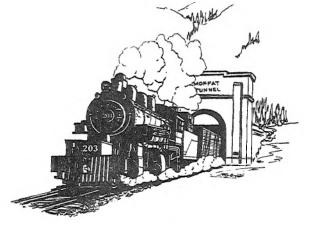
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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, July 9, 1969

TIME 8:00 P.M.

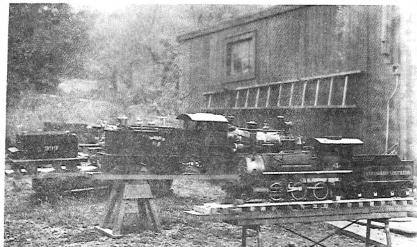
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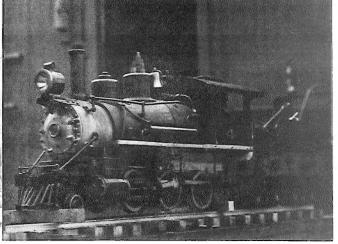
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PROGRAM NOTES:

CLUB MEMBER JOHN M. BIRMINGHAM, OPERATOR OF THE CRIPPLE CREEK AND VICTOR NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD, WILL PRESENT A TALK WITH SLIDES ON HIS ROAD. JOHN WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS RAILROAD SO YOU'LL BE READY FOR THE CLUB'S "WEEKEND OF STEAM", SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 19 AND 20.

ON THE LEFT (BELOW) IS A VIEW OF THE CLUB'S THREE LIVE-STEAM MODEL ENGINES, 999, 210, AND C.& S.4, AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM. A CLOSER VIEW OF OUR LATEST ACQUISITION, COLORADO AND SOUTHERN 4, IS SHOWN AT THE RIGHT.





CLUB ACQUIRES BEAUTIFUL MODEL NARROW GAUGE C. & S. OPERATING STEAM LOCOMOTIVE. Mrs. William H. SOPER, WIDOW OF THE LATE BILL SOPER, A MEMBER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB UNTIL HIS DEATH FOUR YEARS AGO, HAS PRESENTED THE CLUB WITH AN EXTREMELY WELL DETAILED 5-INCH GAUGE LIVE STEAM ENGINE ALONG WITH SEVERAL SECTIONS OF TRACK. THE LOCOMOTIVE WAS MODELED AFTER COLORADO & SOUTHERN NARROW GAUGE ENGINE NO. 4, WHICH WAS BILL'S FAVORITE WHEN HE WORKED AS CRANE AND WRECKER OPERATOR ON THE SOUTH PARK LINE AS A YOUNG MAN. HE LEFT THE RAILROAD IN 1924. BILL LOVED STEAM AND HIS LAST JOB BEFORE RETIREMENT WAS AS A STATIONARY ENGINEER AT THE DENVER FEDERAL CENTER. ALL PARTS OF THIS LOCOMOTIVE WERE CAREFULLY TURNED OUT BY BILL IN HIS HOME MACHINE SHOP. THE PROJECT WAS COMMENCED IN 1960 AND COMPLETED 3 YEARS LATER. BILL OPERATED HIS ENGINE ON A CIRCLE OF TRACK IN HIS BACK YARD. IT IS PLANNED TO HOLD A FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THIS LOCOMOTIVE TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM, WITH Mrs. Soper and other relatives present at the ceremony as soon as space and a suitable glass CASE CAN BE PROVIDED.

CRIPPLE CREEK & EXCURSION OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB WILL BE OPERATED ON THE WEEKEND OF VICTOR N.G. R.R.

JULY 19TH AND 20TH. INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TICKET WILL BE AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF TRAIN RIDES, AS WELL AS LOCOMOTIVE RIDES. DURING THE EVENING A BUFFET STYLE DINING WILL BE INCLUDED AS WELL AS THE FAMOUS IMPERIAL PLAYERS PRESENTING THE FAMOUS MELODRAMA. SUNDAY MORNING BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED. ALL FOR THE PRICE OF \$15.00, TWO FUN-FILLED DAYS IN THIS FAMOUS GOLD MINING CAMP. THE COMPLETION OF TRACK AS OF ABOUT ONE WEEK AGO WAS WITHIN SIGHT OF ANACONDA, AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE WILL BE DOWN BY THE 19TH. THE ONLY 0-4-4-0 MALLET TYPE LOCOMOTIVE IN OPERATION WILL BE STEAMED UP AS WELL AS THE 0-4-0 TANK ENGINE. COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR STEAM RAILROADING IN THE ROCKIES, YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT. TICKETS FOR AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF RIDES ON THE TRAIN ARE AVAILABLE AT \$6.00. HURRY FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS AS THE MELODRAMA PORTION OF THIS WEEKEND IS VERY LIMITED.

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HAS FILED THEIR REQUEST FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE OF TRAINS NUMBERS 5 AND 6 OPERATING

BETWEEN OMAHA AND LOS ANGELES. A SIMILAR APPLICATION WAS DENIED LAST YEAR, AS WELL

AS TRAINS 17 AND 18 WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE RE-APPLIED FOR DISCONTINUANCE SOON. MR. EDD BAILEY,

PRESIDENT OF THE U. P. RECENTLY ANNOUNCED IN A NEWS RELEASE THAT THESE TRAINS ONLY AVERAGED 17

PASSENGERS. WHICH DID NOT COVER THE COSTS OF THE CREWS.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB DAY AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM NEAR GOLDEN WAS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1969, BOB RICHARDSON AND HIS ASSISTANTS STEAMED UP NARROW GAUGE ENGINE No. 346 AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN Railroad Club. The club's private car Rico and ex Denver & Rio Grande Western caboose No. 0578 WERE TAKEN OUT OF MOTH BALLS AND COUPLED ON BEHIND THE OLD STEAM ENGINE. SOME TROUBLE WAS EXPERIENCED WITH THE RICO'S AIR BRAKE SYSTEM WITH BOB AND HIS BOYS HAVING TO REMOVE ONE LEAKY SECTION OF LINE. PLUG TWO ADDITIONAL LEAKS AND REPLACE A BAD AIRHOSE BEFORE THE TRAIN WAS READY TO OPERATE. AFTER REPAIRS WERE COMPLETED THE TRAIN RAN BACK AND FORTH ALL DAY LONG ON THE LINE AT THE MUSEUM HAULING CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. ON SOME OF THE TRIPS THE GATEWAY MUSIC GERMAN BAND ASSEMBLED IN THE SALOON SECTION OF THE RICO AND LED BY TOM ZOOK. IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR A NARROW GAUGE WHISTLE ECHOING FROM THE CLIFFS OF NORTH AND SOUTH TABLE MOUNTAINS ONCE AGAIN. MANY MEMBERS JOINED THE FUN FOR A GOOD PART OF THE DAY VIEWING THE MANY DISPLAYS OF EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM, INCLUDING THE CLUB'S OWN TROLLEYS, THE EX-RGS 20 AND THE CABOOSE AND BUSINESS CAR AND THE THREE LIVE STEAM MODEL LOCOMOTIVES. MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MOST ANY RAILROAD ENTHUSIAST IS ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM, INCLUDING A ROOM FILLED OF RAILROADIANA INSIDE. DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT, YOUR OFFICERS WILL ENDEAVOR TO GIVE CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS OF THIS TYPE, PERHAPS SUCH A VISIT AS THIS CAN BECOME AN ANNUAL OCCASION FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB. IF YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO HAVE ATTENDED THIS EVENT, WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VISIT THE MUSEUM AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

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UP 8444 EXCURSION WILL BE OPERATED BY THE N.R.H.S. INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER FROM DENVER TO CHEYENNE
TO LARAMIE AND RETURN TO DENVER ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER THE 7TH. PERHAPS FOR SOME
OF THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO MAKE OUR MAY 30TH TRIP YOU CAN PLAN THIS ONE. THERE WILL BE A NUMBER
OF OTHER EXCURSIONS AND TRIPS IN THE DENVER AREA AROUND THE ENTIRE WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 4TH
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11TH DUE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE N.R.H.S. OF WHICH THE LOCAL INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER IS THE HOST. FOR DETAILS WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU CONTACT THE ABOVE NAMED
GROUP AT BOX 5181, TERMINAL ANNEX IN DENVER FOR A BROCHURE OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES.

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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.

ANTED: DOCUMENTS, LETTERS MAPS, PAMPHLETS, POSTCARDS, TIMETABLES, BOOKS, PIX RELATED TO THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS OR ITS RAILROADS. OFFER; HAND LANTERN MARKED M V RR. VON BLON, 1208 LOCUST, MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

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