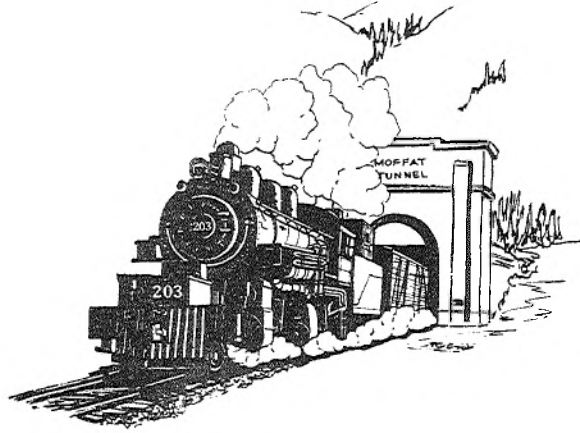


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, August 12, 1970
Time 8:00 p.m.
Place NEW LOCATION - In the City and County Bldg.,
Courtroom 100-E. This building is located
just across the street from the U. S. Mint.
Entrance to the courtroom is made from
1460 Cherokee St.

PROGRAM NOTES: Neal Miller will present the program for August - the title
is "Oldies but Goodies" and covers scenes in Colorado from
the past.

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NARROW GAUGE EXCURSION tickets have been mailed out to those who have sent in
their money. We hope that our membership will give us the support we need
to make this a success so that we may give consideration for such trips in
the future. Come on along, invite your friends, and have a good time in
Durango and enjoy the scenic ride to Silverton with several picture stops
enroute. The fare is reasonable, and the weekend should be suitable for
most who do not care to take off of work.

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CENTENNIAL OF THE COMPLETION OF THE KANSAS PACIFIC will take place on August 15th
at Strasburg, with various events planned. The Denver Pacific constructed
eastward from Denver beginning on July 5, 1870, and joined the Kansas Pacific
at Strasburg, 36 miles east of Denver on August 15, 1870. Of some of the
events on the schedule for August 15th, will be a parade at 10 AM, exhibits
featuring pioneer railroad items, a miniature railroad powered by steam.
The ceremony will begin at 3 PM when nationally known dignitaries will be
present to participate. A beef barbecue will be held at 5 PM, and then at
8 PM a street dance. Anyone with questions should contact the Comanche
Crossing Centennial Commission at Strasburg.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB DAY AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM Bob Richardson,
Executive Director of the Colorado Railroad Historical Foundation has
agreed to set aside Sunday, August 16, 1970 as the Club's day at the
museum this year. He will have their Engine No. 346 all steamed up and
ready to haul the club's business car "RICO" and our caboose and Bob has
also arranged to have these two cars in operating condition so that there
will be no delay. Your membership card will admit you and the immediate
members of your family to the museum and the grounds. Don't miss this
opportunity to come out and spend the day looking at the many historic

items from Colorado railroads and a chance to ride behind the oldest locomotive in the state. Hours can be spent within the museum looking at the wonderful collection of photos, papers and small items from some of the state's most famous old lines. And we would like to have you see the equipment which the club has on display at the Colorado Railroad Museum.

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CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD Because the last two "Cripple Creek Weekends" (with hotel reservations, dinner, breakfast, melodrama, and all day train riding) sponsored by the club were so poorly attended, the board decided to drop the event this year. Club member John Birmingham has offered to have all three of his two-foot gauge locomotives under steam for us on Saturday, August 22, 1970, on a special day for Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members. The engines are No. 1, A Koppel-0-4-4-0 German built Mallet from Mexico; No. 3, a Porter, 0-4-0-Tank engine, also from Mexico; and his latest acquisition, an unnumbered Henschel, named the Montezuma. John will operate a private train for the benefit of club members and those who would like to run the locomotive will be allowed to do so, under supervision of the regular engineer. He has also agreed to run a triple header early in the day for you photographers. The line has now reached Anaconda, giving about 2½ miles of track through very scenic country on which to operate. Just show your membership card and buy a specially marked ticket from John for \$5.00. This entitles you to ride any of the trains all day long. You are on your own for hotel, dinner and show reservations if interested in staying overnight.

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THE GILPIN GOLD TRAM Club member Mallory Hope Ferrell will soon have his book on the Gilpin Tram published by Pruett Publishing Company in Boulder. You should be receiving a brochure shortly. Mal is also busy on a book about the Rio Grande Southern and has a fantastic collection of pictures with which to illustrate it. The club has a tentative agreement with Mal to publish this one.

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THE SHAY LOCOMOTIVE Club member Mike Koch's book on the history of the Shay locomotive with hundreds of illustrations is rapidly taking shape. It is being published by our old friend Lou Doughty at his World Press and should be much like the club's previous publications handled by Lou.

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CLUB ROSTER for 1970-71 is being prepared and will be printed in the Fall - Due to printing costs and the fact that 1970 is one-half over we will again make this covering a two year period as we had done in 1968-69.

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MEETING LOCATION CHANGE effective with our August meeting. Please note that the entrance to use into the City and County Building will be 1460 Cherokee Street, across from the Mint. Courtroom 100.

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A T S F - the Denver-Pueblo-La Junta train is still in service as of 31 July 1970. The Colorado PUC has requested the ICC to review the permission granted the Santa Fe to discontinue this passenger service but the status of this train remains very shaky.

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The old D&RGW narrow gauge depot named Poncha Jct. at Poncha Springs, Colorado was razed by the highway department to improve U.S. highways 50 and 285. The structure dated back to the early 1880's.

The Milw. is still using some box cab electrics on mainline drag freight service, and on a work train between Deer Lodge, Montana and Clinton, Mont. Small steeple cab electrics are used in switching service in Butte yards and in the yard at Deer Lodge. Trains 263 and 264 quite commonly have double headed "little Joe" electrics both east and west of Deer Lodge, Mont.

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U P 8444 will operate Denver to Julesburg, Colorado on Saturday, September 12, 1970 by the Intermountain Chapter NRHS. Fare is \$32.50 adults. Contact the chapter for details at P.O. Box 5181, Terminal Annex, Denver, Colorado.

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SWAP 'IN 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. Please be brief and limit ads to twice a year. Also, we do not care to list commercial ventures, and prefer to limit these ads to R.R. items only. Send your listing to the Editor by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Wanted: Old railroad stereoptican view cards on Colorado and other Western roads.

David S. Digerness, 4953 Perry St., Denver, Colo. 80212

For Sale: Oil fired Pennsylvania switch lamp complete. Works perfectly. \$45 plus transportation.

L. R. Orton, 2724 Concord, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907

For Sale: Copy of "Pictorial Supplement D.S.P. & P." \$150.00 in original box.

C. G. Rumohr, 470 S. Ogden St., Denver, Colo. 80209

For Sale or trade: Old U.P. blueprint reproductions of various facilities in Wyoming, ideal for modeling. Also track plat, etc. Send self addressed envelope for list.

Robert Odlund, 1600 Riverdale Rd., Sioux Falls, S.D. 57105

For Sale or trade: 1936 edition Funk & Wagnall's Dictionary.

R. A. LeMassena, 1795 S. Sheridan Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80226

Trade R.R. Books - Origin & Progress of the Mohawk & Hudson RR 1875
American Ry Guide, June 1856

for Southwestern R.R. material and timetables.

Von Blon, Box 6422 BU Station, Waco, Texas 76706

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