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TO ALL MEMBERS:

The time has again arrived for us to express our thanks to you for your kind assistance and support given to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club during 1970, which has been greatly appreciated.

The Officers and Directors have again endeavored to put forth plenty of hard work and time into the various projects in order to continue the many goals of the Club, for the betterment of the organization and the satisfaction of our membership. We hope that you will continue to be a member and give your support during 1971.

Our steam excursion to Laramie on May 30, 1970, behind Union Pacific 8444 was a complete sell-out and success, which fortunately netted the Club a few hundred dollars to off-set previous losses. Our thanks to the Union Pacific Railroad for giving us their co-operation in operating locomotive 8444 for our enjoyment.

The Colorado Railroad Museum operated their locomotive No. 346 for our Club Day, which was even more successful than last year's Club Day. Our attendance was much better than expected! We commend the Museum for their efforts in making this possible for us to enjoy.

The day on the Cripple Creek and Victor Narrow Gauge line was fun for all of those who participated. All three steam locomotives were operated and provided an unusual and unique array of steam and smoke!

Our Labor Day weekend trip over the Rio Grande Narrow Gauge between Durango and Silverton was a sad event. Due to the flood in the Animas Canyon it was cancelled, thus being the first trip in the history of the Club to be completely cancelled out.

The Club committed on the project of publishing Mallory Hope Ferrell's book on the Rio Grande Southern line, which will become more of a reality in late 1971 when the text is expected to be completed.

Considerable expense and work has been done during the year on our equipment located at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Additional repair work will be continued so that by next summer it should be in excellent condition for the Museum visitors to view and photograph.

General operation of the Club was handled in the normal and usual manner, with more than excellent co-operation between Officers and members in 1970. Due to Treasurer, Ted McKee obtaining a new position which required considerable out-of-town traveling some of our business slipped behind, however, at the present things are back to normal.

In order to off-set added expenses in the general operation of the Club, and the handling of the monthly Newsletters, it was found that membership dues would have to be increased slightly. The increase will take effect with our 1971 dues collections. All members, regardless whether or not they reside within Colorado will be required to pay the rate of \$3.00 per calendar year. We will also accept Junior memberships (ages 14-18) at the rate of \$2.00 per year. Junior memberships will be restricted and not have voting privileges. The usual \$1.00 enrollment fee for new memberships will remain in effect. 1971 dues are now acceptable so please be governed by the new rates when remitting.

During the year I found a great number of persons and individuals and Officers who were of great assistance to me in operation of the Club, those being:

Stuart S. Anderson, Vice President: For programs and assistance.
William J. Gordon, Secretary: Handling of mail; Equipment Chairman.
Ted S. McKee, Treasurer: Handling of memberships and all monies.
William L. Van Patten, Assistant Treasurer: Mailing of Newsletters.
Carl E. C. Carlson, Board Member: Handling the General Store items.
Milt W. Fick, Board Member: Advice at Board Meetings.
Ed Gerlits, Board Member: Advice at Board Meetings.
T. G. Gray, Jr., Board Member: Advice at Board Meetings.
R. A. Ronzio, Board Member: Advice at Board Meetings.
E. E. Schneider, Board Member: Editor of Newsletter.
Ed Haley, Trip Chairman: Arranging various excursions.
R. H. Kindig, Publication Chairman: Advice on Publication matters.
Bruce Black, Newsletter Editor: Providing copy for publication.
Ane Cline: Printing of Newsletters.
Robert Griswold: Mailing list and addressing of envelopes.
Cleta (Mrs. Mac) Poor: Aiding in securing present meeting location.
Stan Morgan: Obtaining permission for present meeting location.
Jack Thode: Securing materials to be mailed to membership.

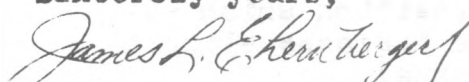
There are many many more that were of assistance also, but space is limited and cannot permit me to itemize any further, however, for all of you I say THANK YOU! Without such team-work we would not have succeeded.

My expression of gratitude also extends to all of the past Officers and Presidents and those individuals who were responsible for laying the foundation of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, a foundation which is still very strong and will remain that way for the future years of the Club.

On my part I hope that each and every member have benefitted from 1970 all the profits and enjoyment and pleasure of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. Our goals in the preservation of equipment and railroading, entertaining programs and excursions have been attempted and fulfilled to the best of our ability.

With the Holiday Season approaching, we wish to extend to you and all of your loved ones A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 1971!

Sincerely yours,


JAMES L. EHERNBERGER
President