TRACK GOOD FOR 15 MPH RUNNING) AS A GUIDELINE FOR A LONG RANGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, THE LARGEST ITEM OF WORK TO BE DONE WOULD BE IN THE IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT OF 2,200 DEFECTIVE TIES IN THE ANTONITO-CHAMA MAIN LINE TRACK.

THE C&TS SCHEDULE FOR THE 1975 SEASON WILL SHOW STEAM OPERATIONS EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FROM JULY 5 THROUGH OCTOBER 12 OVER THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE LINE WITH A BUS RETURN. IN JULY AND AUGUST ADDITIONAL STEAM POWERED RUNS WILL BE MADE ON TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS OVER THE LINE WITH A RETURN BY BUS. THE MAY AND JUNE SCHEDULE WILL BE DECIDED UPON IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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TURNING POINT - 1975 APPEARS TO BE AN IMPORTANT YEAR FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PLATTE RIVER VALLEY NEAR DOWNTOWN DENVER AND THE DENVER UNION STATION. THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN HAS BEEN MAKING PLANS, NOT ALL OF THEM MADE PUBLIC YET, FOR A HUGE ONE BILLION DOLLAR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, A "NEW CITY", IN THE 456 ACRE AREA NOW OCCUPIED BY LIGHT INDUSTRIES AND RAIL YARDS. OPPOSITION HAS BEEN VOICED BY CERTAIN GROUPS AND INTERESTS AGAINST SUCH A PLAN THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE DEMOLITION OF UNION STATION AND WALL TO WALL CONCRETE AND HIGH-RISES ALONG THE PLATTE RIVER. THE BN PLANS A DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD CONTAIN OFFICE BUILDINGS, MINI PARKS, SHOPPING COMPLEXES AND HIGH-RISE HOUSING FOR 30,000 TO 40,000 PERSONS. MOST EVERYONE AGREES THE AREA NEEDS REHABILITATION, BUT SOME GROUPS SUCH AS PARC, A NORTHWEST DENVER ORGANIZATION, OPPOSES HIGH-RISE STRUCTURES IN THE VALLEY AND PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF MAIN LINE TRACKS TO THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER. THEY POINT OUT THAT THE RESULTS WOULD ISOLATE UNION STATION AND JEOPARDIZE PLANS FOR DEVELOPING PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON THE RIVER'S WEST SIDE. ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR THE TRACKS HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED INCLUDING A COVERED TWO TRACK ROUTE TO THE DEPOT. THE BN DOES NOT THINK TOO HIGHLY OF THIS PLAN HOWEVER. PARC IS ALSO OBJECTING TO THE BN'S LACK OF PUBLICITY ON THESE PROJECTS, KEEPING THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC SOMEWHAT IN THE DARK AND CALLING ALL THE SHOTS FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE VALLEY.

THE FATE OF DENVER UNION STATION, A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED HISTORIC LANDMARK, IS ALSO AT STAKE IN THE PROJECT. THE BN ADVOCATES BUILDING A SMALLER DEPOT ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER ON THE NEW TRACK ALIGNMENT. A NUMBER OF GROUPS INTERESTED IN THE PRESERVATION AND USE OF THE HISTORIC BUILDING OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE. ONE ORGANIZATION, PLAN METRO DENVER, ADVOCATES THE USE OF THE DEPOT AS A TRANSPORTATION CENTER COMBINING RAIL, LOCAL AND INTERSTATE BUS SERVICE, AIRPORT SHUTTLES AND OTHER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES UNDER ONE ROOF. ITS LOCATION DOWNTOWN, THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT IT WOULD BRING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE CONVENIENCE AND EFFICIENCY OF HAVING THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS TOGETHER ARE THE PRIME REASONS FOR PMD'S POSITION. PMD IS CURRENTLY CIRCULATING A PETITION TO PLACE ON THE MAY 20 BALLOT BEFORE THE VOTERS A CHARTER AMENDMENT MANDATING THE CITY TO ACQUIRE UNION STATION AND TAKE STEPS TO INSURE ITS DEVELOPMENT INTO A TRANSPORTATION CENTER.

A MEMBER OF PLAN METRO DENVER WILL BE AT THE MARCH MEETING TO BRIEFLY OUTLINE THE ORGANIZATION'S GOALS AND TO ALLOW THOSE PRESENT WHO RESIDE IN THE CITY OF DENVER TO SIGN THE PETITION IF THEY SO DESIRE. 10,000 SIGNATURES ARE NEEDED BY MARCH 15 IF THE VOTERS ARE TO DECIDE THE ROLE OF THE CITY IN THE DEPOT'S FUTURE.

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MAYBE A PIECE OF CLOTHESLINE WOULD'VE WORKED BETTER! - AMTRAK PUBLIC RELATIONS TOOK IT ON THE CHIN RECENTLY, AT LEAST IN THE DENVER NEWS MEDIA, WHEN THE CHICAGO BOUND SAN FRANCISCO ZEPHYR CAME UNCOUPLED FROM THE ENGINES THAT WERE PULLING IT. ONCE IN NEBRASKA WASN'T ENOUGH, IT HAPPENED AGAIN IN ILLINOIS. THE NEWSPAPERS GAVE A GENERALLY HUMOROUS TREATMENT TO THE OCCURENCE WITH SUCH PHRASES AS "PASSENGERS LEFT UP TRACK WITHOUT ENGINE" AND "A FUNNY THING HAPPENED WHEN AMTRAK WAS ON THE WAY TO CHICAGO LAST WEEK". THE CULPRIT WAS REPORTEDLY A DRAWBAR ON AN ENGINE BEING MOVED FROM IDAHO TO THE NORTHEAST. THE ENGINE WAS NONE OTHER THAN D&H ALCO PASSENGER UNIT NO. 19 RETURNING FROM MORRISON-KNUDSEN. THE UNIT LAID OVER IN DENVER ONE NIGHT AND RAISED QUITE A FEW EYEBROWS WITH ITS DISTINCTIVE BODY STYLE AND PAINT SCHEME. IT PRESUMABLY RAISED

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QUITE A FEW EYEBROWS (AND EYELIDS) WHILE ENROUTE TO CHICAGO AS WELL. WHEN THE TRAIN FIRST SEPARATED A BRAKEMAN WAS HEARD SAYING IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN 34 YEARS THAT HE HAD BEEN ON A TRAIN THAT CAME UNCOUPLED. LATER ON IN THE MORNING WHEN IT HAPPENED AGAIN HE WAS HEARD SAYING THAT IT WAS ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN 34 YEARS THAT HE HAD BEEN ON A TRAIN THAT CAME UNCOUPLED!

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A LITTLE CLOSER EVERY DAY - PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE REBUILDING OF THE HIGH BRIDGE ON THE GEORGETOWN LOOP. THE BRIDGE WILL BE DESIGNED TO RESEMBLE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE. CONSTRUCTION WOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS THE REQUIRED FUNDING CAN BE OBTAINED.

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THE HISTORY OF SAPINERO, COLORADO IS BEING EXPLORED BY R. A. SANTARELLI OF GUNNISON. HE WOULD LIKE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ANYONE WHO HAS MAPS, RAILROAD RECORDS, PHOTOGRAPHS, OR OTHER RELATED ITEMS COVERING THE PERIOD FROM THE TOWNS FORMATION IN 1881 TO ABOUT 1915 OR 1920. HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION ON THIS TOWN IN WHICH HE GREW UP AND MAY BE CONTACTED AT P.O. Box 717, GUNNISON, COLORADO 81230.

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WORK ON ANOTHER SEGMENT OF COLORADO HISTORY IN THE SAME NEIGHBERHOOD IS UNDERWAY BY ANOTHER GUNNISON RESIDENT, DR. DUANE VANDENBUSCHE AT WESTERN STATE COLLEGE. DR. VANDENBUSCHE IS WORKING ON A HISTORY OF THE LAKE CITY BRANCH OF THE RIO GRANDE FOR THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM. THE RESULTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE 1976 EDITION OF THE "COLORADO RAIL ANNUAL". LOCATING PHOTOS OF THE BRANCH HAS PROVED TO BE QUITE DIFFICULT. HE WOULD LIKE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE WHO HAS COPIES OF SUCH PHOTOS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO LEND THEM FOR A WEEK OR SO UNTIL A COPY CAN BE MADE. IF YOU CAN HELP, CONTACT DR. VANDENBUSCHE, PROF. OF HISTORY, WESTERN STATE COLLEGE, GUNNISON, COLORADO 81230.

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THE CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY DEPOT AT RIVERTON, WYOMING IS TO BE SOLD ALONG WITH THE LAND IT'S ON. THE RAILROAD IS REQUIRING THAT THE BUILDING BE MOVED AWAY FROM RAILWAY PROPERTY IF KEPT INTACT. THE BUILDING ALSO HOUSES A REA OFFICE AND AT ONE TIME PROVIDED LIVING QUARTERS FOR THE AGENT.

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THE UNION PACIFIC IS TO DEMOLISH ITS SOUTH OMAHA STATION ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER SMALLER BUILDINGS AND REPLACE THEM WITH A SMALLER PREFABRICATED STRUCTURE OR BAGGARE CAR BODY. IT HAS BEEN MANY YEARS SINCE PASSENGER TRAINS HAVE STOPPED AT THE DEPOT.

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NOW YOU CAN SKI ON THE TRAILS...SLEEP NEAR THE RAILS - WHERE IN THE GOOD OLD USA CAN YOU SKI DURING THE DAY AND SLEEP 20 FEET FROM AN ACTIVE RAILROAD YARD AT NIGHT? WHY, RIGHT HERE IN THE HIGH COUNTRY OF COLORADO IN A TOWN CALLED MINTURN. A WHILE BACK THE WHISTLE STOP INN OPENED AT MINTURN, REPLACING AN OLDER RAILROAD "Y" THAT SERVED TRAIN CREWS FOR MANY YEARS. MINTURN IS A CREW CHANGE POINT ON THE RIO GRANDE AND IS WHERE HELPER UNITS ARE ADDED TO THE FREIGHTS FOR THE STEEP CLIMB TO TENNESSEE PASS. THE WHISTLE STOP INN CATERS TO THESE MEN AND PROVIDES ACCOMODATIONS FOR THEM IN THE BRAND NEW TWO STORY BUILDING THAT HAS 84 UNITS AND A 24 HOUR RESTAURANT FOR MOTEL GUESTS. HALF OF THE BUILDING IS USED BY RAILROAD CREWS, THE OTHER HALF BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ALL ROOMS HAVE BUNK BEDS. A SINGLE ROOM, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH ONE BUNK BED, TWO PEOPLE IS \$11.00 PER DAY, \$60.00 PER WEEK, SHARING A BATH WITH THE ROOM ON THE OTHER SIDE. A DOUBLE ROOM WITH TWO SETS OF BUNK BEDS AND A PRIVATE BATH IS \$16.00 PER DAY FOR TWO, \$24.00 PER DAY FOR FOUR.

MINTURN IS ONLY 7 MILES FROM VAIL. SO IF YOU WANT TO SHUN THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE AND THE EXPENSE

ON VAIL (WHICH MINTURN HAS LITTLE OF EITHER), IF YOU CAN FORGO THE LUXURIES OF THE HAWARD JOHNSON'S, AND IF YOU LIKE TRAINS, THIS COULD BE FOR YOU. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE IN THE WINTER HOWEVER, OR EVEN A SKI TRIP, BUT ANY OCCASION THAT BRINGS YOU TO THAT NEIGHBORHOOD....BUSINESS, VACATION, OR OTHER REASONS. WHY, EVEN IF YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO WORK IT INTO YOUR HONEYMOON PLANS! WELL, PERHAPS NOT. SHE PROBABLY WOULDN'T GO FOR YOU CLIMBING OUT OF YOUR BUNK ALL NIGHT LONG TO LOOK OUT THE WINDOW EVERY TIME A FREIGHT GOES BY. SHE COULD EVEN GET UPSET ENOUGH TO INSIST FOR A TRADE.....THAT YOU TAKE THE "UPPER". BUT IT'S A THOUGHT.....ISN'T IT??

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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:

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