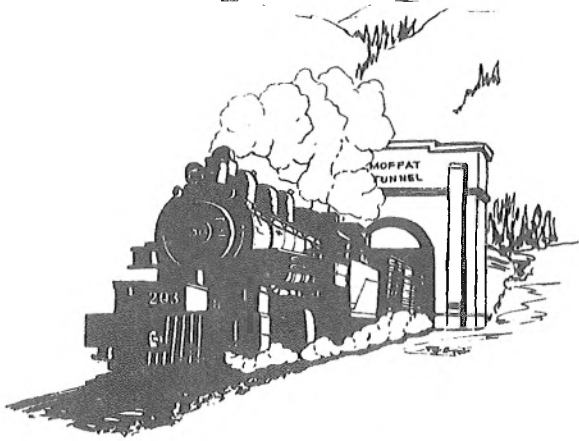


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MEETING NOTICE: Date . . . Tuesday, March 8, 1977
Time . . . 7:45 P.M.
Place . . . Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2900 S.
University at Bates; offstreet parking at rear (east)
of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES:

JIM & BRUCE RANNIGER'S NOT-SO-FAMOUS TRAIN MOVIES

Included in and incorporated into the March meeting, and coupled with a completely connived and candid commentary, will be a concisely compiled collective consolidation of cinematic celluloid cumulated by the cleverly and competently controlled camera of our compatible club cohorts, Jim and Bruce Ranniger. They will present a 75-minute recent vintage compendium of geographically dispersed, multi-gauge, variably powered, on-track conveyances, delineated in a delightful collection of dirty movies (sooty smoke, grimy grease and dusty cinders) sure to delight the connoisseurs and aficionados of the world's only civilized form of transportation!

In other words, we can look forward to enjoying over one hour of steam and diesel passenger train operations, recorded by the movie camera of Jim Ranniger and his son Bruce. Steam operations will include Ralph McAllister's 14½" gauge at Boulder, the Heeber Creeper in Utah, the Royal Hudson in British Columbia, the 1976 rotary plow operation on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, a trail run of a new Ulrich locomotive at Strasburg, Colorado, No. 346 in operation at the Colorado Railroad Museum, and some unusual shots of the Georgetown, Breckenridge and Leadville at Silver Plume. Several sequences of Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, NRHS and stock show trips with the 8444 will also be included. Several of the Cripple Creek & Victor engines will be shown in operation, and another sequence features the ornate and beautifully maintained 36" Lahaina, Kaanapali and Pacific as it travels through the cane fields on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Diesel operations include the Rio Grande Zephyr, the Ski Train, pictures from the cab of the "Canadian" on the CP, as it winds its way along the Kicking Horse River and through the Spiral Tunnels in the Canadian Rockies. And, oh yes, even the San Francisco cable cars are included -- after all, they do run on tracks.

All of the pictures we will see are relatively new, having been taken in 1975 and 1976, and are sure to make for a swell evening of entertainment!!!

February's Potpourri resulted in the screening of a surprisingly wide variety of railroad scenes taken across the country and even overseas. Sequences included the Denver area in the days of steam, Switzerland, what one can do with an Amtrak U.S.A. Rail Pass, trolleys and interurbans in Denver, the club's Utah trip and traveling by rail around British Columbia. Views of the restoration and transporting of ex-RGS No. 20 and other equipment from Alamosa to the Colorado Railroad Museum certainly reminded us of the Museum's progress since those "early days" in Golden. Other slides were also seen, and those who did not have an opportunity to show their selections will rate a "first crack" at the projector the next time around!

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DUES have been received at a very good rate, and such prompt payment is appreciated. The drawing for the DENVER SOUTH PARK AND PACIFIC MEMORIAL EDITIONS will take place at the April meeting, so the \$1.00 chances and \$4.00 dues payments must be received by that time to participate.

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A MODEL TRAIN AUCTION will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 1:00 P.M. and on Sunday, March 13, at 12:00 Noon at the Ramada Inn at I-70 & Kipling, exit 65, about 15 miles west of Denver. Approximately \$16,000.00 worth of model trains will be sold. The several thousand items in several hundred lots will include Lionel pre and postwar "0", also American Flyer, Ives Standard, other "0" scale makes and Hafner, Joy and Marx. All items to be sold as is, payments to be made by cash, P.M.O. and travelers checks. Items can be seen two hours before auction time. Further info can be obtained from Anthony Seminara, 1825 York Street, Denver 80206.

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THE CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD has announced their 1977 operating schedule. Trains will operate Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11, 1977 through October 9, 1977. The fare will remain unchanged from last year, adults riding for \$16.00, children under 12 for \$6.00. Caboose 05635 will be available for charter. For details and information, contact the agent, C&TS Railroad at Box 668, Antonito, Colorado 81120 or at Box 789, Chama, New Mexico 87520.

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SHUCKS!!! - We no sooner had the February newsletter on the printing machine, when word was received that the ex-SP 4449 would not be coming through Denver, but will take a southern route back to the northwest from Birmingham, Alabama, presumably the Southern Pacific's Sunset Route to California.

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THE NEXT TIME your wheels take you near the vicinity of Victor, Colorado (just over the hill from Cripple Creek) be sure to look up the old Florence & Cripple Creek station that was moved to the town park from Alta Vista last year. The local folk are rebuilding it into a visitor's center. After years of neglect, the old depot will once more hum with activity.

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THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD plans to spend, would you believe, a record \$246.7 million for capital improvements this year, up more than \$91 million from the 1976 figure of \$155.1 million. The program includes \$160 million for 90 new locomotives, 3,079 freight cars, 200 ballast cars and 315 rack cars. Another \$10 million will be spent for miscellaneous work equipment and \$76 million for road and fixed plant improvements such as the laying of 350 miles of new continuous welded rail, installation of 875,000 cross ties and construction of 115 miles of centralized traffic control signaling.

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THE WORLD ISN'T SO BIG - We received a pleasant letter from Raymond E. Ruffell of England recently, in which he commented on his interests in railroading both in his home country and here as well. Mr. Ruffell is a lifelong railroader, and a Colorado rail enthusiast, having traveled all the remaining narrow gauge lines back in 1962. He would be pleased to correspond with anyone of similar interests and can be contacted by writing to him at 2 Victoria Villas, High Street, Little Sandhurst, Camberley Surry, England.

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RAILROAD MAPS OF THE UNITED STATES - The Superintendent of Documents now has an annotated list available that reveals the scope of the railroad map collection of the Library of Congress and highlights the development of railroad mapping in 19th Century America. Described are 622 maps, chosen from more than 3,000 railroad maps, and almost 2,000 regional, State and county maps. The maps vary in area, content and scale, represent a profile of the development of cartographical style and technique, and are not intended to inventory all maps in the division that show railroads. The list does reflect, however, the important achievements of the early railroaders spanning the continent. The publication is 112 pages and was printed in 1975. Orders should be sent to the Public Documents Distribution Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009, with check or money order payable to the Superintendent of Documents. Price \$2.60 each. Serial No. 030-004-00014-1.

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IRONY OF IRONIES - Both the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific each sent a rotary plow east to Illinois to help remove snow from the rails of the N&W. UP 900081 diesel rotary was seen going through Cheyenne on January 30, on its way to Kansas City. The next day SP205 (diesel, rebuilt from steam), was observed heading east also. Wish some of that white stuff would move west. At least, the Silverton won't have to worry about the spring runoff this year. About the middle of last month, several club members, while wandering around the mountains, drove up Chalk Creek Canon to St. Elmo, and then on up the old DSP&P grade about a mile past the town with no problem at all. Probably could have gone all the way to Hancock, were it not for an ice flow across the grade. Imagine, in February!!! The old South Park men and Colorado Midland Hagerman Pass crews would be doing handsprings during a winter like this, although they undoubtedly would be about the only ones in such spirits.

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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 appraise items.

An incorrect phone number was given in last month's Swap 'n Shop for information concerning railroad and western history books and magazines available from the estate of Gerrit Barnes. Helen Thurmon can be reached at 744-2688 here in Denver.

FOR SALE: Cacheted envelopes, cancelled on board UP 8444 rail trip to Laramie and return on August 1, 1976, Hand drawn, signed cachet by Pueblo artist, each an original, of UP 8444. Each envelope is complete with appropriate ten cent and three cent railroad stamp. Include SASE. \$1.00 each or two for \$1.75.
DAVID L. BARBER, 1034 Alexander Circle, Pueblo, Colorado 81001.

FOR SALE: "Trains" magazines, complete years, 1968 through 1976. Good condition. \$50.00. Various issues for same years of "Model Railroader" and "Railroad Model Craftsman." \$0.25 each.
ROGER GILLIS, 7226 Mariposa Street, Denver, Colorado 80221
Phone 429-4983.

FOR SALE: SWITZERLAND TRAIL OF AMERICA by Crossen for \$135.00 postpaid and insurance. Book in mint condition plus Denver, Boulder & Western. RR employees TT and all maps in pocket.
DR. CLEMENT FISHER, Jr., 680 - 14th St., Oakland, Calif. 94612.

FOR SALE: Dickson Locomotive Works Catalogue, 1898. Scranton. Penn. 72 pages, 24 photos of steam engines and two photos of compressed air locomotives. \$75.00 postpaid and insured. Will trade for stereo views of Colorado mining towns.
FRANCIS B. RIZZARI, 1716 Viewpoint Rd., Denver, Colorado 80212
Phone 237-4877.

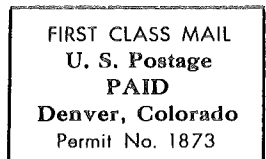
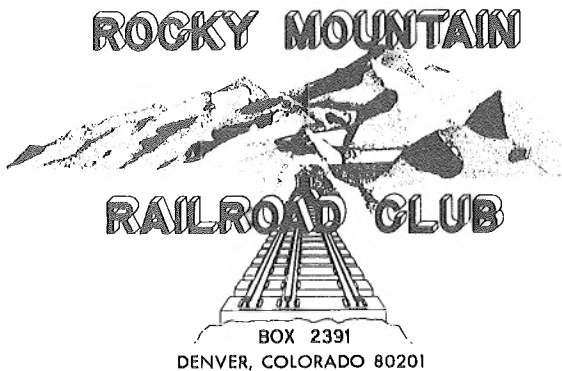
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