

PAST MONTH'S PROGRAM. If Erwin Chaim ever decided to operate a travel agency that conducted tours of Europe, chances are not only would you railroad yourself across Europe but laugh yourself across too! Erwin's program at the March meeting was a most enjoyable color slide presentation accompanied with an outstanding narration of the many sights and experiences that he and his wife encountered on their trip. Adding more interest to the trip was the fact that they did not go with a "tour" group, but traveled on their own, a decision resulting in a more casual, closer contact with our European cousins. The program not only covered the railroad portion of their trip, but also other non-railroad attractions in England, Germany and Switzerland. Expect the Chaims to be back in the future with another of their interesting programs on European train travel including an all steam program on Germany.

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YOUR TRIP COMMITTEE has had their nose to the grindstone and besides coming up with a sore nose they have also come up with a schedule of activities for 1975. Starting out the summer there is tentatively planned another day on the Burlington Northern's scenic Hill City to Deadwood line. This all steam trip will be provided by the Black Hills Central Railroad at Hill City, South Dakota. This popular special is set to take place on Saturday, June 28th.

In July, Engine 346 will be steamed up at the Colorado Railroad Museum for Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Day. Your membership card will entitle you and your family to free admission to the Museum and the grounds.

August will find us heading into the clouds (not too many hopefully!) on the Manitou and Pike's Peak Cog Railway. Photo runbys and a number of other "goodies" will make this trip a "step above" the regular runs.

In September we will head West over the high iron of the Union Pacific in the accommodations of Amtrak's San Francisco Zephyr to Ogden and Salt Lake City. On the second day of this three day trip we will climb aboard a number of rail attractions in the Beehive State including the Heber Creeper and our own special movement over the Saltair Railway. Return to Denver will be via the incomparable Rio Grande Zephyr. Set aside September 14, 15 and 16th for this memorable weekend.

We are hoping for an excursion in the fall behind Union Pacific's 8444. No definite plans can be made at this time as the Engine will be out of service for several months for a complete machinery overhaul. New valve cages must be obtained as the right back valve cage is broken in half, the right front cage badly scored and the left side badly worn. The Union Pacific has experienced some difficulty in obtaining these parts. If and when the Engine is repaired, we will begin to make arrangements for a trip and pass the news along in these pages.

So there is a brief summary of the Club's proposed schedule of events for the coming year. Details including fares and other pertinent information will be announced later as soon as they are available. We hope this wide variety will offer something of interest for everyone. Your comments and suggestions on these functions are, of course, always welcomed.

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YOU'VE SEEN THE OUTSIDE, HOW 'BOUT THE INSIDE??? - Circle Sunday, April 13th, as that's the day we have arranged for an "Open House" on one of the pioneer streamliners, the Nebraska Zephyr, now parked in Denver's Union Station. The owner of the articulated equipment, Richard McKinley of Denver, has kindly permitted us a rare "look-see" of the interior which is still nearly equiped and furnished as the day it was taken out of service. No charge, of course, all are welcome, and refreshments will be available. The Train is being sold and will probably be moved from Denver some time this summer to Kansas City. Hours for touring will be in the afternoon from 1:00 P.M. until after the San Francisco Zephyr departs at about 5:00 P.M. See you there!

PROGRESS REPORT ON REPUBLICATION OF DENVER SOUTH PARK & PACIFIC - Ed Haley reports that the work is going "full steam ahead" with the Denver South Park & Pacific. All 209 photographs included in the original book have been acquired with the exception of five. Of these, three are being replaced by almost exact duplicates, one is being eliminated and will be replaced by a photo more compatible with the text, and one we are still trying to acquire from Life Magazine. We have added 28 more excellent photos to the 209 in the original book and will possibly add four more.

Four plates required for reproducing one of the paintings in color have been made and proofs are on hand. A second color reproduction is at the engravers now. Negatives for reproduction of photographs in the first third of the book have all been made and proofs received. Negatives for the photos in the second third of the book have been shot and proofs are being made. Photos for the final third of the book are in order and ready to be taken to World Press. World Press has been doing its own camera work and proofs received indicate a remarkable improvement over reproductions in the original book. As of this date there has been no actual printing. The Club has received orders for 1,508 books. Watch for our advertisements in all of the railfan and modelers' magazines.

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A CONFLICT HAS ARISEN between operators of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railway, Scenic Railways, Inc., and the owners, the States of Colorado and New Mexico which may jeopardize operations over the line this year. The Narrow Gauge Railroad Association reports in their newsletter "Telltale" that New Mexico feels Scenic Railways, Inc. should upgrade and repair the line for a safer operation in accordance with the findings of a private engineering study completed recently. The contract with Scenic Railways requires the operator to repair and maintain the line at a "safe" level. Scenic feels that this has been done and does not want to spend any money in this regard, suggesting that the States "repair" the line and turn it over to them to maintain at a higher level. If the two states finance repairs, obtaining approval for the expenditure will take at least several months. Obtaining materials and doing the work will result in another time lapse before operations can commence. Both of the States, Scenic Railways, Inc. and local businessmen are exploring ways of solving this dilemma. Whether or not the C&TS operates this year depends on how quick a solution is found.

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OOPS! - A small defugility "crept" into last month's Rail Report in the description of the C&TS Rotary Snowplow Operation. The Plow Train not only made it to "Weed City" but continued a bit further and crossed Lobato Trestle.

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THE RIO GRANDE ZEPHYR has received excellent coverage in recent months in several railfan publications. Check your magazine stand for the winter issue of Passenger Train Journal, Vol. V, No. 5, March, 1975 issue of Rail Travel News and the April issue of Trains Magazine. The fine Trains article by Ted Benson covers both the San Francisco Zephyr and the Rio Grande Zephyr and describes a ride on the RGZ in March of last year during the 25th Anniversary Trip sponsored by the Intermountain Chapter NRHS.

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RIO GRANDE AND MISSOURI PACIFIC LOCOMOTIVES are now using new engine facilities recently completed in Pueblo. A 30 by 76 foot metal engine house replaced the old round house built in 1906. The remaining seventeen stalls which made up the old forty-nine stall roundhouse are to be torn down, but the 100 foot turntable will remain.

A "SAVE THE DEPOT NIGHT" was sponsored by the Jaycees recently for raising money to move the C&S Depot in Broomfield. The organization has been renting it from the Railroad for a dollar a year as a meeting hall. The Railroad had considered demolishing the structure, erecting in its place a smaller structure. When the Jaycees attempted to buy it, the Railroad donated the building with a stipulation that it be moved from Railroad property.

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GOOD NEWS - The bell stolen off the Mexican Engine in early December at the Colorado Railroad Museum has been recovered.

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RECENT UNION PACIFIC PASSENGER MOVEMENTS - The Camerail Club's "Mixed Train" reports that Union Pacific hosted a "Family Day Special" at their Los Angeles Shops on January 19th. Two diesels with ten coaches and a lounge made the trip.

UP Old Timers Club No. 3 will run a passenger extra from Council Bluffs to Las Vegas and back in April. The special will depart from Co. Bluffs April 5th at 10:00 A.M. arriving in Las Vegas April 6th at 2:00 P.M. Return trip will depart April 9th at 2:00 P.M. and arrive back at Council Bluffs at 7:40 P.M. on April 10th. Another run is scheduled in late April.

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THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD has requested permission to close its station at Rock River, Wyoming. Rock River business would then be handled through Laramie.

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SPECIAL EVENTS POSTAL STATION in Union Station, Chicago, will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Casey Jones' "trip to the promised land" on April 30 and May 1st. The Midwest Railway Historical Society, Box RR, Riverside, Illinois 60546, is sponsoring the Station and should be contacted in regards to details and cachets reports the Central Region, NRHS.

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NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS RAIL REPORT'S LETTERHEAD? - APRIL FOOL!!!

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SWAP 'N SHOP - Personal ads 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: Any ICC Annual Railroad Statistics Reports prior to 1950. Have an extra one for 1897 to swap. Will pay \$5.00 for good, clean copies of "Colorado's Mountain Railroads", Vol. 4.

Robert A. LeMassena, 1795 S. Sheridan Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80226.

FOR SALE: "Rotary on the C&TS-1975". 16mm. color print . Shows yard area, coaling-up and various shots along the route of this year's run...about 350'. Includes std. cassette commentary and sound. \$110.00.

"Last run of Chesapeake & Ohio's RR Car Ferry - Pere Marquette #10"... 200', 16mm. silent color print. Last run on the St. Clair River, loading at Port Huron, unloading at Sainia and its return to Port Huron. Boilerroom scenes. Taped comments on std. tape. \$75.00. Allow 3 weeks delivery. Send money orders payable in Canadian funds to W.D. Short, 126 Mitton St. S., Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. References on request.