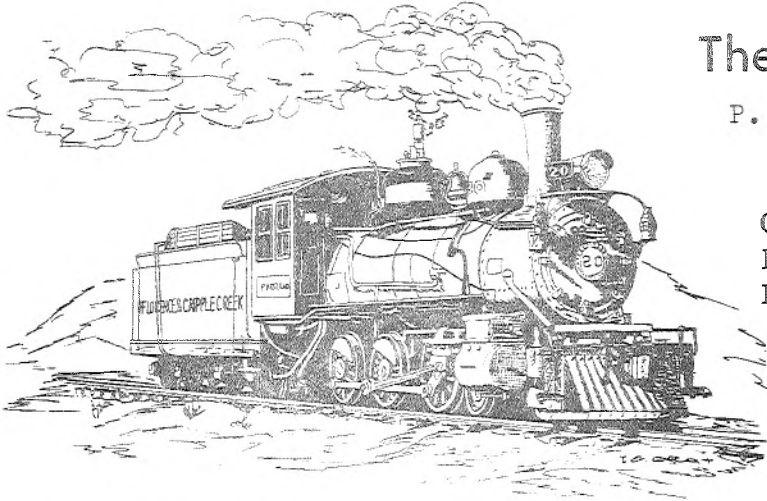


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, July 12, 1967
Time 8:00 p.m.
Place Western Federal Savings Bldg., (Lower level
meeting room), 17th and California Sts.,
Denver.

PROGRAM NOTES: Our program will be presented by Al Voight, and promises to
be one that will provide a very enjoyable evening.

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NEWSLETTER About 10 p.m. Monday evening, June 26th, fire was discovered in
the narrow gauge private car "Nomad" at Durango. Although con-
FLASH!! fined to the area of the galley, the fire completely gutted the
interior at the head end of the car, making it necessary to substitute the
Rio Grande's business car B-7, "General William J. Palmer" on a charter trip
for which the Nomad was already lined up.

Damage was unofficially estimated at about \$3,000, with no figure on how long
the little car would be out of service for repairs.

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LOST On the Rawlins trip, one of our passengers lost a roll of exposed
35mm Kodachrome II film, 36 exposure. If you found this roll of film,
please send it to Mr. Henry Shaw, 7401 Yolanda Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76112.
The shots on the roll included pictures of old railroad stations at Cleburn,
Texas, Dalhart, Texas, and, of course, pictures of #8444.

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PASSENGER TRAIN On Saturday, May 27, the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce
TO SANTA FE Train Committee sponsored with the Santa Fe, an excursion
trip as a test for proposed future trips between Albuquerque
and Santa Fe. The test trip was made with Santa Fe "F" and "E" Diesels pull-
ing a string of modern stainless steel air-conditioned coaches from the
Albuquerque station to Lamy, New Mexico on the Santa Fe mainline, and thence,
from Lamy, on the freight only Santa Fe branch to Santa Fe, New Mexico, the
state capitol. The trip started at 9:00 a.m., with arrival in Santa Fe at
12:30 p.m., the return beginning at about 3:30 p.m., with arrival back in
Albuquerque at about 6:30 p.m.

The idea of the test trip was to determine the feasibility of such a trip,
potential interest, etc. The idea of the Chamber is to run a regular excursion
using steam and making stops at places of interest along the way, such as

Indian pueblos. Unfortunately, there are quite a few problems, such as the length of the trip (about 95 miles each way), lack of suitable steamers, weight limitations of the branch from Lamy to Santa Fe and the like. Interest, however, seems to be high, and possibly the problems can be resolved.

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LIVE-STEAM

A few months ago it was apparent that several RMRRRC members were interested and active in the perpetuation of steam railroading by building and/or operating working models of steam locomotives.

NOTES

We printed a notice in a recent Newsletter, asking that those who were interested write to Bob LeMassena, and tell him what they were doing.

The response has been beyond belief! No less than 36 members were interested, 15 of them in the Denver area alone. These members operate 33 locomotives, and are working on 10 new ones. The more notable ones are as follows:

- Milton Fick - 1½" D&RGW N-G 2-8-2 #476
- George Friedrich - ¾" Beyer-Garratt
- Bruce Achor - 1½" NYC 4-6-4
- Harry Dixon - 1" SP 4-2-4T
- John Jaidinger - 3" 4-4-4
- Walter Johnson - 1½" 4-6-4
- W. C. Lindmier, Jr. - 1½" DSP&P 2-8-6T
- Ralph McAllister - 3" 2-8-8-2
- Bill Park - 1½" UP 800
- Bill Daney - built 6 1½" and 1 3'-gauge engines for others.

Also, the Club has a 2" 4-4-0 which was described in considerable detail in Newsletter #69.

Track layouts, however, are rare. Harry Root has the largest one in the Denver area - a big oval with 3-rail track for ¾", 1" and 1½" N-G models. Jack Adams has a smaller loop of 1" track. Harry operates almost every Sunday morning during the summer, using his own engines as well as those of visitors. Outside of the Denver area, Members Achor, Daney, Jaidinger, Kiethley, Johnson, Park and Purinton have track for their models. John Jaidinger's 14"-gauge track is 3800 (actual) feet long, with a 7'-high trestle and a 5-stall round-house. Byron Squires (Baker St. and Pendleton Gap Rd. south of Black Forest, Colo.) has a large loop of ¾" track, also with a long high trestle, on which he operates a big 4-6-6-4 and three other engines, usually on major holidays.

In future Newsletters, we'll tell you some of the details about our Live-Steam Members and their locomotives. And, if you haven't written to Bob about what you are doing in Live-Steam, do so soon.

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SHOP 'N SWAP

Personal ads are accepted from members for items for sale or trade or wanted. We cannot enter into correspondence concerning an item, nor will we appraise items to be offered for sale. Send your listings to the Editor by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

For Sale - Steam Builders Plates.

Baldwin 41745	SP 3270	2-8-2
Baldwin 30582	SP 1170	0-6-0
Diesel.		
BLH 75464	SP 5268	1952
BLH 75450	SP 5254	1952
BLW 74678	SP 5213	1949
Alco 69526	SP 1302	1941

R. Hervey Angier 402 Channing, San Antonio, Texas 78210

Wanted - Pay cash for stereoptican view cards, glass negatives, or mounted photographs of early day cultures of Colorado, Western, also, such as anything west of the Mississippi River.

Trade. Set of Colorado Histories by Stone. Excellent condition, it is a very good reference on transportation, etc., for stereoptican view cards of Colorado culture.

Trade. Collection of early day theater programs. Will trade this valuable collection for equal value in stereoptican view cards, glass negatives, or mounted photos of early culture of Colorado.

Trade. Poor's Manual of Railroads 1891, for stereoptican view cards of Colorado and/or railroad cards or passes.

David S. Digerness 4953 Perry St., Denver, Colo. 80212

Wanted - SP, Colo. Div. or Mopac, MK&T Div emp. tts.

A. F. Von Blon, Jr. 1208 Locust St., Muskogee, Oklahoma

For Sale - Souvenir Railroad Ticket - Sainia Stratford Centennial Steam Train Excursion, May 28, 1967. Printed on heavy yellow card - 3" x 6½" - shows 2½" x 2½" CN 6218 - Black lettering shows departure time and stations en route. Limited number - send 35¢ per ticket - coin or stamps to:

W. D. Short, 126 Mitton St., S. Sarnia, Ont.

Wanted - Baldwin Locomotives, eleven issues from 1927 to 1930, also Lima Shay and Climax catalogs. Offer cash, 1919 Locomotive Dictionary, new PFM HO gauge model Rio Grande 2-8-8-2 Class L-131 locomotive.

George G. McKinley P.O. Drawer B, Glasgow, Ky. 40141

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Bill was on an eastbound freight, starting down the hill from Cascade to Colorado City, over some of the worst grade on the Colorado Midland. As he eased his train down the grade, the air pump quit. Bill frantically whistled for brakes, and the train crew got to work. Through a kind Providence, they reached Colorado City intact, but every wheel was flat!

During the investigation that followed, the Superintendent inquired: "Mr. Kretly, as you figure it, how fast did you go and for how long?"

"Mr. Bryant," Bill said, "I think we went a thousand miles an hour for hours and hours!"

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