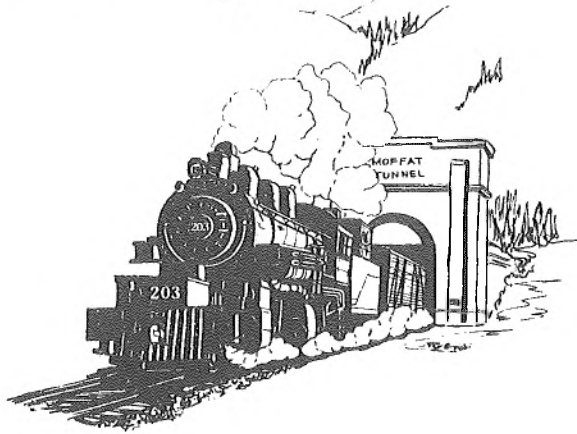


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### OCTOBER MEETING AND ANNUAL BANQUET Saturday, October 14, 1978

The annual Banquet for 1978 will take place at Henrici's Restaurant at the Hilton Inn, I-70 and Peoria. As the announcement with the September newsletter described, a choice of a chicken or roast sirloin of beef dinner is available. Following the dinner, a brief business meeting will take place and a drawing for door prizes held. This year's banquet program will be the very enjoyable full-length motion picture, "TICKET TO TOMAHAWK," filmed in southwestern Colorado, and featuring the club's narrow gauge locomotive No. 20, on display at the Colorado Railroad Museum.

Whistle Wetting Hour starts at 6:00 P.M., dinner at 7:00 P.M. Fare is \$10.50 per person, and should be obtained by October 9. Advance reservations are required, of course. There will be no regular meeting in October, which would have taken place on the second Tuesday of the month, October 10. If additional information is required, contact Jim Trowbridge at 986-6224.

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It was no surprise that Dick Kindig came through with a very interesting program of slides. We saw the Southern Pacific's famous narrow gauge operation in California, then the West Side Lumber Company while it was in operation. Of particular interest to those of us who never saw it intact were scenes of the C&S line in Clear Creek Canyon. Views included the Forks and at the High Bridge on the Georgetown Loop. Dismantling shots of the narrow gauge line were also shown. Rio Grande Southern selections included Lizard Head Pass, trestles and activity at the Ridgeway depot. The San Juan was quite a passenger run, and views of it along its route were well received. We certainly do thank Dick for sharing some of his photographic encounters with us. He provided memories for some, and an education for others who had not experienced first hand, a segment of the West's more colorful period of railroading.

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THE MANITOU & PIKES PEAK RAILWAY trip is all set to go for October 21. The special was about sold out when this newsletter went to press. Because there has not been enough interest indicated in a bus from Denver to ride the Cog trip, the bus option has been canceled.

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THE CLUB'S UTAH FALL SPECTACULAR went off with nary a hitch on September 8-10.

The San Francisco Zephyr came in tardy off the BN from Chicago, which did result in a late departure from Denver. At Cheyenne, switching of the train provided some leg stretching time. A Union Pacific "E" unit was coupled onto the front of the Amtrak units. The UP has been running "helper" units on Amtrak trains for some time between Cheyenne and Ogden for time-keeping purposes. Prior to our departure from Cheyenne, the eastbound SFZ pulled in with an "E" on the front. During the trip, the dome provided a good observation point during the fast running across Wyoming and arrival in Ogden was only about 30 minutes late. The Pioneer was seen waiting with its Amfleet coaches and electrified sleeper, to receive customers for the Northwest. Saturday morning, our two chartered buses took us west from Ogden to Promontory, where a brief movie was seen and time allowed to tour the visitor's center and grounds. While returning to Ogden, a stop was made at the Corinne Railroad Museum. After lunch in Ogden, it was on to Heber City via Echo Canyon. After looking around the yards at Heber City, the group continued on down to beautiful Bridal Veil Falls, to board the train for the return to Heber City. A few chose to follow in the bus (the Dirty Half-Dozen!?!?) and the driver who had also been with the club on its previous trip to Utah, provided over six vantage points along the route. The engine crew also helped by adding a few particulates to the air when they saw the six chasers all lined up. On the way to Provo, a brief stop was made at the Osmond Studios. The next morning the Rio Grande Zephyr was boarded at Provo, and a full day of good food and sight-seeing was enjoyed by all. The weather cooperated throughout the trip, and provided additional effect after dark as the RGZ emerged from the mountains above Boulder with the moon peeking through the clouds and lightening flashing on the plains.

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A GOOD TUNE FROM THE UNION PACIFIC - A "Music Train" rode the rails of the Union Pacific in mid-September from Denver to Cheyenne, Rawlins, Rock Springs, Pocatello and Boise. The special train included a dome, diner and club car, and carried 80 members of the Denver Symphony Orchestra to communities along its line. Contributions and volunteer efforts from various companies and organizations and individuals made the trip possible, with the UP providing the train.

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LOOKING BETTER - Work crews, apparently from the city, are busy repainting the AT&SF 4-8-4 steam locomotive No. 2912 in downtown Pueblo. Black paint and white lettering makes all the difference in the world.

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SIGN OF THE TIMES - A new McDonald's drive-in is being constructed within a clinker's throw of the Durango depot. The fast food chain is building on a portion of the parking lot across the tracks and north of the depot. It appears that a "turn-of-the-century" type architecture will be used. The private car track had to be relocated next to the roundhouse. At Hermosa, the picturesque wooden water tank has been replaced, as have all of the remaining tanks on the line, with a tank car on concrete supports, the new tank being painted in beige. Local pinion was not in favor of tearing the wooden tank down, so the railroad left it, but without any maintenance . . . . .

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CRUNCH - One Wednesday morning, September 13, 18 cars of an eastbound D&RGW freight derailed between Tunnel #2 and Plainview. No crewmen were injured, but several "hobos" were hurt, one seriously. It took the Denver and Grand Junction derricks and other heavy equipment to open the line by Thursday morning. The following Saturday, a freight car derailed near downtown Denver on the C&S and struck the Speer viaduct, weakening the structure.

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A STRIKE by railway clerks caused complications for some of the nation's railroads in September, and resulted in the termination of the San Francisco Zephyr eastbound run at Ogden and the westbound at Denver, on September 26. Passengers were bussed to their destinations.

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THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY has been sold to Interrail System, a joint venture controlled by Midland Resources, Inc. Although the hauling of sugar beets has become mostly history for the "Sugar Tramp", it will continue to haul other freight on its 75 miles of track for the sugar company and other customers. What Interrail intends to do to increase income, is to have the railroad become involved in the boxcar leasing business, a venture that has proven profitable to other railroads of even less than a mile in length.

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SEVERAL NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS have recently featured stories that may be of interest to fans of Rocky Mountain railroading. The August issue of RAILROAD magazine has, for the subject in Freeman Hubbard's "Interesting Railfan" series, Cornelius Hauck. Mr. Hauck has been a very strong supporter for the preservation of railroad history, and has played an important role in the development of the Colorado Railroad Museum. The NARROW GAUGE AND SHORT LINE GAZETTE for July-August, includes a story entitled "Midland Terminal Resurrected," by Art Wallace. Art reminisces about his experiences at the Colorado City shops of the Midland Terminal as a child, and is illustrated with photographs he took of the complex in the late 40's. Howard Fogg is the subject of an article written by Gary Morgan, that is found in the September issue of RAIL CLASSICS. Howard's reputation as an illustrator of American railroading needs no elaboration here, of course.

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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.

FOR SALE: MODEL RAILROADER and other model magazines for sale. New lower prices. Contact:  
ROBERT R. HARMEN, 470 Calle Entrada, Fountain, Colorado 80817.

FOR SALE: SWITZERLAND TRAIL - #359, autographed, \$175. COLORADO MIDLAND - # 1546, autographed, \$150. PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT TO DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC #2952, autographed, \$100. RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN, autographed by Josie Crum, \$100. CENTRAL PACIFIC & SOUTHERN PACIFIC - Centennial edition - Beebe, \$25. OFFICIAL RAILWAY REGISTER, Vol. LXXV, 1969, 1196 pages, also UNIFORM FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION, 929 pages. Reg. & Class. soft bound, \$15 both.  
EVERETT SWAN, 1115 NW 41st St., Oklahoma City, Okla 73118.  
Telephone: (405) 528-1122.

FOR SALE: Have more than 625 issues of MODEL RAILROADER and RAILROAD MODEL CRAFTSMAN from 1947-1975. Also, many 1976-1977 issues of the above and other miscellaneous model railroad publications. \$75 for all. Most magazines in good condition. Write:  
MERLE L. ANDERSON, 2954 S. Raleigh St., Denver, Colorado 80236.

FOR SALE: Send twenty cents and large SAE for my complete writeup of "Baled Hay in the Tunnel." (Colorado Midland's Busk-Ivanhow Tunnel) My article in October RAILROAD was editorially distorted and erroneously credited to someone else.  
EDWARD MAHONEY, 5418 Ellsworth Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75206

FOR SALE: Colorado Railroadiana items offered for purchase include D&SL picture book of 1910, D&SL playing cards, brochures with pix of D&RGW's San Juan, passenger ticket stubs from the Alamosa-Silverton runs (1947), tickets from special train of RGS 7/47, clearance card for Extra No. 20 west from Dolores and Texas Zephyr condensed schedule. For further info, write:  
WILLIAM E. DOZIER, 8051 Broadway #268, San Antonio, Texas 78209

FOR SALE Anybody need working copies of my book RIO GRANDE TO THE PACIFIC!?  
& WANTED: I have a couple which are bound in heavy maroon cloth (by Denver Bookbinding). Black & White edition - \$20; deluxe edition - \$30. Public timetables for railroads operating in Colorado: D&RGW-15, AT&SF-3, CRI&P-2, MP-2; 1922 to 1965. Excellent condition. \$100 for the lot. For sale - 2 Sundance Jackson Railroad Portfolios with minor binding imperfections, these have full color Animas Canyon print added. \$60 each (not mailable). Builder's B&W print of DSP&P 2-8-0 No. 45, mounted on 20 x 58 inch board, with B&W print of D&RG 2-8-0 No. 42 on reverse. \$25 (not mailable). UP cufflinks made from large and small brass buttons worn by George Tyler, who was DSP&P conductor No. 3. \$20. Wanted - Poor's railroad manual for 1901. (Some #&!.\*%& idiot cut 30 full pages out of my reference copy!)  
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