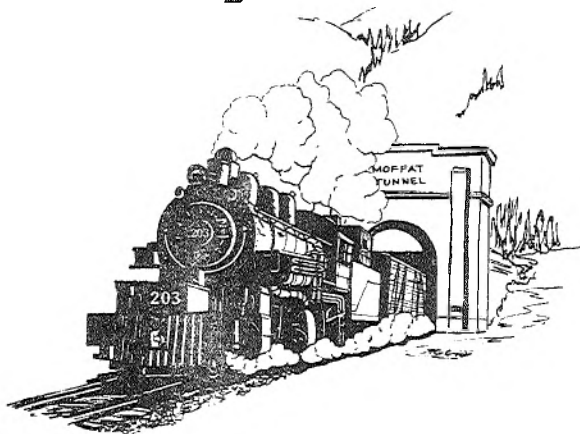


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, September 9, 1970
Time 8:00 p.m.
Place City and County Bldg., Courtroom 100, Building
located across the street from the U. S. Mint.
Entrance is 1460 Cherokee St.

PROGRAM NOTES: "WHEELS WESTWARD" by Hazel and Ben Covey. This should be a very enjoyable program from what we have been told, come along, invite your friends for a night of interesting railroading.

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NARROW GAUGE EXCURSION sales were nearing the break-even point at the time of this writing, and it appeared that without a doubt the platform sales would make it a complete sell-out as the Rio Grande stated their first section was already completely sold out at least two weeks in advance.

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8444 JULESBURG EXCURSION from Denver to be operated by Intermountain Chapter N.R.H.S. has a few tickets remaining. Anyone interested should contact the Chapter or the Secretary, Gene McKeever by phone.

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NARROW GAUGE EQUIPMENT from Alamosa will be moved to Chama beginning September 1st. The Antonito Local will handle cars and locomotives to turn over to the Colorado and New Mexico group at Antonito, who will in turn steam up and haul the cars and equipment to Chama. The rails over Cumbres Pass that were removed last year during road construction are all replaced now and operations will commence. Volunteer workers are needed for track work and perhaps even in train service. Anyone that may be interested should call John A. Pritchard at Los Alamos, New Mexico at telephone number 505-662-7570. There will probably be several train movements this Fall getting the equipment all placed in Chama.

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RIO GRANDE rejected all bids received for tearing up the balance of the Narrow Gauge west of Chama. All bids received were too low. Perhaps another call for bids will be made at a later date.

RIO GRANDE publicly stated through a news release recently that they would consider selling the SILVERTON Branch if the price was right.

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CLUB DAY AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM was a complete success, with many members and their families enjoying the steam-up of Museum engine 346, and operation of the Rico and caboose belonging to the Club. As early as 1:30 PM cars had

to park some distance from the parking lot, and by 3:00 PM it appeared to be a very large crowd. Along with the railroad operations that day, members were also entertained by Past President Ed Schneider and his band who were playing tunes on the rear platform of the old Colorado Midland observation car. All-in-all it was an enjoyable day for all those who attended. If you were not able to join us, perhaps you can visit the Museum soon.

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CLUB EQUIPMENT will soon be getting a restoration and paint job. We plan to repair the roofs, which are getting very bad, on the street cars, and also will re-paint the PCC car purchased last year back to its original Los Angeles color scheme. Our prime objective is to have these all in condition before bad weather sets in, which is so hard on these cars sitting outside. Any volunteer work will be appreciated, contact Bill Gordon, the Equipment Chairman.

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MEETING LOCATION CHANGE took place last month as we returned back to the Courtroom in the City & County Building. This location was obtained for the Club by Mrs. Mac (Cleta) Poor, who works in the building and is a personal friend of the Building Superintendent Stan Morgan, who is also a member of the Club. We certainly do appreciate the work and time that Cleta and Stan have put in for the Club in obtaining this location, and at such a time that it was needed for our meetings. It is a good central location, right in the heart of downtown Denver, but the parking is not too bad. Our thanks to both Cleta and Stan for their assistance and consideration in obtaining this meeting location place.

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CLUB FILM LIBRARY recently received an additional 16MM film provided by Club Member Joe R. Thompson of Texas. The film is on the Bonhomie and Hattiesburg Southern Railroad covering engine #250, a 2-6-2 type. Later on we will show this film along with other material we have added to the Film Library this year. Many many thanks to Joe for this donation - it will be enjoyed by our membership in years to come.

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NEWSLETTER items are still wanted. It is difficult for one or two people to compile enough general news items to make it interesting for all our membership. Please submit your items to Bruce Black, 3235 E. Euclid Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80301.

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CRIPPLE CREEK DAY was a success for those who attended, with all three two-foot gauge locomotives steamed up and operating at one time. No doubt the ghosts of the old mining camp were briefly revived with the whistling of all these engines at the same time. There was plenty of action all day long, and anyone that did not get to go surely missed a great day of railroad fun.

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SWAP 'N 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: Steam boiler to develop enough pressure to blow a 4-tone chime steam whistle. Write for details. Jim Grisenti, 2627 S. Lowell Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80219. Phone: 934-3407

FOR SALE: Railroad emblem watch fobs... A selection of 15 available-
for catalog send Post Card to Raymond H. Johnson,
Box 160, Wakefield, Kansas 67487.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Linen back wall map of Oklahoma Railroads.
\$25.00. Also, PRR and LIRR Annual Passes.
A. Von Blon, 1208 Locust, Muskogee, Okla. 76706

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THOT FOR THE DAY: A man who has committed a mistake and does not correct it
is committing another mistake. -- Confucius

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Bill Gordon, Secretary

Stuart Anderson, Vice President

Ted McKee, Treasurer