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MEETING NOTICE: DATE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1966
TIME 8:00 P.M.
PLACE WESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS BUILDING (BASEMENT MEETING ROOM),
..... 717 - 17TH STREET, DENVER

PROGRAM NOTES: A COLORFUL AND DELIGHTFUL RAILROAD RAMBLE IN SLIDES AND COMMENTARY AS MISS JESSIE BINGHAM PRESENTS "RAILROAD MISCELLANY FROM AN AMATEUR'S FILES." MISS BINGHAM IS A MEMBER OF THE GHOST TOWN CLUB, AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE GHOST TOWN MAVERICKS, -- AND HER PROGRAM PROMISES TO BE BOTH ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE.

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SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR APRIL 17 THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL
RUN TO MOFFAT TUNNEL WITH ENGINE 51 ORDER YOURS SOON IF YOU WISH TO RIDE THIS EXCITING TRIP. SEATING
CAPACITY IS DEFINITELY LIMITED DUE TO THE 51'S SIZE, AND WE CANNOT SIMPLY ADD COACHES TO KEEP UP WITH
TICKET SALES AS WE DO ON MOST OTHER TRIPS. WE HAVE ALREADY RELEASED NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY IN DENVER AND
COLORADO SPRINGS RESULTING IN TICKET ORDERS FROM NON-MEMBER FANS. THIS IS A FUN TRIP WITH LOTS OF
EXCITING PICTURE POSSIBILITIES -- DON'T MISS IT.

OUR SPECIAL WILL DEPART DENVER UNION STATION AT 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 17, WITH RETURN TO DENVER ABOUT
SIX THAT EVENING. TICKETS ARE JUST \$10.00 FOR ADULTS, \$6.00 FOR CHILDREN, AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE
CLUB THROUGH OUR DENVER POST OFFICE BOX.

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MORE STEAM ENGINES IN WORLD THAN DIESEL; DESPITE THE FACT THAT LOCOMOTIVE DIESELIZATION IN THIS
U.S. DIESELIZATION REACHES 97% OF LOCO TOTAL COUNTRY HAS REACHED 97% OF ALL OPERATING RAIL POWER UNITS,
THERE ARE STILL MORE STEAM ENGINES IN THE WORLD THAN
DIESEL! AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FACT TO BELIEVE AS WE VIEW WITH INCREASING ALARM AND CONCERN THE MOTIVE
POWER SCENE IN THIS COUNTRY.

YET, ACCORDING TO A RECENT INTERNATIONAL SURVEY, OF THE 186,000 LOCOMOTIVE UNITS IN THE WORLD TODAY, 54%
ARE STEAM (OR ABOUT 100,000). ON A CONTINENTAL BASIS, EUROPE (INCLUDING ENGLAND AND RUSSIA) HAS THE
LARGEST NUMBER OF LOCOMOTIVES OF ALL KINDS: 105,000 UNITS (56% OF THE WORLD TOTAL). NEXT IN LINE IS
NORTH AMERICA WITH 36,200 UNITS; ASIA WITH 22,800; CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, 11,300; AFRICA, 7700;
AUSTRALASIA, 3600.

EUROPE IS ALSO THE LARGEST OWNER OF STEAM ENGINES, BUT ASIA OPERATES A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF STEAMERS
THAN ANY OTHER CONTINENT.

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1882 DENVER & RIO GRANDE PROGRESS REPORT LAST MONTH WE PRESENTED A UNION PACIFIC STORY OF THE EARLY
IN RECENTLY OPENED DENVER CORNERSTONE 1880'S AS REPORTED IN VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1, OF "THE EARNEST
PRESBYTERIAN," UNCOVERED IN THE CORNERSTONE OF THE RECENTLY
DEMOLISHED FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN DENVER. THE ISSUE WAS DATED JANUARY 1, 1882, AND
EXCERPTS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO US BY CLUB MEMBER BOB ANDERSON. WE CONTINUE HERE WITH MORE 1882 NEWS
OF THE DAY -- A D&RG CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE SAME ISSUE.

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THE SCENIC LINE

DENVER & RIO GRANDE RAILWAY

THE MOST POPULAR, SAFE AND RELIABLE ROUTE BETWEEN DENVER AND COLORADO SPRINGS, MANITOU, PUEBLO, CANON CITY, GUNNISON, BUENA VISTA, LEADVILLE, ALAMOSA, DURANGO AND ESPANOLA, AND ALL OTHER POINTS IN SOUTHERN AND WESTERN COLORADO AND NORTHERN NEW MEXICO.

THE BLUE RIVER BRANCH IS NOW IN OPERATION TO KOKOMO, WHENCE THE SHORTEST ROUTE IS OFFERED TO BRECKENRIDGE AND FRISCO.

THE ALPINE BRANCH IS OPEN TO ALPINE, WHERE DIRECT STAGE CONNECTIONS ARE MADE FOR PITKIN, GUNNISON, HILLERTON AND VIRGINIA CITY.

THE GUNNISON DIVISION IS OPEN TO GUNNISON CITY, AT WHICH POINT TRAINS CONNECT WITH STAGES FOR IRWIN, GOTHIC, CRESTED BUTTE, LAKE CITY AND OURAY. THIS ROUTE IS MUCH THE SHORTEST, QUICKEST AND EASIEST TO ALL SECTIONS OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN, GUNNISON AND SAN JUAN COUNTRIES.

THE SILVER CLIFF BRANCH IS COMPLETED TO WESTCLIFFE, THERE CONNECTING WITH TRANSFER LINES FOR SILVER CLIFF, ONE MILE, AND ROSITA, SIX MILES.

THE EL MORO BRANCH CONNECTS AT EL MORO WITH HACK LINES FOR TRINIDAD, FIVE MILES DISTANT.

THE SAN LUIS BRANCH IS COMPLETED TO DEL NORTE, WHERE CLOSE STAGE CONNECTIONS ARE MADE FOR SAGUACHE, WAGON WHEEL GAP, GUNNISON, LAKE CITY, OURAY, AND ALL DISTRICTS OF GUNNISON AND SAN JUAN.

THE SAN JUAN DIVISION IS OPEN TO DURANGO, CONNECTING WITH STAGES FOR SILVERTON, RICO, FORT LEWIS, PARROTT CITY, AND ALL POINTS IN THE SAN JUAN REGION.

DIRECT CONNECTIONS ARE ALSO MADE WITH J. L. SANDERSON & CO.'S STAGES FOR ESPANOLA FOR SANTA FE, TWENTY-THREE MILES AWAY, AND OTHER POINTS ON THE RIO GRANDE.

THE MOST DESIRABLE ROUTE TO MANITOU, GRAPE CREEK CANON, ROYAL GORGE, PONCHO SPRINGS, COTTONWOOD SPRINGS, TWIN LAKES, MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS, VETA PASS, WAGON WHEEL GAP, PHANTOM CURVE, TOLTEC GORGE, PAGOSA SPRINGS, OJO CALIENTE CLIFF DWELLINGS, AZTEC RUINS, ETC.

THE DENVER & RIO GRANDE RAILWAY IS EQUIPPED WITH WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKES, MILLER COUPLERS, STEEL RAILS, IRON BRIDGES AND ROCK BALLAST, PULLMAN PALACE SLEEPERS, HORTOR RECLINING-CHAIR COACHES, OPEN OBSERVATION CARS.

DIRECT CONNECTIONS IN UNION DEPOTS WITH THE UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY LINES AT DENVER, AND WITH THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD AT PUEBLO.

THROUGH TICKETS TO ALL PRINCIPAL POINTS NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST, WITH RATES ALWAYS AS LOW AS THE LOWEST.

D. C. DODGE, GEN. MANAGER.

S. W. ECCLES, GEN. FREIGHT AGENT.

F. C. NIMS, GEN. PASS. & TICKET AGENT.

DENVER, COLO.

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"WHO IS THE ENGINEER?" -- SOLVE LET'S HAVE SOME FUN THIS MONTH WITH A RAILROAD BRAIN TEASER. THIS
BRAIN TEASER AND WIN CLUB DECAL PARTICULAR PUZZLER IS KNOWN AS THE SMITH-JONES-ROBINSON CLASSIC, A
LIVELY TEST OF BRAIN POWER THAT AN AVERAGE OF ONLY ONE IN 40 PEOPLE
CAN SOLVE. THAT MEANS WE SHOULD HAVE AN ALERT GROUP OF WIZARDS AMONG RMRC MEMBERS -- AND WE'LL AWARD A
PRIZE TO THE FIRST ONE WHO COMES UP WITH THE CORRECT SOLUTION. THERE IS NO "CATCH" IN IT, BUT EVERY
FACT IS IMPORTANT.

REVIEW THE FACTS, GIVE THE SOLUTION A WHIRL AND SEND YOUR ANSWER TO THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN APRIL 18.
THE WRITER OF THE CORRECT SOLUTION WITH THE EARLIEST POSTMARK WILL BE AWARDED A SET OF CLUB DECALS
(ONE WITH FRONT ADHESIVE, ONE WITH BACK ADHESIVE). WE'LL PUBLISH THE ANSWER AND THE NAMES OF THOSE SUB-
MITTING THE CORRECT SOLUTION IN NEXT MONTH'S "RAIL REPORT." AND IF THIS TYPE OF GAME HAS ANY APPEAL
PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE'LL RUN A PUZZLER FROM TIME TO TIME AS SPACE PERMITS. NOW, HERE ARE THE FACTS:

1. ON A TRAIN, SMITH, ROBINSON AND JONES ARE THE FIREMAN, BRAKEMAN AND ENGINEER, BUT NOT RESPECTIVELY. ALSO ABOARD THE TRAIN ARE THREE BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE THE SAME NAMES: A MR. SMITH, A MR. ROBINSON AND A MR. JONES.
2. MR. ROBINSON LIVES IN DETROIT.
3. THE BRAKEMAN LIVES EXACTLY HALFWAY BETWEEN CHICAGO AND DETROIT.

4. MR. JONES EARNS EXACTLY \$20,000 PER YEAR.
5. THE BRAKEMAN'S NEAREST NEIGHBOR, ONE OF THE PASSENGERS, EARNS EXACTLY THREE TIMES AS MUCH AS THE BRAKEMAN.
6. SMITH BEATS THE FIREMAN AT BILLIARDS.
7. THE PASSENGER WHOSE NAME IS THE SAME AS THE BRAKEMAN'S LIVES IN CHICAGO.

QUESTION: WHO IS THE ENGINEER?

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SHOP 'N SWAP LOTS OF BUY AND SELL ITEMS THIS MONTH -- AND WE'RE DELIGHTED WITH THE RESPONSE TO THIS NEW CLUB SERVICE FOR MEMBERS. ITEMS FOR THIS COLUMN WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE ORDER RECEIVED, BUT NO COMMERCIAL LISTINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED. LISTINGS FOR THE MAY ISSUE SHOULD REACH THE EDITOR NO LATER THAN APRIL 18.

PRINTING CUTS -- WANTED

NEED PRINTING CUTS (METAL) OF RAILROAD EMBLEMS, LOCOMOTIVES, ROLLING STOCK OR RAIL ROAD SCENES. A. F. VON BLON, JR., 1208 LOCUST, MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

VANCE JUNCTION INFORMATION -- WANTED

NEED PHOTOS, PLANS DIAGRAMS OR ANY OTHER DATA CONCERNING THE AREA IN AND AROUND VANCE JUNCTION (RGS). INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING FAMILY CONNECTION. SAM VANCE, RD #2, UNADILLA, NEW YORK 13849

AT&SF PHOTOS -- D&RGW PHOTOS -- WANTED

WANTED, PHOTOS OF AT&SF 2-10-2 #3936, & PHOTOS OF ALL D&RGW K-27'S AS THEY WERE BEFORE BEING SENT NORTH AND K-36 #485 AND K-37 #496. RON MORSE, 893 LINDA VISTA, BANNING, CALIF.

TIMETABLES - TRADE

RECENT P.R.R. EMPLOYEE'S T.T.'S TO TRADE FOR SAME OF D&RGW. EXAMPLE - T.T.#15, APRIL 1963, 373 PAGES, ENTIRE EASTERN REGION - INCLUDES ALL OF PENNSY ELECTRICAL OPERATION, INCLUDES TRAFFIC BETWEEN SUCH CITIES AS NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, HARRISBURG, ETC. E. H. STEFFY, 2023 YALE AVE., CAMP HILL, PA. 17011

TECHNICAL INFORMATION -- WANTED

WANT INFORMATION ON COFFIN C-87 AND WORTHINGTON TYPE S FEEDWATER HEATERS, ESPECIALLY AS APPLIED TO UNION PACIFIC MOTIVE POWER (2-10-2'S, ETC.). NEED PHOTOS, DRAWINGS AND MANUALS CONCERNING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. FRANK PEACOCK, ROUTE 2, JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS 75766

KEROSENE SWITCHMEN'S LANTERNS -- WANTED

HAVE BUDDING COLLECTION OF RAILROAD LANTERNS BUT NEED D&RGW AND OTHER COLORADO AND WESTERN LINES (EMPHASIS ON RIO GRANDE). ROBERT F. READ, ROUTE 1, CUSHING, OKLAHOMA.

LIVE STEAMER -- FOR SALE

EXACT SCALE MODEL OF D&RG 4-4-0, COAL FIRED, ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD. COMPLETELY OVERHAULED AND IN OPERATION 10 YEARS AGO. FIVE CARS AND TRACK MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. SEE BY APPOINTMENT. WM. J. FOLEY, 824 ACOMA, DENVER (PHONE TA 5-5107)

MARKER LAMPS -- WANTED

NEED OIL BURNING MARKER LAMPS; D&RG, UNION PACIFIC, BURLINGTON, COLORADO AND SOUTHERN, GREAT NORTHERN, NORTHERN PACIFIC. EDWARD G. WALKER, JR., 13 STANLEY OVAL, WESTFIELD, N. J. 07090

MANITOU & PIKES PEAK DATA -- WANTED

CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS, ANNUAL PASSES BEFORE 1910 (EXCEPT 1904, 1906, 1908), PHOTOS AND PHOTO POSTCARDS OF ROLLING STOCK (STEAM ONLY) AND HALFWAY HOUSE BURRO PARTIES. MORRIS W. ABBOTT, 7655 E. MARIPOSA DR., SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. 85258

BUILDER'S PLATE -- WANTED

WILL PURCHASE OR SWAP FOR 1893 BARNEY & SMITH BRONZE BUILDER'S PLATE. HAVE PULLMAN AND OTHER PLATES TO TRADE. JACK HOOVER, 211 THIRD AVE., NORTH, GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

WANTED

"RAILS AROUND GOLD HILL" - STATE CONDITION AND PRICE. CS & CCD NEGS., COPIES, OR PRINTS OF MOTIVE POWER. ROBERT ANDERSON, 821 SEVENTH ST., WEST DES MOINES, IOWA 50265

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THOUGHT FOR APRIL

ELIZABETH NORRIS SUMS UP LIFE ITSELF WITH THIS LITTLE ANECDOTE: THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO WAS OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA THAT THERE WAS A SECRET KNOWN TO THOSE WHO ACHIEVED SUCCESS. TO DISCOVER THIS SECRET HE DEVOTED YEARS TO STUDY AND RESEARCH. PHILOSOPHY, ASTROLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, SALESMANSHIP, RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, THE VARIOUS CULTS THAT HAVE ENJOYED SUCCESS -- ALL THESE HE STUDIES LONG AND DILIGENTLY. FINALLY HE GAVE HIS CONCLUSION, AND IT CAME IN TWO SHORT WORDS: "I WILL."

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TED S. MCKEE, PRESIDENT
ED SCHNEIDER, VICE PRESIDENT

RICHARD H. KINDIG, SECRETARY
ANE O. CLINT, TREASURER