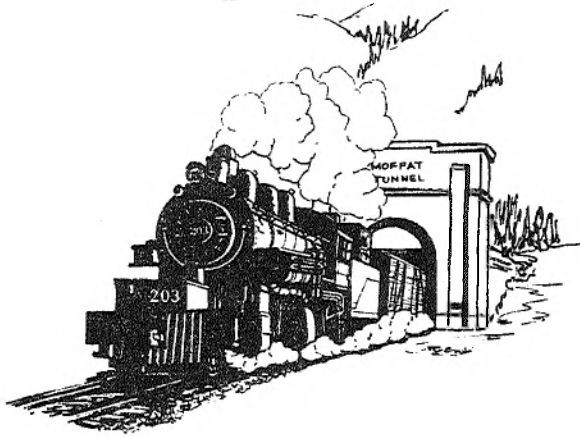


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MEETING NOTICE: Date November 8, 1972
Time 7:45 p.m.
Place Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,
2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet parking
at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: 35mm colored slides of the Milwaukee Road's electrified operations
over the Rocky Mountain Division will be shown by Bruce Black.

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NEW TRACKLAYING - The longest Rail line to be put down since 1931, will connect
the EN 19-mile branch line serving the Amax Coal Co. near Gillette, Wyo.
with the BN Main at Douglas, Wyo. The 126-mile line will cost about
\$32.5 million and will open up the low sulphur coal deposits in Wyoming's
Powder River Basin. Unit coal trains will commence operation to Pueblo
when the line is completed, about 1975, pending construction approval
by the ICC.

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TRAIN SERVICES at the Denver Union Depot are to be taken over by Amtrack shortly.
Ownership of the Depot will remain with the Denver Union Terminal Company
however.

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THE GN BRANCHLINE between Great Falls, Helena and Butte, Montana has been broken
with the abandonment by the BN of the 31-mi. segment between Basin and Butte,
Mont., SW of Helena. The old GN depot and roundhouse in Butte have been
abandoned by the BN but were still standing as of Oct. 1972. The zinc ore
which is still shipped to the smelter in Great Falls, is now routed over the
NP via Silver Bow to Garrison, thence to Helena and Great Falls, eliminating
the stiffer grade between Butte and Helena, and the necessity for the line.

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MORE OF THE Milw. "old Pelicans" were scrapped this year at Deer Lodge. Below
is a list of the Milwaukee Road's electric power on the roster during Oct.
1972. "Old Pelicans" is the name applied to the Milwaukee's Box Cab
electrics made in 1915-1916, some of which are still in main line service
as helpers and hauling drag freights.

Little Joe's	E20, E21, E70 thru E 79.	Still serviceable.
Switchers	E80	at Deer Lodge (serviceable)
	E81	" " " "
	E82	" " " "
	E57B - E47D	(Harlowton Switcher) in shop at Deer Lodge Oct. 1972.

"Old Pelicans"	E29A-B	at Deer Lodge
	E36C	" " "
	E34A-C-B	Butte Helper (Oct. 1972)
	E50A-47C-50B	at Deer Lodge
	E45A-C-B	Photographed on drag freight Deer Lodge to Avery 10-7-72
	E25A-B	at Deer Lodge Oct. 72
	E35C	" " " "

Scrap (Parts Stripping) E25D, E47B, E34D at Deer Lodge

Only one electric unit was assigned to the Coast Div., E39A-C-D-E47A, and this was located at Tacoma as per a Sept 72 assignment sheet.

The future of the electric operation seems very uncertain. No construction on the electrified link between Avery, Idaho and Othello, Wash. was noted. A new order of 30 SD 40-2, received in July, 1972, were in operation on Hotshots 261 thru 264 over the entire Rocky Mountain and Coast Divisions with no assists from the "Joes". The Joes had been relegated to the drag freights 265 and 266 and the numerous extras making up the Milwaukee's fall traffic. The fate of the electrified operation supposedly will be determined next spring (1973).

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UP 833 has been outshopped by the Cheyenne, Wyo. roundhouse and is to be sent to Salt Lake City, Utah as a gift from the railroad. 833 was rolled out of the roundhouse on Oct. 11, 1972 for photographs. The last day of service for 833 was Oct. 30, 1958. Many thanks are in order to those who gave advance notice of this event.

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SPERRY RAIL SERVICE car 137 was spotted in the Denver area on 23 Oct 1972 headed south between Boulder and Denver. The editor would like to contact anyone getting 116-616 photos of it while it was in the area.

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A RUMOR exists that Amtract may reestablish passenger service between Denver, Colo. and Houston, Texas over the C&S, FW&D and CRIP in the fall of 1973.

Numerous BN business cars were seen in the Denver area in Oct. Those spotted were Red River, Missouri River, Kootenai River and Lake Michigan.

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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 any correspondence, nor will we appraise items.

JOHN A. MILLIGAN, 14416 Eggleston Ave., Riverdale, Ill. 60627 sells "Colorado Midland" by Morris Cafky in orig. dust jacket - \$65.00, Official Guides - May 1917 (new), \$55.00 - Apr. 1939 (good), \$25.00, May 1955 (good), \$15.00.

HARRY R. ROOT, 845 S. Yates, Denver, Colo. 80219 has three one-inch scale 90 lb. live steam pressure, coal burning locomotives for sale. Wheel arrangements are 4-8-4, 4-6-2, 4-4-0. Eng's. are in A-1 shape.

HARRY J. WAGNER III, 7521 Rudderow Ave., Merchantville, N.J. 08109, sells the following books in near mint cond.- "Rails, Sagebrush & Pine"-M.H. Ferrell \$7.00. "Ships and Narrow Gauge Rails"-G. M. Best \$4.50. "Nevada County Narrow Gauge"- Best \$6.25. "Steamcars to the Comstock"- 2nd Edn.-Beebe & Clegg \$3.75. "The Overland Ltd."-Beebe \$4.50. "Uintah Ry."- Bender \$8.25, "Winchester" Ltd. Edn. #41 - H. F. Williamson-\$110 (a complete history of Winchester Firearms)

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