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NOVEMBER MEETING: Regular November Business Meeting will be held Sunday, November 11, 1973 at 2:00 p.m. in the "Money Tree Room" of 1st National Bank, Third & Louisiana Streets, Little Rock.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER POWER: George Holt reports sighting four General Electric U 36 C "Clase de 35" locomotives enroute to Nuevo Laredo at the Cotton Belt Yards on October 28th. The Black Red & Yellow units, numbered 8927 through 8930 were lettered N de M in white block on their sides and carried data in metric measurements. They were waiting to be deadheaded south.

EQUIPMENT ORDERS: Rock Island has ordered 28 new diesel locomotives. General Electric will build 18 3,000 hp locomotives at its plant in Erie, Pa. and Electro-Motive division of General Motors will build 10 3,000 hp locomotives at its LaGrange Ill, facility.

Missouri Pacific has announced the largest single freight car and locomotive order in its history. 60 diesel locomotives, 2,519 freight cars and 60 cabooses have been ordered for a total in excess of \$75 million.

The locomotive order includes 49 SD 40-2, 6 U30-C and 5 SW 1500 units. Interested railfans should look for a general renumbering of all MoPac units in the 4 digit category in the near future.

Further information indicates that there are only 23 F-7 diesels remaining on the MoPac roster.

AMTRACK: The National Arbitration Panel has ruled in favor of Amtrack which sought to reroute its Chicago-Houston train, the TEXAS CHIEF, through Dallas, providing service between Dallas and Houston over Southern Pacific track.

AUTOTRAIN: Auto-Train has applied to the I.C.C. for authority to expand it's service to include a route from Louisville, Ky to Sanford, Fla. over the L&N tracks. Presently they operate from Alexandria, Va to Sanford over the RF&P And the Seaboard.

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BATESVILLE WHITE LIME CO.: The Batesville White Lime Division of the Bangaire Corp, (Part of the Alcoa Family) operates at Limesdale, Ark., 4 miles north of Batesville on Hy 69 in Independence County.

They operate 2 miles of 36" gage track from quarry to crusher and standard gage tracks within the plant and to the MP connection at Cushman Spur-Cotter Subdivision of the White River Division.

Locomotives on the property consist of:

No Number	Plymouth	6 wheel 40 ton	B/N 5706	Del 1953	S.G.
No Number	Plymouth	Model JDT diesel-hyd	B/N 6908	Del 1972	N.G.
No Number	Whitcomb	Diesel Hyd	B/N 40255		N.G.
#9	GE	25Ton diesel-elect	B/N 33031	B/D 5/58	N.G.
#10	GE	25Ton diesel-elect	B/N 33373	B/D 2/59	N.G.

Two other old units stored at quarry. An employee described one as a "Whitcomb about 400 years old." and it looks it. Both are N.G. Also in City Park at Batesville is N.G. Porter saddle tank 0-4-0 B/N 7074. Boiler inspection date stamped in backhead is 1927.

The two GE diesel-electrics are stored. They are for sale. They were unsuitable because when overloaded on a hill they would burn out a traction motor. The diesel-hyd. units simply stall with no damage to the unit. The two GE's are es-Star Cement Co.....Jim Wilson....

CLUB PATCHES: A supply of the new club patches is still available at 75¢ each. Checks may be made payable to Arkansas Railroad Club and mailed to Curator, Arkansas Railroad Club, P. O. Box 5584, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Arkansas Railroad Club is a non profit organization that meets the second Sunday of each month ..