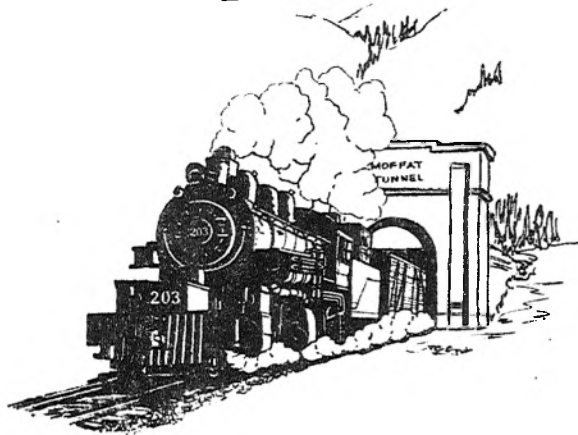


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MEETING NOTICE: Date . . . . . April 11, 1973  
Time . . . . . 7:45 P.M.  
Place . . . . . Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,  
2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet parking  
at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: The large number of favorable comments received from our members regarding Don Smith's 20 slides in last month's POTPOURRI program prompted the Program Chairman to ask Mr. Smith to present the program at the April meeting. Don has been a member of the club for ten years, is serving on the Board of Directors in 1973 and 1974, and is a past president of the Ghost Town Club of Colorado. His program, entitled CHIHAUHAU CHOO CHOO will be a continuation of the hilarious set of slides he presented in March. It will cover the highlights of a 1971 trip through Mexico by a group from the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, visiting Mazatlan, Guadalajara, Mexico City and Veracruz. You will recall Don saying last month that you would have to wait until later to find out if he ever made it back from Mexico. Come to the April meeting and find out. These slides will later be combined with others from Mexico to form a show which Don will add to his already famous list of productions he has been presenting professionally the past few years.

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BLACK HILLS CENTRAL - Bill Heckman of the Black Hills Central Railroad at Hill City, South Dakota has informed your president that the April issue of a popular magazine has an article stating that the Black Hills Central is no longer in business. He wants our members to do all they can to squelch this false rumor. Bill is planning bigger and better things for the summer of '73 and plans to operate a two-day trip for our club over the Labor Day weekend. More on this later.

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35th ANNIVERSARY - With this issue of Rocky Mountain Rail Report, you should have a flyer announcing our banquet celebrating the Club's 35th anniversary. It should be a real blast! We have door prizes out of this world: Five pieces of 35# rail from the Pitkin area on DSP & P R.R., St. Louis Steel 1883; and three great books - "Rails Around Gold Hill", "The South Park Supplement", and "The Colorado Road". Dinner - Program - Prizes --- come on out and help us celebrate.

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HIGH COUNTRY RAILROAD at Heritage Square, Colorado's newest railroad, a 24" gauge, 1- $\frac{1}{2}$  mile scenic tourist line, is the result of the efforts of 5 Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members. Stuart Anderson, Jim Ehernberger, Ed Gerlits, Dave Gross, Dan Peterson and non-member Jim Karins.

Three years ago, they acquired 2 German built 0-4-0's and during the course of time completely overhauled one of the loco's to an extent she never enjoyed before. Resplendent in 11 coats of orange and black automotive enamels, with new electric headlight, flues, steam fittings, lubricators.

etc., the group invited the RMRRC member to share in their enthusiasm of operating for the first time over a short piece of track on the Anderson Farm near Boulder.

The group subsequently faced the problem of what to do with a completely over-hauled locomotive. Does one just play with her or put her to work in some capacity? The group chose to formally incorporate and find a place to operate. Soon they emerged with a lease from the Woodmoor Corporation, tore up the old 3' gauge of the former Magic Mountain RR, graded and relaid the track to 2' gauge. Two new excursion cars were commissioned and built by the Great Western Ry in Loveland, Colorado, a private car was acquired and shipped from Indiana, air brakes applied to the cars and by October 1, 1972, the High Country RR was in full operation.

The line, complete with high fills, deep cuts, trestle, show shed and whistle echo's winds around the foothills, around Lake Heritage and back through the woods on its return to the station. The line overlooks Golden and Denver and has beautiful scenic vistas.

Heritage Square can be reached by traveling West on 6th avenue to U.S. 40, then West on U.S. 40, 3/4 mile to the entrance. The railroad will be operating daily service from May 1, 1973 to October 31, 1973. The fare is \$1.00 for adults and \$0.50 for children and under 5 free. The address is: High Country Railroad, P.O. Box 404, Heritage Square Station, Golden, Colorado 80401

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NEW EDITOR for the newsletter is Darrell Arndt, 1350 Josephine St., Apt. 404, Denver, Colo., Phone 321-2723. Please direct all news items and other newsletter matters to him, effectively immediately. - 1 April 1973.

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#### MISCELLANY:

BLACK HILLS CENTRAL has recently acquired 5 cars of the former Texas Zephyr previously owned by the National Iron and Metal Co. of Denver.

SCHEDULE for the Colo.-N.M. narrow gauge for 1973 is as follows: Opening day 25 May 1973 with the first run from Chama, N.M. to Antonito, Colo. 4 day a week operation for May, June, Sept. & Oct. 7 day a week operation for July and Aug. Last scheduled run 15 Oct. 1973.

U.P. ran a special train for the visiting Southern Ry. president on Sat. 31 Mar. 1973 from Denver to Laramie, Wyo. and points west. 5 UP Business Cars were observed on the train Nos. 100, 104, 105, 110 and 114. The train will spend a week touring the UP from Denver to Los Angeles and back to Omaha.

THUNDER LAKE LUMBER CO. (Rhinelander, Wisc.) No. 7, Ex DSP&P No. 51, narrow gauge 2-8-0 has been obtained by the Colorado Railroad Museum and is now on display at Golden, Colo. The Museum negotiated a trade whereby they obtained an Ex Thunder Lake Lumber Co. engine built in 1925 from the Ferrocarril Mineral de Chihuahua and traded it to the logging museum in Rhinelander for the Ex South Park locomotive.

COLORADO MIDLAND CHAPTER of the NRHS is sponsoring a trip from LaJunta, Colo. to Santa Fe, N.M. by Amtrack's El Capitan for the weekend of May 5 & 6. Write to P.O. Box 9161, Colo. Springs, Colo. 80909 for further details. Cut off date for reservations is 27 Apr.

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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 any correspondence, nor will we appraise items.

ROBERT LUNOE, 1423 Willow Rd., Homewood, Ill. sells unopened volumes of DSP&P Pictorial Supplement, and Switzerland Trail of America for \$150.00 ea.

ROBERT TRANTER, 519 Curryer Rd., Middletown, Ohio 45042 sells Mixed Train Daily- autographed by Beebe & Clegg as a special limited collectors Edition, in excellent shape for \$85.00, original edition of "The Age of Steam" by Beebe and Clegg at \$30.00.

FRANCIS B. RIZZARI, 1716 Viewpoint Rd., Lakewood, Colo. 80215 sells 2 mint copies of DSP&P Pictorial Supplement for \$135.00 ea or \$250.00 for both, pp and insured.

DOW HELMERS, 3030 Leslie Dr., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80909 will buy "Hear the Train Blow" - Beebe and Clegg in the original printing, not the offset reprint issue.

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