

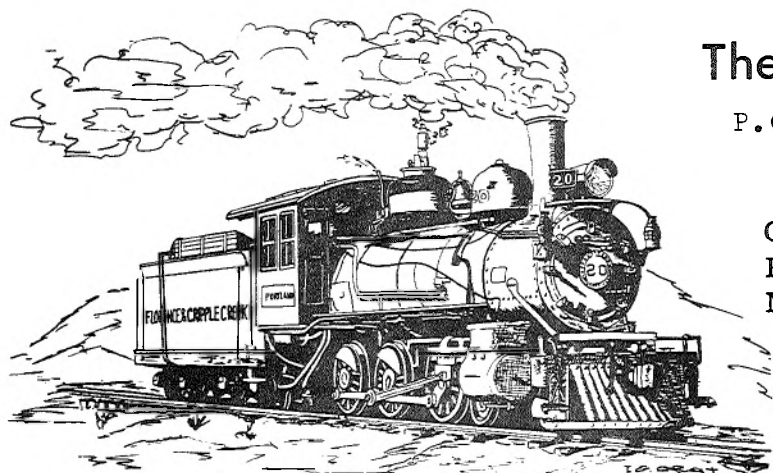
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MEETING NOTICE: DATE . . . . . WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 1966  
TIME . . . . . 8:00 P.M.  
PLACE . . . . . WESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS BUILDING (BASEMENT MEETING ROOM),  
717 - 17TH ST., DENVER, COLORADO

PROGRAM NOTES: THE PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED BY CLUB MEMBER W. R. BAILEY AND WILL CONSIST OF MOVIES (WITH SOUND) FROM THE UNION PACIFIC LINE IN THE NORTH TO A TRIP IN MEXICO IN THE SOUTH. RUSTY PROMISES LOTS OF STEAM, SMOKE AND SOUND.

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15TH ANNUAL JOURNEY TO YESTER- THE PHILATELIC CACHET COMMEMORATING THE 15TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL  
YEAR PHILATELIC CACHET DAY TRIP OVER THE D&RGW NARROW GAUGE HAS PRODUCED AN AMAZING  
AMOUNT OF ENVELOPES TO BE STAMPED AND CARRIED ON THE TRIP. UP  
TO THE TIME THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN, THERE HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY 2600 ENVELOPES RECEIVED FOR  
THE CACHET. THEY WILL BE POST-MARKED AT SILVERTON AND MAILED FROM THERE.

49 OF THE 50 STATES ARE REPRESENTED - RHODE ISLAND BEING THE 50TH STATE. COLORADO WAS RUNNING  
IN 4TH PLACE WITH CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA THE FIRST 3 IN THAT ORDER. CANADA IS  
WELL REPRESENTED WITH CACHETS BEING MAILED TO 15 DIFFERENT CITIES AND TOWNS. THE COUNTRIES OF  
NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, ENGLAND, IRELAND, GERMANY, FRANCE, BELGIUM, ITALY, BRAZIL, AND THE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA ARE ALL INCLUDED IN THE CACHET ENVELOPES. THE POSTMASTER OF SILVERTON  
IS AMONG THOSE SENDING IN ENVELOPES.

SOME OF THE INTERESTING ADDRESSES ON THE CACHETS ARE: OPHIR, COLORADO; LITTLE SILVER, NEW  
JERSEY; SEPT ISLES, QUEBEC, CANADA; AND THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDS. MANY OLD ISSUES OF STAMPS  
WERE USED AS POSTAGE ON THESE COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPES. RAILROAD COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS WERE USED  
QUITE FREQUENTLY WITH THE OLDEST BEING A 2¢ 1901 ISSUE.

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BURLINGTON STEAM EXCURSION ON THIS DATE THE CLUB WILL OPERATE AN EXCURSION TRAIN OUT OF DENVER  
TO LYONS, COLORADO USING THE COLORADO & SOUTHERN TRACKAGE AS FAR AS  
SUNDAY, JULY 17TH, 1966 BURNS JUNCTION AND THENCE OVER THE CB&Q VIA LAFAYETTE, LONGMONT AND  
HYGIENE TO LYONS. STEAM LOCOMOTIVE No. 51, THE PROPERTY OF CLUB MEMBERS JOHN BIRMINGHAM AND  
JAMES ARNEILL, WILL POWER OUR TRAIN AND PHOTO STOPS ARE BEING ARRANGED. TICKETS ARE \$7.00 FOR  
ADULTS AND \$3.50 FOR CHILDREN OVER FIVE AND UNDER THIRTEEN. BRING THE FAMILY AND YOUR PICNIC  
LUNCH AND SPEND A SUNDAY ON THE TRAIN. TRIP ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MAILED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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ANNUAL DINNER - - UP STEAM ANNUAL DINNER - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1966 AND UNION PACIFIC  
BACK-TO-BACK SPECIAL !!! STEAM EXCURSION - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1966  
THESE TWO EVENTS HAVE BEEN SET BACK-TO-BACK TO GIVE OUR OUT-OF-  
TOWN MEMBERS A LITTLE BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER. THE SAME LOCOMO-  
TIVE USED FOR THE LYONS TRIP, EX-GREAT WESTERN No. 51, WILL PULL OUR SPECIAL FROM DENVER TO LONG-  
MONT OVER THE C&S ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, RETURNING TO BOULDER FOR DINNER IN THE PRIVATE DINING

ROOM ATOP THE HARVEST HOUSE. AFTER DINNER AND THE PROGRAM, WE WILL RETURN TO DENVER - ABOUT 11:00 P.M. THE TRIP IN THE AFTERNOON WILL INCLUDE SUITABLE PHOTO STOPS.

ON SUNDAY, UNION PACIFIC 8444 WILL HAUL OUR SPECIAL OUT OF DENVER VIA THE DENT BRANCH TO CHEYENNE AND OVER THE HARRIMAN LINE TO LARAMIE. HERE THE TRAIN WILL BE SERVICED AND TURNED AND THEN WILL OPERATE OVER THE OLD MAIN LINE VIA SHERMAN HILL TO CHEYENNE. THE RETURN TRIP TO DENVER WILL BE WITH DIESEL POWER. YOUR TICKET INCLUDES BUFFET DINING PRIVILEGES ALL DAY LONG.

KEEP THESE DATES OPEN -- MORE DETAILS AND A PRINTED FOLDER WILL BE OUT SOON.

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COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY THE REV. EDWARD T. BOLLINGER, CO-AUTHOR OF "THE MOFFAT ROAD" AND LONG-TIME CLUB MEMBER, RETIRED FROM THE MINISTRY SOME TIME AGO, AND FOR THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLORADO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. ED HAS DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION, TIME AND ENERGY TO THE COLLECTIONS OF RAILROAD MATERIAL LODGED WITH THE SOCIETY, AND THE RESULTS OF HIS DILIGENT EFFORTS AS CURATOR ARE NOW BECOMING EVIDENT. MUCH TIME, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN REQUIRED TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE LARGE VOLUME OF MATERIAL ACQUIRED OVER THE YEARS, BUT REAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN SORTING, CLASSIFYING AND FILING THE MANY BOOKS, MAPS, PHOTOS, AND WRITTEN AND PRINTED MATERIALS.

CHIEF AMONG THE SOCIETY'S VALUABLE AND INTERESTING RAILROAD COLLECTION ARE THE ARCHIVES OF THE RIO GRANDE. LODGED WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO PRIOR TO WORLD WAR II, THIS MATERIAL WAS NOT GIVEN MUCH ATTENTION DUE TO PERSONNEL SHORTAGES, AND WAS GENERALLY DIFFICULT OF EASY ACCESS FOR RESEARCH. NOW, HOWEVER, A LARGE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE STATE MUSEUM BUILDING IN DENVER HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THE RAILROAD'S ARCHIVES AND THE SOCIETY'S RAILROAD MATERIALS, AND THE INFORMATION THEREIN IS BEING RAPIDLY CATALOGUED AND INDEXED.

INCLUDED IN THE ITEMS RETRIEVED, FOR INSTANCE, IS A MAGNIFICENT OLD PIGEON-HOLE DESK (WITH SECRET LIQUOR COMPARTMENT) ONCE USED BY GENERAL WILLIAM J. PALMER DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF THE RIO GRANDE. A BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN OAK ROLL-TOP DESK, TOGETHER WITH MATCHING CONFERENCE TABLE AND SET OF CHAIRS, USED BY DAVID H. MOFFAT DURING HIS TENURE AS PRESIDENT OF THE DENVER, NORTH-WESTERN & PACIFIC, LIKEWISE IS IN USE. FOR A PERSON MERELY TO SIT IN THE AUGUST COMFORT OF DAVE MOFFAT'S SWIVEL CHAIR, IN FRONT OF THAT ELABORATE DESK, GIVES A FEELING OF PRESTIGE, SATISFACTION AND WELL-BEING NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE TO THE ORDINARY MORTAL!

ALTHOUGH ENTIRELY TOO VOLUMINOUS TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALLY HERE (A TOTAL OF 20,800 ITEMS IN THE RIO GRANDE ARCHIVES ALONE), A FEW NOTEWORTHY SECTORS IN THE SOCIETY'S RAILROAD COLLECTIONS COMPRISE FOUR SHELVES OF MONTHLY ISSUES OF THE FAMOUS "RED BOOK" ISSUED BY THE DENVER & RIO GRANDE EARLY IN THE CENTURY, MORE THAN 10,000 PHOTOGRAPHS, AND A NUMBER OF WILLIAM HENRY JACKSON'S PHOTOGRAPHIC CATALOGUES WITH PRINTS FROM HIS ORIGINAL NEGATIVE PLATES. ALTHOUGH NOT CONSIDERED A PART OF THE RAILROAD COLLECTION, THE SOCIETY ALSO MAINTAINS AN IMMENSE FILE OF THE ORIGINAL JACKSON PLATES, FROM THE SMALL ONES TO THE UNBELIEVABLE 18" X 22" SIZE. MANY YEARS AGO THE CLUB CONTRIBUTED TO THE FUNDS RAISED FOR THE FILE CABINETS NECESSARY TO HOUSE THIS FANTASTIC JACKSON COLLECTION OF NEGATIVES.

THE MUSEUM WELCOMES VISITORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB WHO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT THE RAILROAD COLLECTION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FEEL WELL REWARDED FOR THE TIME SPENT (AND PERHAPS FRUSTRATED, TOO, BECAUSE MORE TIME IS NOT AVAILABLE!).

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RAILROAD HOBBY DISPLAY DURING MAY, 1966, A WINDOW AT CABOOSE HOBBIES, 610-15TH STREET, DENVER, WAS GENEROUSLY DECORATED WITH MATERIAL WHICH HELPED TO INTEREST POSSIBLE PASSENGERS FOR OUR 15TH ANNUAL ALAMOSA-DURANGO-SILVERTON EXCURSION. PICTURES, BOOKLETS, FOLDERS, AND A FEW MODELS WERE INCLUDED IN THE WELL-PLANNED DISPLAY, WHICH ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST FROM PASSERS-BY AS WELL AS MODEL ENTHUSIASTS. NOTED FOR ITS LARGE STOCK OF HO AND HO3 (NARROW GAUGE) LOCOMOTIVES, CARS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, CABOOSE HOBBIES IS OPERATED BY GLEN BRAZELTON AND RON PARKHURST.

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MOFFAT TUNNEL IN THE MAY ISSUE OF RIO GRANDE'S GREEN LIGHT, EDITOR VERN IMMROTH HAS DEVOTED ALMOST A FULL PAGE OF PICTURES AND TEXT TO THE EXCURSION TO THE MOFFAT  
EXCURSION TUNNEL BEHIND EX-GREAT WESTERN STEAM ENGINE #51, SPONSORED BY THE CLUB ON APRIL 17TH. IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS, SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS ISSUE WERE PURCHASED BY THE CLUB FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL MEMBERS. THESE CURRENTLY ARE BEING PLACED IN THE MAIL, AND THOSE WHO DO NOT RECEIVE A COPY SHOULD CONTACT THE CLUB'S SECRETARY.

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RARE BOOKS MANY MEMBERS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB ARE ACQUAINTED WITH THE FAMOUS "GRIP SACK" GUIDES TO COLORADO AND THE WESTERN UNITED STATES PUBLISHED BY GEORGE CROFUTT IN THE 1880'S. MOST COMMONLY KNOWN IS THE "VOL. I" COLORADO EDITION OF 1881; LESS WELL KNOWN ARE THE EDITIONS OF 1879 (WHICH ORIGINALLY SOLD FOR 75 CENTS, LATELY SEEN ON THE SHELF AT \$27.50) AND THE RATHER RARE VOL. II FOR COLORADO, PUBLISHED IN 1885. THE LATTER, IN REALITY A SECOND EDITION OF THE 1881 BOOK WITH MUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, IS SOON TO GREET THE PUBLIC IN THE FORM OF A REPRINT, WITH SUPPLEMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHIC ILLUSTRATIONS. GUIDING HAND BEHIND THIS ENTERPRISE IS CLUB MEMBER FRED ROSENSTOCK, WELL KNOWN RARE BOOK AND WESTERN HISTORY DEVOTEE OF DENVER. FRED TELLS US THAT PUBLICATION IS EXPECTED ABOUT AUGUST, IN A LIMITED EDITION OF 2,500. INTERESTED READERS CAN BE SURE OF RESERVING A COPY BY CONTACTING FRED AT 1228 EAST COLFAX AVENUE, DENVER, COLORADO 80218.

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WORK DAY! WORK DAY! CLUB MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT WE EXPECT TO HAVE A "WORK DAY" AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM, 17155 W. 44TH AVE., ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1966, STARTING AT 9:00 A.M. (IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER WE WILL POSTPONE IT UNTIL THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH.) OUR PROJECTS FOR THE DAY ARE TO PAINT ENGINE #20 AND THE FORT COLLINS BIRNEY CAR, AS WELL AS A GENERAL HOUSE-CLEANING OF THE REST OF THE EQUIPMENT. SO IF YOU CAN COME OUT, WE'LL BE GLAD TO USE ALL THE HELP AVAILABLE -- WE WILL BE PLEASED TO SEE YOU EVEN FOR AN HOUR OR TWO, BUT BETTER YET - WE HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT ALL DAY.

FOR THE NEWER MEMBERS, HERE IS A QUICK REVIEW OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB'S EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM:

ENGINE No. 20, WHICH IS USED ON THE CLUB'S POCKET CALENDAR THIS YEAR, WAS ORIGINALLY FLORENCE & CRIPPLE CREEK 20, THE RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN 20. IT WAS USED ON A CLUB EXCURSION ON THE R.G.S., AND WAS PURCHASED BY THE CLUB WHEN THE RAILROAD WAS ABANDONED.

CAR "RICO", ALSO FROM THE R.G.S., IS A FORMER BUSINESS CAR WHICH LATER SAW SERVICE ON WORK TRAINS. IT WAS COMPLETELY REBUILT INSIDE BY THE CLUB AND WE ARE QUITE PROUD OF THE RESULTS.

CABOOSE 0578, LETTERED DENVER & RIO GRANDE WESTERN HAS BEEN RE-SIDED AND RE-PAINTED, AND LETTERED IN THE STYLE OF THE 1890'S.

STANDARD GAUGE INTERURBAN 25 RAN BETWEEN DENVER AND GOLDEN ON THE DENVER & INTER-MOUNTAIN, AND WAS USED MANY TIMES FOR CLUB EXCURSIONS.

FINALLY, BIRNEY CAR 22, WHICH RAN IN FORT COLLINS UNTIL 1951, WAS PURCHASED BY THE CLUB IN 1952, AND WAS STORED IN GOLDEN UNTIL 1957, WHEN IT WAS MOVED TO THE MUSEUM.

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SHOP 'N SWAP ONLY A FEW ITEMS THIS MONTH -

INFORMATION WANTED

WOULD LIKE INFORMATION RE ARGENTINE CENTRAL SHAYS, THE DATE THAT ARGENTINE CENTRAL #6 WAS SOLD, BECOMING CLOVER VALLEY LUMBER Co., #50, AND INFORMATION REGARDING CONVERSION OF THIS ENGINE TO STANDARD GAUGE FOR CVL. KENT STEPHENS, 1051 EAST AVENUE, CHICO, CALIFORNIA 95926

INFORMATION WANTED

WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE THAT HAS INFORMATION AND/OR PICTURES ON THE D&RG AND AT&SF CONFLICT AT THE ROYAL GORGE. JOHN ENSIGN, 4015 HOLLAND DRIVE, WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO 80033

ITEMS FOR SALE

SEND S S E FOR LIST OF RAILROAD ITEMS FOR SALE. STANLEY MCCARTHY,  
425 BOONVILLE, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI 65806

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A BASEBALL UMPIRE WAS INFAMOUS FOR HIS FOUL TEMPER ON THE FIELD. BUT WHAT THE FANS AND PLAYERS DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT HE WAS EVEN WORSE AT HOME. HE'D BEAT HIS WIFE, KICK THE CAT AND PADDLE HIS SON FOR NO REASON.

BUT ONE NIGHT HE HAD A FEW DRINKS AND WENT HOME IN A REAL LOVING MOOD. HE DIDN'T BEAT HIS WIFE, HE DIDN'T KICK THE CAT AND HE EVEN TRIED TO GET HIS SON TO SIT ON HIS LAP AND LISTEN TO A BASEBALL STORY. BUT THE BOY REFUSED!

WHICH ALL GOES TO PROVE THAT THE SON NEVER SITS ON THE BRUTISH UMPIRE.

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