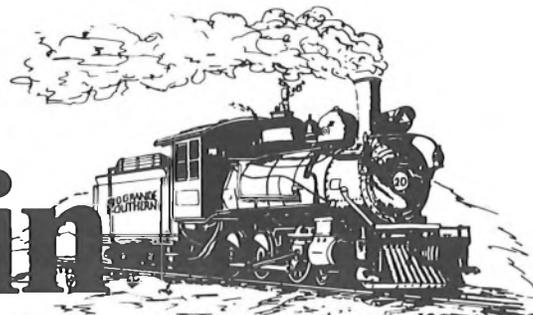


Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

ANNUAL BANQUET

October 18, 1997

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OCTOBER PROGRAM AND MEETING

Another year is almost gone and we find ourselves, once again, looking forward to the Club's Annual Banquet. Full details are contained on page 3 of this month's Rail Report. The program looks to be another fine production by Ron Rehoff, entitled Adventure Trails on Colorado Rails. Be sure to make your reservations immediately upon receiving this issue of the newsletter as a cut-off date is in effect.

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Those in attendance at the September meeting were treated to a very fine and unusual program on the Railroads of Newfoundland!!

Joe McMillian presented a look at the 3'6"-gauge Canadian National railway during the years 1977-1987. Rails were abandoned on October 1, 1988. We first looked at the mainline where 6-axle NF-210's pulled long strings of Standard Gauge freight cars that had been transferred to Narrow Gauge trucks with Narrow Gauge cabooses bringing up the rear! A further look at mixed trains, especially on several branch lines rounded out the program.

Our "Thanks" to Joe for presenting this outstanding program.

[Editor's note: With a last minute change in program, it's too bad that Wally was unable to get your editor exact program content as we are sure that more members would have attended this meeting and been able to take in a truly wonderful rail presentation of a subject matter that your editor feels very few members have any knowledge of having existed. But, it only goes to show that members should try to make every meeting as we always have excellent programs!]

NEW MEMBERS

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club wishes to enthusiastically welcome the following new members:

Marvin Floyd	Boulder, CO
Mary Ellen Floyd (Assoc.)	Boulder, CO
Johanna Harden	Parker, CO
A. O. Singleton	Colorado Springs, CO

RECENT DEATHS

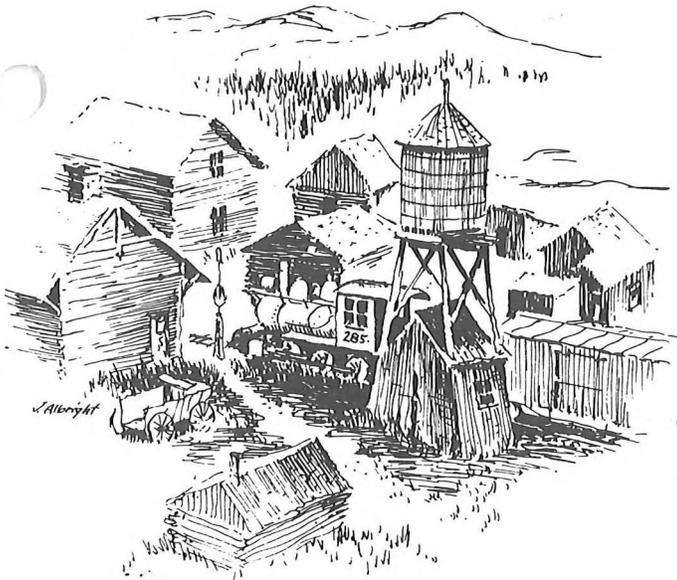
The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club regretfully announces the passing away of the following members:

Alvin K. Wiles	Boulder, CO
Member #131	

Charles Max	Lakewood, CO
Member #41	

The Club has suffered a great loss with Charlie's passing. He passed away on August 30th, just short of his 80th birthday. Once a familiar "fixture" at Club activities, Charlie's participation the past few years had been limited due to ill health.

Born in Wadsworth, Ohio, Charlie had sort of a "boomer" orientation in his early days. traveling the country, working in the logging industry, sheep ranching, U.S. Army and...hoboing. In 1993, he wrote his memories and published TEENAGE HOBO IN THE 1930's, a book illustrated with photos of the many places he visited while riding the rails. In 1949, he settled in Colorado and married Dorothy Max in October of 1947. Eventually, he began participating in RMRRRC activities and, in 1973 and 1974, became President while also managing Club trips. His most recent contribution to the Club was woodwork repairs on D&IM Interurban No. 25. He was an active member in other organizations including the Intermountain Chapter, NRHS, Masons and church. In the Kiwanis, he devoted time to projects benefiting underprivileged children, and, was a long supporter of the Colorado Boys Ranch in Lamar. His various hobbies included travel, golf, HO models, artwork fro metal (sheet metal was his profession), wood carving, the harmonica and oil painting of trains, ships and scenery. Charlie had a wonderful sense of humor and dry wit which he maintained even during his illness. He would have thought it "cool" to have the sounds of working steam locomotives that were played in the background during his funeral service and the song "I've Been Working on the Railroad" sung by those present. Our sympathies are extended to Dorothy and brothers Frank and Paul. Those who knew this "character" Charlie will certainly miss him.
(Darrell Arndt)



ANNUAL BANQUET

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW so you won't miss the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club's Annual Banquet!

Our 1997 Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 18th at the Arvada Center which is located at 6901 Wadsworth Blvd. in Arvada. The Arvada Center is one of the finest banquet facilities in the entire Denver area and provides ample free parking. The center is located near the Boulder Turnpike (Sheridan exit) and I-70 (Wadsworth exit) for easy access.

We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a relaxing social hour, including a cash bar, with dinner being served promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Our after dinner guest speaker will be Ron Ruhoff, a Club member since 1958. Ron's presentation is entitled Adventure Trails on Colorado Rails and is a multi-media slide and music show which will be a treat and delight for your pleasure. The slides are all steam and represent Ron's Colorado photography since 1952. (Sorry, no diesels!)

In addition to the music, which was written for railroading, the show will include a selection of wildflower shots as well as photographs of the state's glorious Fall color spectacular. Ron's shows are highly acclaimed by everyone who has seen one, so, you won't want to miss this outstanding event.

The menu includes a choice of fish, beef

or chicken, as well as rolls, salad, vegetable, desert and choice of coffee or tea. The food is among the best to be found anywhere, but, since the Arvada Center is not a restaurant, and all meals are cooked to order, they will not be able to accommodate any substitutions after you have ordered your entree.

Tickets are \$22.00 per person and may be ordered from the Club at:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB
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Denver, Colorado 80209

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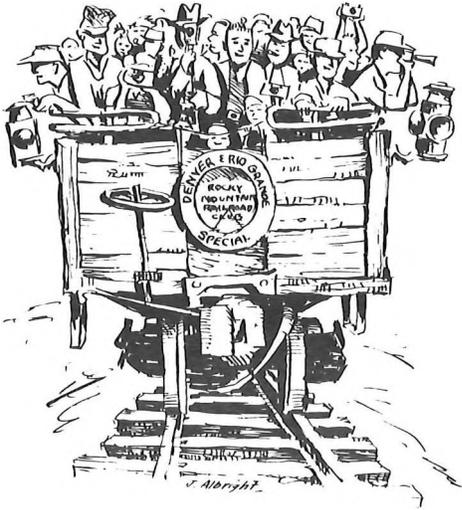
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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We are always happy to receive information about railroading in the Rocky Mountain region, and, very often, as space permits, use other regional data. We encourage our members to participate in the newsletter. Should you have something you wish to share with fellow members, please send it to the Rail Report, 502 South Cody St., Lakewood, Colorado 80226-3048.



EXTRA!

ANNUAL VIDEO POTPOURRI NIGHT

TIME IS SHORT!!!!!! The Annual Video Potpourri Night is less than five weeks away. BUT, you still have time to shoot, edit, and prepare a short video for presentation. It can be something new, something old, something common, or something strange! But, plan to share it with your fellow Club members. Bring your video to the October Annual Banquet, or, mail it to Sherm Conners, 298 So. 22nd Ave., Brighton, Colorado 80601-2589, or, call him at (303) 659-5513.

Sherm has asked that your video presentations be limited to 6 or 7 minutes to allow more folks to participate.

1997 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- October 18* Colorado Live Steamers Open House for RMRRC Members and friends
- October 18 ANNUAL BANQUET
- November 11 Regular Monthly Meeting
- December 9 ELECTIONS and Regular Monthly Meeting

*Additions, deletions and corrections will be made in the Rail Report throughout the year. Be sure to look for details monthly!

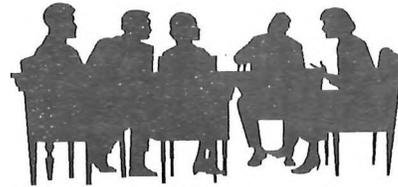
*The Colorado Live Steamers Open House was announced after the September meeting. Be sure to read details elsewhere!

Memo!

ELECTIONS

Have you been thinking about the election of officers and directors for 1998!????????? As per the Club's by laws, the carry-over board members constitute the nomination committee. This year, that committee is composed of the following men: John O. Braselton, Jim Ehernberger and David Gross.

Members are encouraged to submit their suggestions, nominations...and HATs...into this committee at the regular Club meetings, via the Club's telephone, or, through the Club's post office box. Your input is encouraged, welcomed, and, desired!



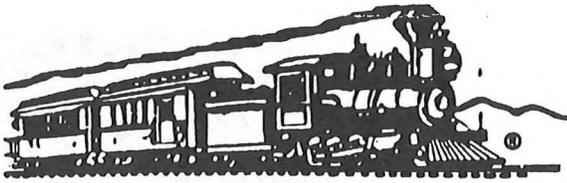
FROM THE BOARD ROOM

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Friday, September 26, 1997. There will be several items on the agenda of importance, including:

NEWSLETTER: The future of the newsletter will be decided. The Board has a few offers from members to participate in the production of the newsletter that will be reviewed.

VIDEO COMMITTEE: The Board will be looking at how the new Otto Perry footage is selling. Plans for future videos will be formulated.

UP-COMING EVENTS: The RMRRC will have two tables at the 18th National Narrow Gauge Convention in Colorado Springs, September 20-23, 1998. The Club will also have two tables at the Feffco Train Show, to be held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, January 17, 1998. Now is a good time for Club members to mark their calendars and schedule to volunteer to staff the tables.



COLORADO LIVE STEAMERS

October 18, 1997

OPEN HOUSE AT THE COLORADO LIVE STEAMERS

The Colorado Live Steamers have graciously offered to host our Club members during their run day at their railroad site at Waterton. The event starts at 9:00 a.m. and goes until the afternoon.

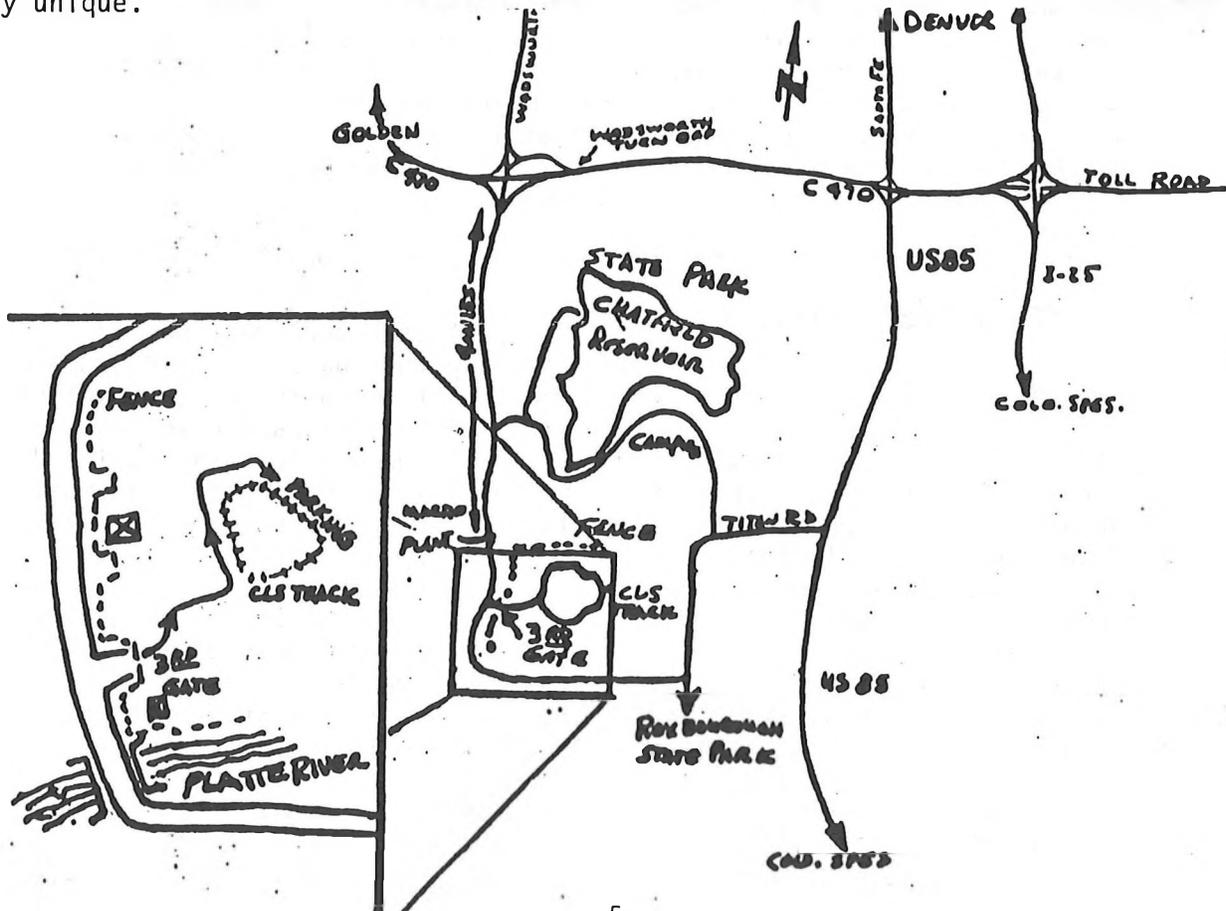
The Colorado Live Steamers was founded in 1969 and its members operate engines and trains on 3½", 4 ¾" and 7½" gauge tracks. If you have never visited this group, a real treat awaits you! The engines and cars are spectacular, and, to see scaled-down real steam engines hauling passengers is truly a sight to see. Some of their members also operate diesels and they are equally unique.

If you wish, form a group on your own and enjoy a picnic at the nearby Chatfield Reservoir State Park. This would be a great way to get your mind ready for our Annual Banquet later that night.

Don't miss this chance to see steam in action in the shadow of Denver! Also, it would be a wonderful opportunity for our younger members to get their families involved in Club activities!!! Children are always fascinated by these trains [but, of course, we ask that children always be accompanied by parents at all times and show respect for the property].

RMRRRC ROSTER

The Board apologizes for the delay in issuing the long promised roster. In the meantime, if you have a pertinent need for a directory, please advise any Board member and one will be prepared for you. (Jimmy Blouch)





One of the unique opportunities afforded by the preservation of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, is the running of special trains such as the Jim Trowbridge Freight Train which takes rail fans back into history with Rio Grande trains of the late 30's, 40's and 50's. This year, Bill Lund, of the Rio Grande Southern Modelers Club, put together a special trip to represent the Rio Grande Southern, utilizing K-27 #463. The locomotive was relettered "Rio Grande Southern #455." Here we see the 455 preparing to depart "Rico" (Chama, NM) with its freight consist. (Todd Hackett Photograph)

RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN 455 RETURNS

by Bill Lund

On August 23, 1997, the Rio Grande (C&TS) 463 was relettered to RGS 455 for a freight special sponsored by the Rio Grande Southern Modelers Club. They also relettered Caboose 0503 to RGS 0404 (which now resides at the Colorado Railroad Museum).

The weeks prior to the trip, the locomotive and caboose began the transformation to the RGS. The locomotive was relettered in the same method as all other locomotives on the C&TS property with computer generated graphics on a vinyl film. The caboose was handled differently. A vinyl material similar

to "Contact Paper" was applied in 3½" strips covering the space of the RIO GRANDE logo top to bottom on the car. The vinyl was then painted the same color as the caboose. The RGS logo was then hand painted. The process of converting the locomotive was like watching RGS photographs coming to life!

On Friday, August 22nd, a night photo shoot was held. These photos were taken in the Chama yards, next to freight cars, the enginehouse (representing the RICO engine house), and the water tank.

On Saturday, 8 photo runbys were held in places like UPPER GALLAGERS (MP 332), KEYSTONE HILL (Coxo Curve), and BRIDGE 45A



"Another day" in the life of RGS #455 sees a freight heading across Bridge 45A (Los Pinos). Additional rolling stock had been spread across the railroad so that freight consists could be changed during the day-long trip to Big Horn Wye and back to Chama. Reports about this trip suggest that a very good time was had by all! (Todd Hackett Photograph)

(Los Pinos trestle). So, you need to use your imagination a little! The special had cars set out on the line to represent a day in the life of the Rio Grande Southern. The switching moves made for some great photography throughout the day. The make-up of the train was different throughout the day, and ended up being 19 cars long.

The RGS 455 Returns was a first of its kind on the C&TS--watching RGS steam for the first time in 44 years. The trip was sponsored by Bill Lund. The ghost of the RGS might hold another trip in August of 1999.

For those who are interested in more information on the RGS Modelers Club, they may call Don Vancil, Club President, at (303) 337-4153.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

In order to get our meeting attendance up a bit more, we will be trying to give a few months advance notice of programs with a few lines detailing their content. We will begin this month with programs during October, November and December.

OCTOBER 18: Ron Ruhoff. "Adventure Trails on Colorado Rails." Darrell Arndt has just seen this program (and we all know how fussy Darrell can be!) and he reports to your editor that this program is superb!! The program has been designed as a multi-media slide, music and narration presentation which will not only delight the rail fan, but non-rail fans alike with trains, people and scenery. From early Club trips with focus on old friends as well as the trains to recent events, we will be treated

to outstanding photography, narration and music. It will "knock your socks off!" so we suggest you wear garters!!!

NOVEMBER 11: Sherm Conners. "Annual Video Potpourri Night." Members are encouraged to share their train videos with fellow members. Past presentations have been very interesting.

DECEMBER 9: Ed Gerlits. "1950's and 1960's Rail Travel." Ed will present a program of 2½x2½ slides from his rail travels in the 1950's and 60's. Ed promises to stick to trains, trains, and more trains!

PRESERVATION FUND AND BOOK DRAWING—AUGUST

The winners and prizes at the August 12, 1997 meeting are as follows:

- Wally Porter / Night Trick--N&W Ry.
- George Williams / Colorado Midland (reproduction) Coffee Cup
- Dave Gross / Pennsy RR Cap
- Phil Scholl / Long Island RR Memories
- Bob Tully / The World Steam Train Album
- Bill Hoover / The Official RR Guide: Freight, December, 1977
- Don Zielesch / 27th Annual Steam Passenger Service Directory (1992)
- Phil Scholl / Locomotive 346--The First 100 Years
- Oren Whitwell / Rocky Mountain RR Club Trilogy
- John Dolan / To Santa Fe by Narrow Gauge--Chili Line
- Bob Tully / High Iron
- Ruth Koons / TRAINS magazines--1972 complete
- Herold Topping / Model Railroader--1990 Complete

Thirty-four folks participated in this month's book drawing, providing \$48.50 for the Club's Preservation Fund.

If members have items they wish to donate for the monthly drawings, such as railroad books, pamphlets, timetables, maps, etc.,

they may contact Roger Callender at the Club meetings, or, at his home address, 2573 So. Williams Street, Denver, Colorado 80210, or, phone (303) 722-4733.

PRESERVATION FUND AND BOOK DRAWING—SEPTEMBER

The winners and prizes at the September 9, 1997 meeting are as follows:

- Jackie Pockrandt / Union Pacific RR Mug
- Ray Fleisleber / Union Pacific Promotional Photograph
- Dave Gross / Wyoming/Colorado RR Cap
- David Way / BNSF 1997 Employees' Appreciation Special Train (ex-Frisco #1522) Photograph
- Bill Jacobsen / 1989 TRAINS magazines: March, June-December
- Jim Earhart / A Treasury of Railroad Folklore
- Wally Porter / Classic Locomotives--Great Western 4-6-0
- Ruth Koons / The Train Watcher's Guide to North American Railroads
- Tom Abbott / Train Talk
- Mary Whitwell / Super Trains
- Ardie Schoeninger / Passenger Train Consists of the 1970's
- John Bartlett / Train Shed Cyclopedia #56
- Stephen Patterson / Gary Railways
- Ray Wetmore / The History of the Union Pacific
- Steve Mason / Place Names in Colorado

The September 9th Book Raffle brought in \$61.00 to the Club's Preservation Fund.

The Club would like to THANK those who continue to regularly participate in these monthly drawings. As this fund grows, the Board of Directors looks at projects that could use a hand in preserving our Rocky Mountain Railroad heritage. The fund it at a point where a distribution will probably be made soon. Details will be included in "From the Board Room" column.



Chicago & North Western AC4400CW #8831 passes on newly graded track alignment at MP 81, north of Bill, Wyoming on July 28, 1997. The #8831 is part of the C&NW's AC4400CW's, numbered 8801-8835, that will become Union Pacific 6803-6837. These units are kept on the run from South Morrill, NE, into the Wyoming Powder River Basin to help get the loaded trains over the hills. (Chip Sherman Photograph)

THE COMBUSTION CORNER— CURRENT RAILROAD HAPPENINGS

By Chip Sherman

WYOMING POWDER RIVER BASIN NEWS. The BNSF/ Union Pacific Railroads' Powder River Basin operations continue to produce new records as the mines spill forth abundant coal output. Distributed Power is now in use on both railroads' operations, with BNSF now operating BNSF SD70MAC's (termed Integrated Distributed Power). Units capable of this are: BNSF Dash 9-44CW (usually used on grain trains) 960-1123; BNSF SD75M's 8251-8275; SD70MAC's 9713-9724 and 9776-9837. The Integrated Distributed Power trains usually have two units up front and one on the rear.

Trackwork in the Powder River Basin continues to expand:

- +Antelope Creek now has three bridges, eliminating the bottleneck there.
- +Logan Hill is having a fourth track built--the Broadway of the Coal Fields!
- +Third, track grading is evident around Bill, WY, north to Logans Hill.

Union Pacific has reassigned some familiar Chicago & North Western (CNW) power back to the Powder River Basin. GE model AC4400CW's, CNW 8801-8835 (will become UP 6803-6837). They are kept on the run from South Morrill, NE, into the Wyoming Powder River Basin to help get the loaded trains over the hills.

UP also keeps many of its newest units on

the coal trains. EMD-built SD90MAC's, series 8200-8224, will be assigned to coal hauling duties. GE's 6000-horsepower units: UP 7000-7047, are General Electric's entry into the "black diamond hauling" business.

UP has its fuel tenders working the PRB too. Fuel tenders are numbered UPT 5-8, and are usually found working with GE model AC4400CW's: UP 6840-6845 and UP 6580.

OMNITRAX SHIPS REBUILT SW-1500 TO MID WEST CORN PROCESSING (MCP) WITH CORN COB HERALD. BNSF moved recently rebuilt ex-Southern Pacific SW-1500 #2749 from Omnitrax's Loveland, CO, shop to Denver, CO, on August 22, 1997. The switcher now wears MCP's attractive green paint scheme with a yellow and white band mid-way up the unit. The company's corn cob herald with the outline of Minnesota is on the long hood. The unit departed Denver eastbound August 23, 1997, bound for Marshall, MN. (Andy E. & Joe S.)

TENNESSEE PASS CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAINS AUGUST 23, 1997. The end for through freight service over the Royal Gorge/Tennessee Pass line has come! Union Pacific closed down and deactivated signals/Centralized Traffic Control on the Royal Gorge and Tennessee Pass route August 23, 1997. Through trains no longer transverse the Pueblo, Salida, Minturn, Dotsero, CO, route.

Only locals remain on both ends, and work trains picking up track/signal equipment were working out of Minturn and Canyon City, CO. D&RGW GP-30 #3002 was the assigned work train power working out of Minturn. The coal and taconite business were the last trains to run.

The last through trains to operate over the Royal Gorge/Tennessee Pass line were:

Eastbound, August 22, 1997: CWECS-20 with 104 coal loads handled by SP 262/252/UP 7021 with rear SP 348/UP 7017 and added 4-unit mid-train helper UP 7014/SP 164/369/UP 7024, departing Minturn at 8:58 p.m.

Westbound, August 23, 1997: OMIGV-19 with 96 Taconite loaded coal cars with SP 262 & 219. Mid-train were SP 108, 241 and 9607, departing Minturn at 8:16 p.m. Note that the last trains departed

almost 24 hours apart, and had the same lead unit, as the SP 262 was cut off at Pueblo, CO, and turned to run west. (Steve R. & Joe M.)

BNSF DASH 9-44CW 700-SERIES UNITS SPORT DIFFERENT NOSE HERALDS. BNSF is currently receiving 100 General Electric manufactured model Dash 9-44CW's, numbered 700-799. Published reports have indicated that BNSF 725 is the lowest numbered unit with BNSF showing up in the cigar band, ATSF style nose herald. However, BNSF 718 is the lowest numbered unit seen with this BNSF herald. The other units sport a Santa Fe cigar band style nose herald.

One of the first 700's seen through Denver was on August 15th when BNSF 719 took a grain empty north via the Joint Line and then headed east to Lincoln, NE. The train had BNSF 719, ATSF 5970 and ATSF 5866 handling the 108-grain empties.

BNSF has painted other units in its BNSF pumpkin (aka Great Northern inspired Northern lines scheme: green and orange with BNSF lettering). BNSF SD40-2 #7079 was sighted at least three times in August, 1997, operating on the Z-CHIDEN (Chicago-Denver, United Parcel Service intermodal train). This unit then went south via the Joint Line on a DENFTW (Denver to Fort Worth, TX) train in late August, 1997. The unit was painted by VMV, having been involved in the Cape Girardeau, MO, accident.

Another recently painted BNSF green and orange unit is BNSF 6915. It was on the point of the Pasco, WA, to Houston train (H OASHOU4-23) and through Denver, CO, on August 28, 1997, via the Front Range line (ex-Colorado & Southern) and the Joint Line.

BNSF warbonnet-painted Dash 9-44CW #711 was seen operating on the Denver to Barstow, CA, train, departing Denver on September 1, 1997. The two Santa Fe warbonnet units, ATSF 611 and BNSF 711 were the power for the H DENBAR1-31. The 711's nose herald was Santa Fe, and its long hood carried the BNSF initials. (C.W.)

BNSF HELPS UNION PACIFIC OUT IN MAKING UP TRAINS. Union Pacific's 36th Street Yard,



The once proud "Marlboro Train" passenger cars are seen being scrapped at the Rader Railcar plant, Aurora, Colorado, on August 6, 1997. Philip Morris USA's plan for a luxury train, built to carry 2,000 Marlboro Country sweepstakes winners across the West never turned a heel. Using a giant scissor device mounted on construction equipment, the cars were cut up in the builder's yard. (Chip Sherman Photograph)

Denver, CO, was overcrowded with trains, and the BNSF helped out by making up a train. UP train M DVROX-01 (Manifest, Denver to Roper Yard, Salt Lake City, UT) with three UP units, UP 6814 leading, was made up at BNSF's 31st Street Yard since UP's 36th Street Yard was full on September 1, 1997. The Denver to Salt Lake City, Roper Yard train departed via the Delgany Wye, north through UP's 36th Street Yard, Brighton, CO, and onto Wyoming where it turned west. (Andy)

MARLBORO TRAIN SCRAPPED, AUGUST, 1997. The Philip Morris Marlboro train was scrapped at its Rader Railcar, Aurora, CO, plant in the first half of August, 1997. Using a giant scissor device mounted on construction equipment, the cars were cut up in the builder's yard. Two of the dormitory cars, single level sleepers, have been retained and were seen on trucks on Rader's siding.

Philip Morris USA's plan for a luxury train built to carry 2,000 Marlboro Country sweepstakes winners across the West never turned a wheel. The train was commissioned in 1995,

and was planned to operate between Denver, CO, north into Wyoming and onto Montana, using BNSF and Union Pacific lines.

The Wall Street Journal reported the train's construction costs had spiraled to \$90 million. Philip Morris cancelled the contract with Rader Railcar in February, 1997. Plans to transfer the cars to another builder never materialized, and cars were cut up before ever seeing a rail.

SOO AND CANADIAN PACIFIC POWER ON BNSF. Burlington Northern Santa Fe's Barstow, CA, to Denver, CO, train arrived in Denver on September 8, 1997, with Soo Line 6609 (white scheme) and Canadian Pacific 6038 (red scheme). The northbound train arrived via the Joint Line at Littleton in the afternoon with with Soo 6609/CP 6038/BN 7039. Normally, foreign power is regulated to the middle or rear of a power consist. (Eric)

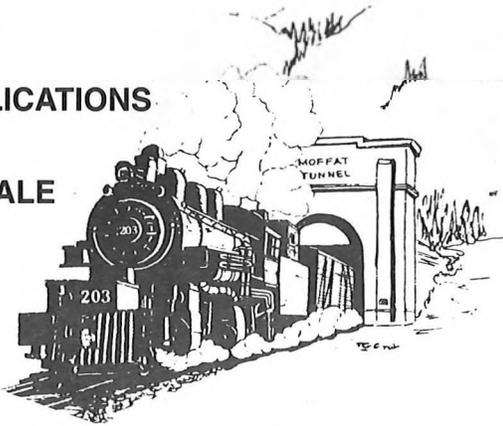
WYOMING/COLORADO PASSENGER CARS MOVE SOUTH VIA BNSF. Two ex-Wyoming/Colorado (WYCO)

cars, ex-ATSF, were seen moving from the Union Pacific to BNSF at Denver on September , 1997. One car is WYCO 1395. The other car had the name RENDEZVOUS. Both cars were moved from UP's 36th Street Yard over to BNSF's 31st Street Yard at Denver.

Both cars departed Denver September 9th on BNSF train DENLAJ1-09 (Denver to La Junta, CO, of September 9th), seen in South Denver at 10:45 a.m. The cars are stainless steel and look to be coaches. Likely destination is Clarkdale, Arizona--the Verde River Railroad. (America Online: Cozephyr)

CLUB PUBLICATIONS

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With the holidays coming up at the end of the year, we would like to suggest that you consider one of the Club's publications for gifts. The following prices reflect the costs to members only! You must include your membership number with your order. (Spouses: you can purchase these books at the member's cost also. Just include your spouse's membership number with your order)

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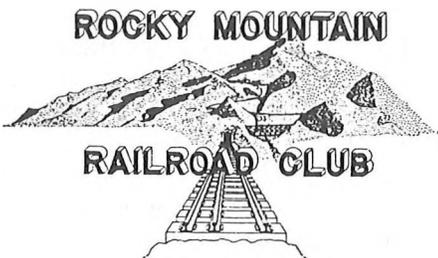
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