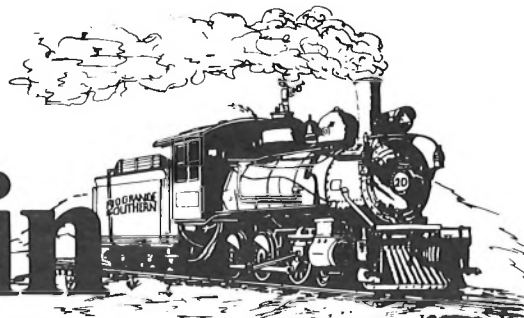


# Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

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## MEETING SCHEDULE:

August 13, 1996 -- 7:30 p.m.

Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University at Bates. Off-street parking at rear (east) of meeting hall. Please use the building's south entrance.

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Linda Johnson, Membership Chairperson  
1935 Independence  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920-3705

## AUGUST 13 PROGRAM

Club member, Jim Stewart, of Lancaster, PA, will take us on a rail tour of eastern Europe. We will depart from Munich's large, modern station and travel on the rail systems of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Austria. Stops will be in Prague, Budapest, Vienna, and interesting intermediate stops. Some time will be spent train watching in Budapest as trains from most former Eastern Bloc countries past through.

## JULY PROGRAM AND MEETING

Some excellent photography was enjoyed at the July meeting as Bob Andrews presented a program on the Burlington Northern with both modern and historical views of trains and locations. Our "Thanks" to Bob for the

effort and we look forward to another program down the line!

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## RESPONSE TO EDITORIAL BY EDITOR

Along with some letters received in the mail and at the meeting, some good dialogue was started concerning the Club's future. Board member, Rich Berens, brought up some of his concerns at the meeting and some discussion was heard; however, it is the many thoughtful letters that have been rolling in so quickly that has your editor pleased! I am delighted that so many members decided to respond, and, I am very delighted at the time and effort that members put into their responses. I believe that the general membership will find these letters of great interest and I plan to begin printing many of them in future issues of the Rail Report, beginning next month! I have no doubt that your officers and directors will find this correspondence of great interest and help in guiding the Club from this point onward. My "Thanks" to all who have written thus far and my encouragement to others who have not taken the time to write as yet. There is plenty of time left before any major decisions are made. The more input the Board has, the better their decisions will be affecting the entire membership! Please, think about my comments in the July issue of the Rail Report and let your Board and Officers know what you think and how you would like them to represent you regarding the Club's future.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club wishes to enthusiastically welcome the following new members:

James C. Emas	Littleton, CO
Robert W. Raymond	Shreveport, LA



## 1996 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 13	Regular Monthly Meeting
August 24	Colorado Springs Field Trip: Western Mining Museum and Colorado Springs & Manitou Traction Company
September 10	Regular Monthly Meeting
September 29- October 12	Great Britain Rail Trip
October 12	ANNUAL BANQUET
November 12	Regular Monthly Meeting
December 10	ELECTIONS and Regular Monthly Meeting

\*Additions, deletions and corrections will be made in the Rail Report throughout the year. Be sure to look for details monthly!

# NOTICE

## COPY DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER, 1996 NEWSLETTER

Between your editor's two narrow gauge trips and the 16th Annual Narrow Gauge Convention in Durango, I will NOT be able to put off starting the newsletter until the September meeting. ALL COPY for the October Rail Report MUST be in my hands no later than September 1, 1996!! September meeting information and new members will be published in the November issue of the Rail Report. Anyone having material to be published in the October Newsletter, please note this DEADLINE!!

**THE COLORADO SPRINGS FIELD TRIP:  
THE WESTERN MINING MUSEUM AND  
THE COLORADO SPRINGS & MANITOU  
TRACTION COMPANY**



*[Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order to reduce the work load for Hugh. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated]*

On August 24, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., we will be stepping back in time to see the workings of Colorado mining facilities and equipment from the steam era at the wonderful Western Museum of Mining and Industry, located across from the North Entrance of the U.S. Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs.

We will view some outstanding machinery of the steam era (currently run on compressed air) such as the 1895 Corliss Steam Engine whose flywheel alone weighs in at 17 tons. Should you choose, you can also try your luck at gold panning. The stamp mill operation is not to be missed! Guided and self-guided tours will enhance your knowledge and appreciation of this fascinating era of Colorado history.

About noon, we will leave the Museum to tour the Colorado Springs & Manitou Traction Company's operations at the old Rock Island roundhouse, where we will also be served lunch. With some luck, we may witness some passing trains on the Joint Line right next to our tour area. After our tour of the facilities, we will enjoy rides on their PCC car and tour their museum. Included in this tour will be a look at the restoration work being conducted on the Club's own Birney #22, being leased by the CS&MTC.

Our visit will end when everyone has had enough traction riding. Then...perhaps it's dinner at Giuseppe's Restaurant in the old D&RGW Depot, just blocks away!

The cost of this outing is just \$15.00 per person and includes your admission to the Western Mining Museum, lunch, and, a small donation to the Colorado Springs & Manitou Traction Company toward the restoration of equipment and traction lines in Colorado Springs.

Send your check or money order to: THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, c/o Hugh Alexander, Ticket Chairman, 700 South Elixabeth Street, Denver, Colorado 80209.

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Colorado Springs Field Trip Order Form

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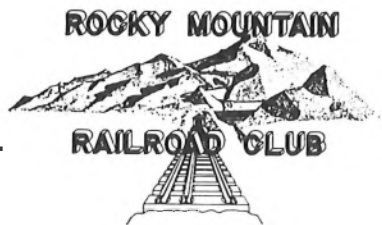
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*Bulletin*

**ELECTIONS**

Your editor's Editorial in the July Rail Report pointed out the need for members to reappraise their position on volunteering and nominating persons to serve on the Board and as Officers. The December Elections are approaching quickly and the Club needs your help in submitting nominations.

The nominating committee, made up of the hold-over board members, is composed of the following three men: Jim Blouch, John Hallinan and Don Zielesch. It is their duty to search for candidates for the positions to be filled and to select a slate of nominations to be presented to Club members for the December Elections.

The nominating committee is always happy to receive input by fellow Club members. Should you have any suggestions regarding candidates for officers or board members, please contact any of the committee members at Club meetings, via the Club's telephone, or, write to: Nominating Committee, c/o Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, P. O. Box 2391, Denver, CO 80201-2391.



**ANNUAL BANQUET**

You are cordially invited to attend the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club's Annual Banquet on Saturday, October 12, 1996.

This gala event will be held at The Regency Hotel, I-25 and 38th Avenue (Look for the gold dome!). Cocktails will be available at 6:00 p.m. at a cash bar; Dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. with the evening's program following dinner and door prizes.

Ample free parking is available, and for out-of-town members and guests, the Club has arranged for reduced rates at the Regency Hotel: Single, \$49.00; Double, \$58.00. Reservations need to be made directly with the hotel by September 14th!! Their phone number is (303) 458-0808. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club.

- Dinner will consist of your choice of:
- A. Trout Almondine, Baby Red Potatos and Mixed Vegetables, or,
  - B. London Broil, Mushroom Sauce, Baby Red Potatos and Mixed Vegetables, or,
  - C. Chicken Pierre, Baby Red Potatos and Mixed Vegetables.

All menu choices include tossed green salad with Regency dressing, rolls and butter, dessert, and, your choice of regular coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea and water.

Our program this year will feature Jim Ehernberger, long-time member, past president, noted author and photographer, presenting a program seen, and very much enjoyed on the Club's December, 1995, D&SNG RR Excursion weekend. Jim's program will include great railroad photography, interspersed with railroad folk songs, covering a variety of subjects, including construction gangs, romance, religion and historical events. We are sure that you will find this program worth the price of admission, alone!

The cost of this evening of great food, outstanding entertainment and good conversation with wonderful people is only \$19.00 per person!! Tickets will be available at Club meetings or by mail. Please order as soon as possible. We must submit a head count by Wednesday, October 2nd!!!! We cannot seat people who arrive without a reservation!

Send your reservations, along with a check or money order to: ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, c/o Hugh Alexander, Ticket Chairman, 700 So. Elizabeth Street, Denver, Colorado 90209.

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ANNUAL BANQUET ORDER FORM

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Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send the following tickets for the Annual RMRRRC Banquet:

\_\_\_\_\_ (A) Trout @ \$19.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (B) London Broil @ \$19     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (C) Chicken @ 19.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS**

We are always happy to receive information about railroading in the Rocky Mountain region and, very often, as space permits, use other regional data. We encourage our members to participate in the newsletter. Should you have something you wish to share with fellow members, please send it to the Rail Report, 502 South Cody St., Lakewood, Colorado 80226-3048.



*Southern Pacific provided this set of SD40T-2's, numbered 5405 and 5392 to Abbey Productions of London, England to film a London bank's television commercial. Abbey Productions required two, clean, "Rio Grande" lettered units for this commercial, leading a nine-car consist. The train was photographed on June 17, 1996, along the Front Range. (Jon F. Bockelman Photograph)*

## **THE COMBUSTION CORNER— CURRENT RAILROAD HAPPENINGS**

by Chip Sherman

"RIO GRANDE" SKI TRAIN FILMED FOR LONDON BANK COMMERCIAL. A nine-car Ski Train was put together for London, England, based Abbey Productions to film a London Bank television commercial, June 17, 1996. The company specified two clean "Denver & Rio Grande Western" units (CLEAN, D&RGW units: isn't that an oxymoron? Editor), and Southern Pacific provided Rio Grande-lettered SD40T-2 #5405 and #5392. Included with the Ski Train power car and five coaches were lounge car UTAH, dome-sleeper CALIFORNIA and business car KANSAS on the rear.

The train rolled west from Denver early, June 17th, rolling through Arvada, CO, around 5:00 a.m. to begin its commercial filming, bright and early! Under brilliant,

sunny skies, the crew did its morning filming between tunnels Two and Eight. Security was tight, but the rugged Front Range Flatirons helped keep away unwanted guests. The SP charges around \$25,000 a day for the train's usage. The film crew worked out of Plainview, CO, just west of Rocky Flats. A helicopter filmed the train amongst the rugged Colorado Rocky Mountain's Front Range. In the afternoon, the train was moved west to Pinecliffe, CO, for additional filming. The train returned to Denver around 5:00 p.m. that evening. Now, you'll just have to get BBC T.V. to see the finished product! (Jon B. and C.W.)

AMERICAN ORIENT EXPRESS CONSIDERS DENVER FOR MAINTENANCE BASE. The American Orient Express is considering its options in moving its home maintenance base to Denver, CO. The AOE currently operates from San Antonio, TX, leasing the former Southern Pacific's diesel shop facility.

The move to Denver would involve leasing or purchasing land from either BNSF or Union Pacific close to Denver's Union Station. AOE considered leasing the recently closed BNSF 23rd Street Diesel Shop space, but the Marlboro Train has leased the space. Other options are being considered. The site would have to be able to accommodate the AOE's 14-car fleet and be capable of having security fencing.

The AOE made a national park trip into Colorado on June 5th, via SP's Salt Lake City, UT, via Moffat Tunnel to Denver route. The train, with Amtrak's P32-BWH #505 and #509, was parked at Denver Union Station's Track #3 during its 15-day layover in Denver.

During its Denver stay, numerous maintenance issues were corrected or upgraded by electrical and plumbing contractors. The SAN ANTONIO support car, for example, had its water capacity increased from just a 300 gallon water tank to a new 1200 gallon tank. This will help with doing laundry aboard the train when its on the road.

AOE has leased two Amtrak-owned, General Electric-built, model P32-BWH units. During its stay, Amtrak rotated #505 for #511.

The train's consist: support car SAN ANTONIO, leased Amtrak 11-double bedroom sleeper GRAND CANYON, dining cars CHICAGO AND ZURICH, club car ROCKY MOUNTAIN, sleeper BERLIN, MONTE CARLO, and ISTANBUL, club car SEATTLE, sleepers VIENNA, WASHINGTON AND PARIS, with round-end observation bar lounge NEW YORK bringing up the rear markers. (Colorado Zephyr)

WISCONSIN CENTRAL SD-45's STORM THE FRONT RANGE IN JUNE. Railfans were off to a hot summer start with Southern Pacific using three Wisconsin Central (WC) SD-45's along Colorado's Front Range. WC 6555, 6499 and 6510 worked the Denver to Pueblo, CO, trains (DVPUM and PUDVM) on Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22. They were seen southbound on Friday afternoon under stormy skies. After a brief layover that evening in Pueblo, they returned north to Denver.

However, WC 6499 developed a traction motor problem which was serious enough to send it directly to the shop. The train was routed

off the Joint Line at South Denver Junction into the SP's Diesel Maintenance Shop (ex-D&RGW Burnham Shops). There, the WC 6499 was taken off along with an SP AC4400CW, and the remaining two WC units took the PUDVM train up to SP's North Yard at Denver. (C.W., Mark B.)

NEW NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC OPERATION GETS FOUR GP-9's and SD-9's FROM OMNITRAX, LOVELAND, CO. The Omnitrax crew in Loveland, CO, surprised everyone when they outshopped Northwestern Pacific GP-9 #3844 in a Southern Pacific inspired "black widow" paint scheme in late May, 1996. The unit was moved from Loveland to Denver, CO, June 7th, where it laid over at BNSF's 23rd Street Shops for several days. Along with the 3844, was freshly painted orange and white SW-1500 #1501 with the initials "FC-RR."

The Northwestern Pacific is the ex-Southern Pacific (SP) line north of San Francisco, CA, which the SP and Santa Fe jointly consolidated and owned back in 1907. It runs north through the redwood country and down the Eel River Canyon to Eureka, CA. SP bought out Santa Fe's share in 1929, and sold the north end of the line in 1984 to Eureka Southern. That operation then became North Coast RR. Effective July 1, 1996, Northwestern Pacific will become the operator.

The NWP 3844 is the first of an eight unit order, four GP-9's and four SD-9's. Included in the SD-9's will be NWP 5305, ex-Denver & Rio Grande Western #5305. This was Rio Grande's Grand Junction, CO, hump engine for many years, and was sold by the SP to Omnitrax. The D&RGW 5305 was unique for its low nose on the Rio Grande. The 5305 was damaged in a Pueblo, CO, yard collision in April, 1972. Burnham Shops performed the repairs, and it emerged with a low nose in September, 1972. The NWP's 5305 was undergoing break-in runs on the Great Western RY around June 18, 1996, before leaving Loveland, CO, June 25th for the NWP via BNSF and SP.

Power on the new NWP will be geeps 3825, 3840, 3841 and 3844; all ex-SP GP-9's. NWP SD-9's will be 4324, 4327, 4423 (ex-SP) and 5305 (ex-DRRGW). Omnitrax has sent NWP, ex-SP GP-35's #6600 and #6695 as temporary power, which moved through Denver on June



An unusual work train was spotted on June 24, 1996, as Southern Pacific Telecom (Q-West) GP-7 #500 and #502 lay fiber optic cable along the Platte Valley Rail Corridor. The photo was taken at 16th Street. (Chip Sherman Photograph)

24th. (C.W., Bruce Black and Joe McMillan)

BNSF EXECUTIVE UNITS #1/2 AND 9297 ROLL THROUGH DENVER OVER JULY 4th. BN's F-units #1 and #2 were seen deadheading through Colorado, July 4th, with seven cars bound for Washington State Historical Society's fund raiser trip. Train 009-023-02 was westbound with the special train tucked in behind train 23's power and ahead of the freight. The train rolled across the Santa Fe via La Junta, CO, and up the Joint Line, continuing north via the old Colorado & Southern route via Longmont, CO, and Cheyenne, WY.

Using the same route, BNSF SD60M 9297 also transited Colorado enroute to Glendive, MT, and Forsyth (MT) Railroad Days. The Great Northern inspired green and Omaha orange-painted BNSF 9297 has been spending time working the Santa Fe lines since its June 5th arrival at Chicago from Denver to Chicago train #60 run. (John Taylor, Jon B., C.W.)

#### ANNUAL VIDEO POTPOURRI NIGHT

Many exciting rail-related events have

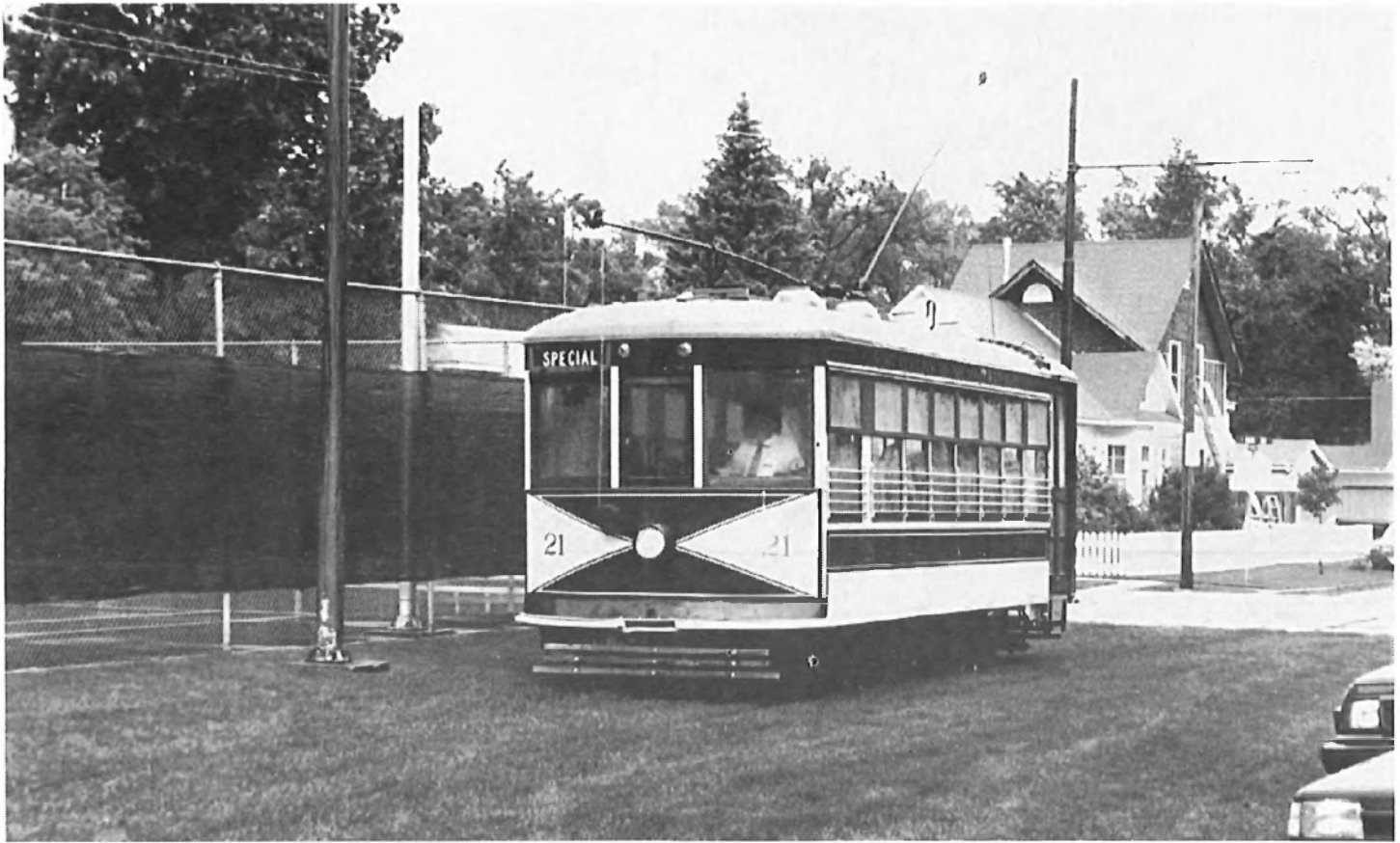
already taken place in 1996, and, at almost all of them, I have seen video-grabbers recording history as it happens. There are still many prominent events to take place. I am sure that there will be many video recordings made. Plan now to share these memories with your fellow RMRR Club members on November 12, 1996.

Yet to come is the Colorado Springs Field Trip, the Trip to Great Britain, the return of UP 844 and many other events.

Out-of-townners may mail their videos to Sherm Conners, 9741 East 157th Avenue, Brighton, Colorado 80601. They will be returned promptly after the November meeting. (Sherm Conners)

#### SEPTEMBER 10 PROGRAM

It's not often that your editor has program notes a couple months early; however, I have received the September 10th program information and though members would like to know that Vin and Hilary Callcut (from Great Britain) will return to show another fine program on British steam preservation. I'd suggest that you make note of this and plan to be in attendance!



*Fort Collins Municipal Railway's Birney #21 is seen plying the rails along Mountain Avenue for the enjoyment of Club members during the June 15, 1996, outing in Ft. Collins.*

*(Bud Lehrer Photograph)*

## **REPORT ON THE JUNE 15th FT. COLLINS TROLLEY/PICNIC/ SWETSVILLE ZOO EXCURSION**

by Bud Lehrer

There are days, in Colorado, when the weather sets in, and we know that it's going to be an all-day affair. Saturday, June 15th, was one of those days when we awoke to a rainy, cloudy day. However, this did not keep the over 40 members and friends from heading to Fort Collins for a Rocky Mountain Railroad Club family day! Everyone was prepared for the weather, and, to have a good time, despite the weather!!

Our first activity of the day was two hours of riding on the Ft. Collins Municipal Railway Birney #21 along beautiful Mountain Avenue. Roger Mitchell, who was our motor-man/conductor for the special chartered outing, did a fine job operating and informing our Club members about the trolley.

The restoration of this Birney by the Ft.

Collins group is truly one of the finest restoration examples in the country. If you are a traction fan and have never seen this car, take the time to travel to Ft. Collins some weekend and ride it!

At noon, everyone moved over to the picnic pavilion and enjoyed their delicious lunches under cover and out of the rain. Ft. Collins City Park is clean and certainly inviting. The car barn for the Birney is located in the northwest section of the park on Mountain Avenue.

Later that afternoon, we traveled across I-25 on Harmony Road to visit Bill Swet's Swetsville Zoo. Bill, a former fireman, has, over the years, fashioned fascinating sculptures, using his welding skills, old farm machinery and auto parts. He is a true artist with an incomparable imagination.

Bill, always a gracious host, gave us a personal tour of the "zoo" to view many of the artifacts in his personal collection of antique tractors, engines and old farm-





*Another highlight of the June 15, 1996, Field Trip to Fort Collins was riding the Timnath Northwestern Narrow Gauge Railway of Alex Schneider. Here we see a doubleheader carrying happy RMRRC members along the 3/4-mile railroad which skirts the banks of the Poudre River. (Bud Lehrer Photograph)*

ing equipment. One of his most interesting vehicles is a bicycle "built for 10," which weighs over 500 pounds! Bill has driven it in parades, and, is probably the only one who has the strength to steer and control it. The Swetsville Zoo has been featured nationally on the TODAY SHOW and GOOD MORNING AMERICA.

From Bill's place, we crossed over the Cache La Poudre River to the adjacent farm of Alex Schneider who owns and operates the Timnath Northwestern Narrow Gauge Railway. Alex's 18"-gauge railroad runs along the banks of the Poudre River in a 3/4-mile loop from his station. Alex built all of the equipment, which includes a beautiful steam locomotive with superheater, running on coal.

With the weather as it was, Alex was hesitant to operate due to possible traction problems; however, he decided to go ahead, using his second engine to doublehead. The other engine looks nearly identical, but is gas-engine powered. As it turned out, the steam engine had ample traction and power, but the other locomotive was kept in the consist for the enjoyment of a

doubleheader. The Timnath Norwestern NG RY's roadbed is very nice and allows the steamer to "show its stuff."

Our engineer on the steam locomotive was Roger Mitchell, who made a quick change out of his motorman's uniform and into his engineer's overalls to operate the steamer.

Alex's wife, Lois, operates their depot, selling tickets and meeting the public. They could not have been more hospitable to our group. The Club would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Alex and Lois Schneider, Bill Swets, and Roger Mitchell for providing an excellent, fun day for us, despite the inclement weather. If you have not been to either the Swetsville Zoo or the Timnath Northwestern Narrow Gauge Railway, do yourself a favor and make this visit some weekend in Ft. Collins.

[Note: Anyone who lost a small camera bag during this day's events may contact Bud Lehrer at (303) 421-0117]





Damage to the "OY" Rotary Snowplow was reported in the *Rail Report* last year. It has been completely repaired and a totally new exterior built and applied. It sits, ready for service, in Chama on Saturday, June 29, 1996. The Rio Grande's Grey Scheme was applied and it now sports the Cumbres & Toltec logo. (Jim Trowbridge Photograph)



## BOOK, VIDEO & AUDIO REVIEWS

While your editor and Frank Stapleton were on a narrow gauge field trip to ride freight trains provided by The Friends of the C&T and John West, we ran into a number of friends and acquaintances, including Norm Fish of Historical Video Productions (Norm has supplied some of his videos as prizes for the Monthly Book Drawing), and David Bowyer of David Bowyer Productions. Both men produce some excellent railroad videos for the public and we brought back some of their new releases for our libraries. We thought you might like to hear about these videos; so, Frank and I split the reviewing chore and came up with the following:

A SAN JUAN ADVENTURE. Historical Video Productions, P. O. Box 27877, Salt Lake City, UT 84127-0877. 1-800-540-1708. \$34.95.

This tape of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad lets the viewer take a ride on both westbound and eastbound trains during a "single day" with both on-board and off-train shots with a lot of gorgeous fall color. Additional shots of interest include track maintenance, fire control in operation, and rock patrol clearing the track. You'll enjoy all those missed views and special train operations that you *almost* were able to photograph. (Jim Trowbridge)

Running Time: Approximately 1 Hour.

THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY SERIES: *The Incredible Journey--Durango to Silverton; The Winter Holiday Train; The 8:30 to Silverton and The Spirit of Mountain Railroad.* David Bowyer Productions, P. O. Box 426, Cortez, Colorado 81321. (970) 565-3971.



June 29, 1996, saw engines #497 and #489 pulling the regular train and some freight cars up to Cumbres. The tank cars were part of a special freight train run by John West on Sunday, June 30, 1996. Cars had been set out at Cumbres during the week to create a 22-car train on Sunday's Big Horn Wye Turn with several engines being used throughout the day. Note water car #0472 in the consist. It has been used in fire control service, spaying water out about four feet on each side of the train to reduce spot fires. The location is Cresco Water Tank. (Jim Trowbridge Photograph)

Running Times: Durango to Silverton, 25 Minutes; Winter Holiday, 25 Minutes; 8:30 to Silverton, 1 Hour; Spirit of Mountain Railroading, 1 Hour. \$14.95 for 25 minute tapes and \$19.95 for 1 hour tapes. A 4-Pack of these tapes is available for \$59.95, postage and handling included.

THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY--DURANGO TO SILVERTON. Very good photography from many hard to reach places along the line. Nicely refined into 25 minutes of spectacular scenery. A general introduction to the Silverton train. Highly recommended. (Frank Stapleton)

THE WINTER HOLIDAY TRAIN. This tape is well worth viewing! A typical winter train on the D&SNG from Durango to Cascade Wye. The photography is spectacular and describes

what it takes to run a winter train. A very interesting 25 minutes. (Frank Stapleton)

THE 8:30 TO SILVERTON. This is a beautiful presentation of the trip to Silverton, following Engine 482 through summer and spectacular fall scenes with an interesting interspersing of other regular and special trains, including scenes of the railroad's other engines--the 473, 476, 478, 480, and 481. Pure enjoyment! (Jim Trowbridge)

THE SPIRIT OF MOUNTAIN RAILROADING. From photographers Special to regular trains with doubleheaders, this tape provides excellent photography with intriguing off-train views not often seen. The tape also includes comments from engineer, brakeman, line crew, and others, sharing their person-

al railroading experiences as well as useful information for fans and modelers. Of particular interest is PART II, which covers a special guest appearance of the "Eureka," an 1875 wood-burning steam locomotive covered in the November, 1995, issue of the Rail Report. Members will not want to miss this tape! (Jim Trowbridge)

If you enjoy steam and narrow gauge, these tapes will provide many hours of pleasure. It's hard to beat the D&SNG and C&TS for scenery, color and coal smoke! Frank and I certainly enjoyed watching these tapes and recommend them for your library.

### **PRESERVATION FUND AND BOOK DRAWING**

The winners and prizes at the July 9, 1996 meeting are as follows:

Bob Stone / The All Color World of Trains

Dave Salter / Western Steam in Colour

Ray Fleisleber / The History of the Union Pacific

Jack Groeneveld / The Twilight of World Steam

Jim August / VIA Rail Canada--The First Five Years

Ruth Kunz / Set of Oklahoma RR Maps

Bob Stone / Set of Small Postcards

Ray Wetmore / Set of Large Postcards

Jackie Pockrandt / Bag of "Date" Nails  
from the Santa Fe RR

Paul Holger / Set of Employee Timetables

Sherm Conners / Complete Set of TRAINS  
Magazines--1950

Jim Ehernberger / Complete Set of Model Railroader--1990

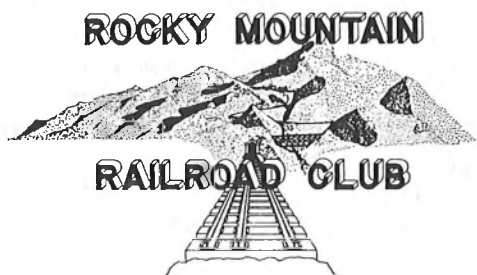
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"A very Large Group" / Miscellaneous RR Materials on the "give-a-way" table after the meeting

The "Give-A-Way" table will continue to be a part of the monthly Book Drawing in August as a bonus for those attending the summer meetings during the warm months.

If members have items they wish to donate for the monthly drawings, such as railroad books, pamphlets, timetables, maps, etc., they may contact Roger Callender at the Club meetings, or, at his home address, 2573 So. Williams Street, Denver, Colorado 80210, or, phone (303) 722-4733.

The July Book Drawing saw 32 members participating in the raffle with \$53.00 being collected for the Preservation Fund.



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