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AUGUST MEETING: An informal meeting will be held at Scott, Arkansas Sunday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m. All members are urged to come out and lend a hand. Hopefully we will be able to receive a report from the committee on the moving of the building for the club rooms & museum. Regular business meetings will resume the second Sunday of September.

ASHLEY, DREW & NORTHERN RAILROAD: Regular members will find an interesting brochure included with this issue of Arkansas Railroader. This was provided by Mr. Austin Temple, President of the ADN and contains an interesting history of that carrier with pictures.

LOCOMOTIVES: East Camden & Highland has placed in service another NW 2 diesel locomotive, former D&RG #100

Louisiana & Pine Bluff Railroad has a "new" SW 600, No. 9 obtained from Olin Chemical Company at Pasadena, Texas.

Fordyce & Princeton Railroad No 1, Alco S-3 recently received a new coat of paint and was overhauled at Crossett and is now bright in its fresh G-P blue & white

AMTRACK: The recently passed Senate appropriations bill contains a \$4.1 million appropriation earmarked for development of the Amtrack Route through Arkansas. This is the regular Amtrack appropriation so maybe there is hope yet. The previous funds for this route, in the form of a special appropriation, were impounded by the White House Office of Budget Management and never released.

DENVER ZEPHYR: A set of the original "Denver Zephyr" equipment is about to see service again. The extensively refurbished train, owned by the Civic Plaza National Bank of Kansas City is to be used for special tours with about two per month being made. Some 40 people have been hired to staff the movements and include porters, waiters, cooks, etc. An initial run is to be made to Six Flags soon. Plans call for ski trips, the Indianapolis 500 and other such voyages. (From the Bulletin Board of the Trinity Valley Railroad Club)

BEAVER, ARK.: Word has it that work has resumed on the proposed railroad project at Beaver, Ark. This follows a route of the Missouri & Arkansas utilizing the steel bridge across the White River at Narrows. Approval of the Government has been obtained as well as some financial backing. A steam locomotive has been moved onto the property. Mr. Reat R. Younger heads up the operation which has received 3 miles of Right of Way from the Corps of Engineers.

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ROCK ISLAND 1884 MAP AVAILABLE: The July NRHS News Extra advises that the Rock Island has reprinted an old map that will be of interest to rail historians. The map is a reproduction of a genuine 1884 timetable-system map and contains many interesting details about the Rock Island at the time. The reprint has the old horseshoe emblem bearing the legend "Good Luck to all who travel via the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry." and the old slogan "Seneca Route" in addition to many connection schedules, special west-opening fares, etc. The map is available by sending \$1.25 payable to Rock Island Lines to Public Relations Dept., Rock Island Lines, 139 W. Van Buren St. Chicago, Illinois 60605...

SCOTT & BEARSKIN LAKE RAILROAD: The "Public Relations Director" of the Scott & Bearskin Lake RR provided the following update of information concerning progress of that line.

Rail has been spiked down beyond the 300 ft. mark. Work has begun on the turntable and by publication time, the pivot should be set. The Contractor is scheduled to return on August 6 to begin preparations for the installation of the Highway 130 crossing. This should be accomplished by the 13th.

The restoration of the Ex-Cotton Belt Depot has been completed, and the platforms are built. The Train Order signal is yet to be installed.

Preparations are being made for moving the 11,500 gal steel water tank that was provided by the Eldorado & Wesson Railroad.

Word has been received from the Moscow, Camden & St. Augustine Railroad that Combine #514 has been withdrawn from service as of July 11th and is up for sale. The Scott & Bearskin Lake will attempt to acquire this ex-Long Island 1898 Combine.

Arkansas Railroad Club is a non profit organization. Meetings are held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. For further information, address Arkansas Railroad Club., P. O. Box 5584, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205