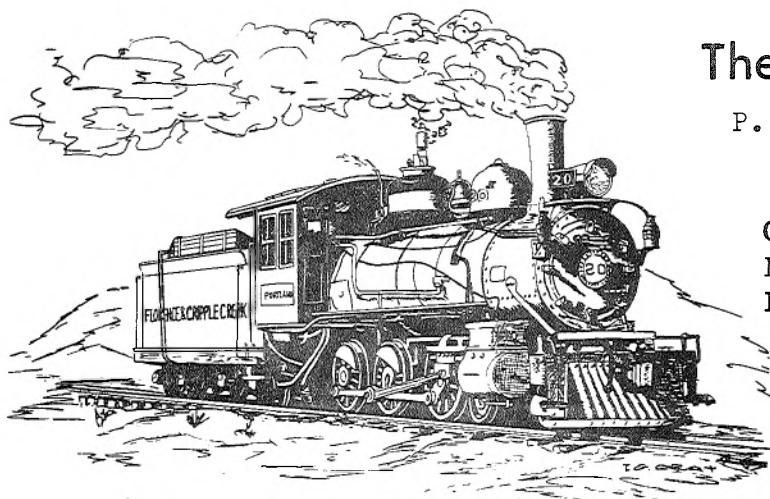


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MEETING NOTICE: THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING AT WESTERN FEDERAL IN SEPTEMBER.
WE HAVE COMBINED THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH OUR ANNUAL DINNER GET TOGETHER
WHICH WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, AT THE HARVEST HOUSE IN
BOULDER. AND, AS YOU KNOW, YOU CAN RIDE A TRAIN TO GET THERE!

PROGRAM NOTES: CLUB MEMBER BILL GORDON IS PREPARING A COLOR AND MOTION SPECTACULAR TO DELIGHT
AND FASCINATE STEAM FANS. ACCORDING TO BILL, THERE WILL BE LOTS OF UP ACTION -
PLUS A FEW SURPRISES. COME ON ALONG, AND BRING 10 OR 12 FRIENDS.

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STEAM-FILLED WEEKEND TO FEATURE THE FIRST TWO-EXCURSION WEEKEND IN CLUB HISTORY IS JUST A FEW
BOTH #51 AND UNION PACIFIC 8444 SHORT WEEKS AWAY -- AND RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER YOUR
TICKETS FOR THIS UNPRECEDENTED EVENT.

AS WE'VE ALREADY NOTED, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, WILL SEE MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS CONVENE IN
BOULDER FOR THE CLUB'S 27TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL DINNER. JOHN BIRMINGHAM'S EX-
GREAT WESTERN #51 WILL HEAD OUR SPECIAL TRAIN THAT DAY FOR A RUN ALL THE WAY TO LONGMONT AND
RETURN TO BOULDER, WITH PLENTY OF PHOTO STOPS BOTH WAYS.

THE NEXT DAY, SUNDAY THE 25TH, WILL SEE THE ARRIVAL OF UNION PACIFIC STEAM POWER IN DENVER FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY 10 YEARS AS THE JUST-REFURBISHED 8444 ROLLS INTO TOWN TO PULL A CLUB
SPECIAL TO LARAMIE AND CHEYENNE. WE WILL TRAVEL NORTHBOUND ON THE LITTLE-USED DENT BRANCH, AND
TOP SHERMAN HILL ON BOTH THE NEW AND OLD GRADES. AGAIN, AMPLE AND PARTICULARLY SCENIC PHOTO
STOPS HAVE BEEN PLANNED, AND THERE WILL BE TIME IN CHEYENNE TO VIEW AND PHOTOGRAPH THE OTHER
UP STEAMERS STORE THERE (INCLUDING THE 4000).

TICKET PRICES FOR BOTH TRIPS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ON A BREAK-EVEN BASIS TO KEEP COSTS AS LOW
AS POSSIBLE FOR THIS EXCITING WEEKEND. AND PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THE PRICE OF THE SATURDAY
TRIP INCLUDES TRAIN FARE, DINNER, AND BUS SERVICE BETWEEN BOULDER STATION AND THE HARVEST HOUSE;
WHILE THE SUNDAY TICKET INCLUDES MEALS ALL DAY IN THE UNION PACIFIC'S FAMED CAFETERIA STYLE
DINER.

SEND YOUR TICKET ORDER IN NOW. THE SATURDAY DINNER TRIP IS JUST \$10.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$7.00
FOR CHILDREN; THE SUNDAY UP RUN IS \$17.00 FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN, \$8.50. OR, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
THE SPECIAL REDUCED RATE COMBINATION TICKET ... ONLY \$24.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$16.00 FOR CHILDREN.
AS USUAL, CHILD RATES APPLY BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE AND 11.

DEPARTURES, BOTH DAYS FROM DENVER UNION STATION, ARE SCHEDULED FOR 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND 7:00 A.M.
SUNDAY, MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME (CLOCKS IN UNION STATION ARE SET ON MOUNTAIN STANDARD SO BE SURE
TO ALLOW FOR THE DIFFERENCE).

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25 ON THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB'S BIG, BIG

STEAM WEEKEND.

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ALAMOSA-DURANGO TRAFFIC SLOWS TO TRICKLE ON FAMED RIO GRANDE NARROW GAUGE LINE

MANY READERS HAVE WRITTEN IN REQUESTING NEWS OF CURRENT ACTIVITY ON RIO GRANDE'S ALAMOSA-DURANGO NARROW GAUGE LINE, SCENE EACH YEAR OF THE CLUB'S "JOURNEY TO YESTERYEAR". THERE IS NEWS, BUT IT ISN'T THE KIND WE LIKE TO REPORT.

THE LAST FREIGHT RUN OVER THE LINE WAS NEARLY TWO MONTHS AGO AND THE RAILROAD HAS NO PLANS TO OPERATE FURTHER TRAINS THIS YEAR (OTHER THAN THE UPCOMING ANNUAL KIWANIS KOLOR KARAVAN). ALL FREIGHT TRAFFIC HAS BEEN DIVERTED TO THE ROAD'S MOTOR FREIGHT DIVISION, WHICH HAS BEEN HAULING MOST OF THE FREIGHT SINCE THE RAIL LINE WAS SHUT DOWN DURING THE HEAVY SNOWS OF THE WINTER OF 1964-65.

RIO GRANDE OFFICIALS HAVE MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE ALAMOSA-DURANGO NARROW GAUGE, BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE TWILIGHT OF SLIM GAUGE OPERATIONS IN COLORADO IS BEGINNING TO DARKEN THE HORIZON.

IN THE MEANTIME, PASSENGER TOTALS ON THE DURANGO-SILVERTON RUN CONTINUE TO SOAR AND THE TOURIST SEASON JUST PASSED SHOULD GO DOWN IN THE RECORD BOOKS AS THE BEST YET. THIS MUCH, AT LEAST, SHOULD BE AROUND FOR A WHILE. AS SOON AS AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS MADE, WE WILL REPORT IT HERE.

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UPDATED CLUB BY-LAWS PRINTED AND AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

BY-LAWS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, WHICH GOVERN THE OPERATION OF OUR CLUB AND ITS OFFICIALS, HAVE BEEN REVISED SEVERAL TIMES IN RECENT YEARS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF PRESENT DAY METHODS. EVERY CLUB MEMBER IS, OF COURSE, ENTITLED TO A COPY OF THESE BY-LAWS AND THEY ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE BY WRITING SECRETARY DICK KINDIG IN CARE OF OUR DENVER POSTOFFICE BOX.

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NOTED RAILROAD ARTIST HOWARD FOGG OFFERS MOFFAT PAINTING FOR FULLMAN MEMORIAL

FAMED RAILROAD ARTIST HOWARD FOGG OF BOULDER, COLO., HAS OFFERED THE CLUB A RECENTLY-COMPLETED PAINTING AT A FRACTION OF ITS REGULAR PRICE AS HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE RAPIDLY GROWING BERT FULLMAN MEMORIAL FUND. HOWARD HAS MADE THE WORK, WHICH SHOWS TWO MOFFAT ROAD ENGINES HAULING A LONG STRING OF FREIGHTCARS UPGRADE ON THE ROLLINS PASS LINE, AVAILABLE AS HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE MATERIAL THAT WILL BE DONATED BY THE CLUB TO THE DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL.

THE PAINTING, WITH AN APPROPRIATE PLAQUE, BOOKS, PICTURES AND OTHER MATERIAL WILL FORM THE FULLMAN MEMORIAL COLLECTION TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF MR. FULLMAN WHO PASSED AWAY IN 1964. HE WAS A FORMER MOFFAT ROAD ENGINEER, LONG-TIME CLUB MEMBER AND WILLING AND LOYAL WORKER RIGHT UP TO THE DAY OF HIS DEATH.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANY KIND, MONEY OR MATERIAL, ARE BEING ACCEPTED BY THE CLUB AND WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO ADD TO THE VALUE AND DEPTH OF THIS MEMORIAL.

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THOUGHT FOR SEPTEMBER

WE'RE OPERATING ON A RATHER LATE AND TIGHT SCHEDULE THIS MONTH DUE TO, AT LAST, A VACATION, AND WE ASK YOUR INDULGENCE OF THIS ABBREVIATED "RAIL REPORT." AND WE WOULD LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT FOR SEPTEMBER:

IN ORDER TO BECOME PERFECTLY CONTENT, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE BOTH A POOR MEMORY AND NO IMAGINATION.

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