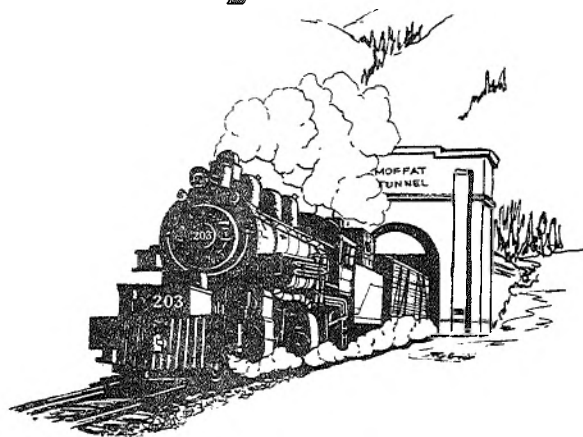


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MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

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MEETING NOTICE: DATE . . . . . WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 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: CHARLES RYLAND WILL SHOW A 16MM MOVIE PROGRAM ENTITLED "CROOKED TOURS OF THE RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN". THIS IS A PROGRAM YOU WONT WANT TO MISS.

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FROM THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS -- AT A RECENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING, A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOW THE CLUB COULD, OR SHOULD, CELEBRATE 1976, COLORADO'S CENTENNIAL YEAR. WE DON'T WANT THE PROBLEM THAT THE OLYMPICS APPEAR TO BE GENERATING, BUT THERE MUST BE SOMETHING THE CLUB COULD ADD TO THE CELEBRATION. COLORADO HAS A RICH RAILROAD HISTORY, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE PASSED OVER IN THE CENTENNIAL YEAR. WHAT CAN THE CLUB DO? IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS, SEND THEM TO OUR P. O. BOX, AND WE'LL TAKE THEM UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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A VOTE OF THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED TO OUR EQUIPMENT FUND. WE ARE STILL IN THE RED AND WOULD WELCOME MORE DONATIONS.

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WITH THIS RAIL REPORT COMES THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR FIRST EXCURSION FOR 1972. OUR TRIP CHAIRMAN HAS PLANNED, AND THE DIRECTORS HAVE AUTHORIZED, AT LEAST THREE MORE EXCURSIONS FOR THIS YEAR. DETAILS OF THESE TRIPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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ANNUAL BRAND BOOK - ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB CHARTER MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT, CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE CLUB'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JACKSON THODE IS THE EDITOR THIS YEAR OF THE 26TH ANNUAL BRAND BOOK OF THE DENVER POSSE OF THE WESTERNERS. AMONG THE TWELVE ARTICLES IN THIS NEW VOLUME, SOON TO BE RELEASED, IS A STORY WRITTEN BY JACK ON A CENTURY OF PASSENGER TRAINS ON THE RIO GRANDE, COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THAT ROAD.

THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT EXTRA COPIES OF JACK'S WELL ILLUSTRATED ARTICLE CAN BE PRINTED FOR SALE BY THE CLUB, IF INTEREST IS INDICATED, BUT FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT LIKE TO ACQUIRE A COPY OF THIS NEWEST VOLUME OF THE BRAND BOOK, PREPUBLICATION PRICE IS \$4.45, WHICH INCLUDES 95 CENTS FOR SALES TAX, HANDLING AND POSTAGE. REGULAR PRICE WILL BE \$15.95 AFTER PUBLICATION.

ORDERS FOR THE BOOK, ACCOMPANIED BY REMITTANCE, CAN BE SENT TO THE DENVER WESTERNERS, 1430 WESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS BLDG., DENVER, COLORADO 80202.

TO ASSURE ACCEPTANCE BY THE WESTERNERS OF YOUR PREPUBLICATION ORDER, PLEASE INDICATE TO THEM YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB.

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JOSIE M. CRUM, A PROLIFIC WRITER OF NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD HISTORY, DIED APRIL 1, 1972 AT THE AGE OF 84. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, J. H. CRUM, A RAILROADER, HAD LIVED MANY OF THE THINGS SHE WROTE ABOUT IN HER BOOKS OF SOUTHWEST COLORADO RAILROADING. MRS. CRUM WAS BORN IN OURAY FEBRUARY 19, 1888. SHE GRADUATED FROM OURAY HIGH SCHOOL AS AN HONOR STUDENT AND TAUGHT SCHOOL BEFORE SHE MARRIED. HER HUSBAND BEGAN RAILROADING IN 1900. YEARS AGO, MRS. CRUM COULD SEE THAT THE ONCE ROARING

RAILROADS OF THE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY WERE BEGINNING TO DIE, SO SHE STARTED WRITING ABOUT THEM. SHE DIDN'T BEGIN WRITING IN EARNEST UNTIL 1948 AFTER HER ONLY SON, HARVEY, WAS GROWN AND GONE FROM HOME.

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COLORADO RAIL ROUND-UP - INFORMAL GET-TOGETHERS, AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM, APRIL 28-30, 1972. TOPICS CHOSEN ARE AS FOLLOWS: FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 7:30 P.M. - TRACTION AND ELECTRIC RAILROADING. SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 9:30 A.M. - DIESELS 1:30 P.M. - NARROW GAUGE AND MOUNTAIN RAILROADING. SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 7:30 P.M. - MEMBERS OF MUSEUM'S HISTORICAL FOUNDATION. SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1:30 P.M. - MODERN PASSENGER TRAINS AND AMTRAK. COME OUT TO THE MUSEUM FOR THE INFORMAL SESSIONS ON THE TOPICS THAT INTEREST YOU!

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D&RGW 463, THE MUDHEN DONATED BY GENE AUTRY TO THE CATS RAILWAY IS NOW ON THE CATS PROPERTY ACCORDING TO A NEWSPAPER REPORT.

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THE UP IS PROPOSING OR HAS ELIMINATED THE CREW CHANGE POINTS OF SIDNEY, NEBRASKA AND LARAMIE, WYOMING, AMONG OTHERS, AND IS RUNNING THE TRAINS ON THROUGH.

THE UP PUBLISHED A SET OF 2 ARTICLES IN THEIR EMPLOYEES MAGAZINE "INFO", DECEMBER 1971 AND JANUARY 1972 ISSUES, ON THE UP SNOWPLOWS. THE LATTER ISSUE CONTAINS PHOTOGRAPHS AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE 3 NEWEST PLOWS BUILT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. ONE OF THESE PLOWS WAS USED IN FEBRUARY TO OPEN UP U.S. STEEL'S BRANCLINE TO ATLANTIC CITY, WYO. AFTER TWO OLDER PLOWS HAD BECOME STUCK BATTLING DRIFTS AS HIGH AS 27 FT. DYNAMITE WAS ALSO USED TO LOOSEN THE COMPACTED SNOW.

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THE C&S HAS BEEN RECEIVING THEIR NEW SD 40-2 UNITS. NUMBERS 901, 908, 909, AND 910 HAVE BEEN SEEN IN SERVICE RECENTLY ON THE C&S. BN #5300, THE FIRST OF THEIR NEW GE U30C ORDER WAS SEEN IN DENVER RECENTLY ALSO.

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SEABOARD COAST LINE 501, AND EMD E-6, IS PRESENTLY STORED AT THE BN COACH YARDS CONNECTED TO THE OLD ARTICULATED NEBRASKA ZEPHYR TRAIN AT 23RD STREET IN DENVER.

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D&RGW HAS BEEN REPAINTING SOME OF THEIR CABOSES IN A NEW PAINT SCHEME - SOLID ORANGE WITH BLACK LETTERING AND NO STRIPES. THE D&RGW MADE THE LAST SKI TRAIN RUN FOR THE 1971-72 WINTER SEASON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH.

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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.

BOB GRISWOLD, 2700 S. KEARNEY ST., DENVER, COLO. 80222 SELLS MAR., JULY '46, SEPT, OCT 1950, JAN., FEB 1952 ISSUES OF TRAINS MAG. AT \$1.00 EA., ALSO COMPLETE YEAR 1951 AND 1953-\$10 PER YR.

MIKE VARNEY, 2968 W. A STREET, TORRINGTON, WYO. 82240 SELLS RAILROAD BRAKEMAN'S LANTERNS, WRITE FOR LIST. WANTS C&S AND D&RGW EMPLOYEES TIMETABLES, ESP. C&R DENVER DIVISION.

JOHN LUCAS, P. O. 2391, DENVER, COLO. 80201, WANTS "A CENTURY OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAM LOCOMOTIVES" BY GUY L. DUNSCOMB.

JIM HINKHOUSE, Box 721, FT. MORGAN, COLO. 80701, SELLS FOR BEST OFFER 1) "MOTIVE POWER OF THE U.P." (1958)-KRATVILLE 2) "BIG BOY" - KRATVILLE (SOME WATER DAMAGE BUT READABLE. 3) "SMOKE ACROSS THE DIVIDE" - EHRENBERGER.

VINTON WIGHT, 1122 N. 15TH ST., APT. 804, CANON CITY, COLO. 81212 SELLS RR BOOKS, EMPLOYEES TIMETABLES AND TAPE RECORDED STEAM RAILROAD SOUNDS FROM THE 1950'S. BOOKS INCLUDE RMRR VOLUMES, NRHS AND WESTERN RAILROADER BOUND VOLUMES. WRITE FOR PRICE LIST.

ROBERT LE MASSENA, 1795 S. SHERIDAN BLVD., DENVER, COLO. 80226 WANTS "IRON HORSES OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL" BY WORLEY, 1963, IN ANY CONDITION.

A. FON BLON, Box 6422, WACO, TEX. 76706 OFFERS ATSF, SP, TEP, MKT, CN, CP, ETC. PUBLIC TIME-TABLES FROM THE LATE 1930'S THRU THE 1960'S. ALSO SELLS VARIOUS RR BOOKS - WRITE FOR LIST.

C. ROSS FRY, 316 N. CRESCENT HEIGHTS BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CAL 90048 SELLS VARIOUS PAMPHLETS AND BROCHURES DEALING WITH COLORADO RAILROADS DURING THE PERIOD 1910 TO 1930. SEND FOR PRICES.

JOHN S. FRAYVE, 674 WALKLEY RD., OTTAWA, ONT. CANADA WILL BUY REGULAR 8MM COLOR MOVIE FILMS OF UP 8444 IN SERVICE OR WILL TRADE REGULAR 8MM COLOR MOVIES OF CN 6218 FOR THE ABOVE.

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CARL E.C. CARLSON, PRES. CHARLES MAX, VICE-PRES. BILL GORDON, SECRETARY ARL CUTHBERT, TREASURER