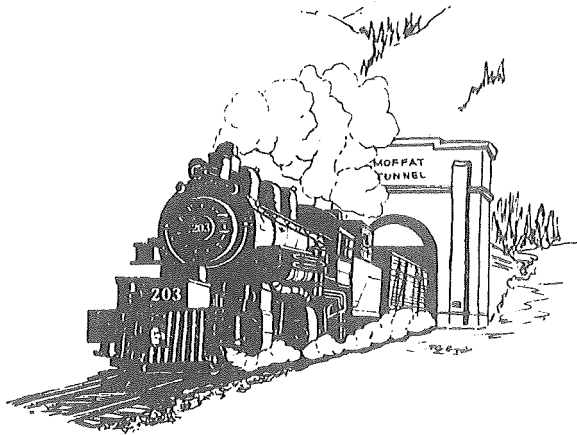


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OCTOBER MEETING AND ANNUAL BANQUET
Saturday, October 6, 1979

Henrici's Restaurant at the Hilton Inn, I-70 and Peoria, will once again be the location of the Annual Banquet. As the announcement with the September newsletter indicated, a choice of chicken or roast sirloin of beef dinners are available. Following the dinner, a brief business meeting will be held and a drawing for door prizes will take place. For the evening's program, the full length motion picture, "EMPEROR OF THE NORTH," will be presented. Starring Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine, the picture tells the tale of survival in the hobo camps of the Pacific Northwest. It is an excellent railroad movie, with steam-powered trains filling the screen from start to finish, the story taking place entirely on the railroad.

Bar Car Hour starts at 6:00 P.M., with dinner at 7:00 P.M. Fare is \$13.50 per person, and should be paid by October 1. Advance reservations are required, of course. There will be no regular meeting in October. For additional information, contact Jim Trowbridge at 988-2267, during reasonable hours, please.

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The Otto Perry movies at the September meeting, once again, provided a potpourri of Rocky Mountain railroading of years gone by. After a few comments about Otto by Dick Kindig, the 16MM color and black and white films began, providing a multitude of shots, including streetcars and interurbans on Denver streets, the Rio Grande Southern on Ophir loop, activity in Denver Union Station, the club's narrow gauge special ascending the Monarch Branch, and then Poncha Pass to Villa Grove, and much, much more.

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A TWO-DAY CLUB TRIP on the Rio Grande Zephyr to Glenwood Springs is on the drawing board for the weekend of February 23-24, 1980.

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AT THE MUSEUM - the 346 was steamed up for operation at the Colorado Railroad Museum on September 8 and 9. Next planned steamup is on December 1 and 2.

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OLD MAN WINTER ON THE WAY - Snow fell on Cumbres Pass on September 14. The C&TS has had some good patronage this year. On August 11, additional cars added at Cumbres Pass to the regular train, provided enough room for over 600 people to ride from there to Antonito.

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JUST A LITTLE HELP HELPS! - Everyone is invited to help prepare the mailing of the Colorado Railroad Museum's new 1979-1980 catalog. There never seems to be a shortage of envelopes to stuff, but there will be plenty of refreshments and time to talk about railroading with old and new friends. Come any time you can ... Friday, Oct. 5, 7:00 to 11:00 P.M., Saturday, Oct. 6, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. or Sunday, Oct. 7, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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THE 8444 EXCURSION, sponsored by the Intermountain Chapter, NRHS, on October 13, is sold out.

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EX-WEST SIDE SHAY NO. 8 moved to Silver Plume from Gales Creek, Oregon, last fall, passed required inspections, and began operating on the Georgetown loop in September. After several days of test runs, it was assigned to the passenger train, and has performed quite well. Last day of operations on the loop for this year will be on September 30.

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THE CLUB'S GRAND CANYON TRIP last month, turned out to be a real dandy. The group covered over 2,000 miles during the four-day expedition, and in addition to the Grand Canyon, took in a number of other Arizona attractions. Hiking through the Indian ruins at Walnut Canyon National Monument was quite informative and interesting, a stop was made at the extinct volcano at Sunset Crater National Monument, and several locomotives on display near Flagstaff were photographed and inspected. Scenic Oak Creek Canyon was navigated by our chartered buses, and the resurrected "ghost" town of Jerome was certainly a highlight of the trip. While in Williams, we had the pleasure of visiting Scale Locomotives, Inc., and saw a number of engines and cars under construction. A dinner in Flagstaff featured an informative talk on the proposed Grand Canyon Railroad passenger service. All during the trip, the weather was excellent and complemented a really fine rail/bus excursion.

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A NEW AMTRAK PASSENGER TRAIN will begin service between Ogden and Los Angeles via Las Vegas in October, if all goes as planned. The Desert Wind is the name of the new train.

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