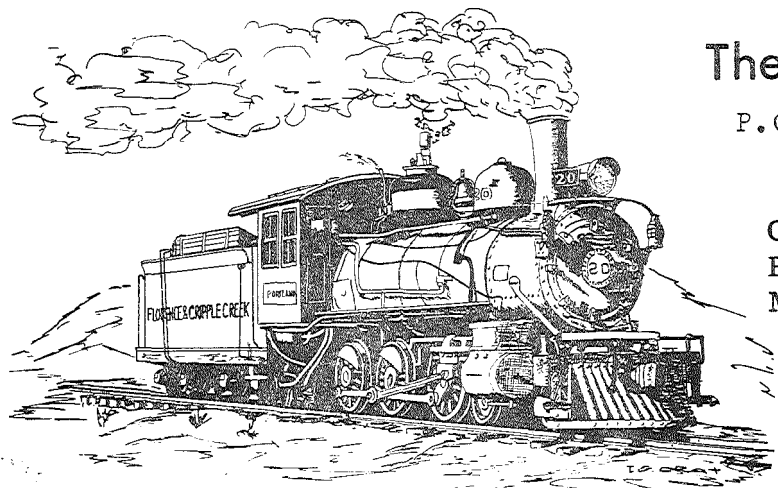


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MEETING NOTICE: DATE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1967
TIME 8:00 P.M.
PLACE WESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS BLDG., (LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM), 17TH
AND CALIFORNIA STS., DENVER

PROGRAM NOTES: JIM EHERNBERGER WILL PRESENT A SLIDE PROGRAM ON UNION PACIFIC STEAM OPERA-
TIONS FROM DENVER TO GREEN RIVER, WYOMING.

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PAID-UP MEMBERS TO VICE PRESIDENT TOM GRAY HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO SECURE COPIES OF TWO
RECEIVE BOOKLETS PUBLICATIONS, "RAILROADS IN ACTION", AND "RAILROADS IN AMERICA". THESE
WILL BE MAILED IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.

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HOWARD FOGG TO DO SERIES CLUB MEMBER HOWARD FOGG, NOTED RAILROAD ARTIST OF BOULDER,
OF UNION PACIFIC PAINTINGS COLORADO, HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMMISSIONED TO MAKE A SERIES OF
SIXTEEN HISTORICAL RAILROAD PAINTINGS FOR THE UNION PACIFIC
RAILROAD. CAREFULLY RESEARCHED AND PAINSTAKINGLY DONE IN OILS, THESE PAINTINGS WILL BE USED
ON THE 1969 UNION PACIFIC CALENDAR, CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DRIVING OF THE
GOLDEN SPIKE AT PROMONTORY, UTAH. A CAREFUL EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO COMBINE, IN THE VARIOUS
PAINTINGS, EITHER STEAM OR DIESEL POWER WITH SCENERY ON ALL DIVISIONS OF THE UNION PACIFIC,
AT VARIOUS TIMES OF THE YEAR. WE ARE SURE THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE CALENDARS
THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD HAS EVER PUBLISHED.

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REBIRTH OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF COLORADO MET WITH THE
GEORGETOWN LOOP? DENVER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 7, 1967, AND DISCUSSED THE ES-
TABLISHMENT OF A STATE HISTORICAL PARK IN THE VALLEY BETWEEN GEORGETOWN
AND SILVER PLUME, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GEORGETOWN LOOP MINING AREA RESTORATION PROJECT. IT IS
PLANNED TO BUILD A STATE PARK FROM THE CITY LIMITS OF GEORGETOWN TO THE CITY LIMITS OF SILVER
PLUME, AND FROM INTERSTATE 70 ACROSS CLEAR CREEK TO SUNRISE MOUNTAIN. IT IS THE PLAN TO OPEN
THE MOST SUITABLE OF THE OLD MINES. THE TRACKS INTO SOME MINES ARE STILL IN PLACE AND PEOPLE
WILL BE ABLE TO RIDE A MINE CAR INTO THE MINE. THE NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD AND LOOP WILL BE
RESTORED AND WILL PROVIDE ABOUT A 4-1/2 MILE RIDE FOR TOURISTS. THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOPES
TO GET MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE BUREAU OF OUTDOOR RECREATION, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT
AND THE HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT TO BUILD THE PICNIC AREAS, TRAILS AND HIGHWAY REST AREAS.
IT IS ANTICIPATED THE COST WILL AMOUNT TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS. AS REPORTED IN A PREVIOUS
NEWSLETTER, THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD HAS PRESENTED A \$10,000 CHECK TO THE STATE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF COLORADO TO FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S PLANS TO REBUILD THE FAMOUS OLD GEORGETOWN
LOOP.

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THE PROPOSED RIO GRANDE YOUR CLUB HAS REFRAINED FROM MAKING ANY STATEMENT REGARDING THE PRO-
AND SAN JUAN RAILWAY POSAL OF THE RIO GRANDE & SAN JUAN RAILWAY COMPANY, INC. TO OPERATE
PASSENGER TRAINS OVER THE D&RGW RR FROM ALAMOSA TO CHAMA AND RETURN

DURING THE COMING SUMMER MONTHS, AS WE HAD NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SITUATION. OUR TRIP CHAIRMAN WAS ASSURED BY THE HIGHEST OFFICIAL OF THE D&RGW RR THAT THE PUBLICITY RELEASES REGARDING A "QUESTIONABLE AND TOTALLY UNRESOLVED VENTURE," BY T. T. HINMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE RG&SJ RR, "WERE UNWARRANTED AND THAT THIS PUBLICITY HAD COMPLICATED THE PICTURE, BEYOND A DOUBT."

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE ASKED HOW M. H. KLEBOLT OF THE ILLINI RAILROAD CLUB COULD ADVERTISE IN HIS CHICAGO-SILVERTON TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE RG&SJ RY WOULD HAUL THEIR SPECIAL TRAIN FROM ALAMOSA TO CHAMA. IN ANSWER TO THIS, IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT BOTH THE D&RGW AND T. T. HINMAN HAVE TAKEN MR. KLEBOLT TO TASK FOR HIS UNAUTHORIZED ANNOUNCEMENT AND HAVE DEMANDED THAT HE STOP USING THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS. MR. HINMAN HAS STATED BOTH PUBLICLY AND IN LETTERS THAT HIS OPERATION OVER THE D&RGW DEPENDS ON "THE I.C.C., THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, GOD, THE D&RGW AND SNOW ON CUMBRES."

IT APPEARS NOW THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, DISSENSION HAS BROKEN OUT AMONG THOSE ATTEMPTING TO SAVE THE NARROW GAUGE. SOME, ALIGNED WITH HINMAN, WANT THE LINE ABANDONED SO THAT HE CAN OPERATE IT; WHILE OTHERS HAVE FORMED A GROUP THAT REPRESENTS ALL AREAS THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE ABANDONMENT, AND THIS GROUP WILL FIGHT THE LINE'S ABANDONMENT.

MR. HINMAN HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT NARROW GAUGE COACHES FROM MEXICO ARE BEING REFURBISHED IN MEXICO CITY, AND WILL SOON BE IN COLORADO. ONE WAS TO BE ON EXHIBIT IN ALAMOSA LAST MONTH, BUT HAS FAILED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE SO FAR. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MR. HINMAN HAS MADE APPLICATION TO ISSUE SECURITIES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000, WITH THE I.C.C. ON MARCH 6, 1967.

INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING ARE EXCERPTS FROM NEWSPAPERS AND MR. HINMAN'S OWN STATEMENTS, IN HIS LETTERS AND TO REPORTERS. THE ABOVE IS OFFERED ONLY FOR YOUR INFORMATION. THE CLUB HAS NOT TAKEN ANY OFFICIAL POSITION CONCERNING THE MATTER.

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STEAM IN ARIZONA MEMBER ED DUNN, WHO RESIDES IN SANTA FE, HAS WRITTEN US: "RIDE THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCENIC RR McNARY, MONDAY, MAY 29, 1967. A NUMBER OF RAIL FANS ARE PLANNING TO MEET IN McNARY FOR THE TRIP. THIS TRIP IS NOT SPONSORED BY ANY GROUP. EVERYONE IS ON THEIR OWN. COST: FARE \$5.95. \$1 (APPROX.) FOR LUNCH PREPARED BY THE APACHE INDIANS. NEAREST MAINLINE R.R.: SANTA FE AT HOLBROOK, ARIZONA. BUS: HOLBROOK TO SHOW LOW. MOTELS: SHOW LOW. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE ENOUGH CARS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM SHOW LOW TO McNARY."

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SHOP 'N SWAP PERSONAL ADS ARE ACCEPTED FROM MEMBERS FOR ITEMS TO BE LISTED FOR SALE OR TRADE, OR WANTED. WE CANNOT ENTER INTO CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING AN ITEM, NOR WILL WE APPRAISE ITEMS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE. SEND YOUR LISTINGS TO THE EDITOR BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION.

WANTED - LIONEL, AMERICAN FLYER, IVES, VOLTAMP, DORFAN TOY TRAINS MADE PRIOR TO WW II. TRAINS NEED NOT BE IN OPERATING ORDER. KEN C. CURTIS, 8269 E. LEHIGH PL., DENVER, COLORADO 80237. PHONE 771-3228.

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IN MEMORIAM

J. H. "Doc" DONITHORNE, THE GENERAL CAR FOREMAN FOR THE DENVER & RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILROAD AT ALAMOSA, COLORADO DIED IN A DENVER BOWLING ESTABLISHMENT SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 5, 1967. "Doc" WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF THOSE WHO ANNUALLY RODE THE NARROW GAUGE EXCURSION. IN FIFTEEN YEARS HE RODE EVERY TRIP AND YOU WILL RECALL ALL THE HOT BOXES HE HAD TO DOPE UP ON THE 1964 EXCURSION.

HARRY MURPHY, A GOOD FRIEND OF THE RMRRC AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE BURLINGTON RAILROAD, DIED AT HIS HOME IN AURORA, ILLINOIS, LAST MONTH.

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