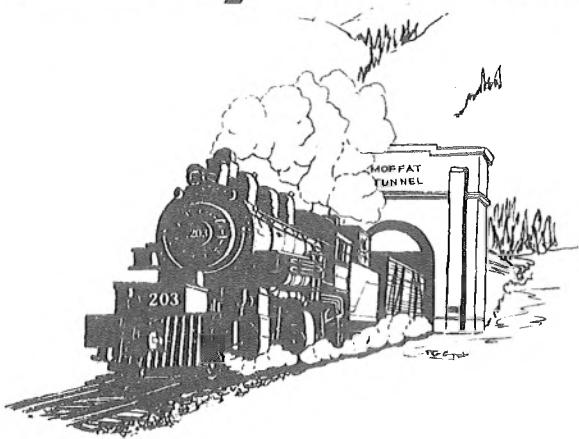


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Tuesday, September 14, 1976

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: For the September program, club member Al Voight of Boulder will present his 70 minute, 16 MM color movie program on the famous three day narrow gauge trips that were run in the Fall season over the D&RGW between Alamosa and Silverton in the 50's and 60's. Al's production, with sound accompaniment, is made up of sequences filmed on the trips over a ten-year period from 1952 to 1962, and portrays a ride on a round trip between Alamosa and Silverton in the waning days of the narrow gauge. Most of the scenes shown were taken on Rocky Mountain Railroad Club trips or trips sponsored by the Alamosa Kiwanis Club. Be sure not to miss this fine program on some of the most memorable trips ever made in the narrow gauge country.

Charles Ryland's program at the August meeting took us to two countries on opposite sides of the Atlantic - Spain and Mexico, and gave a sampling of the many attractions both countries have to offer to the foreign visitor. Besides his railroad travels, he showed scenes of people, cities, towns and countrysides in the places he visited, with names that seem impossible to pronounce, not to mention spell. Of note were the many forms of architecture in the two lands, with the ancient stone Indian monuments in Mexico the most notable. Our thanks to Charles for sharing some of his travel experiences with us.

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NEXT MEETING TO BE THE ANNUAL BANQUET!!! - Included with the newsletter, is an announcement of the Club's Annual Banquet. To avoid any conflicts with a local three day weekend holiday and other railroad activities planned at about the same time, the banquet will be held on Saturday, October 2, at Henrici's Hilton Inn, I-70 and Peoria Street. A fine program and good meal are to insure a real fine evening.

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OVER 4,000 COPIES OF DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC were sent to the bindery recently. Upon completion of binding, the books will be mailed direct to each purchaser.

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PERFECT WEATHER and a great group of hikers resulted in a rewarding and pleasurable exploration of the Colorado Midland's eastern approach to Hagerman Pass on Saturday, August 14. About 75 people rendezvoused at Leadville in the morning or joined the group on the way out of town, and proceeded to follow the grade to a parking area above the Carlton Tunnel. During the ensuing walk, various remnants of the railroad were seen along the grade including rail, wheels, showsheds, a handcar, etc., with the two biggest attractions being the site of the great trestle and, of course, the Hagerman Tunnel. The more adventuresome cautiously went into the tunnel on the floor of ice, to a spot where a large cave in and deep water prevented further travel. Mostly, everyone ate their lunch at or near the tunnel, then returned by various routes to the parking areas in mid-afternoon. It was most pleasing to see and meet members from various Colorado towns and cities and also members from such diverse and distant points as Wyoming, Utah, California, Ohio, and the state of Washington. We hope that everyone's trip to and from Leadville was as enjoyable as the hike itself, especially for those who were a substantial way from home. With such enthusiastic support for this sort of activity, plans for similar functions in the future will now be explored.

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NUMEROUS RIDES on the Georgetown, Breckenridge & Leadville Railway from Silver Plume were enjoyed by members who took advantage of the unlimited ride tickets made available for Saturday, August 28. Both the steamer and diesel were used to pull various consists, with occasional photo stops included and stops added to drop off and pick up picnickers. At Silver Plume, the Seebees were observed putting a final coat of paint on the depot and received helpful hints and advice on how to do it from the more knowledgeable train passengers. Other work could be seen under way in the valley on buildings being constructed for the Georgetown Loop historic mining area project.

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THE CLUB'S FALL OUTING OVER THE MANITOU AND PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY this year, will take place on Saturday, September 25. A new treat this season will be a ride in the railway's brand new articulated trainset that can carry over 200 people up the 8.7 mile long climb to the 14,110 foot summit. Photo stops will be made for those who want to use their pinhole cameras, chase marmots, roll rocks, or do whatever else that turns them on. Also to be seen, will be the new station building at the top.

Departure on this fun trip will be at 1:00 P.M., with arrival back at Manitou Springs around 4:30 P.M. Those who wish to visit the shops and view the equipment and other machinery, should plan on arriving by noon. A reduced fare of \$8.50 for adults and \$4.25 for children (ages 5-11) will be the cost and tickets should be ordered in advance.

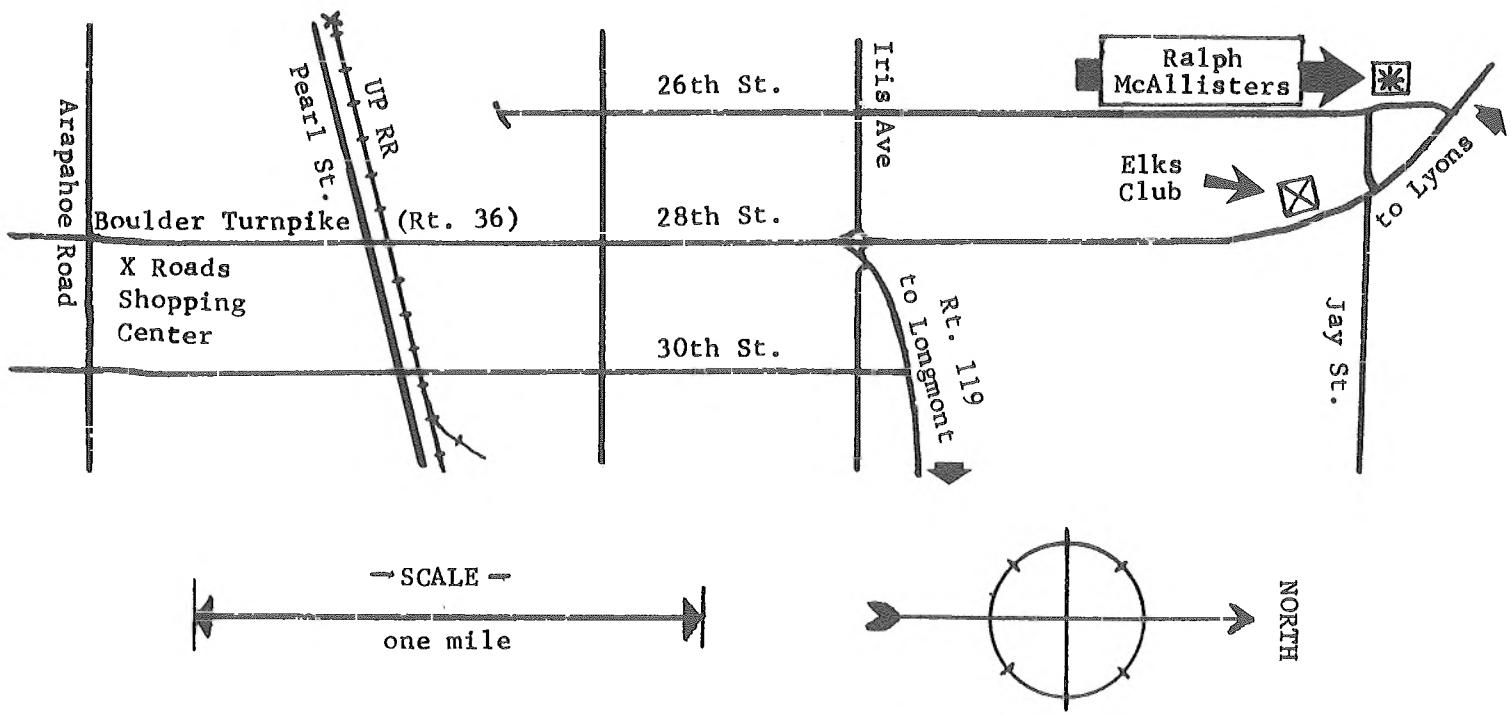
Arrangements have also been made with Giuseppe's Old Depot Restaurant in Colorado Springs, for those who would like to enjoy a good "feed" before returning home that evening. The restaurant is located in the ex-D&RGW/Rock Island passenger depot, just west of Antlers Park, and has plenty of free parking available. Fine Italian and American dinners are served in a relaxing atmosphere, amid a variety of railroadiana and photos of local railroad scenes. We will have the baggage room as our own private area in which to dine and visit with each other. So don't delay, send for your tickets now and be sure to indicate your intentions if you wish to join the group at the restaurant. Please use the order blank at the end of the newsletter, or forward the necessary info on a separate piece of paper.
SEE YOU THERE!!!!

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STEAM IN BOULDER ON SEPTEMBER 19

Ralph McAllister will again steam up his miniature railroad in Boulder on Sunday, September 19, for Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members and friends. Ralph has spent many hours this summer preparing his steamers for this event, which will include the running of his fantastic 2-8-8-4 articulated locomotive. Also to be operated, are his beautiful 4-4-2 and the RS-1 diesel to pull his freight and passenger cars and caboose. Kids will love the free rides that Mac will provide around his 14 1/8" gauge, 1/2 mile track. In addition to the operating locomotives, Mac's 6-stall roundhouse with turntable and water tank will be open for inspection along with his saw mill equipment and various other pieces of machinery. Hours of operation will be from 11:00 A.M. to around 5:00 P.M. Plenty of free parking is adjacent to the track.

Bring a picnic lunch if you like, refreshments will be available, otherwise many good restaurants are located in the nearby Boulder area. We would appreciate a \$1.00 donation per adult to help offset some of Mac's expenses in steaming up and operating this monumental railroad. Mac's railroad is located adjacent to his home at 4105 North 26th Street, Boulder, Colorado. This map will assist in finding his address. His railroad can be seen fairly easily from Route 36, and is located about 2 miles north of Pearl Street.



LOOKS FUNNY WITHOUT IT - The Rio Grande's dome-observation lounge car "Silver Sky" that normally brings up the rear of the Rio Grande Zephyr, was taken out of service in late August, for routine maintenance. The dormitory-dome-buffet car, "Silver Shop" has been seen doing the lounge service honors behind the diner lately.

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BOY, I'm so excited about going with the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club on their special Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway trip up Pikes Peak and touring the shops on September 25, that I'm just going to hold my breath from now until I get on the train that afternoon!!!!

Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ adult tickets and _____ kiddies tickets (ages 5-11). My name and address is:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, please make reservations for _____ famished people at Giuseppe's Old Depot Restaurant for 6:00 P.M. that day. Since I have indicated a desire for reservations, we'll be there for supper, or I'll wear a brown paper sack over my head when I attend the next club meeting. I also understand that selection and payment of dinner will be on an individual basis.

A good place to send my order to, obviously, is: PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY TICKET ORDER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, P. O. BOX 2391, DENVER, COLORADO 80201.



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