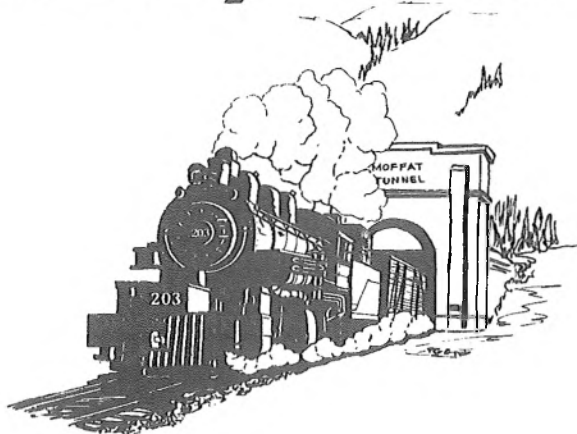


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MEETING NOTICE: Date . . . Tuesday, March 14, 1978  
Time . . . 7:45 P.M.  
Place . . . Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2900 So.  
University at Bates; off-street parking at rear (east)  
of meeting hall and north along Bates. Please use the  
west doors to enter the hall while construction is in  
progress.

### PROGRAM NOTES:

For the March meeting, we will be treated to a look at railroading in one of the last strongholds of steam power . . . South Africa!! Our globe trotting friend, Beyer Patton, will give the program which will consist of a movie and sound presentation. Coverage of the South African Railways will include a variety of operations and will show the impressive narrow gauge locomotives reminiscent of American steam power of not so long ago, only of a different gauge. 4-8-4's and the famous Garrett locomotives will be among the types of motive power seen in use during Beyer's visit.

It would not be going out on a limb to say that the February potpourri format provided a very pleasant evening of entertainment. An absolutely delightful variety of slides were shown and narrated, covering a wide spectrum of various railroad subjects. To recall just a few, we were shown recent and not so recent scenes of the Alaska Railroad and the White Pass & Yukon narrow gauge, the club's trip to Mt. Pleasant last fall, exploratory trips into the Marble and Carbon-dale areas of Colorado in the early 50's, scenes of the Frisco Railroad around Oklahoma in the late 40's, days of steam on the CN, CP, GN and the DM&IR, Promintory Point as it now appears, special train operations on the C&TS, a series of station subjects, the NMRA Convention in Denver last year, railroading down Mexico way, recent views of Australian railways and streetcars and much more. We'd like to thank all who brought slides for showing or who just came to watch. Such fine participation insures that we can look forward to more potpourri programs in the future.

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IN THE MILL - Although Old Man Winter will be with us for a bit longer, the time is approaching when we begin looking forward to various activities for the coming year. Club functions are being developed and although the dates are tentative, a general picture can be given on what will be offered in '78. On April 22, a bus trip to the DOT's Transportation Test Center near Pueblo is in the offing. This modern facility has been the site of a variety of tests on both conventional and futuristic railroad rolling stock and equipment, and is certain to prove interesting. Complete details and ticket ordering information will be in the April newsletter. On June 17, a trip to Cripple Creek to ride the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad and partake in other historical attractions in the area is contemplated. In August, a hike is planned and perhaps a get-together at the Georgetown Loop. The Union Pacific cannot confirm availability of the 8444 for excursion service as yet, but if all goes well, a trip in August behind the famous steamer will be planned. In the fall of 1975, the club took a well received trip by rail to Utah, so a repeat of that fun-filled weekend is being scheduled for September 8, 9, and 10. This time we will visit Promontory Point, the historical site where the completion of the transcontinental railroad took place over 100 years ago, as well as ride the Heber Creeper Railroad. We will go on Amtrak's San Francisco Zephyr, and return on Rio Grande Zephyr. Around October, there will be a Cog Railway special, and on October 14, the Club's Anniversary Banquet.

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A NEW ADDITION TO THE MOTIVE POWER ROSTER of the Southern San Luis Valley Railroad has doubled the one-mile line's "fleet" of engines to two. Shown above is the unloading of the recently-acquired four-wheel Plymouth switcher at Blanca and the unit meeting the company's venerable D-500 nose to toes. The little switcher was originally manufactured by the Fate-Root Heath Company of Plymouth, Ohio in 1941 for the War Department. It eventually made it's way to the Salt Lake, Garfield & Western, and then the Utah Power & Light Company from whom it was purchased in April of 1977. These photos by Lester Rinestine show its delivery at Blanca in September of last year.

The Southern San Luis Valley Railroad's unique (to say the least) homemade center

AMTRAK'S SAN FRANCISCO ZEPHYR had over an hour trimmed from its Chicago-San Francisco running time, effective with the new January timetable. The SFZ now leaves Chicago 6:10 PM, arrives Denver 11:30 AM, departs 12:15 PM, hits Ogden at 11:40 PM and Oakland at 3:55 PM the following day. Eastbound, it departs Oakland at 1:25 PM, Ogden at 7:05 AM, arrives Denver 6:25 PM, departs 7:10 PM, and arrives Chicago at 2:15 PM.

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THE OLD SANDSTONE LYONS DEPOT was opened last fall as the new town library. A lot of work and fund raising was involved to purchase it from the BN and convert and refurbish it for its new use. The depot, built before the turn of the century, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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A PORTION OF THE ABANDONED AT&SF right of way through Colorado Springs is being converted to a bike trail.

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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.

WANTED: I am building up material for a Denver Museum of Transportation to open in the next two years at the RTD bus loop at Colfax and Broadway. I have restored a 1911 streetcar, No. 329 and a T.T. Coach No. 519 (Brill) and still need a controller; conductors inside brass bell and 15 brass seat handles. I also need photographs and slides of Colorado streetcars, T.T. coaches and buses. If you have anything you would like to donate, sell or trade for, please contact: JAMES E. KUNKLE, DTC/RTD Historian, P.O. Box 2984, Denver, Colorado 80201. Phone: 893-5498.

FOR SALE: MEMORIAL EDITION OF DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC by Poor, excellent condition; also limited edition and signed of PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC, copy No. 663. Good condition, some use. Best offer over \$150 for both. JIM HINKHOUSE, 707 Lane Street, Ft. Morgan, Colorado 80701

FOR SALE & TRADE: For sale - two Rio Grande Southern Bulletin books, \$35.00 each. Cash and carry. 18 x 22 gloss positive by Wm. H. Jackson of D&RG train in Animas Canyon, \$30.00 cash and carry. Private and confidential report on the Denver & Southwestern Railway, 1899. \$25.00 cash and carry. Also, will trade either a WPA GUIDE TO COLORADO or a WPA GUIDE TO NEW MEXICO for a WPA GUIDE TO NEVADA. FRANCIS B. RIZZARI, 1716 Viewpoint Road, Lakewood, Colorado 80215 Phone: 237-4877.

FOR SALE: OFFICIAL RAILWAY EQUIPMENT REGISTER, VOL. LXXV...No. 1.. July, 1969, 1196 pages. This is a quarterly of U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads, showing car numbers, capacity, lengths and dimensions of cars used to transport freight. Also UNIFORM FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION No. 9, 929 pages. This shows ratings, rules and regulations on freight tariffs. These are soft bound, approx. 1½" thick, and 8 x 11 in size. Weight, approx. 6 lbs. Obtained from freight station at Tuttle, Oklahoma (now demolished), both books are in very good condition. \$15.00 for the two books, ship prepaid, UPS. EVERETT M. SWAN, 1115 NW 41st, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

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FOR SALE: The following 13 books and booklets are soft cover (unless otherwise noted) and all are used in good to excellent condition. HIGHLINERS, 226 p. hard cover; 50 YEARS OF PROGRESSIVE TRANSIT (Toronto) 176 p. with map supplements; RAIL CANADA VOL. I (Paint schemes of the CN) 144 p; WHISTLE ON THE WIND (Mid-Continent Railway Museum) 28 p; THE NEXT STATION WILL BE (Erie RR) 52 p; END OF AN ERA (Rayonier logging) 12 p; RY HISTORY MONOGRAPH No. 1 (RR's of Nebraska) 36 p; RR STATION MONOGRAPH No. 6 (C&NW Depots) 10 p; THE MILWAUKEE ROAD UNDER WIRE, 64 p; FLYING SCOTSMAN, 64 p., hardcover; NEW MEXICO'S RAILROADS, 206 p; CAB-IN-FRONT, 36 p; CHICUAHUA al PACIFICO, 64 p. Sold as lot only \$40.

JAY LENTZNER, P.O. Box 1256, Tacoma, Washington 98401

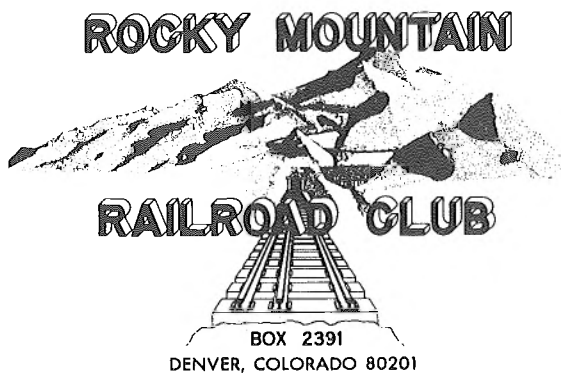
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