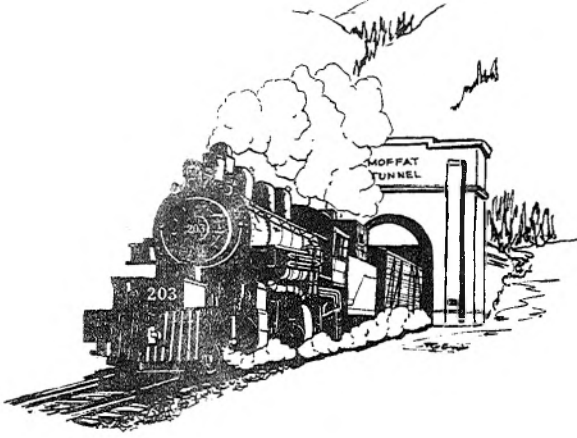


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, December 8, 1971
Time 7:45 p.m.
Place Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,
2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet parking
at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM: Following the balloting at this, our annual, meeting, Jim Ehernberger will present a slide program on the last ATSF steam helper operation out of Belen, N. M.

Although this will be, as usual, a public meeting, we especially urge all voting members (adult, dues-paid cardholders in good standing) to be present and to participate in the election. To satisfy the by-laws of the club, the membership must elect officers to 1-year terms and three directors to 2-year terms.

At presstime, the nominating committee is still working hard to hammer out an appropriate slate to present to the voters December 8.

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FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE CURRENT PRESIDENT, Wilson Ruid --

As another calendar year winds up (or down), we sieze upon the last available opportunity to harangue the membership in print.

It has been a revealing privilege to serve a year as president, a vantage point which really discloses who all the real workers are. No chairman of anything stays alive without that dedicated crew that keeps it all moving.

Let's mention a few... there's Vice President and Program Chairman Charles Max, who successfully kept that screen lit up each month. That's no small worry, and like a bill coming due, huh, Charley? Bill Gordon worries two jobs: as Secretary he receives and distributes the club mail and religiously records the transactions decided at each board meeting; then he has to organize work parties and contract repairs on the club's equipment at the Colo. RR Museum. Treasurer Arl Cuthbert donates the bulk of his business day to untangling the membership records and to professionalizing the club's transactions and fiscal state, and when trip-ticket sales occur, it's at least double duty. Monthly newsletters and special mailing rely on a great team: Bruce Black compiles & edits, Director and former treasurer Ane Clint types, prints and folds; then Ass't Treasurer Bill VanPatten stuffs and mails over 1,100 envelopes which have been addressed by Bob Griswold, who also does the never ending job of updating the stencils. We thank Director Carl Carlson for furnishing the P.A. system, Director Ed

Schneider for serving as membership chairman, Directors Neal Miller and Milt Fick for their help, and Director Jack Thode for now serving as chairman of the nominating committee. Archives Chairman Dick Kindig has taken fine care of the film library, and everyone knows who Trip Chairman Ed Haley is -- the fella who sets up the train rides, no mean feat in an era of shrinking service.

Again, my thanks to these fine people and all others who have done the club some good in 1971. This certainly includes long time member Rev. Gerrit Barnes, who so graciously hosts our monthly meetings in his parish hall.

It has been a challenging and rewarding assignment, but, as I indicated earlier in the year, I could not be a candidate for a second year. That's why I've been berating (tediously, perhaps) the membership to think ahead in terms of candidates and issues. Early in the game, we publicly identified the nominating committee and its chairman, Jack Thode. However, since the response has not been overwhelming, it would appear that we may put to rest the notion that the club's affairs are managed by a self-perpetuating clique. The work is done by those who will do it.

I extend seasons greetings to the entire membership and best wished to the crew that assumes the job in '72.

Wilson Ruid

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MEMBERSHIP DUES are now being collected for the 1972 year. Renewal rates are \$3.00 for regular members, \$4.00 for new members over 18. Rates for junior members (14 - 18 years of age) are \$3.00 for new members and \$2.00 for renewals up to and including 18 years of age. Members are reminded that the renewal rate is \$3.00 annually now for both Colorado and out-of-state members.

UP 8444 has been shopped, and test run around Omaha several times in the past few weeks. A base of operations for this locomotive has not yet been chosen, but our informant in Cheyenne suggest that the big steam may not come back to base there after all -- but may go to some ant hill like Los Angeles, for more excursion mileage.

As of last negotiations, RMRRRC couldn't afford the tarill anyway.

The two old UP rotary snowplows from Rawlins, Wyo. which were stored in the Cheyenne, Wyo. roundhouse the past year were scrapped in Cheyenne in Oct. 1971.

THE C&S has acquired a pile driver from the CB&Q, relettered and renumbered it for C&S and it is presently working on bridge pilings on the C&S mainline about 16 mi. N of Cheyenne. The C&S is again in a power shortage and has leased some diesels from Precision Engineering. Some numbers seen in November include 717 (Ex FEC?), 76C (Ex MKT), and 6370 (Ex SP?). These usits are all painted yellow but apparently have retained the previous parent road numbers.

THE D&RGW will again run a special ski train to Winter Park, Colo. on Saturdays only. Operation will commence when snow conditions allow full time operations at Winter Park.

CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILWAY:

Regional speculation indicates that if the '71 operators, Scenic Railways, Inc., win the bidding for '72, they will enlarge their trains to require double heading on the 4% Chama-Cumbres, and run through all the way from Chama to Antonito (and vice versa) one way each day. This would eliminate the Big Horn turnaround, and each day's return trip would be by bus.

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.

VINTON WIGHT, 1122 N. 15th St., Apt. 804, Canon City, Colo. 81212 sells clothbound volumes of Trains Magazine (Vol. 1 thru 18, 20 and 21), volume 19 unbound, all complete except Jan., Feb., and Dec. are missing from Vol. 1. Will sell volumes separately or \$210 for the lot.

JIM HINKHOUSE, 707 Lane, Ft. Morgan, Colo. 80701 wants Trains Magazine 40/11, 40/12 (Vol. 1, Nos. 1 & 2), Nov. 41, Feb. 42, Nov. 43, Kratville books "The Mighty 800's" and "Big Boy". State price and condition in first letter.

C. A. COAN, 5422 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907 sells Beebe and Clegg's "Hear the Train Blow" published in 1952, in good condition, for best offer over \$25.00.

MRS. HAZEL M. LUNDBERG, 734 S. Vine St., Denver, Colo. 80209 sells autographed copy #61 of the "Pictorial Supplement to the Denver, South Park and Pacific" for \$125.00.

DAN REAGAN, 1876 S. Adams St., Denver, Colo. 80210 sells mint copy of "Colorado Midland" for \$70.00, wants Fogg print showing Silverton train along Animas River.

JOHN C. LUCAS, 3841 B Villa, Los Alamos, N. M. 87544 wants 10th (1938), 14th (1950-2), and 15th (1956) editions of the Locomotive Cyclopeda. State price and condition.

A. VON BLON, Box 6422, Waco, Tex. 76706 sells Reed's History of the Texas Railroads, 2nd Edn. for \$55.00.

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Wilson Ruid,	President	Bill Gordon,	Secretary
Charles Max,	Vice-President	Arl Cuthbert,	Treasurer