

ROCKY MOUNTAIN



RAILROAD CLUB



I. E. August,
President

P. O. Box 2391,
Denver 1, Colorado

January 1, 1955

Dear Fellow Members:

In accordance with the by-laws, the Annual Meeting was held in Denver. The following officers were elected:

President, I. E. August
Secretary, M. C. Poor

Vice President, E. J. Haley
Treasurer, R. H. Kindig

Directors for two-year term, R. A. LeMassena, J. W. Maxwell, C. S. Ryland. (Directors completing second year of their term are William Gordon, N. R. Miller, and D. K. Peterson.)

Thus we enter a new year. Your officers and directors are anxious to do everything possible to make 1955 a successful year for the club, by presenting programs at the regular meetings of a varied and interesting nature, and by conducting all the excursions and fan trips that might be possible. In order to get a good cross-section of what sort of programs and trips you might want, won't you please help us out by writing a brief letter incorporating such ideas? Please do this promptly, sending them to me at P. O. Box 2391, Denver 1, Colorado. We want your ideas and suggestions for consideration at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

As some of the members may know, the Eastern Division of the club has been disbanded. The principal reason for this was the wide geographic distribution of the Eastern Division members, which made it difficult to hold regular meetings. We still hope that the former Eastern Division members will keep in touch with the parent club in Denver.

Here is another item you can help us with. Check your name and address on the envelope. Is it correct? If not, please drop a card to M. C. Poor, Secretary, at Box 2391, Denver 1, Colorado, with necessary corrections.

The treasurer, Dick Kindig, has asked me to remind the membership that the 1955 dues are now payable. Please mail your dues (\$2.00 for Colorado members, \$1.00 for out-of-state members) to Box 2391, Denver 1, Colorado, and make checks or money orders payable to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club.

On December 16, 1954, a Directors' meeting was held to discuss plans for the forthcoming year. Quite a few potential fan trips were discussed, and there will be more news about these at the January meeting of the club.

At the Directors' meeting, a Book Committee was established, with Ed Haley as Chairman. Although the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club had hoped to publish a book about the Rio Grande Southern Railroad, Club Officers and Directors were unable to reach an agreement with the author concerning the extent of editing required. The author insisted on retention of proven erroneous information and possibly libelous material, and it was decided that the book would not meet the high standards required for publication under the club's imprint. Morris Cafky was able to hasten completion of his manuscript, "Rails Around Gold Hill," which is announced in the enclosed brochure. This book will, I am sure, still further enhance the reputation which the club has acquired with publication of "Denver South Park & Pacific." I urge club members to get their orders in early for this fine new book; the pre-publication price will be \$8.50, and after publication it will be \$10.00 a copy. Please fill out the coupon on the brochure, or send a letter if you prefer to keep the brochure intact, making your check payable to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. Any persons having photographs, passes, maps, or timetables of the Cripple Creek lines are urged to get in touch with Ed Haley to see whether such material might not be used in the book.

Now for news about the January program. Bob LeMassena will present a most interesting talk concerning the early-day publicity and propaganda which the railroads of Colorado mailed out all over the world. He will illustrate his talk with many of the colorful folders and highly imaginative early-day post cards which were used for publicity purposes. Don't miss this extremely entertaining program! The meeting will start promptly at 8:00 P. M., on Wednesday, January 12, in Room 101, City & County Building, Denver.

Your President,
I. E. AUGUST

ORDER YOUR COPY OF "RAILS AROUND GOLD HILL" TODAY!