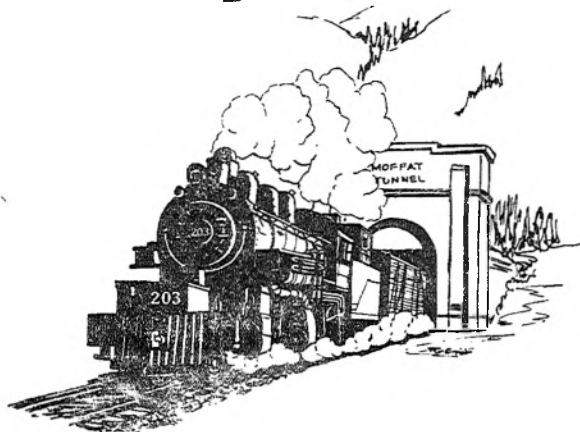


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MEETING NOTICE: Date . . . . . July 18, 1974 THURSDAY  
Time . . . . . 7:45 p.m.  
Place . . . . . Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,  
2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet parking  
at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM NOTES: The club is privileged to present, through the courtesy of James R. Jackson and Al Chione, a program for the July meeting which will consist of some very old and rare 8mm movies of Colorado railroading. These excellent movies were taken between 1937 and 1941 by Jim Jackson's father, Richard B. Jackson, a Rocky Mountain Railroad Club member until his death in 1971, and one of the noted railroad photographers who recorded Colorado engines and trains before World War II. Included are Denver & Rio Grande Western operations on the Silverton Branch, the Cumbres Pass, Marshall Pass, and Black Canyon lines and the Santa Fe Branch. There are also some views of Rio Grande Southern trains operating over that spectacular line and some extremely rare Colorado & Southern narrow gauge scenes at Leadville, on Boreas Pass, and in Clear Creek Canyon. If you liked Otto Perry's fascinating films last month, which speak for themselves, or if you missed them, here is another opportunity to see some fine Colorado railroad photography of years gone by.

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HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!! - - - NOTICE! NOTICE! - - - STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN!!!  
The meeting night for this month (july) has been changed to Thursday, July 18. There will be no meeting on July 10th, the traditional time. The Christ Episcopal Church has found it necessary to require the use of the meeting hall the second Wednesday of each month. Beginning in August, the new meeting night will be the second Tuesday of each month.

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ENCLOSED is your copy of the new roster. A sincere effort was made to insure accuracy. However, should there be corrections, additions or deletions necessary, please send them in and an addendum will be sent later. A vote of thanks is due Bryant McFadden and Rev. Gerrit Barnes for their time and effort in putting the roster together.

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BLACK HILLS CENTRAL EXCURSION - - A fun time was had by all who rode the BHC Special between Hill City and Deadwood, S.D. on June 29. Sunny skies, numerous photo and water stops, and a tasty picnic lunch at the old town of Rochford, and the sounds of saddle-tank locomotive No. 104 working up many steep grades along the line made for a swell time. Thanks to all

203 passengers who participated, to Mr. & Mrs. Bill Heckman, and to the crews of the BHC and the BN for making this trip such a fine success.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB DAY AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM - Set aside all or a portion of Sunday, July 21st for a visit to the museum when Engine 346 will be steamed up and operating on the museum's trackage. All members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club are invited to participate in the club's day at the museum. Your membership card will admit you and your immediate family to the building and grounds free of charge. Bob Richardson will have engine 346 pulling various equipment for visitors including the club's RGS business car "Rico". Not to be forgotten are the many wonderful historic displays on Colorado railroading inside the museum, and one of the largest railroad gift shops in the west. The museum is located at 17155 West 44th Avenue.

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JULY AND THE TREASURER STILL has a number of 1974 cards still left. If you have not received yours yet, please send in your \$3.00 so the books can be squared away, and so the treasurer won't shoot himself.

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TIMETABLE COLLECTORS will hold its' 1974 convention in Denver on August 15th to the 18th. The meeting will include displays, swap 'n shops, trips to several local railroad attractions and a banquet. For further information and reservations contact the Convention Director, James L. Ehernberger P.O. Box 265, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001.

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RESTORATION WORK ON THE GEORGETOWN LOOP is now in full swing since the arrival of the Seebees in mid-June. Before their departure in early August it is hoped that track laying up into Silver Plume will be completed and that the depot there will be on a foundation. More equipment for the operation has been received. The last weekend in June saw the arrival of ex-Oahu Railway No. 15 diesel switcher from California. Formerly of the Camino, Cable & Northern, the engine is a sister to the diesel unit used on the CATS line and will be used in the construction phase of the loop. Also just received is an ex-Camino, Cable & Northern ex-Lake Tahoe and Railway & Transportation Company narrow gauge coach and an excursion car from the Colorado Central.

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CENTRAL CITY RAIL ACTIVITIES - The Shay locomotive at Central City has been in charge of passenger operations since it's arrival in April. With the acquisition of that engine, it is hoped tracklaying can continue down toward Blackhawk. The track presently stops at the sight of a trestle whose cost of replacement is too prohibitive for the line. Track can now be layed around the end of the gulch in a curve that the Shay, unlike the other conventional locos on the CC, will have no trouble negotiating.

Central City and the Colorado Central were recently involved in the filming of a TV show to be seen later this summer. Production crews, along with stars Charlie Rich, Ann Murray and the "Chicago" Rock Group spent June 26th filming scenes around town and on the train. The Shay and C&S combine No. 20 were the railroad stars. The engine was operated by George Claymore, a retired veteran of 51 years service with the Rock Island and currently an engineer on the CC. Tentative broadcast of the one hour special is August 16th on ABC.

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HEADED EAST AWAYS - Seaboard Engine 501 and the cars of the Nebraska Zephyr that have been parked on a stub track in Denver Union Station have been sold by Richard McKinley to Alexander Barket of Kansas City who plans

to restore it. Mr. Barket, a Kansas City banker, was instrumental in restoring the Denver Zephyr to operating condition.

Parked next to the Zephyr in Denver is a recent acquisition of Mr. McKinley, ex-C&S Business car No. 900. It is presently in white paint with red and blue striping, black roof and lettered for the Illinois Sesquicentennial. A slogan on the side of the car proclaims "celebrating 150 years of Good Life in Illinois 1818-1968", "Polk Brothers". Also parked on an adjacent track the 1st of the month was UP business car No. 104.

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KANSAS CITY TRAIN KAPUT - The Kansas City-Denver Amtrak experimental run was turned down in favor of the Chicago to Boston operation via Cleveland and Buffalo.

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THE FAMOUS MONUMENT TO THE DOME CAR in Glenwood Canyon was altered recently. Someone knocked off most of the dome on the little car. Perhaps it was done by the same spineless creatures that tipped over the grave stone of Doc Holliday in a Glenwood Springs cemetery earlier this year.

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ENGINE NO. 278 was moved recently from Montrose to Cimarron to be put on display in connection with the Black Canyon of the Gunnison attraction.

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A TRIP ON THE RIO GRANDE ZEPHYR to Glenwood Springs and return is planned by the Colorado Midland and Intermountain Chapters of the NRHS. Trip will include bus trip over to Marble. Dates are August 10 and 11. For further info contact the chapter at P.O. Box 5181, Denver 80217.

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MILWAUKEE ROAD ELECTRIFICATION was scheduled to end on June 16th. Crews will immediately begin dismantling operations on the 440 mile section between Harlowton, Mont. and Avery, Idaho, the Rocky Mountain Division. Dismantling operations on the Coast Division, which was completely dieselized earlier, is 75% completed. It is estimated 1½ years may be required to remove the overhead and feeder lines on the Rocky Mountain Division.

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A NEW TOURIST type passenger operation north of Denver may be seen in the near future if all goes well. According to Dr. James Arneill discussions have been held to initiate a Longmont to Loveland passenger run over GW tracks using ex-GW engine No. 75 and ex-Prospector equipment, some of which is currently at the Fournery Museum in Denver. This is the same equipment that was used in the filming of the "Alias Smith and Jones" TV series two years ago near Moab, Utah.

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THE UNION PACIFIC has applied to the ICC for permission to abandon a 15 mile segment of the Coalmont branch in northern Colorado. The portion involved is between Walden and Hebron. No freight has moved over the stretch since 1970.

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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.

WANTED: Someone to take some measurements of DRGW rotary OY at Antonito. Measurements needed for model building. Eric Bracher  
Box 463 Agnew Station, Santa Clara, CA 95054.

WILL TRADE one DSP&P Supplement for two Colorado Midland's. Mint condition. Francis Rizzari 1716 Viewpoint Rd., Lakewood, Colo. 80215 237-4877

WILL SELL the following books, all in near mint condition with exception of paper jackets:

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| Denver, South Park & Pacific, copy #902 | \$325. |
| Supplement to above copy #1168          | 125.   |
| Rails Around Gold Hill Copy #2706       | 135.   |
| Colorado Midland copy #2138             | 75.    |

Edward C. Bliss 2944 Arroyo Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92103.

FOLLOWING RAILROAD BOOKS FOR SALE - All in excellent condition, clean, complete (ex. dust jackets worn):

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| <u>The Age of Steam</u> - Beebe & Clegg, original rare rotogravure edition, autographed  | \$ 50.00 |
| <u>Hear The Train Blow</u> - Beebe & Clegg, first ed. autographed  | 25.00    |
| <u>Highball</u> - Lucius Beebe, original printing  | 9.00     |
| <u>Colorado Midland</u> - Morris Cafky - Rocky Mtn. RR Club publication - ltd. ed. No. 1564 autographed                                    | 90.00    |
| <u>Supplement to Denver, South Park &amp; Pacific</u> - Kindig/Haley/Poor - Rocky Mtn. RR Club Publication - ltd. ed. No. 1227 Autographed | 125.00   |
| <u>Iron Horse</u> - E. P. Alexander - Bonanza reprint  | 3.00     |
| <u>Railroad Avenue</u> - Freeman Hubbard - 1945 Ed., Second printing, no dust jacket   | 4.00     |
| Roy Strothman 5739 Wintrop Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio  | 45224    |

FOR SALE - The Rio Grande Southern Story by Josie Moore Crum \$85.00 (first printing)

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| Early American Steam Locomotives 1830-1900 by Reed Kinert (first edition)  | \$10.00 |
| Trolley Car Treasury by Frank Rowsome (reprint)  | \$ 2.00 |
| Steel Trails (The Epic of the Railroads) by Martin D. Stevers (1933) (first Printing)  | \$ 4.00 |
| Narrow Gauge Railways in America by Howard Fleming (first edition) of a special edition printed by Grahame Hardy. This copy numbered but not signed (51) | \$12.50 |

The following books are used library books but are in good condition:

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| Slow Train to Yesterday by Archie Robertson (first printing)                | \$ 4.00 |
| Steel Trails & Iron Horses by Lamont Buchanan (first printing)              | \$ 4.00 |
| A Picture History of B&O Motive Power by Lawrence W. Sagle (first printing) | \$10.00 |

Please enclose (35¢) for each book to help with the cost of shipping and handling. Harry J. Wagner III

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