

BOOK REVIEW

Dye, Victoria E., *All Aboard for Santa Fe: Railway Promotion of the Southwest, 1890's to 1940's*, University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, NM, \$24.95, hardcover, 191 pp., including Appendices, Bibliography, Index.

When the railroads began pushing into the West, most were heading for the Pacific coast to take advantage of the anticipated traffic of the China trade. Within a few years they also began to appreciate the glories of the Mountain West as an added attraction in promoting passenger travel—the beginnings of modern tourism. Dye's little book explores how the AT&SF and the Fred Harvey companies developed promotions, such as pamphlets describing those attractions. Central to the two company's promotions was the ancient city of Santa Fe, New Mexico, by the use of various devices—the Indian Detours at a later date—to convince those travelers who could afford it, to journey to that city, as well as New Mexico as a whole. This is the basic thesis of Dye's work. In a later chapter, Dye compares the towns of Albuquerque and Santa Fe, the former being more of a commercial center versus Santa Fe as a cultural place of interest. Dye has accumulated a considerable amount of research to bolster her thesis—this work started as a research project while pursuing degrees in History at California State University, at Sacramento. There are also very interesting Appendices to further support her story. There are a few little glitches to the historical background—the Pueblo of San Ildefonso is north of Santa Fe, not south. El Camino Real Tierra Adentro was pioneered by the Oñate colonizing expedition in 1598. The New Mexico Town Company was an already established subsidiary, among many such, of the AT&SF. In this instance, Dye references a Master Thesis of 1947 but ignores the far better work of Marc Simmons of 1982. Finally, the City of Albuquerque built a replica of the Alvarado Hotel in a part of the parking lot where the former stood—the replica is a transportation (bus) center and city offices—not a hotel.

Despite these picky items, this is a very nice addition to the literature describing the impact of the coming of the railroads to New Mexico and the West.

—Spencer Wilson, *Friends Librarian and Archivist*



Women members of the Friends are a growing presence in the work sessions, contributing on many projects. Here the women of Session E pose around a "slightly modified" Blue Flag. (Tom Cardin)



Celebration as the right-of-way clearing team working from the East meets the team working from the West in the vicinity of Mud Tunnel on May 20, 2004. (David Lee)

BETTY A. SCHUH

Betty A. Schuh of Lakewood, Colorado, passed away on September 11, 2005. Betty joined the Friends in 1990, and the work session volunteers will remember her as the first Kitchen Car Team Leader. She is survived by husband Jack, mother Elma O'Brien, three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

FRIENDS GRANTED TWO AWARDS

Building on the success from earlier in the year, the Friends have been awarded with two more grants from two organizations in the historic railroad preservation community. Through a request submitted to the National Railway Historical Society, we have received a grant of \$525 to help upholster the seats and bunks in caboose 0579. The Friends were one of twelve organizations to receive an award. In November, we were selected from fifty-nine applicants to receive TRAINS Magazine 2005 Preservation Award. This \$10,000 grant will be used to help with continued restoration of the Chama Coal Tipple. The Friends are the seventh organization to receive this award. We want to thank Friends Board Secretary Curt Bianchi for his work on this project. All Friends members should be quite proud of these accomplishments.



TRAIN Executive Director Dan Ranger presents the Kalmbach Preservation Award to Friends' President Tim Tennant. (Karen Ranger)

FRIENDS WISH LIST

The Friends is seeking the following items. Any members or acquaintances who may be interested in donating any of these items, please call us in the Albuquerque Office at 505-880-1311 or e-mail Tim Tennant at timtennant@cumbrestoltec.org. Donation letters will be supplied for any donation valued in excess of \$250.

- Glass Display Case
- Small Concession Trailer
- Memorabilia, photos, library collections, and dining car china associated with the Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge system, Colorado railroad history, and New Mexico railroad history.
- Table saw, 14" or larger
- Band saw, wood 14" or larger
- Band saw, metal, horizontal or vertical
- Thickness planer, 14" width or greater
- Jointer/planer 8" width or greater
- Shaper 3 phase preferred
- Drill press, 15" floor stand
- Drum sander open end 15" or wider
- Tools—open end wrenches 1" and larger, crescent wrenches 18" and larger, sockets-deep 8 point 1" and up, 1/2" and 3/4" drive, angle grinders 4 1/2" electric, circular saw-cordless 18 volt, drills-cordless 18 volt, wood chisels-1" and larger, augers-wood long shaft 3/4" and larger, drill bits 3/4" and larger, annular bits for Milwaukee Magnet Base Drill 11/16" and larger.

Schedule of Friends' Events

2006 Volunteer Work Sessions

May 15-19, Session A
May 22-26, Session B
June 12-16, Session C
June 19-23, Session D
August 7-11, Session E
August 14-18, Session F

Banquet/Annual Meeting

June 16

New Mexico Banquet

March 17

Board of Directors' Meeting

March 18

Items to be included in the Spring issue of the Dispatch must be received at the Friends' office by January 30, 2006.



Friends volunteers take their traditional 10:00 am break to watch the double-header depart Chama on August 11, 2005. (David Lee)



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