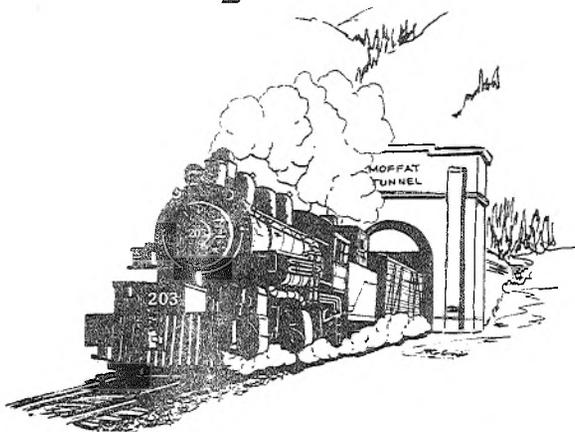


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, June 9, 1971
Time 8:00 p.m.
Place City & County Bldg., Courtroom 100. Building
is located across the street from the U.S. Mint.
Entrance is 1400 Cherokee St.

PROGRAM NOTES: "Steam Here and There" around Colorado will be presented by
Charles Klein in 8mm movies.

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NARROW GAUGE HOLIDAY The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club has arranged back-to-back excursions for the Labor Day weekend. On Saturday, September 4, 1971, we will operate a special train on a 90-mile round trip out of Chama, New Mexico, over Cumbres Pass to Big Horn on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railway. On Sunday, September 5, 1971 we will have exclusive use of the second section on the 90-mile Durango-Silverton run. Both trips will include photo runbys and both trains will carry snack cars. Chama and Durango are 108 miles apart via a good paved highway. No children's fares will be available as both companies have based their guarantees on capacity number of full fares. A package deal covering fare for both trips is \$23.00. The Chama-Big Horn excursion alone is \$15.00 and the Durango-Silverton trip is \$10.00. Children 6 and under not occupying a seat will be carried free. Brochures giving additional details will be mailed with your July Newsletter.

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TRAGEDY AT EDEN, Dow Helmers, size 6 x 9 inches, 150 pages, map, \$6.95.

Dow Helmers, a member of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club who lives in Pueblo, Colorado, has generously donated a copy of this small book, his latest work, to the club archives. This is a hardbound first edition, limited to 1,000 numbered and autographed copies.

Mr. Helmers' interest in and research on his subject, the worst railroad wreck in the history of this country, is evident. The accident, which occurred near Eden, Colorado on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, about 8 miles north of Pueblo, snuffed out over 90 lives. On the rainy night of August 7th, 1904 a flash flood so weakened Bridge 110-B that the Missouri Pacific's Denver, Kansas City & St. Louis Express, running as D&RG No. 11, plunged into Hogan's Gulch and the first three cars were carried downstream to Fountain Creek.

Mr. Helmers searched through thousands of old newspapers and official documents and conducted many personal interviews to gather the material for his gripping account of the catastrophe. There are eyewitness accounts, first-hand versions from passengers and crewmen, newspaper stories and many new

and unusual photos of the wreck. Tragedy at Eden, thoroughly covers from all angles one of the worst railroad wrecks in history. The book may be ordered from Dow Helmers, 1930 Greenwood St., Pueblo, Colorado 81003.

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WORK DAY!!! Maintenance work is still needed on the equipment at the Colorado Railroad Museum so JUNE 18th is the date for a work day. Come one! Come all! Come and help for an hour, half a day, or all day - bring your friends - ALL ARE WELCOME. JUNE 18th - COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM.

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EXCEPTIONAL full color photos by Dick Kindig, Jack Thode, and Bob LeMassena are available in 5½ x 9 picture cards being produced by Richard E. Cox, P. O. Box 15902, Sacramento, Calif.

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A SCHEDULE for the remaining programs on the lecture series of the Colorado Midland Chapter of the NRHS is listed below:

Thursday, June 10th -- Mr. Harold Seely -- "The Royal Gorge War, 1878-1880" This lecture covers construction from Florence to Leadville, with mention of the Dillon, Hecla and Westcliffe branches.

Thursday, August 12th -- Mr. Bill McKenzie -- "The San Juan Extension, 1879-1882" This lecture will cover the line from Alamosa to Durango and Silverton. It also includes the Chili Line and the Creede Branch.

Thursday, October 14th -- Mr. Tom Daniels -- "The Transcontinental Narrow Gauge Line, 1880-1883" This lecture will cover the line from Salida to Grand Junction and beyond. It will also cover the Crested Butte, Ouray, Lake City, Orient and Monarch branches.

Thursday, December 9th -- Mr. Bill McKenzie -- "The Development of the Standard Gauge Transcontinental Main Line, 1881-1890" This last lecture covers the main line from Leadville to Grand Junction and mentions the Aspen branch.

Each lecture is well illustrated with slides and pictures of early construction days as well as contemporary views of the railroad and it's present day operations. Plan now to attend this worthwhile series and learn all you ever wanted to know about the Denver and Rio Grande Western.

All meetings will be held in the Security Savings East, in Colorado Springs on the listed day at 8:00 PM. The public is invited to this lecture series and there is no admission charge.

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REMINDER!! Items to be published in the newsletter must be received a full twelve days prior to the Club meeting for that month. Items received after the cut-off date will be printed in the next months letter.

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EX RGS 42 - It is reported that Ex RGS No. 42 is back at the Magic Mountain Site, having been brought back from its storage site at Monument, Colo. by the Woodmoor Corp. who bought it in 1969. Woodmoor is transforming the old Magic Mountain site into a commercial center that opens May 31. No. 42 is to pull a train on 1½ miles of narrow gauge track through a replica of a western town.

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PASSENGERS aboard UP train Nos. 103 and 104 had a special surprise for them on May 1st, 1971, the last day the UP operated these trains prior to the AMTRACK takeover. Eng. 8444 pulled Tr. 103 from Cheyenne to Laramie and took Tr. 104 back from Laramie to Cheyenne to bid a fitting farewell to

years of first class passenger service. Such initiative has been typical of this very progressive railroad over the years - - - Congratulations!

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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.

DOROTHY SCHICK, P. O. Box 65, Keenesburg, Colo. sells to highest bidder: Hand lanterns of NYC, D&RGW, KCS, Denver, Northwestern & Pacific, 2 - D&RGW Switchstand lamps, 1 - D&RGW Marker lamp, 1 - Caboose lamp, 1 - Nonrailroad oil lamp.

DAN REAGAN, 943 Day Hollow Rd., Endicott, N.Y. 13760 wants books "Climax, an unusual Steam Locomotive" and "Iron Horses of the Santa Fe Trail". Sells the following books in brand new condition:

1952 Locomotive Encyclopedia (Simmons - Boardman)	\$25.00
"Mr. Pullmans Elegant Palace Car" - Beebe	\$20.00
"Hawaiian Railroads" - Hungerford	\$10.00
"Central American Holiday" - Best	\$10.00
"Western Trains" - Steinheimer & Sims	\$10.00
"Gold Rush Narrow Gauge" - Martin	\$ 4.50

A. VON BLON, Box 6422, Waco, Texas 76707. Best offer for St. Louis Car Co. Builders Plate. Wants to know the location of a saloon token lettered "O.K. Saloon, Good for one drink H.T.R." Token is brass, back side is blank.

OSCAR LIVINGSTON, 3501 W. 41st Ave., Denver, Colo. 80211 sells for best offer over \$125.00 "Pictorial Supplement to the Denver South Park & Pacific".

ANDREW WITTENBORN, 30 N. Broadway, Apt. 5E, White Plains, N.Y. 10601 sells Trains Album of Photos - some water staining & wrinkled pages

#2 Far Western Railroads (cover loose)	\$ 7.00
#4 Colorado Railroads	\$ 9.00
#7 Electric Rys. (cover missing)	\$ 6.00
#11 S.P. Lines (1st 2 pages stuck)	\$ 7.00

New Books: "Round the World on the Narrow Gauge" - Whitehouse & Allen \$ 7.00
 "A Locomotive Engineers Album" - Abdil \$ 6.50
 "Farewell to Steam" - Plowden \$ 8.00
 "Gilpin Gold Tram" - Ferrell \$ 8.00
 "Revolution in the Sky" (Story of Lockheed - 1927 to 1937) \$ 9.00

24 Back issues of Railroad Magazine 1933-1952, 6 back issues of Trains 1958-1960, Prefers to trade back issues of magazines for Railroad Magazines 1929-1947.

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THOT FOR THE DAY! Quite often when a man thinks his mind is getting broader, it is only his conscience stretching. - E. J. Cantrell

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