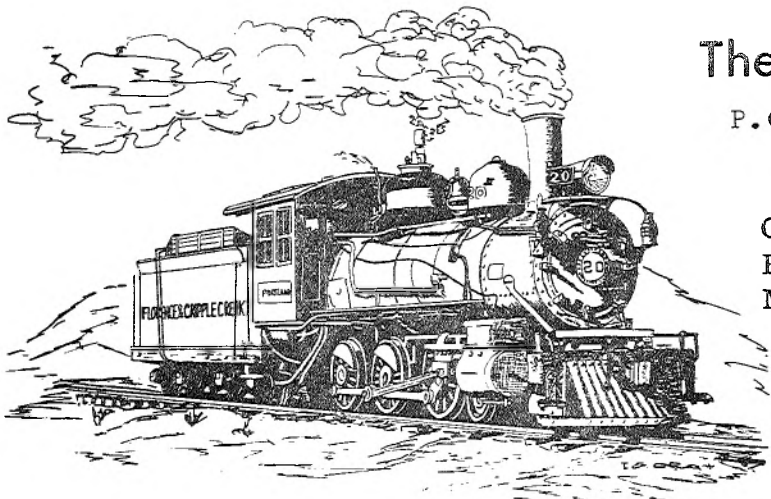


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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROADING PUBLISHED  
MONTHLY FOR ITS MEMBERS BY THE ROCKY  
MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

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MEETING NOTICE:      DATE . . . . . WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1969  
TIME . . . . . 8:00 P.M.  
PLACE . . . . . WESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS BLDG., (LOWER LEVEL MEETING  
ROOM), 17TH & CALIFORNIA STS., DENVER

PROGRAM NOTES:      BOB LeMASSENA WILL PRESENT THE PROGRAM THIS MONTH. BOB'S PROGRAM IS  
ENTITLED "ELECTRIFICATIONS OF THE RIO GRANDE" AND PROMISES TO BE A  
MOST INTERESTING PROGRAM.

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METROLINERS A BREEZE FOR PASSING RIDERS IS THE LEAD OF AN ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON POST OF  
JANUARY 22, 1969. "THOSE HIGH-SPEED PENN CENTRAL METROLINERS HAVE BEEN GIVING  
PASSENGERS RIDING OLDER TRAINS ON ADJOINING TRACKS A BETTER VIEW OF THINGS.

'THE NEW SWIFTIES HAVE SUCKED SEVEN WOODEN-SASHED WINDOWS RIGHT OUT OF OTHER COMMUTER TRAINS -  
TWO LAST THURSDAY AND FIVE MORE ON MONDAY - AS THEY WHIZZED THROUGH CHESTER, PA. THERE WERE  
NO INJURIES IN EITHER INSTANCE.

'THE INCIDENTS, HOWEVER, HAVE PROMPTED PENN CENTRAL OFFICIALS TO ORDER THAT ONLY TRAINS WITH  
ALUMINUM-SASHED WINDOWS MAY BE OPERATED ON TRACKS ADJOINING THE METROLINERS, WHICH TRAVEL  
AT AN EXPERIMENTAL 110 MILES AN HOUR AT PRESENT."

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MEMBER WE ARE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE MANY NICE AND ENCOURAGING TYPE LETTERS FROM MEMBERS  
LETTERS WHO LIVE IN FAR-AWAY PLACES FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION. WE REGRET THAT IT IS  
NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ANSWER EACH ONE OF THESE PERSONALLY, HOWEVER, WE FEEL THAT  
YOU UNDERSTAND. WE APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN THE CLUB AND IN MANY CASES WE GET IDEAS AND/  
OR SUGGESTIONS FROM SOME OF YOUR LETTERS THAT ARE OF BENEFIT TO THE CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS.  
IT IS OUR GOAL TO MAKE THIS ORGANIZATION EVEN A BETTER CLUB UNDER ITS BY-LAWS FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF ENCOURAGING, PROMOTING AND PRESERVING RAILROADING.

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COLORADO RAIL- THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB AT OUR JANUARY  
ROAD MUSEUM MEETING CONSIDERED MANY PROPOSALS WHICH WE FELT WOULD BE A BETTERMENT OF  
CLUB ACTIVITIES AND GOALS. ONE OF THE MAIN FACTORS WAS THE DECISION OF A  
DONATION OF \$250.00 TO THE IRON HORSE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR WHAT WE CONSIDERED 'OUT-OF-  
POCKET' EXPENSE FOR THE LODGING AND MAINTENANCE OF CLUB EQUIPMENT AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD  
MUSEUM. THERE HAS BEEN A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT ALREADY MADE AT THIS MUSEUM, AND IT WAS ONLY  
THOUGHT FAIR BY YOUR OFFICERS TO AUTHORIZE THIS DONATION. A REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM  
MR. CORNELIUS W. HAUCK, ALSO A CLUB MEMBER, WHICH WE QUOTE IN FULL.

"DEAR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB:

'I WAS MOST HAPPY TO RECEIVE THE LETTER OF FEBRUARY 10, FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, ENCLOSING THE CONTRIBUTION OF \$250.00 TOWARDS THE COSTS OF CUSTODIANSHIP OF THE CLUB'S RAILROAD EQUIPMENT.

'WE HAVE ALWAYS FELT SOME SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESERVATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT AS CLUB MEMBERS, AND HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FILL THE ROLE AS THEIR PROTECTORS.

'MOST OF YOU KNOW THAT "IRON HORSE DEVELOPMENT CORP." IS A PRIVATE CORPORATION THAT WAS SET UP SPECIFICALLY TO UNDERTAKE THE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT REQUIRED TO SET UP THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM. NOW THAT WE ARE ESTABLISHED AND FUNCTIONING, WE ARE LOOKING TO THE COLORADO RAILROAD HISTORICAL FOUNDATION, INC., FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PERPETUATION OF THE MUSEUM. FOR THIS REASON, I THINK IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO BE USED BY THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE MUSEUM; AND ACCORDINGLY I AM TURNING IT OVER TO THE FOUNDATION TRUSTEES WITH THOSE INSTRUCTIONS.

'AGAIN, THANKS A GREAT DEAL FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL GIFT.

CORDIALLY,

/s/ CORNELIUS W. HAUCK."

WE APPRECIATE THE REPLY FROM MR. HAUCK, AND THE DECISION THAT HE HAS MADE FOR PLACEMENT OF THE DONATION.

VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS ARE BEING HANDLED BY THE OFFICERS, INCLUDING SOME EXCURSION TRIPS LATER IN THE YEAR. THE FINAL DECISION FOR THE MAY 30TH UNION PACIFIC TRIP WAS MADE AT THIS MEETING, AND THE UNION PACIFIC HAS ONLY CONSENTED FOR A LARAMIE TRIP, WHICH WILL BE A ONE-DAY TRIP RATHER THAN OUR USUAL TWO-DAY TRIP TO RAWLINS AS IN YEARS PAST.

AS OTHER MATTERS ARE DECIDED THE MEMBERS WILL BE ADVISED OF THE OUT-COME FROM TIME TO TIME.

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UNION PACIFIC CALENDARS : WE STILL HAVE ABOUT 40 OF THE BEAUTIFUL UNION PACIFIC CALENDARS FOR 1969. THESE HAVE 16 PAINTINGS BY MEMBER HOWARD FOGG, CONSISTING OF VIEWS FROM THE EARLY DAYS UP TO MODERN DIESEL OPERATIONS. THESE ARE PROVIDED FOR A MAILING COST OF 50¢ PER CALENDAR, WITH ONLY ONE CALENDAR PER MEMBER BEING AVAILABLE. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RECEIVED ONE OF THESE FINE CALENDARS, THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET ONE FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB. PLEASE SEND YOUR REMITTANCE OF 50¢ FOR POSTAGE AND MAILING TUBE TO THE CLUB, AT 3831 PERRY STREET, DENVER, COLORADO 80212.

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STATE TO SAVE NARROW GAUGE? A BILL INTRODUCED IN THE COLORADO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY REPRESENTATIVE CLARENCE QUINLAN OF ANTONITO IS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A "COLORADO RAILROAD AUTHORITY", WHICH COULD BUY RAILROAD PROPERTY AND OPERATE A STATE RECREATIONAL-TYPE RAILROAD. A SIMILAR BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE. THE BILL MENTIONS NO SPECIFIC RAILROAD, BUT IS OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT THE 250-MILE ALAMOSA-FARMINGTON NARROW GAUGE LINE, VIA CUMBRES PASS. THE AUTHORITY WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO ISSUE BONDS TO FINANCE THE OPERATION, AND WOULD COOPERATE WITH OTHER STATES TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM. THE AUTHORITY WOULD CONSIST OF THE GOVERNOR OF COLORADO, SEVERAL OTHER STATE OFFICIALS, AND THREE PUBLIC MEMBERS.

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U. P. 8444 TO RUN IN UTAH IN CONNECTION WITH THE "GOLDEN SPIKE CENTENNIAL," UNION PACIFIC 8444 WILL OPERATE FOR A FEW DAYS BETWEEN SALT LAKE CITY AND OGDEN, UTAH. ON SATURDAY, MAY 10, IT WILL BE OPERATED FOR THE HIGH IRON COMPANY, BUT ON SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 TO 14, SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC. ONE-WAY FARE WILL BE \$1.22, AND THE ROUND-TRIP FARE IS \$2.23, INCLUDING TAX. ADVANCE TICKET REQUESTS SHOULD BE SENT TO MR. J. G. SEEGMILLER, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, 417 S. MAIN ST., SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111.

AS WE MENTIONED LAST MONTH, 8444 WILL BE USED ON A ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB EXCURSION TO LARAMIE, WYOMING AND BACK ON MAY 30TH. PLANS ARE ALSO UNDER WAY FOR OPERATION THE NEXT DAY, MAY 31ST, FROM DENVER TO STERLING OR JULESBURG, BY THE PACIFIC RAILWAY SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

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VACATION & RR OPERATIONS WE KNOW THAT MANY MEMBERS PLAN ANNUAL VACATIONS AROUND SPECIAL TRAINS AND/OR STEAM EXCURSIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB THAT WE WILL AGAIN OPERATE AN EXCURSION BEHIND THE UNION

PACIFIC'S 8444 FROM DENVER TO LARAMIE ON MAY 30TH. THIS WILL AGAIN GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DELUXE TRAIN TRAVEL BEHIND STEAM, AS WELL AS SEEING THE MASSIVE FREIGHT MOVEMENTS WITH A VARIETY OF DIESEL POWER ON THE MAIN LINE. THERE WILL BE MANY PHOTO STOPS ON THIS EXCURSION, AND WE WISH FOR YOU TO JOIN US ALONG ON THIS TRIP. THE COST OF THE TRIP WILL BE \$20.00, WHICH INCLUDES ALL THREE MEALS IN THE BUFFET TYPE DINNER. THIS WILL BE A FIRST-CLASS TRIP ALL THE WAY.

IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA THERE ARE MANY OTHER EVENTS AND SIGHTS THAT YOU ALSO CAN INCLUDE ON A TRIP OR VACATION. AGAIN THE DENVER & RIO GRANDE WESTERN WILL OPERATE THE SILVERTON TRAIN, AND IF YOU HAVE NEVER MADE SUCH A TRIP, IT IS WELL WORTH THE TIME YOU TAKE TO SEE THE SPLENDID SCENERY IN SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO. STEAM LOCOMOTIVES ARE THE POWER ON THE SILVERTON, AND YOU NEVER GET TIRED OF THIS TRIP. THE SEASON WILL OPEN AROUND JUNE 1ST AND SHOULD END AROUND THE 1ST OF OCTOBER. FOR FURTHER DETAILS WRITE TO THE RIO GRANDE, 1531 STOUT STREET, DENVER 80202.

OTHER STEAM OPERATIONS ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD OPERATES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OVER ITS TWO FOOT GAUGE TRACK OUT OF CRIPPLE CREEK OVER THE OLD MIDLAND TERMINAL GRADE; OVER A MILE OF TRACK IS DOWN AND MORE WILL BE ADDED THIS SEASON. MOTIVE POWER FEATURES AN 0-4-0T AS WELL AS AN 0-4-4-0 WHICH IN ITSELF IS QUITE UNIQUE, AND WORTH YOU TIME TO VISIT.

COLORADO CENTRAL NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD THAT BEGAN OPERATIONS LATE IN 1968 HAS OVER 1/2 MILE OF TRACK ON THE OLD C&S ROAD-BED AT CENTRAL CITY USING AN 2-8-0 BROUGHT UP FROM EL SALVADOR. MORE TRACK WILL BE PLACED THIS SEASON, INCLUDING PLANS FOR A HIGH TRESTLE.

COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM OPERATES ENGINE 346, EX-D&RGW 2-8-0 BUILT IN 1881, THE OLDEST LOCOMOTIVE IN COLORADO, BUT FOR PERTINENT DETAILS YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE MUSEUM ON THEIR SCHEDULE PLANS. (SEND A STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR REPLY) ALSO, WHILE VISITING AT THE MUSEUM YOU WILL FIND MANY OTHER LOCOMOTIVES AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING SOME WHICH IS THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB'S COLLECTION. INTERESTING DISPLAYS ARE FEATURED WITHIN THE OLD (REPLICA) TIME DEPOT, MUSEUM AND CURIO SHOP.

THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROAD PUBLISHES A LIST OF STEAM LOCOMOTIVES ON DISPLAY IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITING THEM IN WASHINGTON, D. C. BELOW WE WILL LIST THE LOCOMOTIVES ON DISPLAY WITHIN COLORADO. WE HOPE THAT YOU FIND IT TO BE OF INTEREST AND HELPFUL IF YOU ARE PLANNING A SUMMER VACATION TO THE ROCKIES.

WE WELCOME MEMBERS AND VISITORS TOURING THE AREA TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR MEETINGS IF YOU ARE IN THE AREA.

LIST OF STEAM LOCOMOTIVES ON DISPLAY IN COLORADO

<u>CITY</u>	<u>LOCATION IN CITY</u>	<u>RAILROAD &amp; DATA</u>			
ALAMOSA	COLE PARK	D&RGW	169	4-6-0 NG	1883
BOULDER	TOWN PARK	RGS *	74	2-8-0 NG	1898
CANON CITY	- - - -	D&RGW	486	2-8-2 NG	1925
CENTRAL CITY	DOWNTOWN	C&S	71	2-8-0 NG	1897
CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN	NEAR COLORADO SPRINGS	M&PP	1	0-4-2T	1890-93
COLORADO SPRINGS	ANTLERS PARK	D&RGW	168	4-6-0 NG	1883
DURANGO	BROOKSIDE PARK	D&RGW	315	2-8-0 NG	1895
GUNNISON	PUBLIC PARK	D&RGW	268	2-8-0 NG	1882
IDAHO SPRINGS	DOWNTOWN	C&S	60	2-8-0 NG	1886
LA JUNTA	WEST FIRST STREET	AT&SF	1024	2-6-2	1901
LAMAR	CITY PARK	AT&SF	1819	2-6-2	1906
LEADVILLE	NEAR C&S DEPOT	C&S	641	2-8-0	1906
MANITOU SPRINGS	- - - -	M&PP	2	0-4-2T	1890-93

MONTROSE	PUBLIC PARK	D&RGW	278	2-8-0 NG	1882
PUEBLO	S UNION AVE. & ELIZABETH	AT&SF	2912	4-8-4	1943
TRINIDAD	DOWNTOWN	C&S	638	2-8-0	1906

\* RGS 74 RENUMBERED BACK TO COLORADO & NORTHWESTERN 30 AS ORIGINALLY BUILT.

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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 CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING AN ITEM, NOR WILL WE APPRAISE ITEMS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE. SEND YOUR LISTING TO THE EDITOR BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION.

FOR SALE: LATTER DAY ISSUES OF POOR'S MANUALS (1 EACH) 1919 AND 1921 @ \$8. EA. 1932, 1934 & 1937 @ \$6. EA. L. L. CLERICO 3316 COUNTRYSIDE WICHITA, KANSAS 67218.

FOR SALE: 19 DIFFERENT TRAIN ALBUMS OF PHOTOGRAPHS @ 75¢ EACH OR THE LOT FOR \$13.00, POSTAGE PAID. MIDLAND TERMINAL EMPLOYEE T.T.'S #20, 22, 25, \$5. EACH. D. H. GERBAZ 5587 MORROW WAY, LAMESA CALIFORNIA 92041

WILL SWAP: 1938 LOCOMOTIVE CYCLOPEDIA IN EXCELLENT CONDITION FOR A 1925 LOCOMOTIVE CYCLOPEDIA; A 1941 LOCOMOTIVE CYCLOPEDIA IN GOOD CONDITION FOR A 1944 LOCOMOTIVE CYCLOPEDIA IN GOOD CONDITION. JAMES R. LAESSELE C/O HIGH IRON CO., P.O. Box 200 LEBANON, N. J. 08833

WANTED: A COPY OF "DENVER, SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC". MRS. JOHN E. SWEETLAND 2843 CADIZ ST. SAN DIEGO, CALIF. 92110

WANTED: INFORMATION ON LETTERING OF F&CC AND DSP&P BOX CARS. ALSO, WHERE WERE THE F&CC BOX CARS BUILT? BILL MARTINSEN R.R. 4, AMES, IOWA 50010

WANTED: BLACK & WHITE PHOTO OR COLOR SLIDE OF THE STREET SIDE (BACKSIDE) OF THE RGS PLACERVILLE DEPOT. I AM PREPARING PLANS OF THE DEPOT AND WOULD LIKE TO BORROW PHOTO IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SELL. BILL GRAVES, 540 SKYLINE DRIVE FORT COLLINS, COLORADO 80521

WANTED: TRANSFERS, TICKETS, PASSES, ETC. FROM COLORADO URBAN AND INTERURBAN TRANSPORTATION LINES. WILL TRADE OR BUY. BILL MCKENZIE 555 31ST. ST. DOWNERS GROVE, ILL. 60515

WANTED: TO CONTACT MEMBERS WHO MIGHT HAVE 8MM FILMS OF RAILROAD PASSENGER TRAINS ARRIVING, STANDING AND LEAVING STATIONS, ETC. TRAINS CAN BE OF ANY ERA, AND STEAM (PREFERRED) OR DIESEL. ALSO MOVIES OF FAN TRIPS AND KOLORCARAVAN. EDMUND C. VILLARS ROUTE 4, Box 504 ANDERSON, INDIANA 46011

OFFER: LETTER HEAD, NOTE HEADS TELEGRAM FORMS, FROM OFF WEATHERFORD, MINERAL WELLS, & NW RY. CO., TRINITY & BRAZOS VALLEY RY., C, RI & T E X A S RY Co., T&P RY., GULF & BRAZOS VALLEY RY. A. F. VON BLON 1208 LOCUST MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

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THOT FOR THE DAY THE RIGHT SORT OF WOMEN GROW MORE ATTRACTIVE EVERY YEAR. THEY'VE BEEN MAKING PLEASANT THOUGHTS SO MUCH LONGER THAN THE YOUNGER ONES.  
- H. SUTCLIFF

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JIM EHERNBERGER, PRESIDENT

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CARL E. C. CARLSON, VICE-PRESIDENT

ANE CLINT, TREASURER

P.S. NOTE!!! IN REPLY TO THE MANY REQUESTS RE MEMBERSHIP CARDS, THEY ARE IN THE WORKS AND SHOULD BE IN THE MAIL SOON.