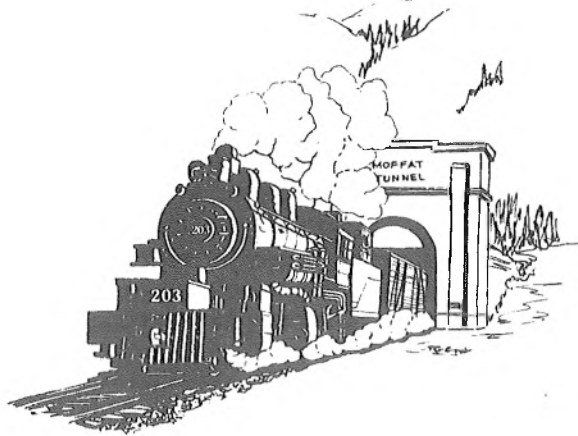


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MEETING NOTICE: Date . . . Tuesday, August 9, 1977  
Time . . . 7:45 P.M.  
Place . . . Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2900 So.  
University at Bates; offstreet parking at rear (east)  
of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: Mr. Kenneth Jessen will present his very interesting slide show on the little known Denver, Laramie and Northwestern, a railroad whose life span covered a period of only seven years. Ken's presentation will include construction, subsequent bankruptcy and operation under receivership prior to its sale to the Great Western RR. He will give special emphasis to the construction of its grade and the tunnel that is located near Virginia Dale, Colo.

Even the most well thought out plans seem to go haywire on occasion, and so it was with the July program. The motion picture on the ramblings of the NKP steam locomotive No. 759 just didn't make it out here in time so Ed Gerlits dug through his library of "home movies" and treated us with a variety of footage from his 16 mm machine. He had some great "teaser" scenes for the club's Mt. Pleasant, Iowa trip in September showing a recent Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Reunion at Mt. Pleasant. There was an abundance of beautiful steam powered machines including tractors, trains, threshers, operating models, etc., plus views of the electric streetcar line, the 3 ft. gauge railroad, their big parade and more. Near Boulder, Colorado were scenes of Steam power and threshing on Stu Anderson's farm last year and, from a number of years back, were shots of the NRHS convention special behind steam to Colorado Springs and steam on the Great Western Ry. The beginning of one reel provided a "change of pace" with a number of guided missile firings Ed was involved with during his "Army days." After that sort of "modern stuff" was out of the way, Ed flipped back a few pages of history to show us some intriguing little narrow gauge steam and electric operations south of the border that he located while he was stationed in the southwestern U. S.

SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE for the 28th annual Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Association's Reunion at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa on Sept. 2-5, 1977. Only \$125 includes rail and bus transportation, accommodations and admissions for a GREAT weekend!!!

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THE UNION PACIFIC 8444 excursion to Laramie, Wyoming on November 26 is described in the enclosed flyer. Needless to say, "He who hesitates (to get a ticket) is left."

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THE UNION PACIFIC staged a family day for the UP employees in the region during the middle of July at the company's yards downtown. The railroad had equipment and motive power on display and provided movies, hot dogs and cotton candy for the kids. A large UP hot air balloon floated over the crowd, and several UP passenger cars were used to give rides to employees and their families. The miniature rubber tired UP freight train ran around the grounds, to everyone's amusement.

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THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION'S Rocky Rails '77 convention held in Denver in July, is now over, and if comments and head counts are good indications, then it can be assumed the affair was quite a success. About 3,500 delegates descended on Currigan Exhibition Hall to view and visit the nearly 300 exhibitors who represented model manufacturers, electronic suppliers, book and magazine publishers, railroads, historical groups, private layouts and collections, and others. Among the displays that seemed to catch the public's eye the most was Herb Votaw's magnificent 1" scale locomotives, one of which was shown on the front page of a Denver newspaper; Turner Brothers Circus, the Colorado Live Steamers, several private and manufacturer's layouts, the N-Trak layout and Jimmy Trowbridge's layout, which was quite popular with the small fry. The N scale layout was quite an accomplishment, consisting of "modules" assembled from all over the country to form one giant loop, 160 ft. by 20 ft. Each module was required to have several through mainline tracks for continuity of the entire layout, and the rest of the individual section could be designed as the owner wished. Many trains were kept running continuously and a long freight train was run often with cars being constantly added. At one point, it almost made it around the pike with 358 cars pulled by one engine! A record-breaking 20,213 visitors from the general public visited the main convention floor between Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. For the members, various activities included clinics, lectures, movie and slide shows: layout, museum and rail tours and several contests took place. The photo contest received almost 500 entries. Saturday evening, 2,800 members sat down for a banquet at the convention facilities. The only "sour" note during the week was provided, courtesy of the Greyhound Bus Company who, instead of leaving the driving to themselves, nearly drove the NMRA transportation committee up the wall, by thoughtfully canceling their contract two weeks before the convention. Fortunately, a potpourri of other companies up and down the front range, were able to send buses from all over, to transport NMRA visitors to the many functions and attractions that had been scheduled. The convention broke records on banquet attendance, attendances by the general public, AND for altitude (yep, one mile above sea level)!!

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A NOTE OF THANKS is due all those volunteers who offered their time to man the club's booth at the NMRA convention. And it was nice to see so many other members and friends stop and say Hi while visiting the show.

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A GOOD PLACE TO STAY while making connections with Amtrak trains at La Junta, Colorado, is recommended by G. W. Pool of Englewood. Mr. Pool found that boarding the Southwest Limited at La Junta is made much easier because of the cooperation and assistance of Mr. Ted Hanson, proprietor of the Heart-of-Town Motel, which is located directly across the street from the Amtrak depot at La Junta. A rail buff in his right, Mr. Hanson will meet Amtrak-bound travelers at the La Junta bus depot and assist with their transfer to the motel or rail depot. Motel patrons may store their autos at the motel without charge while away on the train. (Mr. Hanson was formerly the proprietor of the Iron Horse Motel next to the Colorado Railroad Museum.) The Motel is AAA approved, and rates (which may vary) are \$10 single and \$12 double.

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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 appraise items.

FOR SALE: Seven books offered for sale by Jack Crandall, Kaneohe, Hawaii. All in good reading condition, but somewhat stained with mold, slight warping, frayed dust covers, and with fading of gold lettering, but in every case complete (with all maps) and with solid bindings. COLORADO MIDLAND by Cafky, No. 2598, \$90. THE MOFFAT ROAD by Bollinger and Bauer, No. 627, first edition, \$17.50. PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC by Kindig, Haley and Poor, No. 2628, \$160. THE RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN STORY by Josie Moore Crum, \$70. RAILS AROUND GOLD HILL by Cafky, No. 1,700, \$130. RIO GRANDE TO THE PACIFIC, first edition, No. 2370, \$25.00. THE SWITZERLAND TRAIL OF AMERICA by Forest Crossen, No. 241, \$100. Books may be examined. Call BERNARD KELLY, Phone (303) 733-0196 for appointment. Address - 115 Clarkson St., Denver, CO 80218.

FOR SALE: D&RGW GREEN LIGHT magazine from November 16, 1956 to present. Highest bid. C. N. MAYTUM, Paullina, Iowa 51046

FOR SALE: To the highest bidder. PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC by Kindig, Haley & Poor. No. 2404 of 4,000, with three author's autographs, First ed., 1959 World Press (with 5 map enclosures). THE COLORADO ROAD by F. Hol Wagner, Jr., First Ed., 1970, Johnson Pub. Co. COLORADO & SOUTHERN - NORTHERN DIVISION by Ehernberger & Gschwind, First ed., 1966 Pioneer Printing. RAILROADS OF THE BLACK HILLS by Mildred Fielder, First ed., 1964. Superior Publishing Co. MEXICAN NARROW GAUGE by Gerald Best, 2nd printing, 1971, Howell-North. HETCH HETCHY AND ITS DAM RAILROAD by Ted Wurm, First ed., 1973, Howell-North (with author's autograph). THE RAILROAD THAT LIGHTED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - SAN JUAQUIN EASTERN by Hank Johnson, First ed., 1965, Trans-Anglo Books. SOUTHERN PACIFIC by Neill Wilson & Frank Taylor, First ed., 1952, McGraw-Hill. CASEY JONES by Fred J. Lee, First ed., 1939, Southern Publishing Co. DARRELL BREWER. Box 693, Kentfield, California 94904.

FOR SALE: To the highest bidder. Delaware & Hudson (R.R.) Co., annual report for 1947 "commemorating the 125th anniversary of the founding," 52 pages, many illustrations, cover in color; "THE PITTSBURGH & LAKE ERIE RAILROAD," address in 1958, by John W. Barriger, President, 44

pages, plus many tables and large fold-out "sketch showing operating characteristics and other information, P.&L.E. RR and L.E.&E. RR," plus Barriger's card and a glossy color postcard of Howard Fogg's well-known painting of the P.&L.E.'s Christmas mail - 1907 - at Stoops Ferry, Pa; rare copy of Kipling's PLAIN TALES FROM THE HILLS, cover stamped in gold; Wagner Buffet Car Lib. 5. For many years, Wagner competed with Pullman for the sleeping car business - early New York Central, for some years, used Wagner sleepers and other Wagner cars; unique paper-bound copy of Stewart H. Holbrook's classic THE STORY OF AMERICAN RAILROADS, issued in 1947 by the publisher, Crown, and rushed to metropolitan newspaper book review editors in advance of hard-bound copies for the trade. Possibly Crown wanted this reviewed in time for Christmas buying; Crofutt's GRIP SACK GUIDE OF COLORADO, Vol. II, 1885, good condition; scrapbook with full pages of advertisements of sewing-machine manufacturers who later made bicycles and autos, bicycles and accessories, motor cars, beginning 1881. Scribner's Magazine and continuing through 1905, Everybody's Magazine.

What are your interests in, RR's, Mississippi River and tributaries steamboats, steamships, automobiles, Colorado RR lore? RR's include narrow gauges and street cars, interurbans, tractions. I may have items you want.

JOHN P. DE CAMP, 4040 Egbert Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220  
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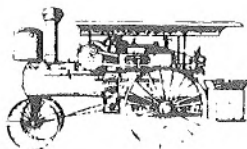
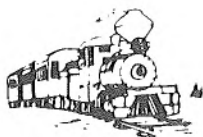
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# Old Settlers & Threshers Association

SEPTEMBER 2, 3, 4, 5, 1977

Mount Pleasant, Iowa



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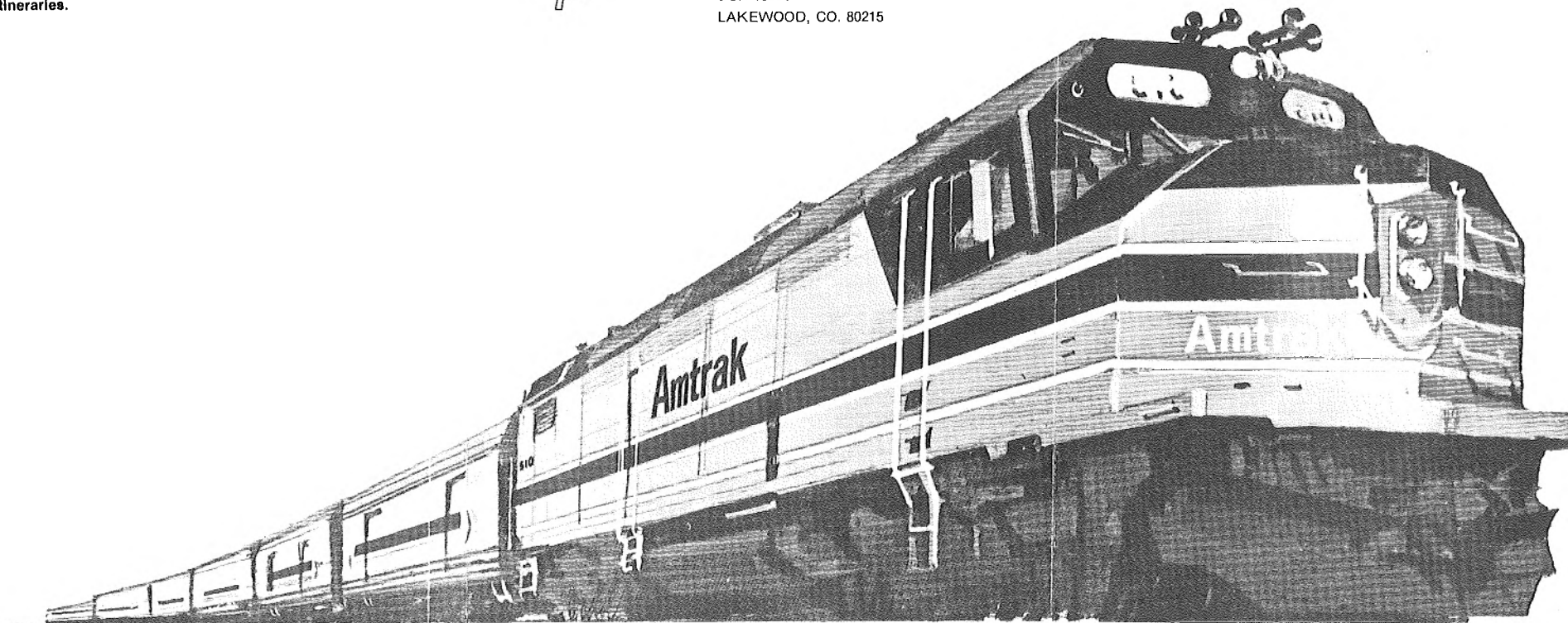
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RAILROAD CLUB

1977 Reunion

Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

SEPTEMBER 2 - 5, 1977

SEP 2 - Depart Denver via AMTRAK late this afternoon enroute to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa--home the the Old Settlers & Threshers Association.

SEP 3 - Arrive Mt. Pleasant this morning. Our coaches will transfer us to the reunion grounds, and move our luggage promptly to our hotel, the HOLIDAY INN of Burlington.

Throughout the day, our shuttle bus will be available for those who wish to return to the hotel.

This evening, reserved tickets for the grandstand performance of Nashville's famous DANNY DAVIS and the NASHVILLE BRASS. Following the show, we will return to our hotel.

SEP 4 - Shuttle service to the grounds begins this morning and will run until hotel check-out time. Our bags will be delivered directly to the train.

Time this afternoon for the 4 PM performance of Hank Williams before moving to the rail station.

Depart this evening aboard AMTRAK for Denver.

SEP 5 - Arrive Denver Union Station in the mid-morning.

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