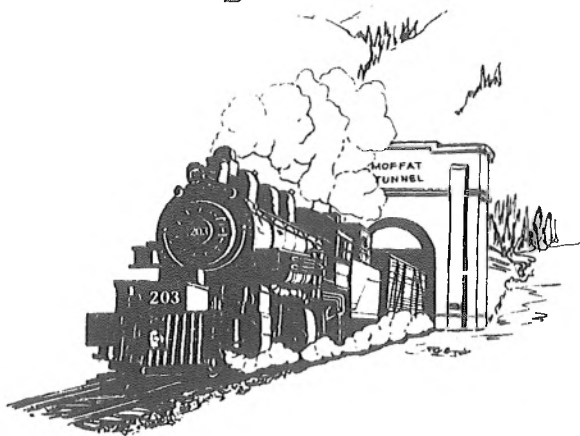


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Tuesday, January 13, 1976
Time 7:45 P.M.
Place Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2900 So.
University at Bates; offstreet parking at rear
(east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: A selection from the FAMOUS MOVIES OF OTTO PERRY

Dick Kindig has again put together a series of Otto Perry's 16mm movies in both black and white and color for this month's program. Included in his presentation are shots of the Rio Grande Southern, Denver & Rio Grande Western, Santa Fe, Burlington and Union Pacific. Of particular interest are scenes near Chicago showing various railroads and finally, footage of Rocky Mountain Railroad Club specials on Cumbres Pass. Don't miss out on these fascinating films. As always, visitors and guests are most welcome to attend.

LAST MONTH a fine turnout of members and visitors was on hand to participate in the final meeting of 1975. The first order of business was the execution of the normal procedural matters associated with the annual meeting which included a treasurer's report by Carl Carlson and the election of officers and directors for the coming year from the selection presented by the nominating committee. Remaining in their offices for a second term were Eldin Larsen, President; Jim Trowbridge, Vice President; Carl Carlson, Treasurer; and Bill Gordon, Secretary. Elected to the Board of Directors were Jackson Thode, Ed Gerlits, and Darrell Arndt who will join the carry-over members Neal Reich, Arl Cuthbert and E. J. Haley. A note of thanks is due Ane Clint and John Jordan who completed their two-year term in December.

During the early part of the meeting, Neal Miller handed out his annual Christmas gift to those in attendance, which this year was a 7 x 10 inch photo of a D&RGW narrow gauge passenger train at San Juan Bridge in 1955.

The program for the evening was given by Eldin Larsen, Jim Trowbridge and Darrell Arndt and depicted the two-day rotary snowplow operation on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad last February. Jim showed movies of the event with Olie supplying accompanying tape recordings that were made at about the same time the movies were taken. Darrell presented slides of the plow train in action along with a few views of Cumbres Pass and Antonito as they appear in mid-February.

Following the program, cake, cookies and beverages were prepared and served by the Larsen family, which provided for a pleasant way to end a fine evening.

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DUES!!! DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES - Dues payments have been coming in at a very good rate for this year. If you haven't sent yours yet, why not do it right now? Membership cards have been prepared and will be sent out in the near future for those who have paid. And remember the book raffle of Denver South Park & Pacific and The Rio Grande Southern Story. \$2.00 entitles you to a chance on each book.

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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC MEMORIAL EDITION - Ed Haley reports that printing is now finished on the first 324 pages of the book that is being reprinted by the Club. All photographic plates have been made, and a third color plate is currently in process. Pages up to 250 have been folded and collated. The binding operation, of course, cannot begin until printing, collating and folding of the pages is complete. To date, over 2,500 copies have been sold. If progress continues at its current pace, the book should be out in late 1976.

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THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT was once again evident in Denver Union Station this year, as Christmas decorations were put up in the terminal. The tree was furnished through the efforts of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and was decorated by a number of Club members, Amtrak and depot personnel. Venette Martines of Amtrak's Denver Sales Office coordinated the project that included Amtrak, Mr. C. E. Breternitz and his DUT crews and Mrs. Ida Riesman - Union Station Gift Shop and Snack Bar and her employees. Decorating the tree proved to be an interesting chore as its 20-foot height towered over the tallest ladder available in the depot.

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THE NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW will be held in January as usual, and the people of the Cheyenne, Wyoming area will again have the opportunity to ride to Denver behind the 8444 to this annual convening of cowboys. The date of the special run will be on Saturday, January 17th.

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THE CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD'S 1976 Rotary Snowplow Special is all set to go on Sunday, February 15th. This year, two engines, No's 483 and 487, are scheduled to provide power for this one-day operation with Rotary OM. As with past operations, departure from Chama will be around 10:00 A.M. with return in mid-afternoon. On Saturday, the day before the trip, the locomotives will be fired up, if that hasn't already been done, and the equipment serviced and prepared for use. That same evening, a catered dinner and program will be held for those who are interested.

Train fare will be \$35.00 this year, while those who follow the train on the highway are encouraged to support the run by purchase of a Pacer Pass for \$5.00. Dinner and program Saturday evening is \$6.50. For reservations, further information, or a brochure, contact the C&TS at P.O. Box 789, Chama, New Mexico 87520, Phone (505) 756-2151. Lodging in the Chama area will be extremely limited this year, due to other winter activities in the region on that three-day holiday weekend, so those planning to go should get it in gear.

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CRUNCH - About 11 cars of a D&RGW freight left the rails in Byers Canyon just west of Hot Sulphur Springs on Sunday night, December 28. No injuries were reported in

the mishap, but it blocked the line and prevented the Rio Grande Zephyr from reaching Denver. Buses were dispatched to Kremmling to pick up passengers and they did not get to Denver until around 2:00 A.M. Monday morning. For the westbound run Monday morning, buses were again used from Denver Union Station to Kremmling, where the Rio Grande Zephyr began its run to Salt Lake City.

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A SIGHT to make a Union Pacific or passenger train fan turn glassy-eyed took place a few months ago in Seattle. Phillip Marceau of Port Orchard, Washington reports that, with an atmosphere of the "City of" trains in the air, a complete train of "Private Varnish" business cars was spotted at Seattle's Union Station on September 12. The train was headed by passenger units numbers 960-A, 969-B and 954-A. The private cars were arranged from the head end as follows: 202, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 104, 112, and 114. The train had orders for departure toward Portland, Oregon at the time.

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NO MORE BULL IN GREYBULL - The Burlington Northern has asked for permission to abandon its stockyard facilities at its Greybull Station in Wyoming. The railroad said that no livestock shipments were received or shipped from the location in 1974 or 1975.

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10 YEARS AGO IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL REPORT - - -

THE CHERRELYN HORSECAR again rode through the streets of Englewood, Colorado, a Denver suburb, as it was moved by flatbed truck from the old city building to the new city hall. The car was quite well known around the turn of the century for the manner in which it was operated. A horse would pull the car up a hill for about a mile and then on the return trip the animal would simply climb on one end and ride the car back as it coasted down the hill.

As a service to Club members, the "Swap n' Shop" section was begun in the newsletter.

15 YEARS AGO - - -

Only 300 copies remained of the Pictorial Supplement to the Denver South Park and Pacific and all were encouraged to order theirs if they hadn't by then.

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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:

FOR SALE: The Colorado Road, by F. Hol Wagner, Jr. Mint condition - \$15.00.

Attention MODEL TRAIN BUFFS ... For sale - "HO" and "N" gauge model trains. Also wired train board for "HO" gauge. See and discuss prices.

David McCart, Lakewood, Colorado 989-4257

TRADE: Will trade mint copy of Denver South Park & Pacific Supplement for Rails Around Gold Hill.

Ed Rogers Sr., P.O. Box 2873, Estes Park, Colorado 80517

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FOR BID: The following lanterns and markers are offered to the highest bidder, said bid to be received prior to January 20, 1976: One matched pair of F&CC Caboose Markers; one pair of UPRR Caboose Markers, 1 switch lamp with one cracked lense; one UPRR Caboose Marker with no lenses; 1 EJ&E caboose marker; 1 UPRR hand lantern with red globe.

E. S. Peyton, 1321 Bracken Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

WANTED: Photographs of California's West Side Lumber Company narrow gauge railroad for forthcoming book; West Side ... Narrow Gauge in the Sierras. Historic and contemporary photos of mill, trains, equipment, camps, donkey engines and people.
Mallory Hope Ferrell, 4759 Dorchester Circle, Boulder, Colo. 80301

- FOR SALE:
1. Mint copy of Iron Horses of the Santa Fe Trail, by E. D. Worley. Limited edition of 250 copies, Copy No. 3, slip case, original carton and end papers. Any offer over \$200 shipped post paid and insured.
 2. Near mint copy of Colorado Midland, Copy No. 459, autographed by Morris Cafky. Any offer over \$100, shipped post paid and insured.
 3. Mint copy of Rio Grande Southern Story by Josie Crum, original carton, end papers. Any offer over \$40, shipped post paid and insured. 1st edition.
 4. Mint copy of The Colorado Road, by Hol Wagner. Collector's Edition No. 358. Any offer over \$40, original carton, end papers. Shipped post paid and insured.
 5. Mint condition HO-Model PFM Denver & Salt Lake 2-6-6-0 Mallet, painted and decaled D&SL #201, test run only, original carton. Any offer over \$175. Shipped post paid and insured.

Wm. O. Gibson, 4427 - 30th St., San Diego, Calif. 92116

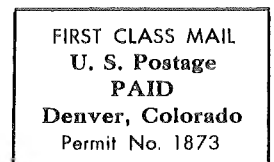
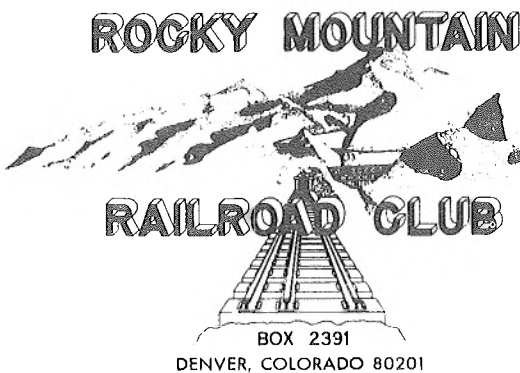
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