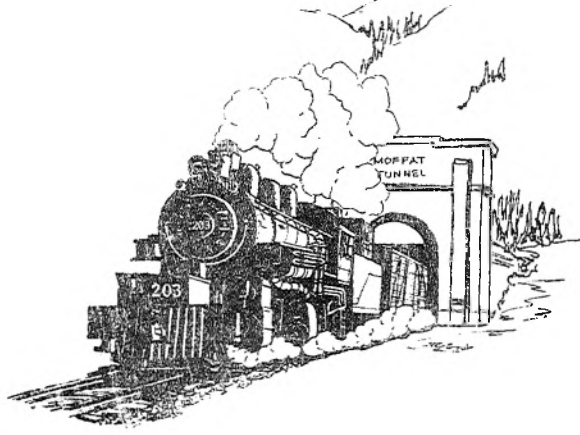


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MEETING NOTICE: DATE . . . . . WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1973  
TIME . . . . . 7:45 P.M.  
PLACE . . . . . SOUTHEAST WING OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 2900 S. UNIVERSITY AT BATES;  
OFFSTREET PARKING AT REAR (EAST) OF MEETING HALL.

PROGRAM NOTES: 35 MELANGE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB CHARTER MEMBER BILL VAN PATTEN AND HIS WANDERING CAMERA WILL TAKE US ON A VISIT TO MANY OF THE RAILROADS IN THE NORTHERN STATES, STARTING BACK IN THE EARLY 1940'S AND CONTINUING INTO THE 1970'S. HIS SLIDE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE STEAM IN THE DENVER AREA, NARROW GAUGE, ELECTRICS, AND MANY OF THE CLUBS EARLY EXCURSIONS AS "VAN" NEVER MISSES A TRIP.

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STEAM FROM DENVER - ENCLOSED IS A FLYER ON THE INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER, NRHS 8444 TRIP TO LARAMIE, WYO. ON AUGUST 4TH. IT IS ANTICIPATED AT THIS TIME THAT COMPETING WITH THE LOCOMOTIVE FOR ATTENTION WILL BE ONE OF EX-MILWAUKEE ROADS FAMOUS SKYTOP PARLOR CARS "COON RAPIDS" AS IT BRINGS UP THE END OF THE TRAIN. THE PRIVATELY OWNED CAR WILL TRAVEL FROM THE MIDWEST ON AMTRAK SHORTLY BEFORE THE EXCURSION.

THE INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER IS ALSO SPONSORING A TRIP OVER THE CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC BY PRIVATE CAR ON SATURDAY, JULY 14. THE EX-MEXICAN COACH, THE ONLY TRUE PASSENGER CAR ON THE LINE, WILL BE USED ON THE REGULAR RUN BETWEEN ANTONITO AND CHAMA. LUNCH IS INCLUDED IN THE \$19.00 FARE. THE SAME EVENING A MOONLIGHT SPECIAL WILL RUN BETWEEN CHAMA AND OSIER. LV CHAMA 6:00 P.M., RETURN AROUND MIDNIGHT. FARE OF \$17.00 INCLUDES A STEAK DINNER.

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THE OBSERVANCE OF "ALPINE TUNNEL DAYS" THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD AT THE WEST PORTAL OF THE TUNNEL ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1973, BEGINNING AT 10:30 A.M. AND SHOULD TURN OUT TO BE MORE INTERESTING THAN EVER BEFORE. PRESENT FOR THE OCCASION WILL BE SEVERAL NOTED COLORADO RAIL HISTORIANS WHO WILL REVIEW THE STORY OF THE TUNNEL, AND SEVERAL VETERAN SOUTH PARK RAILROAD MEN, WHO WILL RECOUNT THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES ON THE FAMOUS LINE. A CONDUCTED HIKE OVER THE CREST OF ALTMAN PASS ABOVE THE TUNNEL TO THE EAST PORTAL WILL ALSO BE MADE. (OR, IF YOU ARE THE AMBITIOUS TYPE, YOU MAY BRING ALONG YOUR PICK AND SHOVEL AND TRY TO USE THE TUNNEL TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE).

A NUMBER OF RARE AND VALUABLE RR ARTIFACTS ARE TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE SITE, INCLUDING SECTIONS OF THE ORIGINAL RAIL FROM THE WEST PORTAL, A MINIATURE DUPLICATE OF THE "TRAIN ORDER" SEMAPHORE THAT GRACED THE FRONT OF THE LITTLE ALPINE TUNNEL DEPOT, SEVERAL BOOKS, AND OTHER GIFTS. COMPLIMENTARY AND COLD DRINKS WILL BE SERVED.

MEMORIAL CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD IN HONOR OF THE LATE MAC POOR, FOREMOST SOUTH PARK RAIL HISTORIAN, AND A NATIVE PINK GRANITE STONE, INSTALLED SOME TIME AGO, WILL BE DEDICATED TO HIS MEMORY.

IF IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU'VE VISITED THIS SCENIC AND HISTORIC AREA, OR IF YOU HAVE NEVER TRAVERSED THE ROADBED OF THIS ENGINEERING MARVEL OF THE LATE 1800'S, NOW MAY BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PLEASANT WEEKEND OUTING TO A "HIGHLIGHT OF THE HIGH COUNTRY".

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THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASS'N, A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR COLLECTORS OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, IS CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AUG. 10 THRU AUG. 12. THE DENVER TOKEN CLUB WILL HOST THIS CELEBRATION AT THE NEW HOLIDAY INN IN DOWNTOWN DENVER. MANY EXHIBITS OF TOKENS, UNIFORM BUTTONS AND RELATED MATERIAL WILL BE ON DISPLAY. ONE OF THE MAJOR FEATURES OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE THE MAIL AND FLOOR TOKEN AUCTION, WITH OVER 400 LOTS TO GO. ADMISSION TO THE EVENT IS FREE.

A COLOR SLIDE PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN BY E. J. HALEY AND DICK KINDIG ENTITLED "TROLLEY TRAILS THRU COLORADO".

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE A BUS RIDE TO HERITAGE SQUARE TO AFFORD PARTICIPANTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE THE OPERATION OF THE HIGH COUNTRY RAILROAD. FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM SYD JOSEPH, 870 S. HUDSON ST., DENVER 80222.

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THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRAIN COLLECTORS CLUB IS SPONSORING A MODEL RAILROAD SHOW AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ON SUNDAY, JULY 29. ANTIQUE TRAIN COLLECTIONS AND OPERATING MODEL LAYOUTS WILL BE THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS. ADMISSION TO THE FAIRGROUNDS LOCATED 8 MILES WEST OF DENVER ON 6TH AVE. IS 50¢ PER PERSON OR \$1.00 PER FAMILY. FURTHER INFO IS AVAILABLE FROM WARREN W. MIZELL, 7003 WINONA ST., WESTMINSTER, COLO. 428-2630.

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SHADES OF YESTERYEAR: AMTRAK BUSINESS IN AND OUT OF DENVER HAS BEEN UP OVER 50% OF LAST YEARS SUMMER-TIME FIGURES, AND UP AROUND 75% OVER BUSINESS TWO YEARS AGO. A VISIT TO THE UNION STATION ON MOST ANY DAY AROUND TRAIN TIME WILL SHOW WHY. ON THE AVERAGE ABOUT 150 PEOPLE BOARD THE TWO TRAINS DAILY. A RECENT THURSDAY SAW OVER 300 FARE PAYING CUSTOMERS HEADING FOR THE TRAIN PLATFORM. HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS IN DENVER NEWSPAPERS ANNOUNCED INAUGURATION OF DAILY AMTRAK SERVICE TO SAN FRANCISCO BEGINNING JUNE 10. UP UNTIL THEN SERVICE WAS TRI-WEEKLY WEST OF THE MILE HIGH CITY.

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THE CRAIG BRANCH OF THE D&RGW HAS BEEN RECEIVING NEW BUSINESS THIS SUMMER IN THE FORM OF CRUDE OIL FROM EASTERN UTAH. THE OIL IS TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK FROM THE VERNAL AREA TO CRAIG, WHERE IT IS TRANSFERRED TO STORAGE TANKS. AT NORMAL TEMPERATURES THE CRUDE HAS THE CONSISTENCY OF HEAVY GREASE, SO IT MUST BE HEATED BEFORE BEING PUMPED INTO WAITING TANK CARS. THE SPECIALLY INSULATED CARS MAINTAIN THE TEMPERATURE DURING THE TRIP, SO THAT UPON ARRIVAL AT THE REFINERY NEAR DENVER, THE MATERIAL CAN BE PUMPED BACK OUT FOR PROCESSING.

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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.

H. E. WEST, Box 152, ORLAND PARK, ILL. 60462, WANTS SURPLUS TELEGRAPH EQUIPMENTS FOR TOLEDO MORSE TELEGRAPH CLUB. THE CLUB IS IN THE PROCESS OF EQUIPPING SEVERAL "DEPOT" MUSEUMS WITH TELEGRAPH BAYS. THE CLUB SUPPLIES THE EQUIPMENT AT COST, OR FOR FREE, TO THE MUSEUMS, AND TELEGRAPH CLUB MEMBERS CONDITION AND INSTALL THE EQUIPMENT AT NO CHARGE. MENTION ITEMS AND PRICE WANTED.

ROBERT A. LEMASSENA, 1795 S. SHERIDAN BLVD., DENVER, COLORADO 80226, WILL BUY VOL. 2 No. 1 OF RAIL CLASSICS. ALSO TRAINS MAGAZINE Nov., Dec. 1957; ALL OF 1958; JAN THROUGH JULY, DEC 1959.

WAYNE E. CORLEY, 409 S. UVALDA CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80012, 364-6757, WANTS U.P. CELLULOID POCKET CALENDAR (YEAR UNKNOWN BUT PROBABLY 1925 - 1930) WHICH HAS ON OBVERSE SIDE PICTURE OF OLD FAITHFUL WITH BEAR IN LEFT FOREGROUND AND INSCRIBED "UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM THE MOST POPULAR ROUTE TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SEASON JUNE 20 TO SEPT. 15." WILL SWAP COLORADO MIDLAND SCENIC BOOK "THRU THE ROCKIES OF COLORADO" (IN VERY FINE CONDITION EXCEPT FOR PIECE MISSING FROM BACK COVER) PLUS TWO DIFFERENT DENVER ARE SOUVENIR PICTURE BOOKS (1910 AND 1912), OR WILL BUY.

WANTED - TYPE FOUNDRY SPECIMEN BOOKS, CATALOGS OF PRINTING EQUIPMENT, CUTS, EMBLEMS, GOOD USED TYPE. FOR SALE: DYER, SNOWSHOE ITINERANT, RY GUIDES FROM 1965 THRU 1971. POST CARD SIZE FOTOS OF CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC LINE. A. VON BLON, Box 6422, WACO, TEXAS.

HARRY J. WAGNER III, 7521 RUDDEROW AVENUE, MERCHANTVILLE, N.J. 08109 OFFERS THE FOLLOWING BOOKS FOR SALE:

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| 1. HISTORIC ALPINE TUNNEL                    | BY HELMERS       | \$ 15.50 |
| 2. THE INTERURBAN ERA                        | BY MIDDLETON     | \$ 12.50 |
| 3. THE ARGENTINE CENTRAL                     | BY HOLLENBACK    | \$ 5.95  |
| 4. BACKWOODS RAILROADS OF THE WEST           | BY STEINHEIMER   | \$ 15.00 |
| 5. SIERRA RAILWAY                            | BY DEAN          | \$ 4.00  |
| 6. NARROW GAUGE IN THE ROCKIES               | BY BEEBE & CLEGG | \$ 6.00  |
| 7. CHICAGO NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY STEAM POWER | BY KNUDSEN       | \$ 8.00  |
| 8. MEXICAN NARROW GAUGE                      | BY BEST          | \$ 5.50  |

PLEASE ENCLUDE 30¢ FOR EACH BOOK TO HELP WITH THE POSTAGE & HANDLING.

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