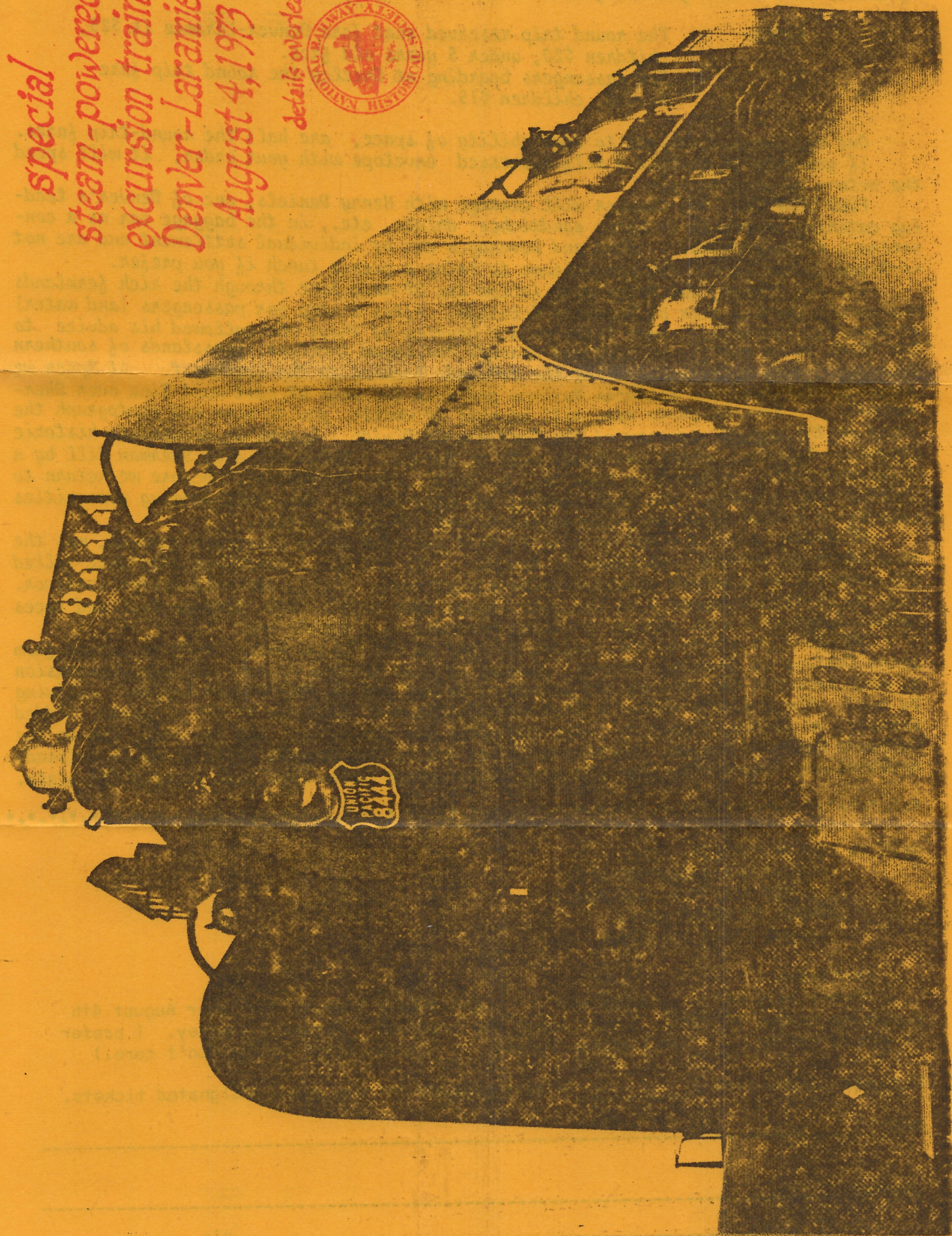


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"A living reminder of the enormous locomotives that rolled the commerce of a nation across America's vast West."

*special
steam-powered
excursion train
Denver-Laramie
August 4, 1973*

details overleaf



ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 THE INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER, National Railway Historical Society, will run a special excursion train using the Union Pacific's massive 4-8-4 steam locomotive No. 8444. The train will depart from Denver Union Station at 7:00 am, arriving in Laramie around noon, and returning to Denver the same evening. The train will stop in Greeley, Colorado, but will not operate via Cheyenne, Wyoming.

To assure everyone of a seat, this year all seats will be reserved and specifically assigned in advance. The consist of the train, from the locomotive back, will be:

Baggage car with open doors, AC for recorders, food service
Reclining seat chair cars nos. 1-5
Vista-dome lounge car
Reclining seat chair cars nos. 6-10

The 4th coach from the front will be reserved for passengers boarding at Greeley. Otherwise, if you prefer to sit in a certain part of the train please so indicate on your ticket order. Every effort will be made to seat you in the location of your choice. If you want to sit with friends, please order tickets together so you can be assigned space together. Reserved seats may sound silly for an excursion; but you will be assured of your seat without arriving trainside at crack of dawn to claim it, and of course once aboard you are free to move about the train seeing friends, etc.

FARES: The round trip reserved seat fare Denver-Laramie is \$25, children \$20, under 5 years old free.
For passengers boarding at Greeley the round trip fare is \$20, children \$15.

One way fares, subject to availability of space, are half the round-trip fares. If you care to enclose a self-addressed envelope with your order, it will speed the return of your tickets.

FOOD SERVICE: The Chapter will arrange with Henry Daniels, one of Denver's leading catering services, to serve sandwiches, drinks, etc., in the baggage car as a convenience to passengers. Food and beverages are by individual settlement and are not included in the fare. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch if you prefer.

Leaving Denver, the train will follow the UP main line through the rich farmlands and cattle feeding area of Northern Colorado. After a stop for passengers (and water) at Greeley, Colorado, named after Horace Greeley by those who followed his advice to "go West, young man", we continue through the broad treeless grasslands of southern Wyoming, with splendid views of the Colorado Rockies to the southwest. At Speer we cross the Colorado and Southern Railway and join the main UP east-west line over Sherman Hill. Several photo runs will be held to enable you to view and photograph the train in the rugged scenery of the Continental Divide, before we descend to historic Laramie, Wyoming, where the train will be turned. Returning over Sherman Hill by a different route, more photo runs will be held, time permitting, before we return to Greeley and, finally, the fast evening run into Denver, the small farming communities passing in a blur of white grain elevators and echoing whistles.

UP #8444, a 4-8-4 built by Alco in 1944 for high speed passenger service, was the last steam locomotive purchased by the UP. Of all the locomotives that once rolled the commerce of a nation across America's vast west, she is the only active survivor. Join us in Denver August 4 as she once again does battle with Sherman Hill and races across Colorado's high plains, a living reminder of a bygone era.

OUT-OF-TOWN visitors are invited to stay at the Oxford Hotel, only a block from Union Station in downtown Denver, making it easy for you to make the early excursion as well as watch the comings and goings of Amtrak and the Rio Grande Zephyr. Arriving by air? The Oxford's Mercedes-Benz shuttle bus will meet you at the airport. Added bonus: on Sunday, August 5, the day after the excursion, the bus will run to the Colorado Railroad Museum, where you'll see one of the largest collections of Colorado railroaders, especially from the many narrow gauge lines that once crossed the state.

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Gentlemen:

Please send me _____ adult and _____ children's tickets for your August 4th excursion behind UP 8444. I will board the train at _____ Denver _____ Greeley. I prefer to sit in car No. _____ or (second choice) _____ (leave blank if you don't care.)

Enclosed please find \$ _____ in full payment for the above designated tickets.

NAME _____

address _____

zip _____