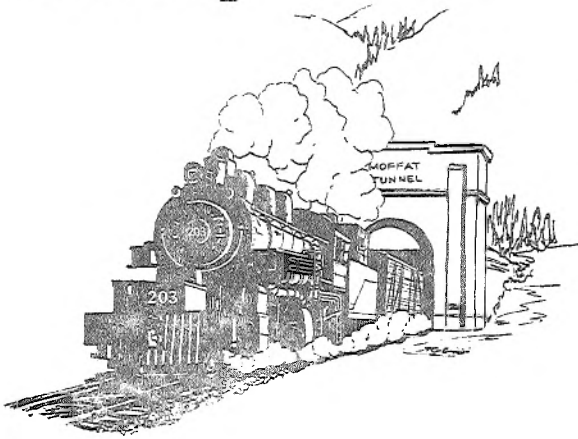


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MEETING NOTICE: DATE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1975
TIME 7:45 P.M.
PLACE SOUTHEAST WING OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2900 S. UNIVERSITY AT
BATES; OFFSTREET PARKING AT REAR (EAST) OF MEETING HALL.

PROGRAM NOTES: FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM WILL BE

AN OTTO PERRY EXTRAVAGANZA

DICK KINDIG HAS PREPARED SEVERAL REELS OF OTTO'S 16MM FILMS FOR OUR VIEWING PLEASURE. INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM WILL BE SHOTS TAKEN IN 1941 OF THE RIO GRANDE NARROW GAUGE SYSTEM, THE MANITOU & PIKES PEAK COG RAILROAD, BURLINGTON STEAM, THE RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN, THE ROCK ISLAND, THE GREAT WESTERN AND THE UNION PACIFIC'S 4000'S. ADDITIONAL FOOTAGE WILL INCLUDE THE CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN AND KENOSHA PASS ON THE SOUTH PARK AS WELL AS COVERAGE OF THE FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE CAR HOUSE AT ALAMOSA AND ENDED THE CAREER OF THE "SILVER VISTA".

EXTRA!!! EXTRA!!! EXTRA!!!

"RIVERS OF SILVER, RIBBONS OF STEEL"

AS WE WERE ABOUT TO PRINT THIS NEWSLETTER, WE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT MR. WILLIAM L. LOEFFLER OF LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK WILL BE HERE FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING AND WILL PRESENT A 25 MINUTE, 16MM SOUND PRODUCTION COVERING A 100 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE LOOK AT THE NARROW GAUGE EMPIRE IN THE ROCKIES. FROM COLOR SOUND TRACK OF THE DURANGO-SILVERTON RUN BACK THROUGH BLACK AND WHITE NEWSREEL FOOTAGE AND ANIMATED STILLs INCLUDING AN EARLY FILMING OF THE GEORGETOWN LOOP, MR. LOEFFLER HAS PREPARED A TV PRODUCTION COMPLETE WITH NARRATION.

THIS SHOULD PROVIDE A FINE CLIMAX TO THE OTTO PERRY SHOWING.

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LOOK WHAT WE FOUND WHEN WE SAW THE SLIDES OF WHAT BARRY SILVER AND BOB HARMON LOOKED FOR AND FOUND WHEN THEY PUT TOGETHER THEIR PROGRAM "LOOK WHAT WE FOUND ON THE WAY TO CANADA"! AT THE JANUARY MEETING WE SAW THE SAGA OF TWO RAIL ENTHUSIASTS ATTEMPTING TO HEAD TO OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR ONLY TO BE CONFRONTED HERE AND THERE BY WHAT AMERICAN RAILROADING HAS TO OFFER.

ONE OF BARRY'S AND BOB'S SPECIALTIES IS THE STUDY OF THE EVOLUTION AND PROGRESS OF THE DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE. IN THIS RESPECT THE ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT TO THE 49TH PARALLEL WAS WELL REWARDED. FROM THE HEAVY DUTY MAINLINE POWER OF THE CLASS I RAILROAD DOWN TO THE DIMINUTIVE SWITCHERS USED BY PRIVATE INDUSTRIES THEY FOUND HUNDREDS OF VARIETIES OF MOTIVE POWER IN ACTION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER. OUR THANKS TO BOB AND BARRY FOR COMING UP FROM PUEBLO TO GIVE THE PRESENTATION ON PRESENT DAY RAILROADING IN COLORADO, AROUND THE COUNTRY AND IN CANADA.

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UNION PACIFIC CHALLENGER No. 3985 LEFT ITS SHELTER IN THE CHEYENNE ROUNDHOUSE FOR THE LAST TIME ON

DECEMBER 22ND. THE 4-6-6-4 WAS MOVED WITH A YARD SWITCH ENGINE TO A NEW RESTING AREA JUST WEST OF THE U.P. PASSENGER DEPOT. A HIGH CHAIN LINK FENCE TOPPED WITH BARB WIRE WAS ERECTED TO DISCOURAGE THE OVERLY CURIOUS. THE RAILROAD'S PAINT CREW DID A BEAUTIFUL JOB PREPARING HER FOR DISPLAY.

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EX-GREAT WESTERN ENGINE NO. 75, A 2-3-0, DEPARTED DENVER FOR LEWISTON, IDAHO ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 30TH FOR THE FILMING OF A MOVIE TO BE CALLED "BREAKHEART PASS". ACCOMPANYING THE LOCO WERE TWO BUSINESS CARS; THE "BABY DOE" AND THE "MOLLY BROWN", AND A U.P. CABOOSE. THE EQUIPMENT IS BEING PULLED BY A DIESEL IN A SPECIAL MOVEMENT WITH A SPEED RESTRICTION OF 15 MPH. IT WAS ESTIMATED AT DEPARTURE TIME THAT SIX DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE 1,349 MILE JOURNEY.

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ABOUT 40 MILES OF BURLINGTON NORTHERN'S STERLING-CHEYENNE BRANCH BETWEEN NEW RAYMER AND HEREFORD WERE ABANDONED IN DECEMBER. A FREIGHT MADE THE LAST TRIP OVER THE SEGMENT ON DECEMBER 21.

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IF "BRASS" POUNDING MAKES YOUR HEART POUND AND YOU ARE A RETIRED OR EX-TELEGRAPHER DESIRING TO KEEP ABREAST OF WHAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS PROFESSION ARE NOW DOING IN THE ART OF TELEGRAPHY AS A HOBBY, THEN THE TOLEDO MORSE TELEGRAPH CLUB IS FOR YOU. THE ORGANIZATION, WHICH HAS MEMBERS FROM COAST TO COAST, STRIVES TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE THE TELEGRAPH PLAYED IN THE HISTORY OF COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION THROUGH AUTHENTIC EXHIBITS AND OPERATING MUSEUM DISPLAYS. THEIR GOAL IS THE PRESERVATION OF THE ART AND ARTIFACTS OF TELEGRAPHY, BOTH LAND LINE MORSE AND WIRELESS. THE \$4.00 PER YEAR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES SIX ISSUES OF THE CLUB'S PUBLICATION, "BRASS POUNDERS' GOSSIP". INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS SHOULD CONTACT HARWELL E. WEST, BOX 152, ORLAND PARK, ILL. 60462.

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SANTA FE MEMORABILIA FOR SALE - A SUBSIDIARY OF SANTA FE INDUSTRIES HAS ISSUED A 20 PAGE BOOKLET OF OVER 60 ITEMS FOR SALE ONCE USED BY THE SANTA FE OR SOLD ON ITS TRAINS. EVERYTHING FROM DINING CAR CHIMES TO TIMETABLES IS AVAILABLE AT SURPRISINGLY REASONABLE PRICES. THE BOOKLET MAY BE REQUESTED FROM ADVERTISING DIRECTION, INC., 224 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604.

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A TOUGH BREAK(S) - AFTER AMTRAK CREWS IN CHICAGO WIPED AWAY TEARS OF DISBELIEF, THEY HAD TO SCRAMBLE FOR SUBSTITUTE EQUIPMENT AFTER CARS TO BE USED ON THE SAN FRANCISCO ZEPHYR WERE VICTIMS OF A FREAK MISHAP. PRIOR TO THE TRAIN'S DEPARTURE FOR A LATE-JANUARY RUN, A SWITCHER WENT ABOUT THE CHORE OF PULLING THE TRAIN THROUGH THE CAR WASHER IN THE CHICAGO COACH YARDS, A ROUTINE PROCEDURE. NOT SO ROUTINE WAS THE CAR WASHER'S REVOLVING BRUSHES PULLING A LENGTH OF CHAIN OFF THE DOOR OF THE FIRST CAR, A BAGGAGE CAR. THE CHAIN, ENTANGLED AND REVOLVING IN A BRUSH, WAS NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL FIVE CARS AND 59 BROKEN WINDOWS LATER.

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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:

WANTED: LANTER GLOBE OF THE 5 3/8" (TALL) TYPE MARKED DNW&PRR. ALSO DESIRE LANTERNS, GLOBES OR FRAMES FROM OTHER COLORADO ROADS. WILL BUY OR TRADE.

CLIFFORD W. JAHN 359 HUNTINGTON ROAD, UNION, NEW JERSEY 07083

FOR SALE: - R.R. STORIES SEPT. '33 R.R. STORIES AUG. '36. THE FOLLOWING R.R. MAGAZINES: JUNE '41, AUG. '42, MARCH & NOV. '45, ALL OF '46 EXCEPT APRIL, JULY, DEC., ALL OF '47, ALL BUT JAN. OF '48, ALL OF '49, ALL EXCEPT MAY OF '50, ALL OF '51, '52, '53, ALL OF '54 NEW SIZE FOR SEPT, OCT, NOV. DEC. ALL COMPLETE WITH BOTH COVERS. SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER BEFORE APRIL 1ST, '75. C. N. "BEE" MAYTUM PAULLINA, IOWA 51046

ONE HOUR CASSETTE - STEAM - DIESEL AND MILWAUKEE ELECTRIC SOUNDS - HEAR CN #6218 - ONTARIO RAIL #136-1057 - SOUTHERN 4501 - #759 ON HORSESHOE CURVE - AND OTHERS. SEND \$6.00 MONEY ORDER PAYABLE CANADIAN FUNDS - CASSETTE MAILED SAME DAY POSTAGE PAID.
W. D. SHORT 126 MITTON ST. S. SARNIA, ONTARIO, CANADA.

ELDIN LARSEN, PRESIDENT

BILL GORDON, SECRETARY

JAMES TROWBRIDGE, VICE-PRESIDENT

CARL E. C. CARLSON, TREASURER

ADDITIONAL SWAP 'N SHOP

F. B. HOVER, 8163 E. ESTES LANE, TUCSON, ARIZ. 85710 OFFERS THE FOLLOWING IN TOP CONDITION: DUST
JACKETS, MAPS: PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT DSP&P, KINDIG, HALEY & POOR COPY #2320 \$150.00
RAILS AROUND GOLD HILL CAFKY, COPY #120 \$185.00

WANTED - 35 MM SLIDES, ANY STEAM OR EARLY DIESEL - WILL PURCHASE A FEW OR AN ENTIRE COLLECTION.
TOP PRICES PAID. AL CHIONE, Box 1201, EVERGREEN, COLO. 80439

"WHAT WE KNOW-- AND DO NOT KNOW--ABOUT THE DENVER UNION STATION", BY ROBERT A. LEMASSENA.
PRINTED IN THE WESTERNERS ROUNDUP, OCTOBER 1972. PRICE \$1.00 PP. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO THE WESTERNERS AND MAIL TO FRANCIS B. RIZZARI, 1716 VIEWPOINT ROAD, LAKEWOOD, COLO. 80215

OFFERING 200-220 WHITE PORCELAIN FACE BRICKS FROM THE COTTON BELT UNION DEPOT, WACO.
BRICKS ARE 4" X 12", WEIGHING 7 LBS. AND ARE DATED FROM 1901 TO 1905, WITH NAME TIFFANY
STAMPED ON THE BACK SIDE.
WANTED TELESCOPE FOR 15 YR. OLD SON, ALSO MAPS, LETTERS, PAMPHLETS, GUIDES, FOTOS OF
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