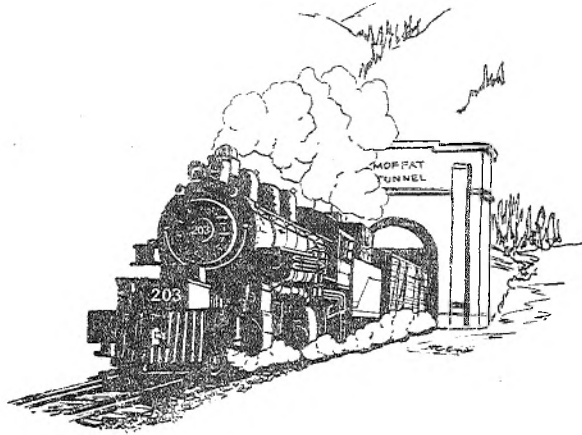


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MEETING NOTICE: Date . . . . . March 14, 1973  
Time . . . . . 7:45 p.m.  
Place . . . . . Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,  
2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet parking  
at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: The March program is to be a potpourri of members 35MM slides. Each member interested in showing the group some of his slides is asked to bring no more than 20 slides to the March meeting. These will be shown on the club's projector in a stack loader and are to be arranged as follows. Place the first slide on the bottom, white side up, continuing on through all 20 slides in this manner and ending up with your last slide on the top of the pile. This way everyone's first slide will be shown first. Choose your own subjects but remember this is a railroad club. Please also be prepared to make a commentary as the slides are shown. Not all of us will know what it is we are looking at.

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DUES! DUES! DUES! Dues are payable the first of the year. New members - \$4.00  
Renewals - \$3.00 Send payment to Rocky Mountain Railroad  
Club, P. O. Box 2391, Denver, Colorado 80201.

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NORTH PLATTE, NEBR. - "North Platte, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska Midland Railroad Co. has announced plans to operate a narrow-gauge, steam engine-pulled tourist railroad near Scout's Rest Ranch, former home of "Buffalo Bill" Cody, beginning in June.

"The North Platte-based corporation, headed by local truck stop operator James Conley, has purchased a steam locomotive from Black Hills Central Railroad in South Dakota, along with seven 1890's vintage cars, including a drover's caboose, two cattle cars and four gondolas."

We are surmising that the locomotive purchased was the old White Pass and Yukon engine owned by the Black Hills Central Railroad. This engine has been stored in Hill City, South Dakota, and was used there when the narrow gauge line to Oblivion was in operation.

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THE TREASURER is making out the 1973 dues cards. A number of members are still delinquent. Make his job easier by sending in your \$3.00 for 1973.

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35th ANNIVERSARY. Don't forget our banquet celebrating the Club's 35th anniversary on May 12 at Stouffer's Denver Inn, 3203 Quebec Street. Prime Rib at \$6.50 per plate, and we plan to give away numbered copies of "Rails Around Gold Hill" and "Pictorial Supplement to Denver South Park and Pacific", plus other interesting items, as door prizes. All this and an interesting program, too! Mark the date on your calendar. An order blank will be in your April newsletter.

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UP 8444 LARAMIE TRIP. May 27, 1973 is the date for the annual RMRRRC trip to Laramie, Wyo. and return behind UP 8444. A flyer will be released later giving the details of the trip but for those who wish to get their tickets early, the roundtrip rates are as follows:

ADULTS	\$25.00	CHILDREN	\$20.00
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THE MANITOU & PIKES PEAK RR has purchased two more new diesel Hydraulic trains at a cost in excess of \$2 million. The passenger capacity for each unit will be 205 people as compared to 75 people carried now by the newest Swiss units. Delivery is scheduled for 1975 by the Swiss Locomotive and Machine Works (SLM), manufacturer of the newest units presently in use. Additional facilities at the Manitou Springs depot are to be constructed to handle the increased traffic, prior to delivery of the new units.

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PSC has contracted to buy 140 new gondola cars from the Darby Corp. of Kansas City, Kan. Delivery is scheduled to begin February 1974 and be complete by April of 1974. These cars will consist of 64 car unit trains hauled by the BN from the low sulfur coal mine at Belle Ayre, south of Gillette, Wyo. to the PSC Comanche Generating Plant SE of Pueblo, Colo.

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SPOKANE, Washington's Union Station and the former Great Northern depots are being demolished after a citizens vote defeated a bill to preserve these buildings.

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MORE NEW railroad construction is proposed from the four corners area south to join the ATSF at Gallup, N.M. The line starting near Shiprock, N.M. and running over 100 mi. south would service the electric generating station in the 4 corners area as well as several other industries along the way.

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THE MILWAUKEE ROAD will no longer be electrified over the Coast and Rocky Mountain Divisions. Scrapping will proceed according to the schedule listed below:

1. The entire Coast Division electrification plant will be removed by the end of 1973. This includes substations, poles and overhead wire.
2. All steeple cab switchers (3) and box cab units will be retired by Oct. 1, 1973 following the probable schedule:

E29A - E36C - E29B	retired by May or June 1973
E34A-C-B	retired June 1973
E45A-C-B	retired Sept 1973
E50A - E47C - E50B	retired Sept. 1973
E57B - E47D	Harlowton Switcher - retired June or July 1973
E80	retired in May or June 1973
E81	Retired in Sept. 1973
E82	retired in June 1973

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3. All yard catenary on the Rocky Mtn. division will be removed by 1975, with the exception of the engine servicing facilities.
4. The "Joes" will be scrapped as they come due for major repairs starting this year 1973. E39A - E47A is being scrapped in Deer Lodge. E25B and E47B have been shipped to South Puyallup, Washington to join E25A-E39C-E39D for scrapping.
5. The entire Rocky Mountain Div. electrification including substations, poles, and overhead wire will be dismantled by the late 1970's.
6. 30 more new EMD SD40-2 slave equipped units will be received by the Milwaukee this summer eliminating all helper districts over Pipestone Pass (Butte) and St. Paul Pass (Avery) and thst the Box Cab helpers.
7. Deer Lodge shops are to be torn down and all eqpt. and personnel will be transferred to Miles City, Mont. where the new lines west shops, engine change, and heavy servicing facilities will be set up.

Deer Lodge will then become a short stop facility for fuel, sand and light inspection as Miles City, Mont. and Othella, Wash. are now.

Thus comes to an end another "era" of railroading. Hopefully someone can approach the Milw. with an eye for preserving one of the faithful "Old Pelicans".

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THE D&RGW/ROCK ISLAND depot in Colorado Springs has received a new lease on life and will be converted into Guiseppe's Restaurant using a railroad motif as decoration. Opening date for the restaurant is scheduled for 1 June 1973.

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CATS is refluing engs. 487 and 488 for use this summer. Considerable fears concerning the Federal Ban on use of cars over 50 years old are being felt by a number of operating museums. In order to obtain exemptions for operating exhibits using old equipment we must ALL voice our concern! Write to "DOCKET CLERK - OFFICE OF CHIEF CONSUL, Federal Railroad Administration, RSFC-3, Notice 1, 400 - 7th St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

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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.

HARRY J. WAGNER III, 7521 Rudderow Ave., Merchantville, N.J. 08109, sells the following books:

Rio Grande - Beebe & Clegg	\$8.00
Rebel of the Rockies - Athern	\$8.00
Narrow Gauge in the Rockies - Beebe & Clegg	\$8.00
The Interurban Era - Middleton	
Trains Albums of Photographs: #4 Colorado Railroads	\$15.00;
#10 Modern Steam Locomotives	\$5.00; #18 Railroads of Chicago
all three for	\$25.00.

Enclose 30¢ handling costs for EACH item,

JOHN E. HARTSHAW, 3251 Fir Dr., Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001, wants to buy a railroad telegraph sounder and key in operating condition, mounted separately or as one unit.

S. C. GRIFFITH, P.O. Box 246, Ashton, Ill. 61006, sells to highest bidder:

1 envelope bearing Alamosa & Durango RPO cancellation dated 31 Jan 1951 and also stamped with the cachet "Last trip of the San Juan, only narrow gauge passenger train in the U.S."

BOB GRISWOLD, 2700 S. Kearney St., Denver, Colo. 80222, sells:

1892 D&RG bill to RGS for freight charges and vouchers signed by Otto Mears. Excellent cond. - \$10.00

1894 D&RG letter from Kokomo, Colo. concerning grub stakes to O.B. Ext. M.M. Co. - good cond. \$2.00

1896 UPD&G bill to D&RG for switching charges at the coal mines in Trinidad-Walsenburg, Colo. area. Good cond. \$5.00

1910 C&S pass issued to Pres. Manitou & Pikes Peak - good cond. \$8.00

CORNELIUS HAUCK, 8400 Summerhouse Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45243, will purchase or borrow:

1. Photos of DSP&P 51 - (DL&G 191) - (C&S 31).
2. Early photos of the D&RG "Chili Line".
3. Any material on narrow gauge lines in Montana or Cincinnati, Ohio areas.

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