

For the 93rd year steam powered narrow gauge trains are once again crossing the heights of Cumbres. The C&TS Railroad began daily operations on July 1st. 483 and 484, the workhorses of the line are once again making the regular runs. Contrary to what was reported in the last issue 487 is not yet ready for use. At present it is receiving new flues. 488 should also be running as it too is receiving an overhaul. It is reported that the D&RGW Railroad is readying 481, sister to 483, 484, etc., for use on the narrow gauge Silverton Branch. Once 481, 487 and 488 enter service, there will be five of the ten 480-series engines originally built still in service. Four are out of service, only one having been scrapped. Not a bad record after 48 years of service.

CAR ATTENDANTS- If you would like to work as car attendant but haven't made reservations with the chief car attendant for the week you wish to ride, feel free to come any way. There is almost always an opening and your work is always welcome. The reservation system is meant to assure that those wanting to work as car attendant, particularly those traveling long distances, be able to do so.

CHIEF CAR ATTENDANTS FOR AUGUST- All are from Los Alamos, N.M.

Aug. 3-6 George Swain, 2146B 43rd St., 662-3132

Aug. 10-13 Leonard Stovall, 2481B 36th St. 662-6387

Aug. 17-20 James Case 1985 40th St. 662-3254

Aug. 24-27 Bill Bradley 2814 Orange 662-3045

DUES- The 1973 membership year began June 1st. If you have not renewed, the August Telltale will be the last one you will receive. Dues are same as last year.

PLEASE SEND IN ANY ADDRESS CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS!

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY- Car attendant logs show the C&TS trains hauling an average of 213 passengers each on the 18 days reported. The low reported so far has been 75 on June 2nd 365 for the high on June 22nd. The overall totals for this year are running ahead of last year (despite the gas "shortage").

The following NGRRA members, according to C.A. logs submitted to this office, show 4) have ridden the trains one or more time as car attendants. I'm sure others have ridden but have not signed the logs. Those who did were Bill Huntman, Mark S. Brown, Ross Osborne, John E. Bush, Fred L. Oster, Bill Moyers, Paul Seward, April Bockhaus, Coni Bates, Ester Reed, Carl Osterwald, Bruce Held Jr., H.B. Sievier, Ernie Robart, Bill Bradley, Lynn Price, John Pritchard, Gary Breeding, Elman Cataline, Leonard Stovall, Mavis Bockhaus, George Swain, Allen Dross, Harry Siemers, Bruce Held Sr., Harold Robinson, Tom Putterworth, Beryl Held Mike Wiever, Karen Held, Ted Reed, Jerry Day, Jim Case, Bob Smith, Edward MacMann, Rod Bates, Wilberta MacMann, Bill Wood, Sam Wood, Barry Burke, Shirley Burke, Eric Bracher, Sheryl Cooke. To Those who did ride as Car Attendants, We extend our thanks.

Bill and Marsha Luxford and Bill and Nancy Severns painted some switch stands and targets at Cumbres. Water Column and tank gauge were repainted and relettered. A prime coat was applied to Chama Bunkhouse door and one window.

At the July 5th board meeting we had 6 board members present, 4 proxy votes, and 3 visitors.

Discussion was held on the status of the Participating members accident, liability, etc, policy which is current through the end of this operating season and at present costs \$300.00 per year.

Members who ordered NGRRA jackets from the Association last year and who received a cancelled check but no jacket (over, see Secty.)

CHAMA STATION LODGE- June and Jim Demlow are the new owners of the Chama Station Lodge and are members of the NGRRA. They are making available showers, 25¢ with your own soap and towels and 50¢ with motel soap and towels. Also, with advance reservations they grant a 10% discount on rooms, or for those willing to gamble, 50% discount if space is available after 8:00 P.M. (over, see Lodge)

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are to send proof of purchase and the Association will complete said order at no additional cost to the member. Those who ordered jackets and still have their checks outstanding are advised to stop payment and to order the jacket directly from Sears (see June 1973 Telltale).

It was decided that work on caboose 0503 would not begin until all materials were on hand in Chama.

John Pritchard, a member of the board of directors, was appointed by the Gov. of New Mexico to fill a vacancy on the N.M. Railroad Authority. Since this is considered a conflict of interest, John resigned his board position with the NGRRA and Bill Huntman of Los Alamos, N.M. was selected by the board to fill his position. Los Alamos Chapter was also instructed to submit names of other members to fill the one remaining board position open.

Restoration of Caboose 0503 as an NGRRA authorized project was submitted by the Los Alamos Chapter of the NGRRA and accepted by the board.

Board sanction was given to the purchase to the purchase and wearing of the NGRRA name tags (available from the Sec't, see May 1973 Telltale for list of items available and costs) for all members not wishing to have their names sewn on work jackets and shirts.

Notification of membership patch is to be sewn on the left side of the jacket above the breast pocket and the name plate or name embroidered in white script 3/4 inch high on the right side. If you have Red Cross Certification, this is to be sewn on the left sleeve below the shoulder seam line.

Bill Luxford, NGRRA sec'y.

OFFSET PRESS WANTED- If any of our members know of or have a good working one or two color offset press available to the association at a friendly price we would sure like to hear from you. Also if you have one or know of one available for our use please let us know. Write to Bill Moyers or Phil Dater c/o P.O. 4566 Albuquerque, N.M. 87106

CHIEF CAR ATTENDANT RULES:

1. Be on time (at least one hour before train time unless riding bus) Chief Car attendant should be on first mode of transportation.
2. Check with Scenic for special instructions.
3. Make sure car attendants have read safety rules.
4. Make sure car attendants know their duties.
5. Assign cars and distribute special instructions.
6. Check out jackets, badges and information books.
7. Give car attendant count to Scenic before train departs.
8. Have all available NGRRA literature and Scenic Railways regular and special schedules.
9. Make sure jackets, badges and information books are returned at conclusion of trip.
10. Make entry in log book including car attendants name, city and state
11. Report complaints, compliments and suggestions to conductor at conclusion of trip (enter in log).
12. Report problems involving safety as soon as possible.. Use discretion in determining urgency of problem

Lodge cont'd

The Chama Station Lodge is directly across the street from the engine house. NGRRA members should stop in and say hello.