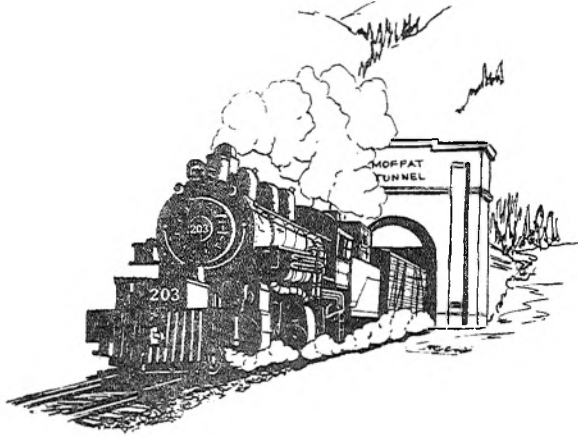


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, April 8, 1970
Time 8:00 p.m.
Place . . . Western Federal Savings Bldg., (lower level meet-
ing room), 17th & California Sts., Denver, Colo.

PROGRAM NOTES: This month's program is a 16mm film entitled "Those Memorable
Trips Behind #51" and will be presented by Dave Gross and Ed
Gerlits.

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NARROW GAUGE PRESERVATION PLANS From the Denver Post of March 25, 1970,
"Colorado and New Mexico have begun negotiations with the Denver and Rio
Grande Western Railroad to buy 65 miles of narrow-gauge track between
Antonito, Colo., and Chama, N.M., Gov. John Love said Tuesday.

'Also included in the proposed deal are 140 railroad cars, some of which
need repair, and some usable engines, engine parts, and some real estate
and water rights, Love told reporters. Total price would be \$558,000.

'He said the railroad also has offered to give the two states an option
to buy the rest of the narrow-gauge route, from Chama to Durango, Colo.,
for an extra \$30,000 in option money.

'Before the deal is made, however, the two states want to get an inde-
pendent evaluation of the salvage value of the right-of-way and equip-
ment involved, Love said.

'The total salvage price for the complete Antonito-to-Durango line has
been estimated at \$1.1 million, but the two states now are looking toward
buying only the 65-mile segment in hopes of restoring it as a tourist
attraction.

'The Interstate Commerce Commission last year granted the D&RGW permission
to abandon the line. The railroad planned to start tearing up the tracks
in April.

'The Colorado and New Mexico state legislatures this year appropriated
\$295,000 each toward the purchase of the line. Each also has a railroad
authority working on the project.

'The two states hope that eventually some agency, such as the National
Park Service, will take over the 80-year-old narrow-gauge line and restore
it as a scenic, historic and recreational attraction."

One newspaper report had it that trains would be operating by Fall.

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LONGEST FREIGHT RUN. The Union Pacific, Seaboard Coast Line and St. Louis-San

Francisco (Frisco) Railroads have announced and begun operation of the longest regularly scheduled freight train run in history-from Florida to the Pacific Northwest, a distance of 3,311 miles. The train is in daily service.

A breakaway section of the train will head west from North Platte, Nebr. to California points. Named the "Coast-to-Coast Express," CCX in rail-roadese, the new train pools locomotives among the three railroads. The railroads said the train will bypass most classification yards and stop only for inspection, crew changes and icing of perishable commodities.

U.P. engines will go through to Jacksonville, Fla., while Frisco and Seaboard locomotives will go as far west as North Platte. The train has been operated experimentally since December 1, 1969 and, so far, has been averaging between 75 and 100 cars of freight each way powered by four diesel-electric locomotive units. CCX's route takes it from Jacksonville, through Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Kansas City, Mo., North Platte, Nebr., Pocatello, Idaho, Portland, Ore., and on to Seattle, Wash.

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ZEPHYR SERVICE CUT TO TRI-WEEKLY OPERATION. The I.C.C. allowed the Western Pacific to completely remove itself from operation of the famous California Zephyr train, and ordered it to be operated by the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad on a tri-weekly basis into Ogden, Utah where connections were to be made with the Southern Pacific's City of San Francisco. The train will operate out of Denver on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays west-bound, and into Denver from the west on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Equipment has not been placed in the pool with the Southern Pacific, it will be necessary to change trains at Ogden. The train will leave Denver early in the morning in order to make the entire run and the connection at Ogden. For sightseers in the Denver area it will be a nice Saturday and Sunday trip to Glenwood or Grand Junction and return.

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8444 EXCURSION from Denver to Laramie and return on May 30th. Hurry in your reservations for tickets on this trip as seating space is limited and soon National advertising in TRAINS will be out. Also, there will be coverage in local newspapers which could make this a sell-out trip early!!!! The fare is \$27.00 for adults and \$18.00 for children 6-12. You may order by mailing to the Club at our Box number.

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EQUIPMENT RESTORATION FUND of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club for the sole purpose of keeping the Club's fine equipment from deteriorating; donations are welcomed. Plans are for arranging a certificate for each who donates into this fund. Plans also for painting and fixing up some of the cars are in store for this year, whenever the weather gets favorable.

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DUES ARE DUE and accepted by the Club at this time. \$3.00 for Colorado Members, \$2.00 for out of state and Junion memberships (14-18 years of age). Please hurry your renewal as membership cards are being prepared and there are going to be a number of activities the Club will sponsor that you will not want to miss out on, including perhaps a picture-history of the Club and its excursions later in the year.

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PINAFORE PARK RAILROAD, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada has announced its anticipated schedule for weekends May 15th to Oct. 15th and daily July and August. This is one of the last steam strains left operating in Canada, is located in Pinafore Park, Elm Street at St. Thomas, Ontario, and provides a mile ride behind a revised era.

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LIVE STEAMERS The Los Angeles Live Steamers announce the 1970 Brotherhood of Live Steamers meeting May 29, 30, 31, 1970 at the Los Angeles Live Steamers facility in Griffith Park. A varied and interesting program of activities has been planned. For further information, contact HARRY L. DIXON, West Coast Sec. B.L.S., 22072 Betlen Way, Castro Valley, Calif. 94546, or Joel Corbin, B.L.S. Meet Sec., 12723 Kittridge Street, North Hollywood, Calif. 91606.

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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.

For Sale: 1 copy History of Baldwin Locomotive Works, 1831-1920 \$12.50
 1 copy History of Baldwin Locomotive Works, 1831-1923 \$15.00
 Both copies in good condition. Have many more railroad books for sale. Write for list.
 L. L. Clerico, 3316 Countryside, Wichita, Kansas 67218

Sale or Trade: Entire collection of Railroad Magazines 1931 to Approx 1962. Write for details. Also have C.M.R.R. Cap badges for trade or sale. Can anyone give me information as to the final disposition of the CS&CCD Business Car "Colorado" and the C.M.R.R. "Manitou"?
 Del Gerbaz, 5587 Morro Way, La Mesa, Ca. 92041

For Sale: Trains Magazine. Volumes 1, 2, 3, 5. Bound in green cloth. Complete, clean and in perfect condition. \$100. (make check out to Mrs. L. J. Woodruff, who is the widow of a Rio Grande employee). Books will be delivered by Bob LeMassena, 1795 S. Sheridan Blvd., Lakewood, Co. 80226.

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THOT FOR THE DAY It is surprising how much good a man may do in this world if he allows others to take credit for it. --Bernard Holland

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