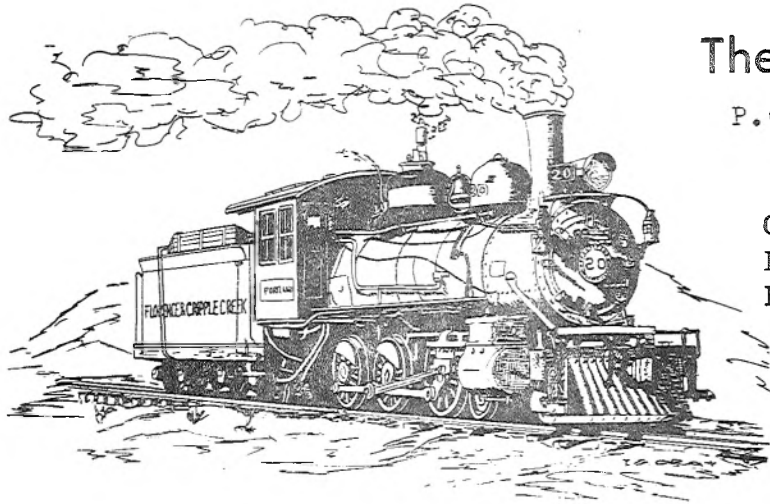


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, June 14, 1967
Time 8:00 p.m.
Place Western Federal Savings Bldg., (Lower level
meeting room), 17th and California Sts.,
Denver.

PROGRAM NOTES: David Digerness will present the program. He has many fine pictures and will draw from his collection to give us a full evening of interesting viewing. Join us and bring a friend.

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THE BERT FULLMAN MEMORIAL COLLECTION

Most of our local members can recall our old friend Bert Fullman, the retired Moffat Railroad engineer, who attended nearly every meeting and went on almost all our excursions, during his membership in the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. A willing worker, he handled the stuffing and sorting of envelopes for the club's newsletters and announcements for many years. After his death in 1965, a memorial fund in his name was established. There have been numerous donations to this fund, both financial and in the form of railroad pamphlets and books. The Club purchased Howard Fogg's painting of Denver & Salt Lake 211 at Yankee Doodle Lake, and an appropriate brass plate with informa-

tion as to the source and location of the painting has been attached to the frame. In addition, Tom Gray, Jr., designed and drew the locomotive scene on the attractive bookplate shown here. Printed in three colors, these plates will be applied to all books and pamphlets donated to this collection, with the name of the donor included. Donations of both cash and books are still most welcome, and some time this summer a public presentation of this material and the painting will be made to the Western History section of the Denver Public Library. The date of this presentation will be announced in a future newsletter.

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MOFFAT BOOK "The Moffat Road" by club members Edward T. Bollinger and Frederick Bauer has been reprinted in a \$10.00 edition under REPRINTED the imprint of Alan Swallow. First published in 1962, the original editions have been sold out, and this will give readers another chance to secure this book about a fascinating Colorado railroad and its builder. The book will be available at many Denver hobby shops and book stores. With 359 pages and a fold-in map, this well-illustrated volume covers the building and operation of the Denver, North-Western & Pacific, its change to the Denver & Salt Lake Railway, and its absorption into the Denver & Rio Grande Western.

An additional fine book about Dave Moffat and his railroad is "The Giant's Ladder," by another Rocky Mountain Railroad Club member, Harold A. Boner. Available at \$12.00 from Kalmbach Publications, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, this book approaches the story of David H. Moffat from a different slant. Since there is relatively little duplication of illustrations, the two volumes complement each other, and anyone interested in this amazing railroad achievement will no doubt be interested in securing both books.

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DURANGO TANK The double-spouted water tank which for many years serviced narrow gauge engines at Durango was recently dismantled, according to the Durango Herald. Constructed about 1915, it had not been used for many years, but appeared in the background of many pictures taken in the yards at Durango. It was said to be in "very dilapidated condition."

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PETITION OPPOSING Another article in the Durango Herald recently featured a petition filed by the newly-organized Colorado-New Mexico Better Transportation Association. The petition makes a number of charges against the railroad, including statements that the railroad has systematically discouraged shippers from using freight transportation, has torn out side tracks and spurs, and has sold tank cars. The petition further holds that the railroad lacks adequate personnel and equipment to promptly deliver shipments, has torn out loading corrals and chutes for handling livestock, and has refused to handle less than carload lots. The matter of excursions was specifically mentioned in a paragraph which points out that the railroad refuses to schedule any passenger service between Alamosa, Chama and Durango, and the Association says it will prove that such excursions could be safely run. The petition was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission of New Mexico and Colorado.

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PASSENGER CARS According to our "Chama Correspondent," a special train of 20 passenger cars, pulled by double-headed "Sport Model" engines 473 and 478, moved west over Cumbres Pass OVER CUMBRES PASS

U. P. 8444 TO WIND UP THE WYOMING CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, A SPECIAL TRAIN HAULED BY U.P. 8444 WILL CARRY PASSENGERS FROM CHEYENNE TO THE NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW IN DENVER, ON JANUARY 13, 1968. THE 10-CAR TRAIN WILL LEAVE CHEYENNE AT 8:30 A.M. THAT SATURDAY MORNING, AND ARRIVE AT DENVER AROUND 11:15 A.M. RETURNING, IT WILL DEPART FROM DENVER AT 8:30 P.M. A \$10.00 "PACKAGE" TICKET WILL COVER THE TRAIN TRIP, BUS SERVICE TO AND FROM THE STOCK SHOW AREA IN DENVER, AND A RESERVED SEAT AT THE MATINEE PERFORMANCE.

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NEWS HERE LAST OF THE ALL-PULLMAN TRAINS IN THE UNITED STATES -- PENNSY'S BROADWAY LIMITED, AND THERE BETWEEN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK CITY -- SOON WILL HAVE THAT DISTINCTION NO MORE. BY THE ROAD'S PLAN TO COMBINE THE FAMED TRAIN WITH THE GENERAL, THE "BROADWAY" WILL HAVE COACHES ADDED TO ITS CONSIST FOR THE FIRST TIME. UNLIKE THE 20TH CENTURY LIMITED, HOWEVER, WHOSE NAME WAS BURIED BY THE NEW YORK CENTRAL, THE BROADWAY'S NAME WILL BE RETAINED; SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS, TO INCORPORATE THE OLD "GENERAL" STOPS, WILL ADD SOMETHING LESS THAN AN HOUR TO THE BROADWAY'S TIMECARD.

THUS, WHILE PASSENGER SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY CONTINUES TO SUFFER, ATTRACTING HEADLINES IN THE PROCESS, LITTLE NOTICE SEEMS TO BE TAKEN OF ADVANCES OF MUCH MORE IMPORTANCE TO THE HEALTH OF THE RAILROADS. THE SANTA FE, FOR INSTANCE, ON JANUARY 17TH WILL INAUGURATE ITS NEW "SUPER C" -- BILLED AS THE WORLD'S FASTEST LONG-DISTANCE FREIGHT TRAIN. SCHEDULED TO COVER THE 2,220 MILES BETWEEN CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES IN 40 HOURS, FOR AN OVERALL AVERAGE SPEED OF 55 MPH, THE NEW TRAIN WILL BE A PREMIUM-RATE OPERATION HANDLING ONLY PIGGYBACK TRAILERS AND CONTAINERS. TARIFFS CALL FOR A RATE OF \$1,400 PER CONTAINER OR TRAILER LOADED TO 35,000 POUNDS.

AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED WITHIN THE INDUSTRY, ALSO, ON ADOPTION OF A SYSTEM OF AUTOMATIC CAR IDENTIFICATION, OR "ACI," WITH A TARGET DATE OF JANUARY 1, 1970, FOR LABELING OF ALL THE COUNTRY'S 2,000,000 FREIGHT CARS. ADHESIVE-BACKED, COLOR-CODED SCOTCHLITE LABELS, APPLIED TO EACH CAR FOR DENOTING CAR OWNERSHIP AND NUMBER, WILL BE SCANNED AND AUTOMATICALLY LISTED OR ENTERED IN COMPUTER STORAGE BY DEVICES CAPABLE OF READING THE LABELS AT PASSING SPEEDS UP TO 80 MPH, WITHIN AN AREA FROM 1'4" TO 9'6" ABOVE TOP OF RAIL. COSTS OF THE SCANNERS ALONE WILL RANGE FROM \$9,400 FOR THE BASIC SYSTEM TO AS HIGH AS \$15,020 WITH CONNECTION TO COMPUTER STORAGE, WHILE LABELLING IS EXPECTED TO RANGE FROM \$5 TO \$9 PER CAR FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL.

THE NEW SYSTEM WILL INCREASE BOTH ACCURACY AND SPEED OF CAR REPORTING INFORMATION, PROVIDING BETTER INFORMATION FOR SHIPPERS, HIGHER UTILIZATION OF EQUIPMENT, AND FASTER COMPILATION OF CAR RENTAL BILLINGS BETWEEN CAR OWNERS.

LOOK FOR THE COLORFUL LABELS ON FREIGHT CARS IN YOUR AREA IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

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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 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: THE NAMES OF THE VARIOUS RAILROADS THAT USED A DOUBLE OR TWIN-EXHAUST STACK ON THEIR LOCOMOTIVES, PHOTOS OR ANY DATA ABOUT SUCH. A. F. VON BLON, JR.
1208 LOCUST, MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

WANTED: FOR VOLUME 5 OF COLORADO'S MOUNTAIN RAILROADS (TO BE PUBLISHED THIS SPRING). A PICTURE OF DENVER UNION STATION DURING REBUILDING IN 1914, AND ANY PICTURE OF ITS TRACKAGE SHOWING THE OVERHEAD WIRES USED FOR DENVER & INTERURBAN CARS (1921-1926). ALSO ANY STEAM PHOTOS OF THE SANTA FE, BURLINGTON, MISSOURI PACIFIC, KANSAS PACIFIC, ROCK ISLAND, UNION PACIFIC, COLORADO & SOUTHERN, DENVER & NEW ORLEANS, DENVER TEXAS & GULF AND UNION PACIFIC DENVER & GULF TRAINS, ALL IN COLORADO SOUTH AND/OR EAST OF DENVER. ROBERT A. LEMASSENA 1795 S. SHERIDAN BLVD., DENVER, COLORADO 80226

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION. THERE IS SOMETHING OF TOMORROW
IN EVERYTHING WE DO TODAY.

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