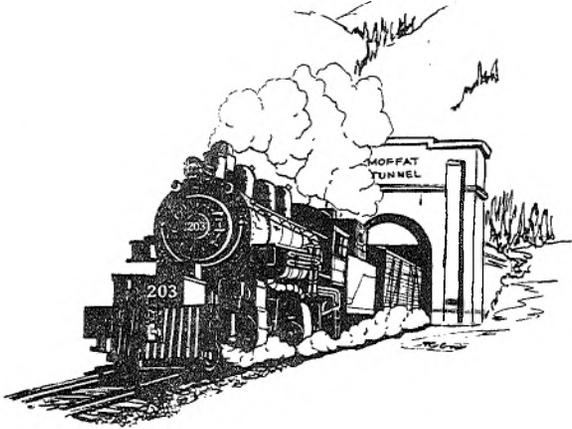


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MEETING NOTICE: Date - - - - Wednesday, July 8th, 1970
Time - - - - 8:00 p.m.
Place - - - - Western Federal Savings Bldg., (lower Level
meeting room), 17th & California Sts., Denver

PROGRAM NOTES: Bruce Black of Boulder has consented to present a color slide program of steam, electric and diesel operations from all over the U. S. and including some Canadian railroads. Also, will be a set of pictures taken along the narrow gauge, to help stimulate your interest in the forthcoming trip to Silverton.

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NARROW GAUGE EXCURSION notices are included in this newsletter, anyone desiring more brochures should contact the Club and we will be happy to send these out. From present indications this trip should be a sell-out, as ticket response so far has been very good. This is a good opportunity for you to ride the SILVERTON train and even have picture stops enroute, which is not normally possible on the regular train. So, come along, and invite your friends for a fun weekend at Durango and the trip on September 6th.

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8444 EXCURSION was a complete success and was sold out weeks before the scheduled operating date. The Club wants to thank everyone for patronizing this trip, and we hope everyone had a swell time.

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NARROW GAUGE NEWS is still pending final plans to be worked out by the States. one report was very discouraging recently in a Denver paper to the effect that New Mexico was concerned that there would not be much operating money left after the two States' would put up their allotments. The Rio Grande also put a July 1st deadline on the matter that the States either present them with a plan of purchase or else the entire line would be sold for scrap. At the time of this writing this matter is still pending, with nothing definite.

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NEWS ITEMS are needed for the ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL REPORT and would be appreciated if you would send them to the Editor, Bruce Black, 3235 E. Euclid, Boulder, Colorado 80302. Also, if anyone in the general Denver area is

interested, it would be nice if we might be able to locate a 'roving reporter' to advise monthly of the current events on the railroads. If you want to be a candidate, please contact Bruce.

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MEETING LOCATION CHANGE after the July 8th meeting at Western Federal Savings, will take place effective with our regular August meeting. We have been in the Western Federal Savings building for 10 years, and notice was served a couple months ago that we would not be permitted to hold any meetings in this room after August 1st. The reason for the change in this policy is the Bank Protective Act of 1968 and also they stated that "due to the unrest in the downtown Denver area" they would not be able to provide this area. The Western Federal Savings has been a very good friend of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club these past years, and we certainly do appreciate what they have done for us too. Also, appreciation should go to the Club Officers that had made the original arrangements for this location, as it has provided us with very nice accommodations.

Starting in August, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club will return to the City and County Building in courtroom number 100, where we met once before. More details on this will be included in next months newsletter.

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STEAM RALLY AT BOULDER of the Steam Power Club was held on June 19-20. Mostly members from California, although there were people registered from many other states, the group viewed exhibits of steam operated machines and vehicles, included were the following:

Ralph McAllister operated his steam-powered sawmill and his 1/4th scale Atlantic steam locomotive.

Stuart Anderson steamed up his 30 horsepower Avery steam traction engine that had been originally used to break sod on his grandfathers farm.

Forest Crossen operated and displayed an assortment of stationary steam engines in his backyard.

All-in-all, it was a tremendous success, and a matter that perhaps a few people in the automotive industry should think of in this day and age of air pollution.

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DENVER PACIFIC-KANSAS PACIFIC celebration is being arranged by the Comanche Crossing Historical Society at Strasburg for August 15th. Next month we hope to include exact schedule and itinerary of the events to take place. From present indications we doubt if they bring in any movie (ex-V&T) locomotives. There will be various railroad displays and if any of our membership desire to enter they should contact the Society and find out about the arrangements, etc.

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Jim Ehernberger, President
Stuart Anderson, Vice President

Bill Gordon, Secretary
Ted McKee, Treasurer