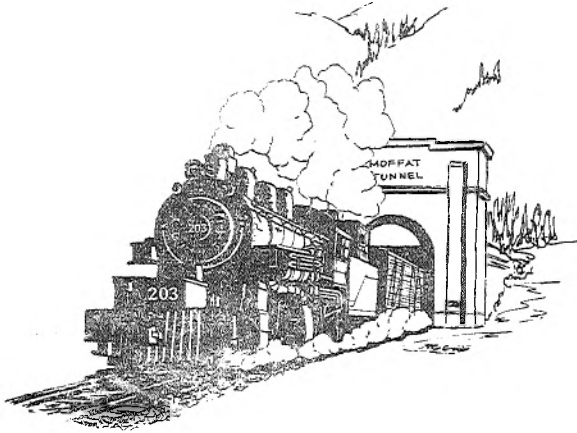


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MEETING NOTICE: Date August 13, 1974 TUESDAY
Time 7:45 p.m.
Place Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,
2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet parking
at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: The August program will be furnished by Beyer Patton, a Rocky Mountain Railroad Club member since 1957 and present treasurer of the Intermountain Chapter. Beyer has visited South America three times and will show us movies of his 1970 trip on one of South America's most spectacular narrow gauge railroads. This 288 mile long line runs from sea level at Guayquil on the coast of Ecuador to an elevation of 11,841 feet and then drops down to Quito at 9,375 feet. At the Devils Nose the line climbs 4,701 feet in 22 miles with a maximum grade of 5½%. In 1970 the line was all steam and used Baldwin 2-6-0's and 2-8-0's built between 1900 and 1953. Beyer's commentary will accompany the film and he will play sound recordings of some of the locomotives he photographed.

THE PROGRAM FOR JULY was a real humdinger as far as narrow gauge enthusiasts were concerned. Splendid footage of numerous lines through the Rockies were seen including fascinating views of the 'San Juan' from the train and from the ground, Durango and Silverton operations, the Rio Grande Southern, Marshall Pass, Clear Creek Canyon and the Santa Fe Branch, just to name a few. Thanks to James Jackson and Al Chione for bringing these films in and showing them to us.

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FALL BANQUET - Plan to set aside the evening of Saturday, October 12th to attend the October meeting and banquet at Stouffer's Denver Inn. Price will be announced later as soon as that information is available.

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DON'T FORGET to send in any necessary corrections for the roster.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB DAY at the Colorado Railroad Museum last month turned out to be quite popular. Engine 346 did her stuff hauling visitors around the museum grounds in cabooses and passenger car accommodations. The only "fly in the ointment" occurred when Bob Richardson was presented with a cease and desist order by the County Health Department on Saturday. An unidentified local resident apparently did not appreciate the occasional wisps of smoke that unavoidably drifted over the boundaries of the museum. Operations however were not affected. Now if the CB&Q 5629 could just be fired up.....

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"SOUTH PARK" BOOK WORK PROGRESSING - Material to be used in the brochure that will announce the republishing of the original "Denver, South Park & Pacific" by Mac Poor was turned over to the printer on August 1st. World Press will begin work on that immediately.

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ENCLOSED is an announcement on the 8444 trip to be operated in November by the NRHS. Inquiries on that trip should be directed to their address.

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ELECTIONS COMING UP - The time is fast approaching when the selection of club officers and directors for 1975 will take place. The nominating committee would very much like to hear from those who would like to share their services and ideas in the operation of the club. If you would like to run for one of the offices or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Ed Gerlits of the nominating committee.

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THE "PREAMBLE EXPRESS", a pilot train for the American Freedom Train, is scheduled to be in Denver on August 13th. The four car special is making a preliminary run of the route to be used in 1975 and 1976. Although the train at that time will be pulled by steam, a single diesel unit is doing the honors on this 17,000 mile test run.

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STEAM IN TURKEY CREEK CANYON - Tiny Town, along Route 285 west of Denver, is in the midst of a complete restoration program. After several years of looking like a miniature "ghost town", the noted attraction with its' little buildings and railroad will once again amuse children and adults as well. The railroad is being completely reguilt under the direction and effort of Lyle Fulkerson of Denver. Over a mile of 14-1/8" gauge track is being laid, crossing the creek six times on five timber trestles. Motive power at present for the 3" scale line consists of a GM F-7 A&B unit diesel and two Pacific type steam engines. Although the official opening is not until next year, it is planned to start rail operations on weekends only beginning in mid-August. Tiny Town incidently dates all the way back to 1914.

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THE BALLAST TRAIN had completed work on the Georgetown Loop. Tamping and aligning the track is currently being done. The Seebees departed the last week in July.

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EX-GREAT WESTERN ENGINE No. 75 spent the last two weeks of July at the Denver Federal Center helping to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the General Services Administration. It was really different to hear a steam whistle out in that part of town.

The engine, resplendent in a fresh coat of paint, is to be moved to Union Station around the 10th of this month for the filming of scenes for the TV program "Manhunters". From there, plans are to move the engine and about five cars up to the Longmont area and do further filming for about a week on the GW. The episode being filmed will be appropriately titled "The Iron Horse Gang".

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WONDER WHERE ST. CHRISTOPHER JUMPED OFF? - The cleanup effort necessary after a mishap over near Winter Park on the Rio Grande earlier this summer is just about completed. The second unit of two rear helper units behind the

caboose on an eastbound freight became uncoupled somehow while the end of the train was in the Moffat Tunnel. The unit, with an apparent mind of its' own, reversed itself and began heading in the opposite direction, rolling back out the west portal, through Winter Park and down the grade. The speed of the unit by the time it neared Hideaway Park was quite brisk, some reports suggesting a figure approaching the three digit mark. At any rate the unit barely entered the curve before joining the birds. The location at Hideaway Park is the same spot a publicity photo was taken years ago of the CZ rounding the bend with several horseback riders watching nearby.

The greatest damage in the wreck was due to the oil spill from the fuel tanks that entered the stream and nearby fish ponds. Local residents have indicated that the railroad did an excellent cleanup job which included restocking some of the ponds. The unit reportedly was not missed until the train arrived in Denver.

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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.

SOUVENIR Folding Button Hook-shoe horn, Balanced Rock, Manitou, Colo. Patented, 8-24-15. Poor's RR Manuals, 1869-1890 various dates. Locomotive Engineer Monthly Journal, for the year 1876, bound, but front hinge broken. Will sell or trade.
A. Von Blon Box 6422, Waco, Texas.

FOR FREE - Have framed 18" x 24" old color rendering of steam powered Pennsylvania passenger train crossing multiple arch stone bridge. Appears to originally have been pastel over water color lay-in. Quite impressive perspective.
Stan Morgan 1123 Pontiac St., Denver, Colo. 80220
Telephone - 297-2242 (days) 322-8066 (evenings)

BOOKS WANTED: Held for Orders, by Frank Spearman; Running Special and The Night Operator, by Frank L. Packard; any railroad title by Cy Warman except The Last Spike. Can anyone furnish me with a copy of the last four pages of Mystery Rides the Rails, by Gilbert Lathrop?
Charles Albi 460 S. Marion St., #306, Denver, Colo. 80209.

HAZEL M. LUNDBERG offers for sale a new copy "Supplement of South Park and Pacific", Book #61 in original dust Jacket. Autographed by Mr. M. C. Poor, also Mr. R. H. Kindig and E. J. Haley. \$160.00
2724 S. Downing Cir., Denver, Colorado 80210.

SELLING MUCH of my 40-year collection of Railroadiana. List A-1 is 6 pages of Hard and Soft Cover Railroad Books. List #5 is 6 pages of Timetables (Public and Employee), Books of Rules, and Magazines pertaining to Railroading, including "Vermont Life," "Trains," "Baldwin Locos," and "The Western Railroader." Also, 2 Moody's Manuals. Either list available for large SSAE (10¢) or SSAE (20¢) if both lists wanted. C. Norman Lippincott, 10814 Sarabande Circle, Sun City, Arizona 85351.

FOR SALE:

Slim Rails Through the Sand by George Turner
First Numbered (751) autographed edition-excellent
condition

\$25.00

A Picture History of U.S. Transportation - Rails, Roads & River (1958) by Roderick Craib	\$ 4.00
The Virginian Railway by H. Reid Excellent Condition	\$ 8.00
Sierra Railway by Dorothy N. Deane	\$ 4.00
Ships & Narrow Gauge Rails by Gerald M. Best	\$ 4.00
Ghost Railroads of Kentucky by Elmer G. Sulzer	\$10.00

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