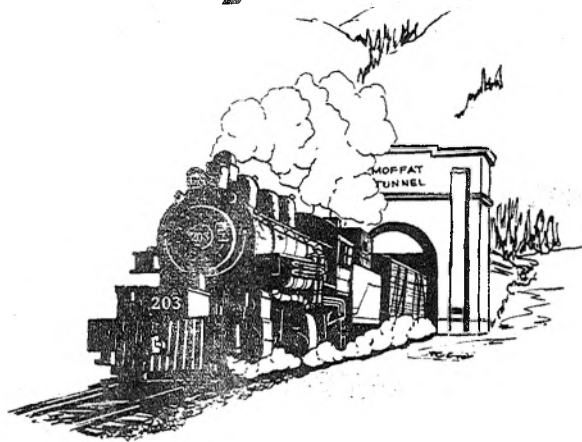


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, October 13, 1971
Time 7:45 P. M.
Place Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,
2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet
parking at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM: Another Neal Miller special, including heretofore unseen 16mm footage of UP 8444 with soundtape, and slides of the 1957 excursion on the North Park branch out of Laramie. Neal, who likes to do nice things for the club, plans again to distribute bonus prints to all attendees. Don't miss this one.

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AND HERE'S another bonus -- Trip Chairman Ed Haley, assisted by Dick Kindig, has assembled sets of many old club trip announcements and giveaway folders recalling wondrous excursions of bygone years. These packets will be brought to the October meeting and given to anyone interested.

THE CLUB'S Labor Day weekend 3-foot gauge double-feature enjoyed resounding success: patronage was good, trains ran as advertised, and the weather was as perfect as a fan-tripper could possibly conjure. And--the club didn't lose much money on the venture. The Animas Canyon line to Silverton was an amazing array of railway reconstruction following the disastrous flooding of 1970, and is a credit to the D&RG. The Cumbres & Toltec is another monument to preserve, and is a very real credit to the dedicated and hardworking young folks who operate Scenic Railways, Inc. It was a pleasure to meet and ride with their colorful, red-vested president, Bob Keller, ex-professor of mechanical engineering at Stanford U; and it was a privilege to meet club members from near and afar -- Bismark, Wichita, California, New England, and elsewhere -- who came to railroad with us. So let's say that our trip chairman, Ed Haley, really pulled it off this time.

JACK THODE reports that the D&RG Zephyr equipment is undergoing some fix-up: the observation car and diner being refurbished in Denver; two coaches in the works in Omaha.

TRAIN-WATCHER Bill Gordon reports the eastbound Amtrak running two sections the other day.

BLACK HILLS CENTRAL: The '71 brochure advertised 4 trips daily between Hill City and Keystone, plus Saturday 96-mile round trips called "Last Train to Deadwood". The Black Hills Central Railroad claims to operate the only remaining passenger train in all of South Dakota. Club-Prez Wilson Ruid

recently stopped at Hill City yards and noted third-rail all rusty, indicating standard gauge ops only. Engine #7, a balloon-stacked Baldwin 2-6-2, vintage 1919, was uncoupled from its tender and undergoing some repairs.

CLUB MEMBER Ed Gerlits was recently appointed Curator of the Georgetown Loop Historic Mining Area for the State Historical Society of Colorado. Ed had previously served with the Society as Curator of the El Pueblo Museum. He has taken up residence in Georgetown and can be contacted through the offices of the Georgetown Society, Hamill House (rear), phone 569-2840. Although his phase one mission will be the Lebanon Mine & Mill buildings, for which funds have been appropriated, he will also be looking ahead to some future development of the loop railroad. Ed will welcome suggestions from club members concerning equipment or any other aspect of the project. The Georgetown Society's mail address is P. O. Box 657, Georgetown, Co. 80444.

CLUB'S BOARD recently voted to lease a security vault for the safe storage of rare film footage, records, and other archive material. This will relieve individual club custodians of worry concerning burglary and vandalism, an ever present threat in private homes.

NARP (National Ass'n of RR Passengers) reports: Cutting the Department of Transportation pie:

Aviation improvement and airline subsidies, one year	- \$584 million
One Coast Guard icebreaker	59 million
Arkansas River waterway (total)	1.2 billion
Federally-aided highway program - one year	4.7 billion
AMTRAK direct grant	40 million

AMTRAK EQUIPMENT: Planned purchases: 1,200 passenger cars and 12 Budd-built new Metroliner cars (electrically powered to 160 mph), average price \$14,000. The passenger cars were to come chiefly from western railroads - 447 from the Santa Fe, 64 from the UP.

TELLURIDE mourns the passing of Homer E. Reid, former mayor, watchmaker, photographer, and champion collector of old photos of the Telluride-Pandora-Ophir scene -- including the RGS. Clubbers Wilson Ruid and Alan Miller visited with Homer in his Telluride store only a couple of weeks before his death, and purchased some of his prints. His widow operates the Telluride Museum, a friendly archive where one may sit at a table and lieisurely peruse the great photo albums and other memorabilia of that district.

THE CLUB SADLY reports the passing of long-time members Mable Lanning, Richard B. Jackson and Francis E. Swain.

Born and raised in Denver, Jackson, 86, had a lifetime interest in street cars and trains. As a boy, Dick was present at the famous staged locomotive collision in Denver, during the 1896 political campaign. He was interested in live-steam model railroading, and he built a 1-inch scale model 4-4-0 which is still in fine operating condition. In addition, he took many photographs in Colorado, particularly of narrow gauge trains, cars, depots, and equipment; many of his fine pictures have appeared in books and railroad magazines. Dick will be sadly missed by his many friends and acquaintances. His collection and live steam operations will be taken over by his son Jim, who is a club member and intends to carry on with his father's collection.

Francis Swain was also born and raised in Denver. He was an international authority on the application of computers in engineering design and construction and was chief of the Division of data processing at the Engineering and Research Center of the Bureau of Reclamation during his 30-years career there. CU honored him last year as its Distinguished Engineering Alumnus.

OUR TREASURER needs mailing addresses for the following: Wm. G. Harber, Chas. H. Redd, Robt. D. Rounds, and H. Ray Jones.

AN OLD RAILROAD watertower with its pumphouse is still standing at Eskdale, Utah about 200 mi SW of Salt Lake City (July 1971).

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.

FOR SALE by a Pueblo Church: D&RG engine 1100 series solid brass bell, 17 in. diameter, 12 in. high, complete with clapper & yoke. For info, phone Dow Helmers, Pueblo, Colo. 542-3689 or 544-2251.

CLIFFORD W. Jahn, 359 Huntington Road, Union, N.J. 07083 wants curved glass lenses for Handlan D&RGW type engine class radius marker lamps. If anyone has suggestions as to where these might be obtained, a reply would be sincerely appreciated.

DEL Gerbaz, P. O. Box 7054, Aspen, Colo. 81611 sells two beautiful Uintah (ex D&RGW) combine locks from 1870's vintage. Pictures sent on request.

CHAS. S. Ryland, 1914 - 19th St., Golden, Colo. 80401, has sale Poster & list of duplicate items from his collection: RMRRC Books, stereo views, pamphlets, etc.

DARYL B. Ryder, Box 648, Estes Park, Colo. 80517 will give away on a first come basis a negative collection taken in the early 1960's comprised of the following subject packets: *CB&Q 4960 *D&RGW Narrow Gauge *Great Western *UP 8444 *D&RGW Std. Gauge *D&RGW N.G. Rolling Stock *Old Structures *Corona Pass Specify subject packet desired and enclose 8¢ postage for each packet specified. Rail reports #78 thru 96 are also available.

DOW Helmers, 1930 Greenwood, Pueblo, Colo. 81003 would like to buy a copy of "Time Exposure" by Wm. H. Jackson.

JIM Hinkhouse, 707 Lane, Ft. Morgan, Colo. 80701 wants U.P. books by Kratville Publ. Co.-Omaha. Sells good to excellent cond. Trains Magazines from 1941 thru 1951, Trains Albums #11 and #12 at \$7.00 ea, and many Fogg prints. Send SSAB for exact list.

BERNARD Kelly, 115 Clarkson St., Denver, Colo. 80218 wants a copy of "Railroads and the Rockies" by Robert M. Ormes.

AVERY Von Blon, Box 6422, Waco, Tex. 76706 wants SP Colorado Div. timetables, and Jim Cummins book telling of his life with Jesse James and Younger boys.

ROY Christian, 1691 Wilshire Dr., Aptos, Calif. 95003, sells a book called "South American Steam" for \$3.95 with mid 1970 photos and rosters. The book is a gold mine of information for anyone considering a trip to South America.

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