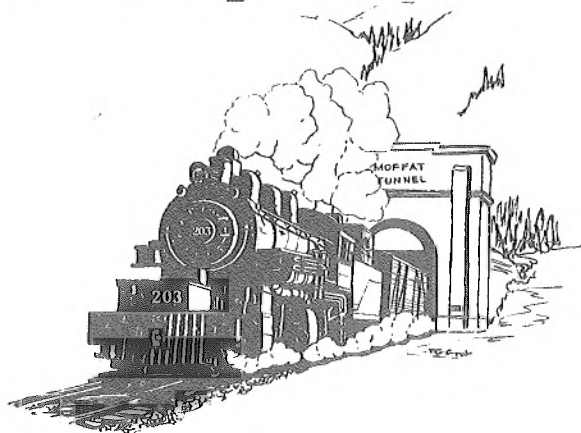


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OCTOBER MEETING AND ANNUAL BANQUET

The October meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Banquet on Saturday, October 15, at Henrici's Restaurant at the Hilton Inn, I-70 and Peoria. As described in the announcement enclosed with the last newsletter, the menu includes a choice of beef or chicken, complemented with appropriate side dishes. Following dinner, a drawing will be held and a variety of interesting door prizes will be awarded. Rounding out the evening, will be a showing of the incomparable motion picture, "The Titfield Thunderbolt," an outstanding comedy about the inhabitants of a small British community and "their" steam-powered passenger train, and what happens when the railroad decides to discontinue it and they decide to take matters into their own hands.

The "Bar Car" will open at 6:00 P.M., with dinner starting at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$9.50 each, and reservations should be made by October 12th. Should there be any questions in regard to the banquet, contact Carl Carlson at 985-0975. Please remember that there will be no regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11.

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At the September meeting, our knowledge and appreciation of one of the "work-horse" locomotives of the DSP&P, the Mason-Bogie, was greatly enhanced by an interesting and truly informative illustrated talk by Art Wallace. Art, a long time club member, and an almost life-long researcher of the Mason locomotives, provided some background information about the development of the steam locomotive in general, and how William Mason added locomotive building to his textile machinery manufacturing business to become the Mason Locomotive Works of Taunton, Massachusetts. We saw how, in the latter half of the 1800's and into the beginning of the 20th century, how Mr. Mason's creations became known for their pleasing designs and fine engineering, and how they figured into the "steam scene" chapter of the history of locomotive building. Our thanks to Art for such a good program.

Following Art's presentation, we viewed a short movie. "A Steam Train Passes," another one of those "if you didn't see it and ever get a second chance, don't miss it" movies. With music accompaniment and no narration, it portrayed the day in the life of a mainline steam locomotive, hauling passengers to their various destinations. An extremely well-done movie photographically, a movie that a person could probably see a dozen times without tiring of it.

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TICKETS FOR THE 8444 TRIP on November 26, are going fast. The NRHS trip on October 1 sold out weeks in advance of their trip. So.....don't procrastinate!

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THE EDITOR would like to thank the "anonymous" editor who did the September newsletter. Alaska and the Yukon were so intriguing, "anonymous" almost ended up with a new permanent job!

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A PIP OF A TRIP - Club members who attended the Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Association's 28th Annual Reunion in Mount Pleasant, Iowa returned muddy but happy after a fun-filled weekend. Club member Dick Lawrence of Westland Travel arranged and went along on the trip, and his arrangements were perfect - except for the weather! The rains came, and presto!! - everyone was ankle-deep in mud. Strangely enough, this did not slow the reunion down one bit. Everybody just simply waded through the mud and enjoyed the festivities. To describe the reunion would take up the entire newsletter, but it was so interesting, a number of the group plan to return next year.

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A DUES NOTICE for 1978 is included with this newsletter. Please note that there has been a change in the yearly dues, from \$4.00 to \$6.00, an increase decided upon at a recent Board of Directors meeting. We wish it were possible to avoid such an increase, but even careful budgeting practices can only accomplish so much, in the face of rising costs. Very simply, in 1976, operating expenses for the club amounted to an average expenditure of \$5.88 per member, a situation which obviously cannot be allowed to continue. It was also decided to increase the initiation fee for new members from \$1.00 to \$4.00. A portion of these receipts will be put into the equipment fund to insure that enough money is available to maintain and improve the club's rolling stock. Donations to the equipment fund in the past, have been invaluable, and will be most welcome in the future. Such donations are, of course, one reason why the equipment can be kept in such good appearance.

A drawing for two fine books, "PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC" and "COLORADO MIDLAND" will again be held in the spring of the year, with chances available to all paid-up members at \$1.00 each. Please return the dues notice if you wish to participate in the drawing and/or if an address correction is necessary.

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ALL ARE WELCOME to join in a "stuffing party" at the Colorado Railroad Museum for the museum's new mail order catalog. The catalog has already been assembled but needs to be prepared for the mails. The catalog is an important source of revenue for the museum, and help with this year's mailing would be of direct benefit to the museum. There will be free refreshments, as well as an opportunity for a good time. The dates are Friday evening, October 14, starting at 7:00 P.M. and 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday the 15th.

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A SOUTH AMERICAN TRAIN ADVENTURE is being put together by Rocky Mountain Travel King, Inc. of Ft. Collins. The trip is from November 26 to December 18, and covers a multitude of rail operations and other attractions. For further information, contact them at 516 South College Avenue, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80521, or call 303-484-5566, or in the Denver area, 623-5664.

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A FULL COLOR advertising circular has been distributed through the mails recently, promoting a new book on the Milwaukee Road titled "FIVE TO CONQUER," by Richard F. Lind, and published by Western Memories Publishing Co., P.O. Box 86, Butte Montana. Those folks who ordered the book "RAMBLING RAILS" at a pre-subscription price from Mr. Lind some half-dozen years ago, and have not yet received it and have not been able to get in touch with the author, perhaps could try again at the above address.

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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.

FOR SALE: PANAMA AND THE CANAL IN PICTURE AND PROSE, by Willis J. Abbot. Syndicate Publishing Co., 1914, 600 photographs, 414 pages. Water colors by E. J. Read and Gordon Grant. Good condition, some Panama Railroad pictures. \$275. Also, "ONE WAY TO ELDORADO," by Hollister Noble. Doubleday & Co., 1954. A novel of railroading in the high Sierras. \$4.00, hardback.
BOB GRISWOLD, 2700 S. Kearney St., Denver, Colorado 80222

FOR SALE: Member Ron Schilp is parting with a portion of his 48 year's accumulation of railroad historical data and mementoes - does not want to "sell out to the bare walls" - just has too much material on hand. Understandably, the bulk is Rio Grande. Includes: Old Rail - 30 lb., 45 lb., etc., R.G. Cambria '78; Colo. Steel; misc. slices of Silverton RR, R.G.S., Colo. Cent'l., So. Park, etc. Rail Hardware - tie plates, fish plates, splice bars (angle bars), chairs, one Fisher joint; from F&CC, C&S, So. Park; D&RG, RGS, etc. Car Inspector's lanterns from D&SL, but not so marked - one with no globe. "O" and "Standard" Gauge tin plate track, used. Folio sheets - a few original vellum, showing RG 4-wheel freight cars. Annual reports, phone books, TT's, etc. Old tariff books. Ry trade mags, Ry. Age, Modern RR's., etc. which are FREE. Incomplete sets of RR Magazine - '54-'55, Model Trains & Model RR's, Green Lights. Files - Personal clippings from newspapers, mags., covering most Colo. RR's, mostly on narrow gauge, abandoned RR's and Colo. electrics. Scrap book on D&SL & CM. NMRA periodicals - bulletins. Papers of deceased Harry Rockwell for free. Also, Underwood "telegrapher's typewriter" (the type is different than an ordinary machine). All items are for sale to the highest bidder - no reasonable offer refused. Interested persons are invited to stop by Ron's house on the weekend of October 15 & 16, to see these items. HO, HO₃ or Tin Plate rolling stock will not be for sale at this time.
RONALD F. SCHILP, 4675 S. Grant St., Englewood, Colo. 781-8946.

WANTED: HISTORY OF THE U.P. by Trottman. Also the address of Galen Mac Pherson, a former club member who moved to Illinois (?).
ROBERT A LEMASSENA, 1795 S. Sheridan Blvd, Denver, CO 80226

WANTED: Sleeping car service blankets with railroad and/or train name emblems.

Also, FOR SALE - a complete set of Illinois Central Employee magazines from 11/61 to 7/77. All mint condition. Make offer. PAUL MC DONALD, 412 Bourland, Waterloo, Iowa 50702

FOR SALE: PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC No. 3192, good condition, \$150. COLORADO MIDLAND No. 4214, excellent condition. \$125. RICHARD Y. HARRIS, 6962 Washington Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minn. 55435. Phone: (612) 944-2550.

FOR SALE: NOW AVAILABLE from the estate of the late club charter member, S. L. Logue, 4 ancient, soft-cover Ry. & Loco. Hist. Society Bulletins, and rare Rocky Mountain Railroad Club map of Colo. railroads:

1. Bulletin No. 36, Feb., 1935 (very rare) - "The Colorado Midland Railroad," by Carl R. Graves. 44 pages.
2. Bulletin No. 67-A, August, 1946 - "Narrow Gauge Railroads of Colorado," by Lucius Beebe. 47 pages.
3. Bulletin No. 73, May, 1948 - "Otto Mears Passes," by Josie Moore Crum. 12 page lead article in 89 page book.
4. Bulletin No. 74, October, 1948 - "Locomotives of the South Park Railroad," by M. C. Poor. A 15-page article in 75 page book, written in Mac's inimitable informal style.
5. "Hotchkiss' Historical Railroad Map of Colorado, 1913," published by the Club, October, 1963. 35" x 45" in size, 2 colors, folded, in original envelope.

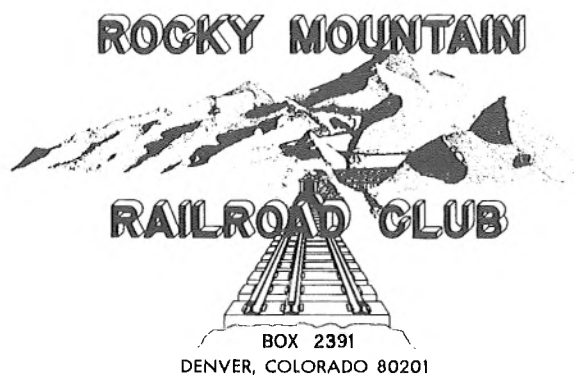
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