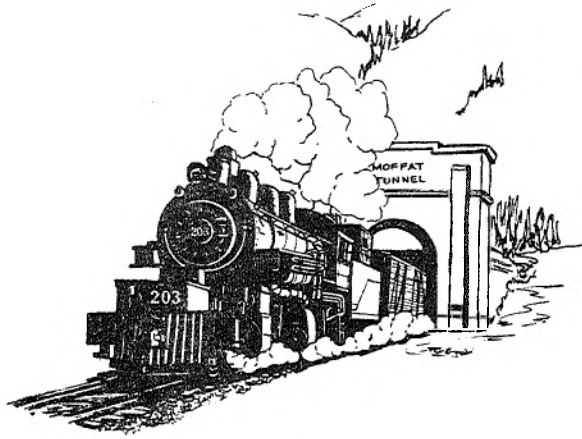


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MEETING NOTICE: Date Wednesday, September 13, 1972
Time 7:45 p.m.
Place Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,
2900 S. University at Bates; offstreet parking
at rear (east) of meeting hall.

PROGRAM: Long-time club member John Maxwell will take us through Wyoming,
Idaho, Utah and Colorado with slides taken during a trip through
the area in July, 1941.

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AT&SF ABANDONMENT - The Interstate Commerce Commission has granted permission to
the AT&SF to abandon about 25 miles of track in Colorado, from a point near
Kelker, just south of Colorado Springs, to Palmer Lake. This is a part of
the two-track arrangement used by the AT&SF-C&S-D&RGW between Denver and
Pueblo, Colorado. Trains will be operated on the D&RGW line as a single
track CTC railroad between Kelker and Palmer Lake. The abandonment, which
has been pressed largely by the city of Colorado Springs, will eliminate
quite a few grade crossings in the area. The freight yards at Colorado
Springs will be enlarged somewhat, in connection with this operation.

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GEORGETOWN DISPLAY - On Friday, August 4, 1972 the regular freight train arrived
at the Denver Federal Center west of Denver with five Denver & Rio Grande
Western flat cars, each of which carried a piece of narrow gauge freight
equipment. Included were a box car, a gondola, a refrigerator car, a flat
car and a stock car. On Monday, August 7, 1972, this equipment had all
been unloaded and was sitting on the ground beside one of the Denver Feder-
al Center tracks and that day's train arrived bearing narrow gauge caboose
No. 0586. The Denver Federal Center now has a nice looking narrow gauge
D&RGW freight train on its grounds but still lacks a locomotive. There
were many rumors at the Federal Center regarding this equipment but the
best of all was the one that the General Services Administration had ordered
the equipment for use on Denver Federal Center trackage but on arrival found
that it would not fit on their tracks. The real story is that this equip-
ment is enroute to Georgetown to become a part of the Colorado State Histor-
ical Society's display at the site of the Georgetown Loop. One of the
D&RGW's 490's is also on its way to Denver.

If you want additional info on the above, contact Ed Gerlits at Georgetown.

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MISCELLANY:

If any of you should travel to Chicago, plan to go to the Rock Island's
LaSalle Street Station. In the station, they have a restaurant known as

"TRACK ONE". On track one, they have a dining car and a club lounge car used on the Golden State Limited set up as a permanent restaurant. A very fancy entry way leads to some delightful dining.

The Cumbres and Toltec has a Thursday trip from Cumbres Pass to Toltec Siding and return for \$8. It is powered by a diesel locomotive recently acquired from Oahu Railroad in Hawaii. To see a diesel on this railroad seems completely out of context.

Has your mail or parcel post been any faster since the Postal Service finally woke up and inaugurated a daily mail train, July 15th, from Chicago to Oakland. Stops are made at Omaha, Cheyenne, Salt Lake, and Sacramento.

The August 5th trip of Intermountain Chapter, NRHS, was a real success. Over 400 passengers enjoyed the day behind 8444. The U.P. is getting much better on its time - the train arrived in Denver two hours late! 8444 has its next excursion trip from Boise to Weisner, Idaho, September 16.

The Builders plate presented at the last meeting by Mr. Silver of Pueblo has been identified by Mr. John Ingles. Alco #46509 Aug. 1909 was D&RG #842, an 0-6-0. In 1924 the loco became D&RGW #61 and was sold in 1944 to the Haden Coal Co. Further disposition is unknown.

Change of Address notices should NOT be sent to the Editor. Such notices should be sent to the membership chairman, who presently is Mr. Ed Schneider, 1394 S. Zuni, Denver, Colo. 80223.

RUTH POWELL should have been credited for the listing of "Some Trains to Ride. . ." in last month's (Aug.) newsletter.

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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.

FARNUM ST. JOHN, 829 S. Race St., Denver, Colo. sells a photo colored reproduction of a Silverton-Durango double header pass. train w/olive green frame-18"x21" inside frame, 25"x29" outside frame, copyright 1900 by Detroit Photo Co. - price \$50.00.

AVERY VON BLON, Box 6422, Waco, Tex. 76706 wants recordings of Julius or Jules Bledsoe, sheet music with his picture, anything on Texas Cotton Palace, Texas Rangers or Hoods Brigade.

HENRY J. WAGNER III, 7521 Rudderow Ave., Merchantville, N.J. 08109, sells the following books in mint or near mint cond:

1. The Northern Pacific by C. R. Wood \$10.00
2. Lines West by C. R. Wood \$9.00
3. The Lake Superior Iron Ore RR's by P. C. Dorin \$9.00
4. S.P. Steam Locomotives by D. Duke \$3.50
5. Mexican Narrow Gauge by G. M. Best \$6.00

Enclose 30¢ with each book for handling costs.

C. FISHER, Jr., 680-14th St., Oakland, Calif. 94612 sells following new books with original dust jackets and all maps, etc.:

- Hear The Train Blow - Beebe \$50.00 Mixed Train Daily - Beebe \$80.00 -
(this is an original edition, not reproduction)
Rails Around Gold Hill, No. 2695 - Cafky \$185.00 Colorado Midland
(only 2000 printed) - Cafky \$85.00 A Century of Southern Pacific
Locomotives \$50.00 Denver South Park and Pacific - Mac Poor \$365.00
Supplement to DSP&P \$165.00 Oil Lamps and Iron Ponies, Clothbound
\$55.00 Of Walking Beams and Paddle Wheels \$30.00 Swedish Trail of
America - Crossen #864 \$125.00 Narrow Gauge Railways - Fleming,
Hardy Ed. \$30.00 Trains Albums: #4 Colo. RRs and #7 Elec. RR \$10.00 ea

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