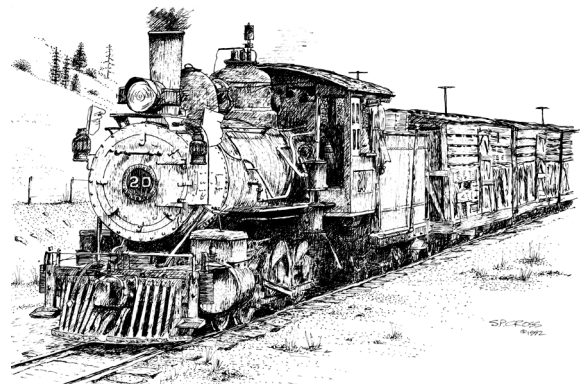


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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB • ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

Rock Island Rockets And Missouri Pacific Eagles

Presented by Bob Andrews

January 9, 2007 • 7:30 PM

This program will feature a combination of black and white and color slides taken between the late 1940s and 1970s. Bob was a prolific photographer in the Colorado area and he covered both the Rock Island and Missouri Pacific as part of his fine collection of railroad scenes. This program will consist of regular passenger trains, roadway scenes, depots and roster views of steam and diesels.

The doors will open about 6:45 PM. Members are encouraged to come early. Our meeting format will not include a break. Programs will end by 9 PM in order to tear down and store equipment and exit the church before 9:30 PM, per our contract.

Please come join us for an enjoyable, educational evening at Christ Episcopal Church at 2950 South University Boulevard, University at Bates, where there is plenty of off street parking at the rear of the complex. Enter into Barnes Hall, where we hold the monthly meetings, on the mid-south side doors. Please bring a guest. **All programs are intended to provide an educational experience on railroading. The general public is welcome to attend. There is no charge for this meeting.**

Book Sale – A Nice Addition To Your Railroad Library – Book Sale

Denver & Salt Lake 1913-1926

By P. R. "Bob" Griswold, published by the RMRRC in 1996

This 8-1/2 x 11 inch format hardcover book, containing 243 pages, is loaded with locomotive and train views, reports and documents, diagrams, advertising, historical material regarding operations, indexed, and much more! The price has been reduced to \$19.95 plus shipping and handling – USA book rate is \$5 for one copy or \$7 for two copies. The remaining inventory is limited so don't delay.

Membership Renewals For 2007 Were Due December 31, 2006

Late payments will be accepted through January 31st with no loss of current membership standing. After February 1st, new numbers will be assigned. Please use the membership dues renewal form in the November *Rail Report* or renew on the web at: <http://www.rockymtnrrclub.org/membersp.htm>

Please consider upgrading your membership to provide additional financial support to the Club. Membership cards are scheduled to be mailed in early March.

2007 RMRRC Calendar

February 13 Meeting	Two Video Features: <i>Luxury Rides The Rails: Private Cars Through The Years</i> and <i>The Ski Train</i>
March 13 Meeting	Rio Grande Narrow Gauge
April 10 Meeting	Mexican Narrow Gauge
May 8 Meeting	To Be Announced
June Event	To Be Announced
July Event	To Be Announced
August Event	To Be Announced
September 11 Meeting	To Be Announced
October 9 Meeting	To Be Announced

The Club's future program listing is limited to three or four months. This will provide members adequate advance information for planning. Proposed 2007 meeting dates are shown. Due to circumstances beyond our control programing and dates are subject to change without notice. Please contact Joe McMillan at jmcmillan20@comcast.net or phone 303-456-4564 with program ideas.

The deadline for items to be included in the February *Rail Report* is 1/22/07.

Steve Cross at Colorado Railroad Graphics (303-699-9174) provided the drawing of club engine number 20 for the *Rail Report* cover. Other railroad artwork is available.

Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation Update

By Jean Gross, Fundraiser Chair

It is with great pleasure that the Foundation board announces the encouraging results of the 2006 fundraising drive. The members and friends of the Foundation's project: Restoration of Interurban Car #25 have generously given a total of over \$6600 to date.

Our goal is \$8000 which will only cover the basic expenses for the upcoming year. Please consider a tax deductible donation to the Foundation so that this piece of equipment may be fully restored. Donations may be made to Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation, PO Box 2391, Denver, CO 80201-2391.

Thank you to the people listed below for their continued support:

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Funds from the Foundation make the restoration of Interurban Car No. 25 possible. – Photo © 2005 Bruce Nall.

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Membership in the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club may be obtained by sending the annual dues to the Club address listed above. Regular membership dues are \$35.00. Overseas regular membership dues are \$45.00. Contributing membership is \$50.00. Sustaining membership is \$70.00. Patron membership is \$100.00. Golden membership is \$500.00. An associate membership for spouses and children is \$25.00 additional. Members joining after April may send a payment of \$3.00 for each month remaining in the year.

Members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club are also members in the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club.

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President	Jim Ehernberger
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Secretary	Roger Sherman
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Members are always welcome to attend any board of directors meeting. Please contact any Club officer for the date, time and location.

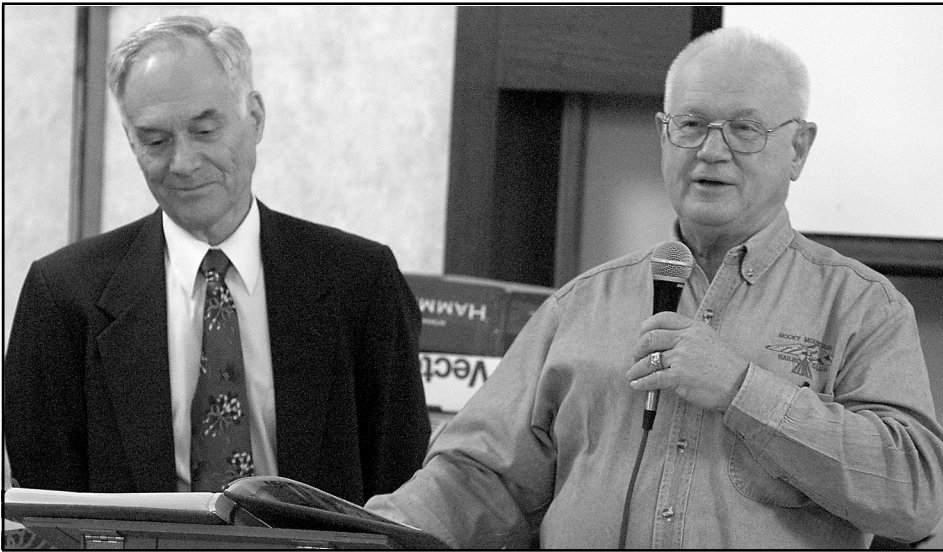
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From The President

By Jim Ehernberger



2006 President Jimmy Blouch (left) and 2007 President Jim Ehernberger.
—Photo © 2006 Bruce Nall

We certainly owe a special gratitude and recognition of our appreciation to our former Club President, Jimmy Blouch, who with Carolyn's assistance, put in countless hours during the past two years, and was instrumental in shaping the financial aspect of the Club for the future. Jimmy has done an outstanding job as President and I know it will be difficult matching his abilities. I'll do my best.

It has been a pleasure working with Club Officers and Directors over the past years. I also appreciate the willingness of the current slate of Officers and Directors and committee people who will serve the Club during 2007. They are all experienced and well-qualified individuals allowing a smooth transition.

The Club has always been very fortunate because of its volunteers. Of course, there are too many to list, but several do need recognition. Bob Tully and crew (and predecessors) worked on Club equipment at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Ownership has been transferred, and the museum welcomes anyone who desires to volunteer. The museum has jurisdiction for volunteers while on their property – this is an insurance issue. Mike Tinetti has handled the monthly raffle that financially benefited our equipment at the museum. With the transfer of ownership, this

activity is no longer necessary.

Hugh Wilson, who acted as a "committee of one" in recent years, was responsible for mailing the monthly newsletter, and he wishes to retire effective in 2007. The newsletter with Bruce and Chip, and other people who submit material for submission into the Club's "house organ" do a fine job.

I will request the board to approve other committee positions, namely Membership (Mike Tinetti), Trips and Video (Dave Gross), Car 25 Fundraising (Jean Gross), as well as many other areas yet to be determined. To all of the volunteers (including many I have not listed), we indeed need to give them a great big hand and applaud them for their dedicated services. **WE WISH TO THANK THEM VERY MUCH!**

Overall, 2007 will be a continuation of practices already in place. We will look at several areas, and continue on the same path, looking toward the future for the benefit of the organization. The membership issue has been a great concern for us all. We know from a survey conducted about five years ago that it indicated we are an "aging" organization. Please do not take this personally, as I also fit in this category.

It is common knowledge through other sources and surveys that the average age for members in this hobby is rising. Each and every organization (many non-railroad) I am affiliated with, "dream" for younger members and participation. So far no one has really come forth with a solid solution. We know there are many rail-fans taking railroad photographs, having them published in national magazines, but they do not care to be "joiners" today. It must be a generation gap in the computer age!

This is my 54th year as a member and over those years the Club has done wonderful things. We still work hard to provide benefits to our membership. For example:

- Club members are admitted to the Colorado Railroad Museum free of charge upon presentation of their current membership card
- Club members receive nice discounts when purchasing a trip with Trains Unlimited Tours, by being a current member and providing a current membership card number
- Club members get discounted prices on books, videos, shirts, and other products we offer
- Club members are provided a quality monthly newsletter
- Club members are provided great railroad programs at our monthly meetings
- Club members are provided opportunities on special trips, including a visit to see the restoration progress and ride on Car 25, a Club Day at the Colorado Railroad Museum and our Annual Banquet.

I think we do a lot for members. I'm proud to serve you again. Thank you.

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OS Colorado
Current Railroad Happenings
 By Chip Sherman

“OS” are the initials for On the Sheets, a reference to what station agents did to notify the train dispatcher that a train had passed his/her station and been noted on the train register. OS Colorado is a joint effort to note the rail activities occurring in and around Colorado.

**Leased CEFX Power on
 BNSF Coal Trains**

BNSF has acquired CEFX leasers for their power hungry coal train service. Several CEFX SD90/43 units, CEFX series 100-139 (40 units built November 1999 to February 2000), have been spotted on BNSF Powder River Basin trains.

The CEFX units had been leased to Canadian Pacific since their delivery from EMD. They are equipped for Canadian service with crew cab amenities such as a hot plate. CEFX recently increased their lease rates industry-wide (certainly in CEFX’s best interest, not in the Railroad’s best interests). CP didn’t renew the lease so the CEFX units have migrated to BNSF as of 2006.

CEFX has made a serious market move. It will be interesting to see how this “power play” works out in the marketplace.

BNSF’s coal empty, train E MICBAM 195, was set up with 2 x 2 with CEFX 124 as the rear most DPU. Train was noted on 12/1/06 on Hogan’s Alley along I-25 at 6th Avenue, Denver. The CEFX units are randomly assigned to coal trains out of Alliance, Nebraska.

**DRGW 5371 Will Be Saved For Utah
 State Railroad Museum, Ogden, Utah**

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR fans had plenty to be thankful for around Thanksgiving 2006. The last unrenumbered / unpatched D&RGW unit, SD40T-2 5371 did not receive a Union Pacific roster number as its brethren had in earlier years. The day DRGW 5371 was to receive its new UP number, UP 8627, a letter arrived from Union Pacific’s President Jim Young stating not to patch the unit. The unit will remain in UP



Amtrak’s California Zephyr, train 5 of 12/2/06, arrived Denver seven hours late 12/3/06. The two Amtrak P42DC; 81 and 195, were delayed on BNSF’s Brush line crossing the Union Pacific’s Greeley line by five minutes for UP 4101 North. Amtrak’s train #5 crossed UP at Sand Creek Junction, Commerce City, Colorado, at 2:12 PM. Train 5 is normally scheduled to arrive Denver 7:15 AM.

Amtrak 81 West (above) was on Union Pacific rails approaching Leyden Siding in Arvada, Colorado, at 3:35 PM. The California Zephyr normally would be in western Colorado around Grand Junction that time of day. The Denver skyline is in the distance. – Photo © 2006 by Chip.



Union Pacific’s North Yard was covered in snow on November 29th as the South Local with GP40-2 1363 prepared to depart for Littleton, Colorado. Behind UP 1363 were Army Humvees moving from the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, going home to Fort Riley, Kansas. Several inches of snow made highways slippery for rail workers. – Photo © 2006 by Chip.

service until it suffers a major failure. When that occurs, DRGW 5371 will be donated to the Utah State Railroad

Museum at Ogden for preservation. DRGW 5371’s number boards



Union Pacific SD70M 4458, SD70ACe 8372 and SD70M 3942 kicked up fresh snow east of Strasburg, CO, on the Kansas Pacific line, AKA UP's Limon Subdivision. The Army was returning Fort Riley units from the National Training Center near Yermo, California, to their Kansas post for the holidays. Train was loaded with Army support trucks passing under I-70 on 11/29/06. – Photo © 2006 by Chip.



The San Luis & Rio Grande RR returned leased Relco locomotive to Albia, Iowa, via Union Pacific starting in November 2006. SLRG lettered F40PH-3 453 still wearing the Canadian American livery was at Union Pacific's North Yard, Denver, starting 12/10/06. Relco offers EMD & Alco switcher and road haul locomotives available for sale. They also custom build locomotives to supplied specifications, i.e. Herzog. – Photo © 2006 by Chip.

disappeared in transit between Provo and Roper Yard, Salt Lake City, Utah. Shop forces at Roper Yard made new number boards for the last DRGW unit. Once the unit was released from Roper, it was

assigned to the Salt Lake City to Wendover, Utah, local.

James R. Young, president and chief operating officer, Union Pacific Railroad

was appointed to the position in January 2004. Mr. Young began his railroad career with Union Pacific in 1978 and held a variety of professional, managerial, and senior management positions. Mr. Young is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and serves on the board of directors of Grupo Ferroviario Mexicano. –UP contributed to this report

New Mexico RailRunner Expands Operation to Los Lunas, New Mexico

Effective 12/11/06, New Mexico's RailRunner began service south of Albuquerque to Los Lunas, New Mexico. Service was expected to extend to Belen by mid-January 2007.

Under Phase 2 of the acquisition of the ex-ATSF Glorieta Subdivision, on 1/10/07, the State of New Mexico will acquire ownership of BNSF track from Bernalillo to Lamy. It already owns right of way from Bernalillo to Belen, New Mexico.

From November 1st until April 1st, 2007, introductory fare rates will be in effect for all travel between Downtown Albuquerque and stations to the north. Travel between Downtown Albuquerque and Los Lunas will be free until April 1st, 2007. One way full fare is \$2 and reduced fare for seniors, students or disabled is \$1. Daily round trip full fare is \$3 and reduced fare is \$1.50. Monthly pass for full fare passengers is \$50 or reduced fare of \$25.

Phase II Summary – Service to Santa Fe

After over a year of study and the consideration of additional lanes on I-25, bus service and the use of only existing rail road tracks, the Alternatives Analysis identified that commuter rail using both existing and new railroad tracks as the "locally preferred alternative" for the transportation connection between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The rail extension is projected to open in the Fall of 2008. The MRCOG and NMDOT are currently in the preliminary engineering phase and are examining the environmental, cultural, and biological consideration in the area under consideration. –New Mexico RailRunner contributed to this report

Chama Steam V

By Dave Schaaf

In October 2002 a photo freight special on the Cumbres & Toltec narrow gauge line operated out of Chama, New Mexico. This railfan special was called "Chama Steam I." It was a Saturday run with the two steam locomotives that were operational at that time, former D&RGW engines 463 and 497.

From 2003 to 2005, attempts were made by organizer Jay Wimer to repeat this as an annual event. Various reasons including high fire danger and motive power availability kept it from happening again until 2006, when it was re-started as "Chama Steam V" in what should have been it's fifth consecutive year.

On Friday, October 20th, railfans from many distant locations gathered in Chama for this end-of-season special. A night photo shoot was held for those that were so inclined. On Saturday, October 21st, the train was put together with more than 30 cars that were all lettered "Rio Grande" including two cabooses and a flanger. This train was configured as if there might be snow to deal with at the higher elevations. The lead class K-36 engine with a pilot plow was 487. Flanger "OL" was between 487 and engine 488. Nine cars back was locomotive 484 as a mid-train helper.

The train headed up the hill shortly after sunrise, with three runbys between Chama and the summit of Cumbres Pass. At the top, the lead and mid-train engines were cut out along with the flanger. After a short stop, the "freight" continued to Osier, where the engine and a few cars were turned while the participants enjoyed a box lunch. Light engine 484 arrived during the lunch break, and the train was shuffled a bit for the return trip. Number 484 was turned on the Osier loop.

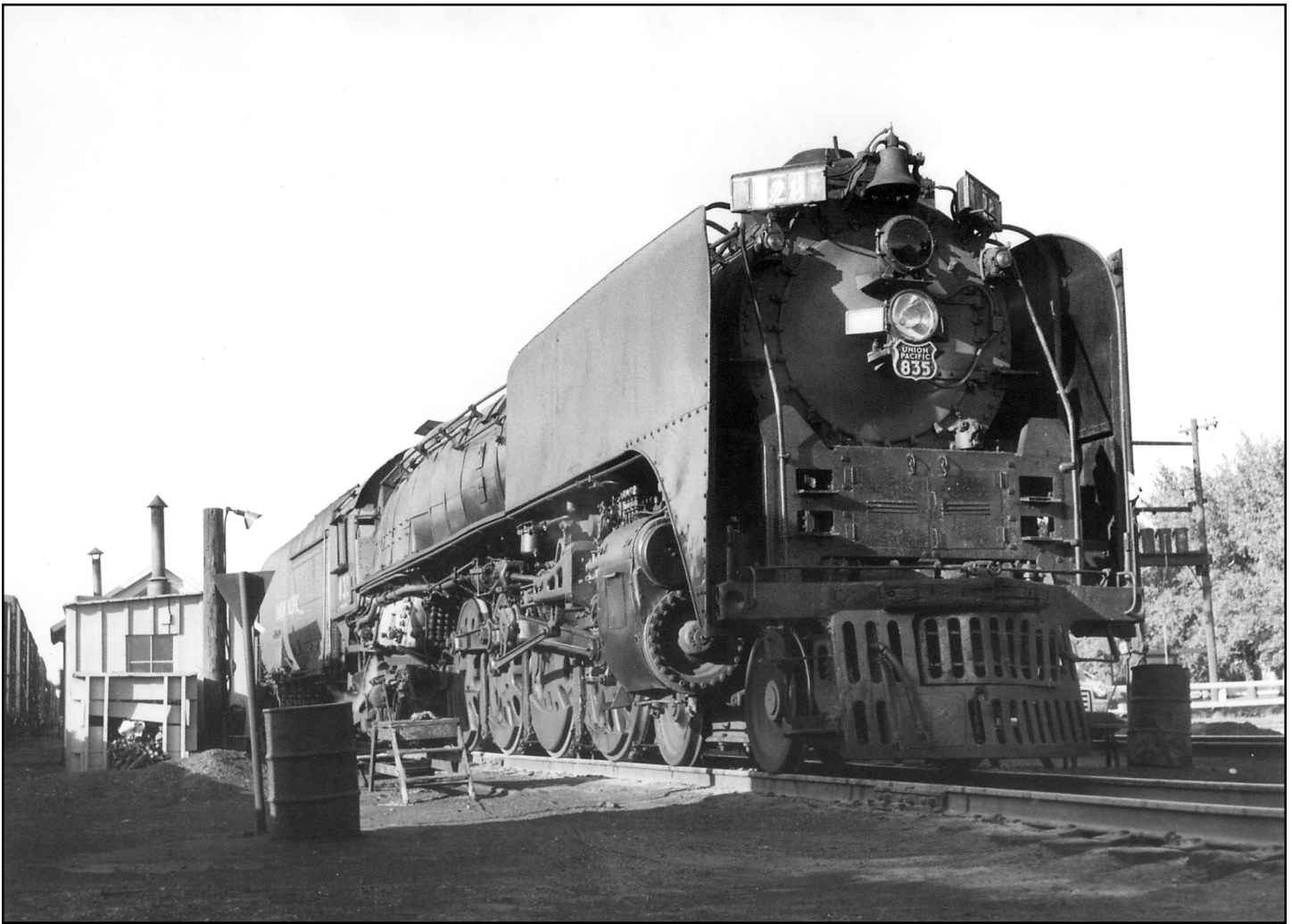
With the sun sinking fast, there was time for one runby in the Los Pinos valley. The special returned to Chama after nightfall, giving a rare feel to this usually daylight operation. The day ended with the participants enjoying a buffet dinner at nearby Foster's hotel restaurant.



Engines 487 & 488 with flanger "OL" between them pass Cresco tank at milepost 335.
– Two photos © 2006 by Dave Schaaf.



The special crosses New Mexico highway 17 at milepost 337.5, with lots of fans chasing the train uphill. This view is from the moving caboose platform.



Neal Miller's annual gift print features Union Pacific locomotive 835 in Laramie, Wyoming in September 1955. – Photo © Neal R. Miller

New Club Officers for 2007

The annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation was held on December 12, 2006, at Barnes Hall in Christ Episcopal Church in Denver, Colorado.

All candidates were elected by acclamation. Jim Ehernberger will be president for 2007, vice-president for projects will be Darrell Arndt, and vice-president for programs will be Herb Edwards. Treasurer will be Jimmy Blouch and Roger Sherman will serve another term as secretary.

Directors elected for a two-year term include Dave Gross, Don Hulse and Mike Tinetti. Jean Gross was elected director for a one-year term.

Trains Unlimited Tours Is The RMRRC Official Tour Operator

Club members should remember that Trains Unlimited, Tours (TUT) is the Club's official external tour operator. Chris Skow, Tour Director, is a RMRRC member.

Chris offers his entire catalog of tours to RMRRC members – most at substantial discounts off regular tour prices. The Club also receives a booking donation of \$25 to \$50 per person for every TUT trip booked by a member. Members should receive a color catalog from TUT each year. If you have misplaced yours you can request another one. Upcoming tours are also listed on page 8 of this *Rail Report*.

Members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club should provide Trains Unlimited, Tours with advance information indicating

that you are a member and provide your membership number. Discounts will vary and are not the same for every tour. Bookings will be direct to TUT only and our special pricing is not available through any travel agency or tour group operator.

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February 10	Valentine's Express
April 7	Bunny Express
April 14	ARM Conference
June 16 - 17	Father's Day
July 21	Wine and Cheese Train
July 22	General Steam Up
September 15-16, 21-23	Day With Thomas
October 27	Trick-or-Treat Train
December 1 - 2	Santa Claus Special

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Members in good standing, and upon presentation of a current membership card, are entitled to free admission. Members are invited to join the Colorado Railroad Museum (a Museum membership provides certain merchandise discounts), and members may participate in restoration or other maintenance programs as volunteers.

Please contact the volunteer coordinator at the CRRM, telephone 303-279-4591.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS 2006 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

No Dinner Meeting In January
Saturday, January 6, 2007: Tenth Annual Jeffco Train Show: The Mid-Winter Model Train & Railroadiana Swap Meet & Sale. Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 West 6th Avenue, Golden, Colorado. Early-bird Admission: \$10 and 7:15 AM to 9:00 AM. Public Show Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Public admission: \$5.00 per adult; \$1.00 children 5

through 12; under 5 free; \$10.00 Family Maximum. Door prizes!

The Snack Bar (Mother Joyce's Beanery) will be open for breakfast with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and donuts! Hot lunch and snacks also will be available! Come on out and see what treasures you can discover among our vendors.

Trains Unlimited, Tours 2007 Tentative Trip Schedule

Discounts on tours are available to Club members.

Just provide your Rocky Mountain Railroad Club membership number.

For TUT information call 1-800-359-4870

or visit our Club web page at: www.trainsunlimitedtours.com/rmrrc/

February 17-19	Snowflake Express – Domes, Oakland to Reno	September 21	Georgetown Loop Railroad
February 19	Winter Steam I – Durango	September 23	Rio Grande La Veta Pass I
February 22-23	Winter Steam II – Ely	September 24	Rio Grande La Veta Pass II
March 25 - Apr. 7	Mining Steam Of China	September 26-29	Rio Grande Durango Railfan Adventure
May 13-28	Steam In Poland	October 5-8	Modoc Rail Adventure
June 13-18	White Pass Railfan Spectacular	October 6-14	New England Fall Colors
July 1-8	Southwest Train Spectacular	October 8	Black Hills Central Railfan Day
August 24-26	Domes To Feather River RR Days	October 13-18	Rocky Mountain Express - Private Cars, Oakland to Denver
September 8-16	Railroads Of Ecuador	Oct. 26 - Nov. 16	Argentinian Rail Adventure