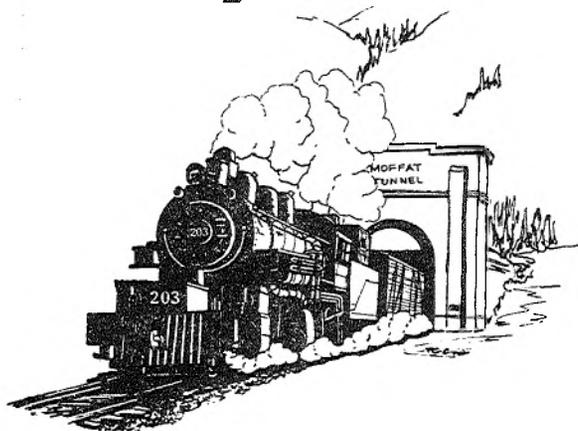


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Editor - - - Bruce Black

MEETING NOTICE: Date . . . . . Wednesday, February 9, 1972  
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: "Odyssey of Two Railfans" )  
"Idiocy of Two Railfans" ) presented by Barry Silver and Rob't R.  
Harmen.

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UP8444 will pull a steam excursion for the Club on the Memorial Day Weekend  
this year. Set this date aside. Details will be printed in future  
newsletters.

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS for 1972 were recently completed at Charlie Ryland's "Smoking  
Stack Press" at Golden. Assisting were Ed Haley, Don Smith, Bill Gordon,  
and Dick Kindig, in addition to Charlie, who operated the press. Names  
must still be typed in, and the cards require two signatures, as usual.  
However, we hope to get them out earlier this year, so if you have not  
yet paid your \$3.00 dues, please send them to our hard-working treasurer  
as soon as possible.

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THE CAMERAIL CLUB of Omaha, Nebraska, has a publication called "The Mixed  
Train". In the December, 1971, edition, they report the following:

"Denver Union Station is going to get a 12 ft. ceiling, and  
3 track on out is going to be paved over for bus company use.

This would still allow for D&RGW and the BN/UP tracks using  
#1 and #2 tracks, with underground tunnels for the busses when trains  
are present."

Try as we may, we can find noone who will verify that the above is a fact.  
Perhaps we didn't ask the right people.

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OUR TREASURER reports the following on the Equipment Restoration Fund:

Balance - January 1, 1971	\$795.40
Donations - 1971	423.00
Disbursements - repairs - 1971	<u>1,838.28</u>
Balance - December 31, 1971	\$(619.88)

During 1971, extensive repairs were made to various pieces of Club equipment displayed at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Our Equipment Chairman, Bill Gordon, anticipates an equal amount for repairs during 1972. As seen above, it was necessary to transfer \$619.88 from our General Fund to the Equipment Restoration Fund. Our dues are not enough to cover this item so any donation, large or small, to this fund would be welcome. Send donations to the Treasurer marked for the Equipment Restoration Fund.

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UP 8444 made its debut in Denver on Jan. 15th by bringing in the National Western Stock Show special from Cheyenne. Several persons went up to Cheyenne to photograph the train, your editor catching it about 2 mi. N. of Speer, at Speer, and a final shot at Peckham. The day was perfectly clear in Wyoming, about 10° above, with a gentle breeze from the west. 8444 put on a fine show sending billowing clouds of smoke and steam skyward as it streaked for Denver. We had hoped to catch the train again between Speer and Greeley and wasted no time in moving out, but the locomotive was just pulling out of Greeley as we entered town. Were it not for the fact that the train stopped in Greeley and slowed down for the interlocking plant at LaSalle, we would not have had our final photo spot at Peckham, several miles south of LaSalle. The locomotive roared thru Peckham at about 75 mph and was still accelerating as it passed our cameras.

It was a welcome sight to see 8444 again, resplendent in a jet black paint job, a silvery graphite smoke box door, and silvery journal boxes. We hope to see a lot more of 8444 this year too.

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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.

EDW. WILKOMMEN, 2539 N. 72nd St., Wauwatosa, Wisc. 53213 sells Max Gray On<sub>3</sub> brass model steam locomotive of the SP #18 4-6-0, and a Commemorative coin half dollar size with the words Union Pacific and a picture of the City of Portland with the date 1934 on the obverse, words "Sample of aluminum in new U.P. train built by Pullman Car & Mfg. Co. on the reverse. Price \$4.00 - mint. cond.

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