

# RAIL REPORT

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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

## Annual Luncheon Banquet

October 16th, 2010

Social Time – 11:00 AM to Noon • Lunch At Noon

Our Luncheon Banquet will again be held at The Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Boulevard in Arvada.

## The Club's 1966 Memorial Day D&RGW Excursion

Following lunch, John Charles will present a “super-slide” show, using a vintage projector, provided by member John Templeton, to show 2-1/4 square format color transparencies from the Fred Little estate. This program will feature the Club's 1966 Memorial Day excursion on D&RGW narrow gauge from Alamosa over Cumbres Pass to Durango and to Silverton. More than 340 members and friends rode this train which was the last Club sponsored trip on the D&RGW over Cumbres Pass.

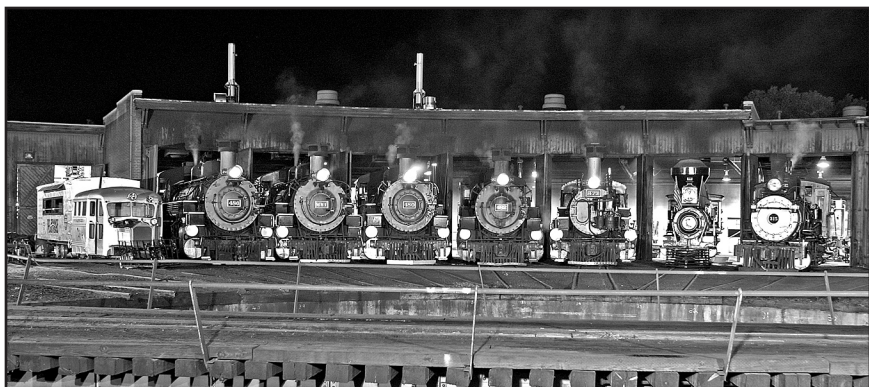
### RMRRRC Calendar – 2010

- November 9th Meeting with program: 8mm Films From Rocky Club Trips From 1958 To 1960 And Black Canyon And U.P. 844.
- December 14th Annual Business Meeting.  
Program: Railroading With Tin Lizzies And Doodlebugs.

### RMRRRC Calendar – 2011

- January 11th Meeting.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, programs and dates are subject to change without notice. Please contact Pat Mauro at [pkmauro@yahoo.com](mailto:pkmauro@yahoo.com) or phone 303-838-7740 with program ideas.



For the first time in many years, the Durango roundhouse had seven engines under steam at one time. From left: RGS #5, D&SNG engines 486, 481, 480, 482, 473; E&P 4, and D&RGW 315. All but the Goose were “cooking” on August 21, 2010. – Photo © 2010 Dave Schaaf.

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## Annual Club Luncheon Banquet Saturday, October 16, 2010

At The Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities  
6901 Wadsworth Boulevard in Arvada, Colorado

Enjoy visiting from 11:00 AM to Noon  
Lunch will be served at Noon

Please plan to join your fellow Club members and guests at the  
Rocky Mountain Railroad Club’s Annual Banquet.

Black Forest cake, good friends, drawings for prizes and a special slide program – what better way to spend a Saturday afternoon than at the Club’s annual Banquet? This year’s banquet includes the re-establishment of a drawing for books, rail tickets, calendars and other gifts that each ticket holder will have a chance to win.

The menu includes your choice of London Broil or Chicken Wellington. Both lunch choices include salad, vegetables, dessert and coffee or tea for only \$28.00 per person.

Please make your reservation using the insert in the September *Rail Report*. **Reservations must be received – postmarks don’t count – by Friday, October 8th** in order to meet the Arvada Center’s deadline. We cannot issue refunds on cancellations received after October 8th. Last minute orders and / or “will calls” must be prepaid by credit card with the Club Treasurer at 303-781-8616.

**Don’t Procrastinate — Make Your Reservations Today!**

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In July, Club president Dave Schaaf and his family rode the San Luis & Rio Grande steam train to one of the railroad's many concerts at their private stage near the top of La Veta Pass. Seen here are Dave and Michael Martin Murphey, one of the many performers who entertain throughout the season for passengers.  
– Photo courtesy of Graham Ellis.

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## From The President

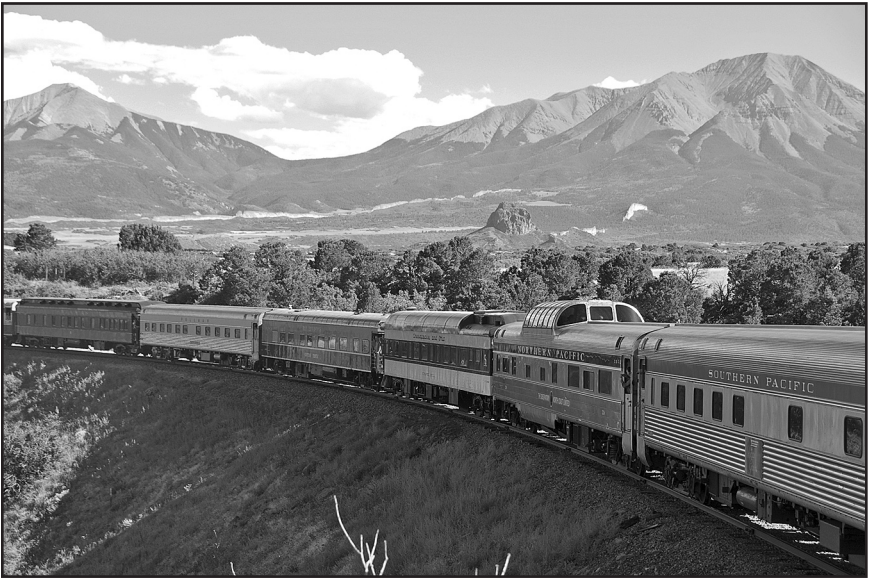
By Dave Schaaf

American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners held their annual convention in Pueblo, Colorado, in September. The special train, the “San Juan Limited” was assembled in Albuquerque, and travelled via Raton, Trinidad, and Walsenburg, with a visit to the SL&RG and stopover in Alamosa. This

group also had a private tour of the railroad testing center east of Pueblo before returning to New Mexico via Boise City and Amarillo.

When our Club visited the Cheyenne UP roundhouse in May, we also got a look at a Pullman car under restoration.

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The American Association of Railroad Passenger Car Owners (AAPRCO) 2010 Convention train was broken into two sections at La Veta, Colorado, on September 17, 2010, moving to Alamosa, Colorado. The Spanish Peaks provided the background as cars (right to left) Southern Pacific Birch Grove; Northern Pacific dome 558, and Chesapeake & Ohio Chapel Hill climb La Veta Pass on San Luis & Rio Grande RR. This was the second section.  
– Photo © 2010 by Chip.

Two months later, Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf car #57 was moved to a spot near the Cheyenne Depot Museum, next to the UP main line. If you are in the area, stop by and see the car.

The former California Zephyr car “Silver Pony” is likely to be added to the collection at the Illinois Railway Museum. It is currently in Arizona, and must be moved by end of year. This car also worked on the Rio Grande Zephyr, and will need correct trucks to move.

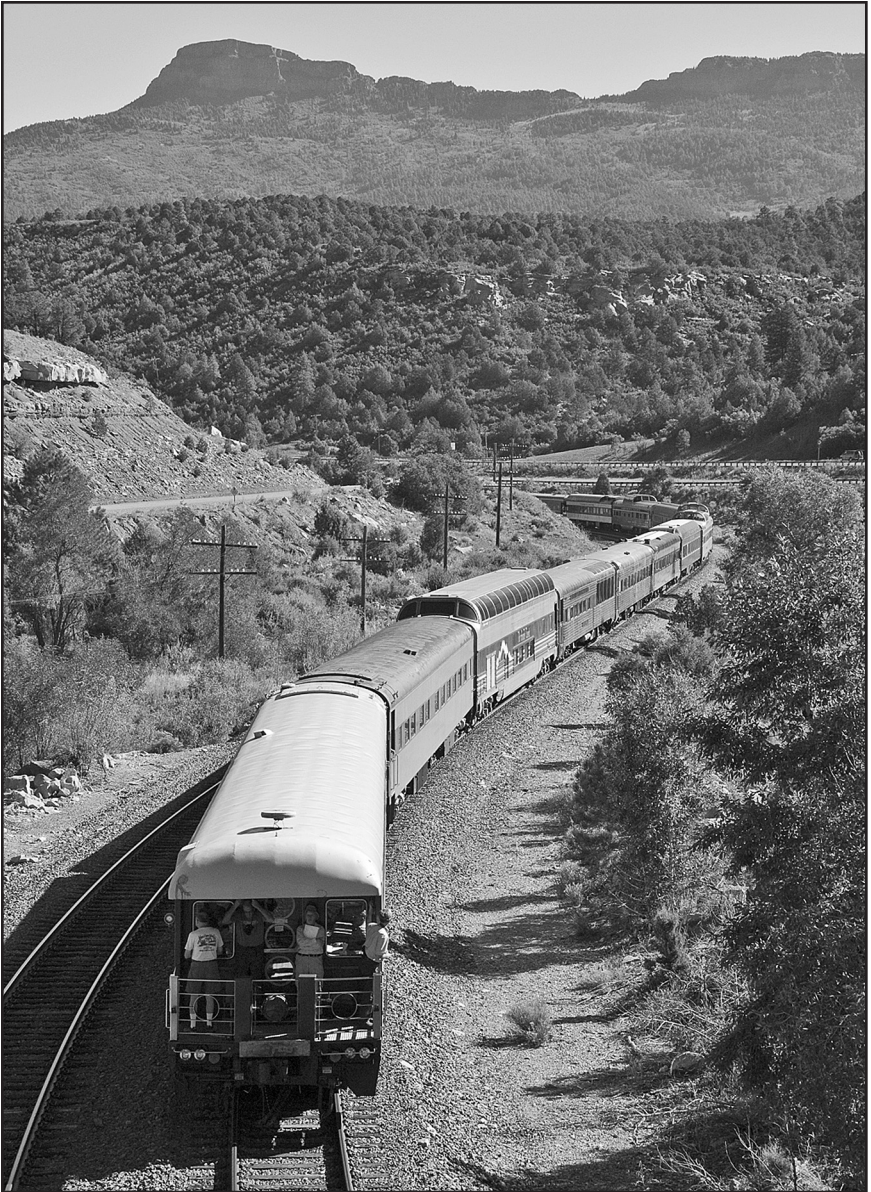
The D&RGW water tank in Sargents, Colorado, was named a National Historic Landmark on August 20. The Upper

Tomichi Historic Community Association spent a lot of time working on the designation, and can use some help with restoration efforts.

Union Pacific steam #844 recently visited Oregon and Idaho, and the Challenger #3985 will be touring Missouri via Kansas in October. The railroad has unveiled another diesel unit with a commemorative lettering scheme. UP #7400 celebrates the company’s support in the search for a cure for breast cancer.

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The San Juan Limited AAPRCO convention train descended Raton Pass at Galinas, Colorado, on September 17, 2010. The special departed Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the run with four Amtrak P42DC; 85, 194, 23 and 11. The train ran over Raton Pass then onto BNSF's Twin Peaks Subdivision to Walsenburg, Colorado, then onto San Luis & Rio Grande (SLRG) RR leaving Amtrak units at Walsenburg. SLRG 115 and 116 were added to the train for move over La Veta Pass (Fir) to Alamosa, Colorado. – Photo © 2010 by Chip.

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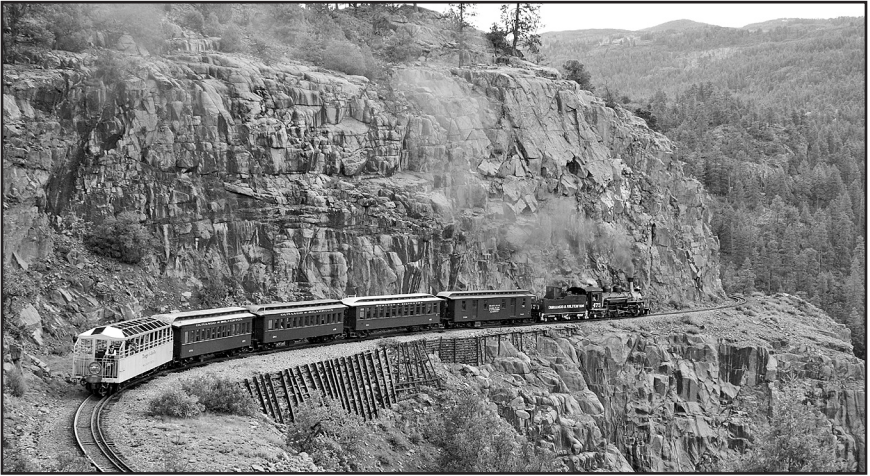
This past August several of the operating Tourist Railroads in Colorado and Northern New Mexico held their yearly photo specials. The Durango and Silverton started the party with their 2010 Railfest. This year it was extended from three full days to six days riding the rails with their locomotives plus guest locomotives Eureka and Palisade Number 4, Rio Grande 315 and RGS Goose Number 5. On August 19, 2010, the pre-Railfest trip was a replica of a Rocky Mountain Railroad Club trip with D&S 473 pulling a string of recently repainted green coaches and the Silver Vista on the rear. The Silver Vista is normally placed mid-train on D&S Passenger Trains making this trip special as it was the first time the Silver Vista was on the rear of train.

A group photo was made in Silverton, from left, Russell Heerd (grandson of Dave & Jean Gross), Steve Forney, Nathan Holmes, Nathan Zachman, Russ Sperry, Dave Gross, Jean Gross. On the Silver Vista, from left, Dave Schaaf and Keith Jensen. Many of the Rocky Club members changed trains or got on the bus at Silverton, but this photo has some of our folks that were on the trip. The Silver Vista was dropped off by the green train, and was waiting to be connected with one of the regularly scheduled trains back to Durango.

– Photo © 2010 Michael Ripley.



## Tourist Railroad Events

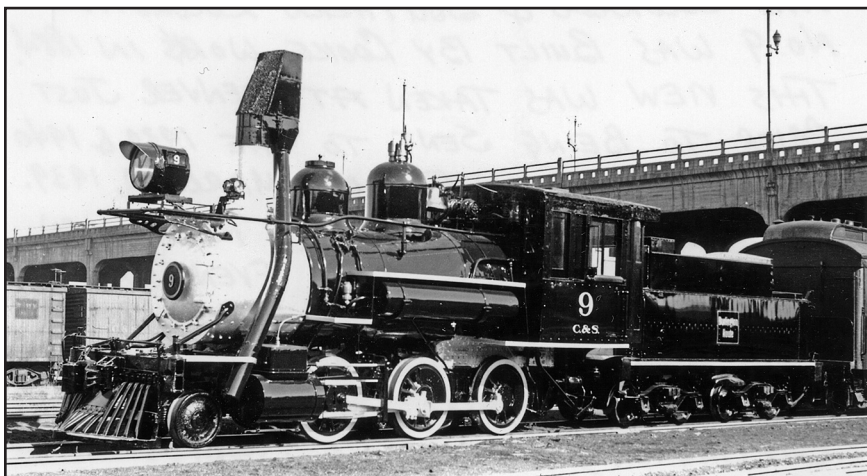


The pre-Railfest replica of the Club trip with 473 pulling a string of recently repainted green coaches moves along the High Line on August 19, 2010, with the Silver Vista on the rear of train. – Photo © 2010 Nathan Zachman.

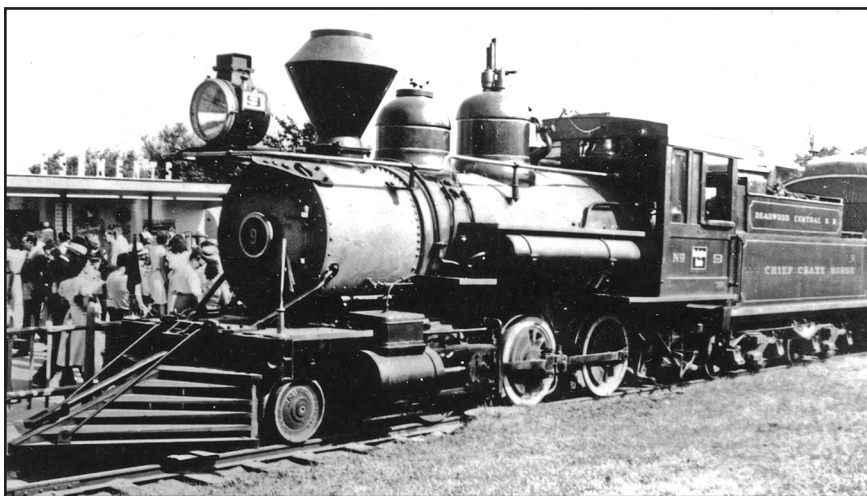


On August 21, 2010, Rio Grande 315 hauled a mixed train with a few freight cars and the Green Coaches one way from Silverton to Durango, shown here at a new run-by location called “No Name” south of Silverton. – Photo © 2010 Nathan Zachman.

## Narrow Gauge Locomotive Photo Gallery



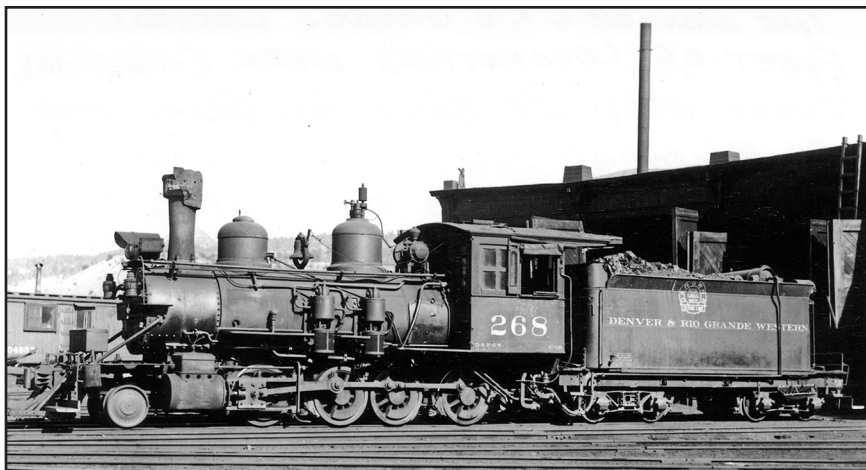
Colorado & Southern Locomotive No. 9 was built by Cooke Locomotive works in 1884. This view was taken in Denver just prior to the locomotive's departure for the 1939 & 1940 New York World's Fair on March 12, 1939. The Burlington Logo was placed on the engine for this event – none of the C&S engines operated with the logo. After the fair, No. 9 was stored in the Burlington's Aurora, Illinois, shops. – R. H. Kindig photo from the James L. Ehernberger collection.



In 1948 & 1949, former C&S engine Number 9 operated at the Chicago Railroad Fair as Deadwood Central "Chief Crazy Horse." After that it went into storage until 1957 when it was moved to the Black Hills Central Railroad at Hill City, South Dakota. In December 1988, No. 9 returned to Colorado. A cosmetic restoration is currently underway and the engine will eventually be displayed in a location where it had originally operated. – Photo from the James L. Ehernberger collection.

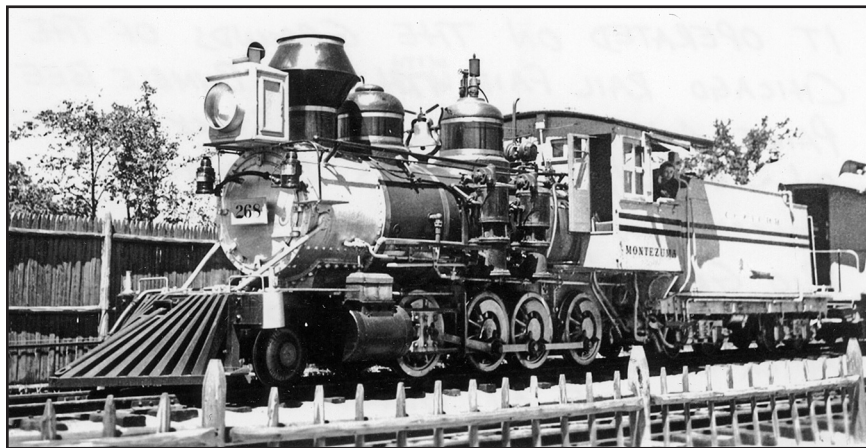


## Narrow Gauge Locomotive Photo Gallery



The Denver & Rio Grande's largest fleet of engines was their C-16 class. There were 28 built by Grant and 84 Baldwins similar to the 268 shown here at Durango on July 4, 1937. At that time it was assigned to yard duties as well as an occasional run over on the Rio Grande Southern. In 1955 this locomotive handled the scrap trains out of Gunnison to Sapinero, Baldwin and Crested Butte, Colorado. Today number 268 is displayed at the Gunnison Museum.

– Photo from the James L. Ehernberger collection.



Number 268, a 2-8-0, was built by Baldwin in 1882. In 1948 and 1949 it operated on the grounds of the Chicago Rail Fair with the "Bumble Bee" paint and phony smoke stack as seen on July 31, 1949. This locomotive starred in the movie, *Denver & Rio Grande*, filmed on the Silverton Branch. It was retired in 1955 after a long, 73 year career, its final service at Gunnison.

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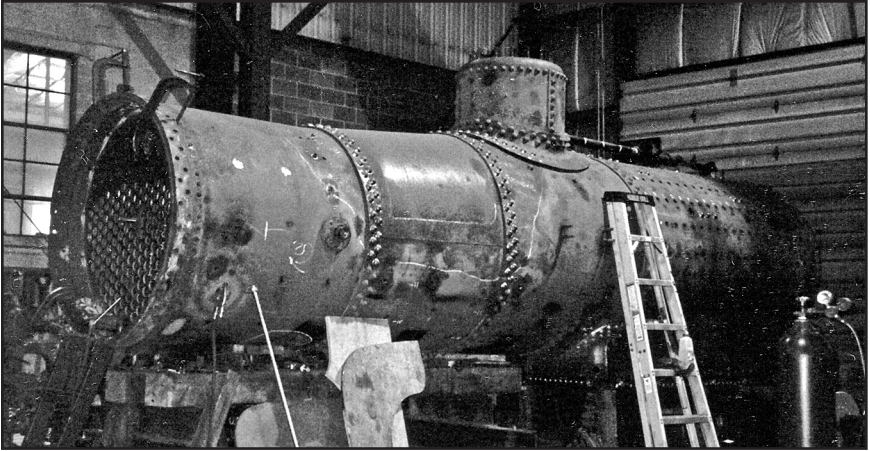


On August 26, 2010, the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad hosted a Photo Special. The train traveled round trip from Alamosa to La Veta with five of the railroad's heavy-weight passenger cars and their operating steam engine Number 18.  
– Photo © 2010 Nathan Zachman.



During and after Railfest, the Creede Branch ran their motor car “Silver Streak” from South Fork to Wagon Wheel Gap. Here is the motor car at Wagon Wheel Gap, Colorado, on August 25, 2010. – Photo © 2010 Nathan Zachman.

## RGS 20 Restoration Update



Rio Grande Southern No. 20's boiler under restoration at the Strasburg Railroad shops on August 21, 2010. – Photo © 2010 Tony Hall.

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## Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation Update

By Dave Schaaf

The Board of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation unanimously approved repayment of \$33,177.28 to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club for a loan carried by the Club for many years. This amount was equal to the expenses that the Club covered for the restoration of Car 25 in the early years. The \$70,000 that the Foundation received from the transfer of the car to the West Corridor Historical Rail Cooperative has been deposited into the Foundation's account, from which this payment was made.

The Board will hold a “brainstorming” session at the November 15th Board meeting to help define, refine, restate and / or update the Foundation's mission. The Boards of both the Club and the Foundation will meet at Nicolò's Italian Restaurant, 7847 W. Jewell in Lakewood, Colorado.

The Board must ensure retention of the Foundation's 501(c)(3) tax status while identifying appropriate activities to pursue in the future. All Club members are invited to make suggestions in person prior to the Board Meetings between 5:30 and 7:30 PM on November 15th.

Members may also e-mail President Schaaf at [ds5280@comcast.net](mailto:ds5280@comcast.net), or may mail comments and suggestions to Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation, PO Box 2391, Denver, CO 80201-2391. You can also give your suggestions to any Club officer or Board member. We welcome your suggestions and ideas.



## Tourist Railroad Events



As part of the C&TS 40th Anniversary Celebration, K36 #487 was repainted and renumbered as 483. In the late 1960s Rio Grande 483 was repainted for a movie that was filmed on the line north of Chama. After the film was made the Rio Grande left the two tone paint as is was since they were shutting down the Narrow Gauge Line. When the C&TS was formed and started taking delivery of locomotives and freight cars in 1970, the 483 was used to move all of the equipment from Antonito Colorado. On August 27, 2010, a special freight train ran from Chama 4-miles up to near Lobato and back with several photo run-bys along the way. – Photo © 2010 Nathan Zachman.



On August 29, 2010, the tender for C&TS K36 was relettered from it's Flying Rio Grande Logo into Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR with vinyl letters. A magnetic 40th Anniversary sign was also applied but the wind blew them off the tender sides the following day. – Photo © 2010 Nathan Zachman.



## Tourist Railroad Events



On August 22, 2010, Eureka and Palisade Number 4 ran one way from Durango to Silverton, shown here at Elk Park. – Photo © 2010 Nathan Zachman.

**Colorado Railroad Museum**  
**2010 Scheduled**  
**Special Operation Days**

For information call 303-279-4591

<http://www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org/event-listings>

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SCFD Free Day:  
November 13

October 30 & 31 Trick or Treat Train

November 27 & 28  
Thanksgiving Goosefest

December 4, 11, 12, 18  
Santa Express Train

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**Saturday Special:**

Ride in Goose 7 or in a 19th century passenger coach pulled by Locomotive No. 4. Rides begin at 10:00 AM Every Saturday,

Weather Permitting

Adult / Senior Fare: \$4 per ride

Child Fare: \$2 per ride

**Operate A Locomotive:**

Call for reservations to operate Locomotive No. 4. \$150 puts you in the Engineers seat of this diesel for an hour!

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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**

**2010 Event Schedule**

For information call 303-298-0377

<http://www.cozx.com/nrhs>

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Dinner Meeting at Lone Star Steakhouse  
October 15, 2010

We are pleased to have Tom Janaky as our guest speaker. He's titled his program, *Planes, Trains, Automobiles, Ships, and Travel: How One Executive Managed to Successfully Fit All of Them Into 50 Years.*

Tom, whose ancestor started America's first railroad, will share interesting stories about buying and operating Boeing 707s, a cruise ship, and being involved in The American Orient Express. Porsches came first and self-propelled trains [DMU] came last. What's next? Tom is currently involved with Transport Consulting, working out of Evergreen, Colorado, and recently has been busy selling train parts.

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PLEASE NOTE: Dinner meetings are in the Alamo Room of the Lone Star Steakhouse at 7450 W. 52nd Avenue, Arvada (exit north on Wadsworth off I-70). Reservations are STILL necessary, so call the office (303-298-0377) EARLY in the week, or by Noon on Thursday, before the program. "Social Hour" and dinner ordering will be from 6:00 to 7:15 PM. The evening's program begins at 8:00 PM and should end around 9:00 PM. Supporting our guest speakers also supports your Intermountain Chapter. Because Lone Star provides us with a private room without charge or set-up fees, we have guaranteed them that each attendee will spend a minimum of \$10.00 in the purchase of food and/or drink, excluding the 18% automatic gratuity.

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### **Membership Information**

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.

### **Board Meetings**

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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**Items for the November Rail Report should be sent by October 15th.**



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