

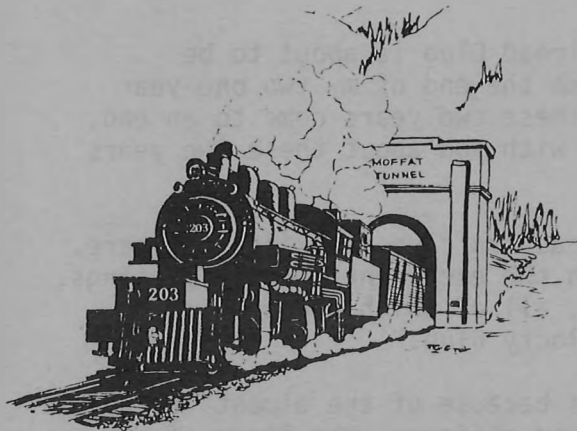
# Rocky Mountain Rail Report

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MEETING NOTICE: Date - - - Tuesday, December 14, 1982  
Time - - - 7:45 P.M.  
Place - - Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2900 South  
University at Bates. Off-street parking at rear (east)  
of meeting hall. Please use building's south entrance.

PROGRAM NOTES: ELECTION NIGHT

A full evening of activities will close out the 1982 Rocky Mountain Railroad Club activity calendar at the December 14 meeting. Foremost on the agenda, will be the annual election, with club officers and three members of the Board of Directors being selected for 1983. Following the short business meeting, an excellent 16mm motion picture of Colorado and California railroads of the 1940's will be shown. This reel is a club-owned copy of the original, as photographed by Mr. Billy Bowen, a member of this organization at that time. Narrated by Ed Haley, the film will feature scenes of standard and narrow gauge trains in Colorado, including a triple-header on Raton Pass, Engine No. 20 on the Rio Grande Southern, and a 1947 national model railroaders's convention special on Marshall Pass. Rounding out the evening, will be the traditional serving of cookies, cake, coffee, punch, and other goodies in the spirit of the season, and to salute another successful Rocky Mountain Railroad Club year.

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Cold, foggy weather didn't keep club members from attending the annual railroading auction held during the regular November club meeting. Auctioneer, Erwin Chaim moved a wide variety of merchandise, ranging from books (some out of print and rare), to passes to time tables, to dining car china, over the block. Successful bids ranged from 50¢ to well over \$100, with a group of stock certificates (including two DSP&P) bringing in the high bid of the evening, \$251. This event seems to be more popular every year it is held, and attracts a wide variety of interesting and desirable merchandise. There was so much railroading, in fact, that despite Auctioneer Chaim's best efforts, not every item could be offered in the time available. Special thanks goes to our staff of auction clerks, consisting of Keith Kirby, Cindi Trombly, and ol' money-bags, Ardie Schoeninger, for keeping all the finances straight.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another great year for the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club is about to be concluded. With the end of this Club year will come the end of my two one-year terms as President of this fine organization. As these two years come to an end, I would like to share some of my personal thoughts with you about these two years and about the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club.

This club is, unquestionably, as fine a railroad fan club as exists anywhere. Its continuing membership of a thousand, along with the excellent monthly meetings, the club trips, and the many other club activities, all of which are of high quality, attest to the prestigious nature of the "Rocky Club."

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club is what it is because of the almost incredible leadership and effort put into this club by the other officers; the board of directors; the numerous committee chairmen; the ever-present volunteers ready to make a success of every club effort; and you, the membership, who show your interest and participate so well. I cannot individually express my appreciation to all those who have made this club go so well during my terms as your President. There have been so many who have done so much. It has, truly, been my pleasure to work with all of you. My thanks to you, the membership, who have allowed me to serve in this capacity. These years will remain in my memory, as a most enjoyable time. Thank you for allowing me this pleasure. I look forward to many more years of association with you in America's premier railroad fan club.

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DUES ARE DUE! - It's that time again. enclosed with this copy of the Rail Report, is the dues reminder for 1983. Please be sure to return the portion of the notice with your name and address printed on it, and make any necessary corrections. This will enable us to keep the club roster as up to date as possible. The yearly dues are still only \$12 per person, so don't delay, send yours in today. And, as has become traditional, the proceeds from the big book drawing will go to the equipment fund, and your participation is greatly appreciated.

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THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM will have ex-Denver & Rio Grande locomotive No. 346 all steamed up on the annual Santa Claus Train on Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12. The 100-year-old engine, along with Galloping Goose No. 2, will be running between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day, so bring out the kids of all ages to see Santa, and perhaps do a bit of Christmas shopping at the museum store. The Colorado Railroad Museum is located at 17155 W. 44th Avenue, just 1 mile east of Golden.

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SINCE THE GROUND BREAKING ON AUGUST 7, the Fort Collins Municipal Railway Society has made considerable progress in construction of its streetcar barn. A large number of public-spirited businesses and professional people have contributed materials and services to the project. In fact, due to the cooperation of these interested parties, the Society anticipates building a \$25,000 car barn for \$10,000 or less! Hats Off!! to the Society and its fund-raising committee, and to all the contributors who are making the restoration of trolley service in Fort Collins truly a community project.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED to visit a superb memorial to railroad photographer and club member, Otto Perry. The Denver Public Library has set up an exhibition of Otto Perry photographs, augmented with some artifacts from the Colorado Railroad Museum. Part of the exhibit is on the first floor of the library, but the bulk of the display is to be found in the Western Room on the fourth floor. The Otto Perry display is open to the public, and will be available until December 31. The Denver Public Library is located at 1357 Broadway, and is open from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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ARLINGTON M. CUTHBERT - One of the best known members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, Arlington "Arl" Cuthbert, passed away on October 23, in Cheyenne, at age 80. Born in Salida, Colorado, Arl spend most of his early years in Leadville, where his father was Road Foreman of Engines for the Colorado Midland Railway. After the closing of the Midland in 1918, the family moved to Cheyenne, where Mr. Cuthbert worked as a locomotive engineer for the Union Pacific. An uncle, William Cuthbert, was agent for the D&RGW at Littleton, CO for many years. Although he never worked for a railroad, Arl was proud of his family railroad heritage, and loved to tell of the exciting things a boy could find to do while growing up in the mining town of Leadville. Always an active member, Arl Cuthbert was a fixture at monthly meetings, at club activities, and on club excursions. He served on the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, and held the office of Treasurer in 1952 and again in 1971 and 1972. He had joined the organization in the early 1940's, and during the current year, held Membership Card #12. Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and many friends of Arl Cuthbert - he will be warmly remembered and sadly missed.

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FROM THE EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN - I would just like to express my appreciation for all the hours of help that members have provided during this past year, toward maintaining the club's equipment at the Colorado Railroad Museum. The work day was most successful, with the painting and lettering of the Rico, and the sand-blasting, scraping, and painting of the RGS No. 20 was a most noteworthy accomplishment. A busy summer experienced by many of us precluded completion of the platform work on the Rico. However, the strengthening of the carbody end has been completed, the interior walls reinstalled, and the platform members have begun to take shape. Many hours of work were saved this summer, and better quality work was accomplished, thanks to the generous use of equipment from the A-1 Pattern Company in Lakewood, and Kenney Construction Company of Denver. Museum volunteers have lent a hand when needed, always a comfort when a problem arises. From those club members who are too far distant or do not have the time to give, donations and participation in the drawing at dues time have been most gratifying and certainly provide encouragement to not only maintain the equipment, but to undertake restoration work. I hope participation in the drawing this winter will again receive your continued support. Thanks again!!

Darrell Arndt

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES GO OUT TO long-time Rocky Mountain Railroad Club member, Carl Reich, who will celebrate his 90th birthday in Cheyenne, on December 11. Born in Ft. Logan, Colorado, Carl began his railroad career in 1908, as a station helper for the Santa Fe, at Castle Rock, Colorado. After working for several railroads, he moved with his family to Cheyenne, where, after 31 year's service, he retired from the Union Pacific in 1957. Although slowed somewhat in recent months by a broken hip, he still enjoys talking rail-

roading, and recalling his days of working on some of the area's more colorful pikes. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CARL!!!

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This year's Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following names to be placed on the December ballot:

President: Darrell Arndt - Darrell is well-known to all club members through his diligent efforts as the Newsletter Editor for over 7 years, but his service to the club doesn't even begin to stop there! He has been instrumental in selecting, organizing, and carrying through the club's various trips and other functions for another 7 years. He has been the Equipment Chairman for the past 2 years, although he has been extremely active in the equipment preservation for many years. In general, there are not many club activities that Darrell hasn't helped in over the 12 years he has been a member. Darrell works for the Colorado Department of Highways, in the Central Accounting Office.

Vice President: Erwin Chaim - Erwin has held this position for the past 4 years. His complimentary position of Program Chairman has been well performed, presenting outstanding monthly programs, as well as special events such as the evening programs on such trips as Glenwood Springs weekends. Erwin has many of next year's programs already booked. Erwin is a semi-retired handyman. Previously, he was in business for himself as a dental technician.

Secretary: Bill Gordon - Bill has been a member of the club since boyhood, and has served in many capacities over the years, including President in 1957 and 1958, and is currently Secretary, a position held and ably fulfilled for a number of years. His consent to again serve in this position will certainly benefit the club. Bill works for Western Electric.

Treasurer: Ardie Schoeninger - Ardie has served as Club Treasurer for the past 5 years, and has done an outstanding job. He has made some fine changes to streamline our accounting system, including the club's fiscal year. The club's books were praised by the IRS in a routine audit a couple years ago. Ardie works for the Colorado Department of Highways, in their Accounting Division.

Board of Directors:

Lee Brown - Lee has been an active participant in club activities. He is both a railfan, and a model railroader, being one of the four men who put on the 2nd National Narrow Gauge Convention, which presented the club with a \$1,000 donation to help preserve the Otto Perry films. Lee has an electrical engineering background, and is currently employed as a Maintenance Supervisor with Coors. His talents would be well utilized on the Board.

Ed Gerlits - Mr. High Country Railroad, as his many club friends know him, has been a club member for many years, and has served the club as President, Vice President, Trip Chairman, Director on the Board, and many other positions. Ed can always be counted on for direction, technical knowledge, enthusiasm, and help in any club project. Ed owns and operates the High Country Railroad and other amusement businesses as Heritage Square.

Tom Caldwell - Tom attends club meetings regularly and participates in many other activities, including trips. His special interest is in Colorado Narrow Gauge, and its history. Tom is a Project Engineer with Kinney Construction.

Bob Griswold - "The Mailman" of the club, Bob has diligently addressed the Newsletters and other mailings of the club for the past 12 years! He retires from that position this December. An avid railroad buff, he has published "Colorado's Loneliest Railroad" and "The Colorado Eastern." Bob works for Tenneco Oil Company.

Jim Schwingle - Jim has been active in many club activities over the past few years, and can bring some good business experience to the Board, being self-employed as a Landscape Architect and Contractor. A steadfast railfan, being interested in Pennsy Mainline, as well as D&RGW narrow gauge, he models them both in a most unique manner, and was instrumental in running the 2nd National Gauge Convention and is part of the five-man group who will organize and run the 4th National NGC in 1984. His many talents would be a fine asset to the club's Board.

Cyndi Trombly - A member of the club for a number of years, Cyndi has been very active and currently serves as Assistant to the Club Treasurer. She enjoys Colorado history, and is also a member of the Ghost Town Club of Colorado. In her spare time, she does tax preparation. Her main employment is with the Cancer Institute at the Colorado Medical Center, as a researcher.

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A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR DENVER UNION STATION will, once again, be provided through the efforts of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. On Saturday, December 11, club volunteers will take off for 'parts unknown' to cut a tree in an authorized area of a National forest. Anyone wishing to participate in this venture, can call Darrell Arndt at 572-7868. Also, we would be delighted to hear from anyone with a long-bed pickup, small flatbed, or trailer that could be used. Such a vehicle would make the chore a lot easier. Even though participants need to be prepared to wade through knee-deep snow, and perhaps brave chilly weather, such an outing can and has been a lot of fun. Of course, what is a tree without decorations??!! Thanks to the contribution of the Intermountain Chapter of the NRHS, such necessities will be provided for use at the Depot. A decorating 'party' is to take place on the evening of Wednesday, December 15, after the San Francisco Zephyr has left, about 6:30 p.m. Amtrak employees, Denver Union Terminal employees, chapter and club members are invited to join in adding a touch of Christmas Spirit to the concourse and partake of snacks and beverages that will be available.

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TRAINS MAGAZINE HAS FEATURED ARTICLES by two members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club in its most recent issues. In the December TRAINS, "My Last Ride to Leadville" by Ed Haley, tells of a trip made by he and a friend, during the severe winter of 1935-'36. This 10-page story details their long journey on a Colorado & Southern narrow gauge passenger train from Denver, and of them completing the trip on a four-engine rotary train! The well-written account is illustrated with a number of fine photographs and maps, and is "must" reading for all fans of Colorado mountain railroading.

The cover story of the November TRAINS, is entitled, "3985: The Engine, the

People, the Restoration," and was written by John Boehner. As President of the "3985 Committee," John recounts the immense amount of work that went into restoring the 3985, and of the dedicated Union Pacific employees who returned the Challenger to active service. The excellent color and black and white photographs illustrating the article follow the 3985, from regular freight service on the UP, through display at the Cheyenne passenger depot, during the restoration, and once again traveling the Union Pacific mainline.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB CHARTER MEMBERS - WALKER EDWARDS (fourth of a series). It was the bustling little town of Palmer Lake, CO, that engendered a lifelong interest in railroading for club charter member, Walker Edwards. That, and the fact that his grandfather worked for the D&RG in Pueblo and Denver. The Edwards family had a summer home at Palmer Lake, and there wasn't much that happened around the beautiful Victorian Palmer Lake Depot that Walker didn't observe. Fond memories include the lunchroom, which was located between the depot and the water tank, where Missouri Pacific Trains 9 and 10 stopped while passengers grabbed a quick bite to eat. Walker has a considerable collection of railroad passes, time tables, and other paper items of interest. Just imagine an 1882 train register from Palmer Lake! At one time, that little town had 36 passenger trains passing through it each 24 hours. The holder of Club Membership Card #2 boasts a unique accomplishment in that he has traveled by train in 44 of the 48 continental United States, as well as in Canada and Mexico. In addition, he has a strong interest in the Denver Tramway Company.

A mutual friend of Dick Kindig and Jack Thode brought Walker Edwards in to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. For years, Walker was a Political Science teacher in several area schools, including Regis College, Colorado Womens' College, and Metro State College. He and his wife have three sons and a grandson, who are all railfans. And the Edwards still enjoy their summers in that Palmer Lake house that has hosted six generations of the family since 1901, even though the railroad activity in that community is just a fraction of what it was 50 years ago.  
Bob Griswold

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NOTES FROM ALL OVER - The latest big rumor from the West Coast is that Southern Pacific 4449 will run under steam from Portland to Dunsmuir, California next June, to participate in the DUNSMUIR DAYS celebration there . . . Thirty members of the JAYCEES organization from Cheyenne, Wheatland and Laramie, Wyoming, recently donated their services on a Sunday, and painted UP 4004, on display in Cheyenne's Holiday Park. The Union Pacific Railroad donated the black and silver paint to spruce up the Big Boy, which was looking very weathered . . . The Bay Area Rapid Transit System recently awarded a French firm a \$184,000,000 contract for 150 new transit cars. BART reportedly sold \$65,000,000 in revenue bonds to help finance the purchase . . . Burlington Northern Railroads station at Gillette, Wyoming, which handles some 25 loaded coal trains per day, has set a railroad industry record with one billion dollars in shipping revenue in a single year.

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