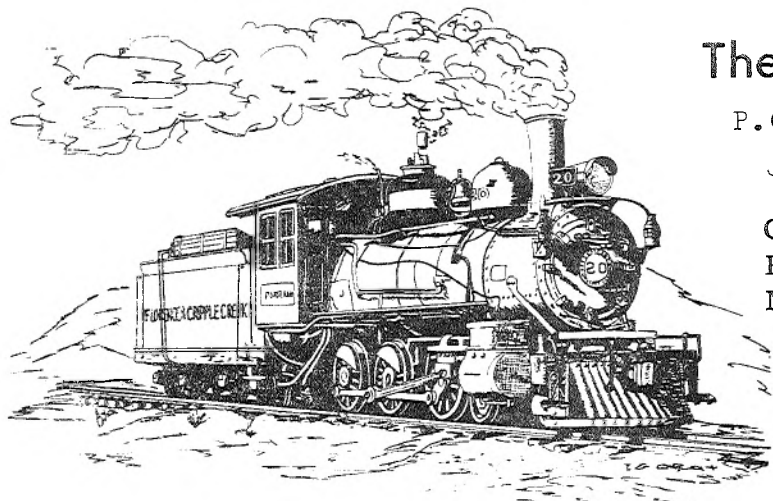


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MEETING NOTICE: DATE: JANUARY 8, 1969
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: WESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS BLDG., (LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM), 17TH &
CALIFORNIA STREET, DENVER.

PROGRAM NOTES: THE PROGRAM THIS MONTH WILL BE PRESENTED BY TOM GRAY. TOM'S PROGRAM WILL BE
A SLIDE PRESENTATION THAT IS, AS YET, UNTITLED.

1969 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS. AT THE DECEMBER 1968 MEETING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1969 WERE
ELECTED;

JIM EHERNBERGER	PRESIDENT
CARL E. C. CARLSON	VICE PRESIDENT
ROLLIN A. CORDILL	SECRETARY
ANE O. CLINT	TREASURER
W. L. VAN PATTEN	ASSISTANT TREASURER
ED GERLITS	DIRECTOR
TOM GRAY	DIRECTOR
RICHARD RONZIO	DIRECTOR.

BRYANT McFADDEN, ED HALEY, AND STUART ANDERSON ARE THE OTHER THREE DIRECTORS WHO WILL SERVE IN
1969. OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE.

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DUES: 1969 DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE NOW, AND YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT OF YOUR DUES IS APPRECIATED.

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UP CENTENNIAL THE CLUB HAS BEEN FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY 400 OF THE UNION PACIFIC
1969 CENTENNIAL CALENDARS. THESE WILL BE ISSUED TO CLUB MEMBERS ON A FIRST COME -
CALENDARS FIRST SERVE BASIS, LIMIT ONE TO A PAID-UP (1968) MEMBER. TO COVER THE COST OF MAILING
(POSTAGE AND MAILING TUBE), A CHARGE OF 50¢ IS NECESSARY. PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDER AND 50¢ TO
ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, 3831 PERRY STREET, DENVER, COLORADO 80212.

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SILVERTON NEWS THE SILVERTON STANDARD OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1968 INFORMS US THAT "THE DENVER
AND RIO GRANDE WESTERN RAILROAD DID WHAT IT SAID IT WOULD NEVER AGAIN DO THIS PAST WEEKEND: IT
HAULED A PASSENGER TRAIN FROM DURANGO TO ALAMOSA.

RUMORED FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS BUT ANNOUNCED FORMALLY ONLY THE DAY BEFORE THE TRIP, THE EXCURSION
WAS ARRANGED TO TRANSPORT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN, JOURNALISTS, AND INTERESTED PRIVATE
CITIZENS OVER THE LINE WHICH THE D & RGW HAS SOUGHT TO ABANDON, TO PROMOTE RETENTION OF THE LINE.
ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE RAILROAD WERE MADE THROUGH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, WHICH PARTICIPATED IN
THE TRIP, BUT THE FINANCING WAS APPARENTLY ALL PRIVATE.

THE TRIP WAS COORDINATED BY TERRENCE W. ROSS, SANTA FE ARCHITECT AND CHAIRMAN OF WHAT HE HAS CALLED
THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR PRESERVATION OF THE RAILROAD. ROSS GAVE HIS GROUP'S GOAL AS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT FOR THE NARROW GAUGE PORTIONS OF THE D & RGW - THE ROUGHLY
270 MILES FROM ALAMOSA THROUGH DURANGO AND ON UP TO SILVERTON. THE D & RGW HAS PETITIONED TO
ABANDON THE PORTIONS BETWEEN DURANGO AND ALAMOSA AND BETWEEN DURANGO AND FARMINGTON, N.M. THAT
PETITION IS STILL AT ISSUE BEFORE THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, WITH THE COMMISSION'S
EXAMINER RECOMMENDING ABANDONMENT IN THE LAST FORMAL STEP SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

THE GROUP TRAVELING OUT OF DURANGO ON THE NARROW GAUGE SATURDAY NUMBERED ABOUT 60. THE TRAIN LEFT DURANGO AT 8:45 P.M., WITH A CONSIST OF ENGINE NO. 483 (STILL PAINTED REDISH FROM ITS MOVIE ROLE IN "THE GOOD GUY AND THE BAD GUY"), CABOOSE 0540, SILVERTON COACH 331, SILVERTON COMBINATION CAR 212 AND THE GENERAL WILLIAM JACKSON PALMER PRIVATE CAR (STILL GREEN FROM ITS ROLE IN THE SAME MOVIE).

THE PARTY STOPPED IN CHAMA SATURDAY NIGHT AND MADE THE FINAL LEG FROM CHAMA TO ANTONITO SUNDAY.

"WE WANT THE PARK SERVICE TO TAKE A LOOK", ROSS WAS QUOTED BY THE DURANGO HERALD. "WE HAVE SEVEN PARK SERVICE PEOPLE WITH US, FIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF COLORADO GOV. LOVE'S OFFICE, SEVEN OR EIGHT NEW MEXICO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, EIGHT RAILROAD MEN, NEWSMEN, PEOPLE FROM HISTORICAL GROUPS AND BUSINESSMEN WHO ARE VITALLY INTERESTED."

TOM HINMAN, WHO HAD EARLIER ANNOUNCED PLANS TO BUY AND RENAME THE RAILROAD, WAS A PASSENGER. NEW MEXICO GOV. DAVID CARGO WAS TO HAVE BEEN BUT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE IT.

ROSS HAS A PETITION, SIGNED BY LOVE, CARGO AND 2,500 OTHER PEOPLE, PROPOSING THAT THE NARROW GAUGE BE ESTABLISHED AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT. IT IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO GEORGE B. HERTZOG, JR., DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, FOR STUDY.

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C&O - B&O MEALS FROM THE WASHINGTON POST OF DECEMBER 6, 1968, WE LEARN THAT, "THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO-BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD MOVED YESTERDAY TO COMPETE WITH THE AIRLINES FOR PASSENGER BUSINESS.

A C&O-B&O SPOKESMAN SAID THAT EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, COMPLIMENTARY MEALS WOULD BE SERVED TO SLEEPING CAR PASSENGERS ON THE COMPANY'S TRAINS. AIRLINES HAVE SERVED COMPLIMENTARY MEALS AND SNACKS FOR YEARS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, THE LINE WOULD ELIMINATE FIRST CLASS FARES ON ITS TRAINS, AND BASE SLEEPING CAR FARES ON COACH FARES PLUS A ROOMETTE OR BEDROOM CHARGE.

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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 REGARDING AN ITEM, NOR WILL WE APPRAISE ITEMS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE. SEND YOUR LISTING TO THE EDITOR BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION.

WANTED: UNION PACIFIC ANNUAL PASS PRIOR TO 1880. ALSO, LOCOMOTIVE CYCLOPEDIA 1927 OR 1929 EDITION; WILL SWAP FOR 1922 (FIRST) EDITION. BOB LEMASSENA, 1795 S. SHERIDAN, DENVER 80226

SWAP: COLORADO MIDLAND - GIANT ENGRAVING OF HAGERMAN TUNNEL LOOPS. BEAUTIFUL CONDITION, OAK FRAME INCLUDED (NO GLASS). WILL SWAP FOR USED HO-SCALE N&W 2-6-6-4 MODEL, OR WHAT HAVE YOU? BOB LEMASSENA, 1795 S. SHERIDAN BLVD., DENVER, COLORADO 80226.

FOR SALE: THE JONESBORO, LAKE CITY & EASTERN RY, THE HISTORY OF AN ARKANSAS RR BY L. A. DEW. 1968 ILLUS. ROSTER OF EQUIPMENT. \$2.65 A.F. VON BLON, JR., 1208 LOCUST, MUSKOGEE, OKL.

SWAP: FOLLOWING ANNUAL PASSES FOR OTHERS OF COLORADO MOUNTAIN ROADS AND KAN. PAC.: DENVER PACIFIC 1879, DEN. LEADVILLE & GUNNISON 1896, COLO. MIDLAND 1904, 1911, 1912, 1913: C & S 1905, 1909, 1915, 1924; M & PP 1912, 1935-6; RGW 1946-7. ALSO SOME NEW ENGLAND ROADS, INCL. BRIDGTON & SACO RIVER (2-Footer) 1886. WILL ALSO BUY FOR MY COLLECTION. MORRIS W. ABBOTT, 33 DRIFTWOOD LANE, MILFORD, CT. 06460.

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THOT FOR THE DAY " TO THE SMALL PART OF IGNORANCE THAT WE ARRANGE AND CLASSIFY WE GIVE THE NAME OF KNOWLEDGE." AMBROSE BIERCE

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