



Blue Moon on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway

Saturday, July 31, 2004

Eighty or more RMRRC and NRHS members will enjoy the steep climb up the Manitou & Pikes Peak Cog Railway on a Blue Moon – the 2nd full moon of July – on this special trip. We'll depart Manitou Springs at 6:00 PM and return back about 9:00 PM. There is food available at Manitou Springs. You can buy food for a box meal or bring your own meal to eat on the trip. You can also buy food at the restaurant at the 14,110 foot summit of Pikes Peak.

Zebulon Pike discovered "his" peak on his first expedition west of the Mississippi River in 1806. He said at that time that the peak couldn't be climbed when his party got caught in a bad storm. Edwin James was the first known person to reach the summit in 1820. Julia Holmes was the first woman to stand on the summit in 1858. The U.S. Army established a weather station on top of the peak in 1873, but didn't need it any more by 1889. The AD-A-MAN club starts climbing the peak on December 30th each year to shoot off fireworks on New Years Eve.

Pikes Peak is the 32nd highest point in Colorado and we will see the "bottomless pit" and the Rampart Range to the North, while the Sangre de Cristo range (means Blood of Christ in Spanish) can be seen to the south. Colorado Springs and the Great Plains will be to the east, and Cripple Creek, which is the largest mining district to exist in Colorado, is seen to the west. We may see a lot of wildlife on the ride up the famous mountain. A lot of the climb on "The Cog Route" is on a 25% grade and was completed on October 20, 1890. The first people rode to the summit on June 30, 1891. Katherine Lee Bates, a visiting professor at Colorado College from near Boston, rode up the Pikes Peak wagon road in a buckboard in late summer 1893 just before going back home. She was so inspired by the beauty surrounding her that she jotted down her thoughts when she got back to Colorado Springs. When she got back home, she put inspiration into poetry and two years later it was put to music. It begins, "O Beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain..." Don Hulse – Trip Chairman.

Refund and Cancellation Policy:

Order your tickets now! We will issue a full refund less \$10.00 for handling fees through July 20, 2004. After that date there will be no refunds. Reservations are made upon receipt of full fare and in the order they are received. Acceptance of the Club's rules of conduct is agreed to when reservations are made.

To order tickets, mail this form to: RMRRC Blue Moon Trip, P.O. Box 2391, Denver, CO 80201-2391 or call Don at (303) 373-5531 and leave a message. You can also order on the web at: www.rockymtnrrclub.org.

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Name(s) _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Work Phone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP (5+4) _____

Home E-mail Address _____

Credit Cards Accepted: Visa, Master Card, Discover, or American Express

Enter Your Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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