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Along Steam's Last Main Line

Presented by Keith Jensen and Mel Patrick

February 8th, 2011 • 7:30 PM

Keith will open with his video images of narrow gauge on three different steam powered lines in China. Mel has brought us *Along Steam's Last Main Line*, produced by Scott Lothes with photography by Scott Lothes and Ron Olsen. Fascinated with the last all steam main line operation in the world, the two American photographers planned a 5-day, 92-mile photo trip by bicycle between Daban and Chabuga in China's Inner Mongolia province. If time permits, Mel may show us a great new time-lapse piece that he has been working on.

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.**

RMRR Calendar

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| March 8th | Meeting and Program on Colorado narrow gauge in the 1980s. |
| April 12th | Meeting with Video Program: "Steam in Slovakia" |
| May 10th | Meeting and Program. |

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

Along Steam's Last Main Line



A 2-10-2 QJ Class 6351 being serviced at Lindong in March 2003 leading a westbound train from Chabuga to Daban. Most westbound trains would stop here for water and cleaning the fire. – Photo © 2003 Keith Jensen.



A small part of the Daban engine servicing facilities in March 2004. – Photo © 2004 Keith Jensen.



Caboose #1008 in Como, April 1937. – Photo from the Tom Klinger collection.

News Notes From The President

By Dave Schaaf

Denver & Intermountain car #25 is celebrating its centennial this year. Club members are encouraged to attend the first event of this special year Saturday afternoon, February 19th. More information can be found on page 7.

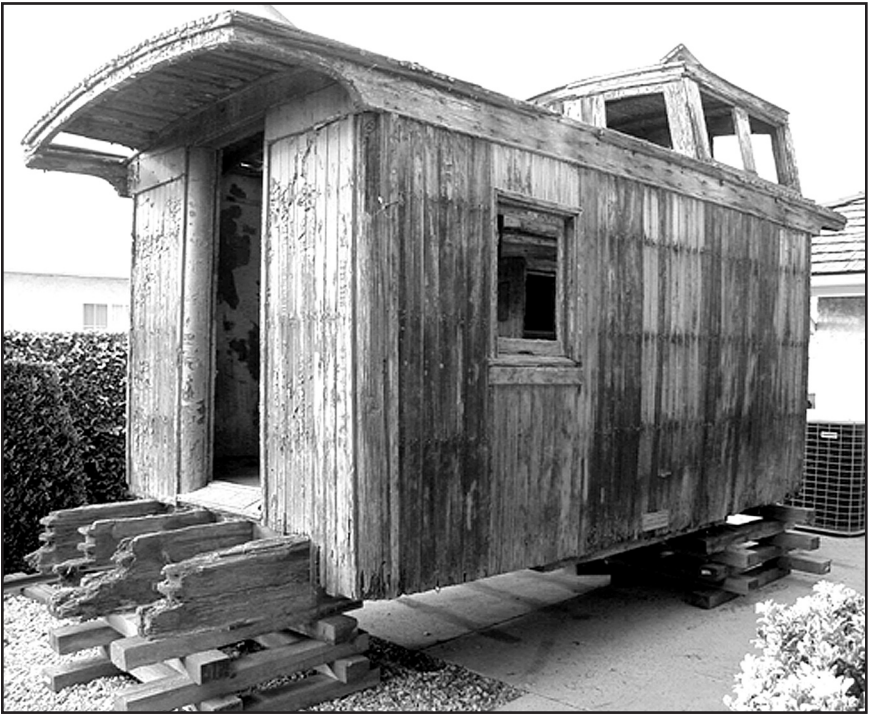
Three brothers have acquired the long-missing Colorado & Southern caboose #1008 and it is now in the Los Angeles, California, area. This narrow gauge bobber is thought to have been brought west from Alamosa over 20 years ago, and had previously been seen in the Leadville area since the late 1940s. The Farmer brothers have restoration experience, and intend to make the caboose operable one day. They would like to hear from folks

with knowledge or unpublished photos of this car.

Dwayne's Photo, a small family business in Kansas, recently processed the world's last batch of Kodachrome film, ending a 75-year run for this once-beloved color film. Kodak stopped producing the film and chemicals months ago. One of the final Kodachrome processing customers of this lab was a railroad employee who brought in more than 1,500 rolls for developing.

The group restoring the wooden Pullman car in Cheyenne, Wyoming, has a new fund-raising effort. They are selling HO scale models of UPD&G car

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Colorado & Southern caboose #1008 as it is in 2011. – Photo © Richard Farmer.

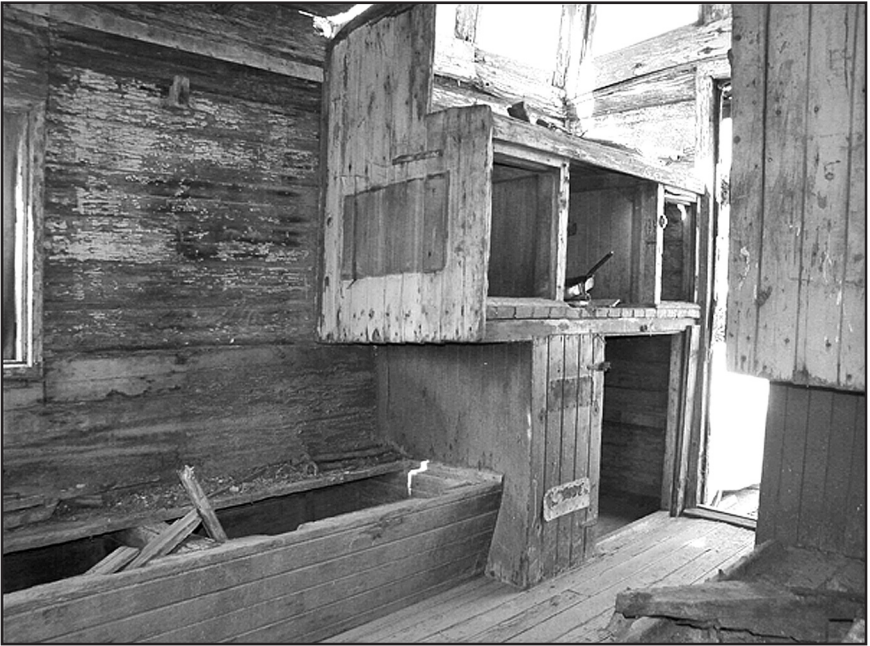
57 to support the project. The original road name was Denver, Texas and Fort Worth car #45. The leader, Mike Pannell, has also found the only 1913-built 2500 series Union Pacific CA-type caboose known (so far) to exist. It was retired in 1947, and was never painted in Armour Yellow. Their intention is that this caboose #2516 should be on display in downtown Cheyenne. Contact Mike via mail at 1120 Cactus Hill Road, Cheyenne, WY 82001 or by e-mail at michael.pannell@btinternet.com.

The Durango Railroad Historical Society is getting good reviews of their book, *Locomotive 315: The Lives, Times, and Rebirth of an 1895 Steam Engine*.

The proceeds from this book go to the upkeep of this engine. Chief Author & Editor is George F. Niederauer with help from many contributors. With almost 1,100 images (more than 800 in color), 12 graphs, 20 maps and 52 tables on the 11.5 by 11.5 inch pages, this is a large, 514 page, hardcover book.

The Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Division of Transit and Rail will distribute \$21 million for statewide and regional transit projects. Twenty-two projects are involved, including renovations to Denver's Union Station to accommodate Amtrak, construction of a new Amtrak/Greyhound station in Lamar; and multi-modal facil-

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Colorado & Southern caboose #1008 interior. – Photo © Richard Farmer.

ity construction for Amtrak, Greyhound and the local bus system in Trinidad.

Regional freight railroad holding company Patriot Rail has completed the acquisition of the six shortline railroads belonging to Weyerhaeuser Company. This acquisition is the largest for Patriot, and gives it a total of 13 shortline railroads owned. The six Weyerhaeuser railroads operate over approximately 160 miles of track in four states, handling about 60,000 carloads per year. The railroads primarily serve Weyerhaeuser and International Paper mills and a number of third-party customers. Each of the railroads interchange traffic with Class I and other shortline railroads.

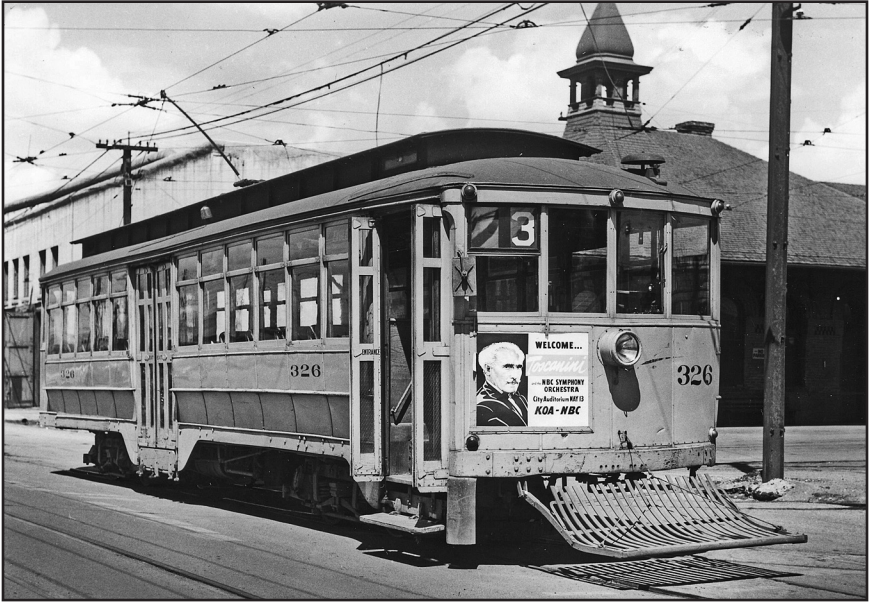
Sweden has been experiencing weath-

er so severe that, in the southern part of that country, the Swedish Transport Administration has had to use equipment from the Swedish Railway Museum to plow snow.

Jim Boyd passed away in 2010. He started with Carstens Publications working on *Flying Models* and later *Railroad Model Craftsman*. Jim served as editor of *Railfan & Railroad* from the magazine's inception in 1974 until 1998, and continued as Editor Emeritus and author of the popular Camera Bag column until his passing.

Please have a look at the Club's web pages now and then. Members may contact me by e-mail at ds5280@comcast.net or by phone at 303-988-3456.

R. W. Andrews Photo Gallery



Do you remember KOA or Car #326? The car is ready for Route #3 at Broadway and Alaska Place in Denver on Denver May 14, 1950.

– R. W. Andrews photo, Tom Klinger collection.



Car #310 is all decked out for a special on Route #2. It is at west 46th Avenue and Sheridan Boulevard at Lakeside Amusement Park in Denver on June 30, 1950. The end of trolley service in Denver was fast approaching.

– R. W. Andrews photo, Tom Klinger collection.

**CELEBRATING ITS
100TH ANNIVERSARY
IN 2011**

Join Us To Celebrate
The Anniversary Of Car No. 25

**WEST CORRIDOR
HISTORICAL RAIL
COOPERATIVE**



The West Corridor Historical Rail Cooperative is celebrating the 100TH birthday of the historic Denver & Intermountain interurban Car No. 25 at 1:30 PM on Saturday, February 19th, at the Lakewood Civic Center, 480 South Allison Parkway (near Wadsworth and Alameda) in Lakewood, Colorado. This event will include the unveiling of a 3-D model of the proposed rail restoration facility and museum planned for the Oak Street Light Rail Station in Lakewood, and the celebration will acknowledge and celebrate those who have worked on or donated to the restoration of the car over the last 20 years.

This 1911 piece of local history once transported passengers along the 13-mile Denver-Lakewood-Golden line, the site of the new West Corridor Light Rail line. Volunteers have spent more than 14,000 hours meticulously restoring the car to its original state, and countless others have made financial or in-kind contributions to help with the restoration. Our Club owned this car from 1950 until 2010. The proposed restoration facility and museum will house Car No. 25 at the future Oak Street Station to display 100 years of interurban rail history.

All past and present Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members and anyone who has contributed to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation and those who have worked on the car or who have had a hand in Car No. 25's restoration are invited to attend. Please RSVP to 303.987.7800. This is not a public event.

For more information on the West Corridor Historical Rail Cooperative or on the celebration, visit their website at <http://www.historictransit.org> or contact the cooperative at 303-987-7800 or e-mail railcoop@lakewood.org.

The West Corridor Historical Rail Cooperative is a nonprofit organization promoting regional collaboration and appreciation of the history of urban transit. The initial focus of the WCHRC is on raising funds for the ongoing preservation of historic Car No. 25 and its future home in the Denver metro west corridor at the Oak Street Transit Museum and Restoration Center in Lakewood.

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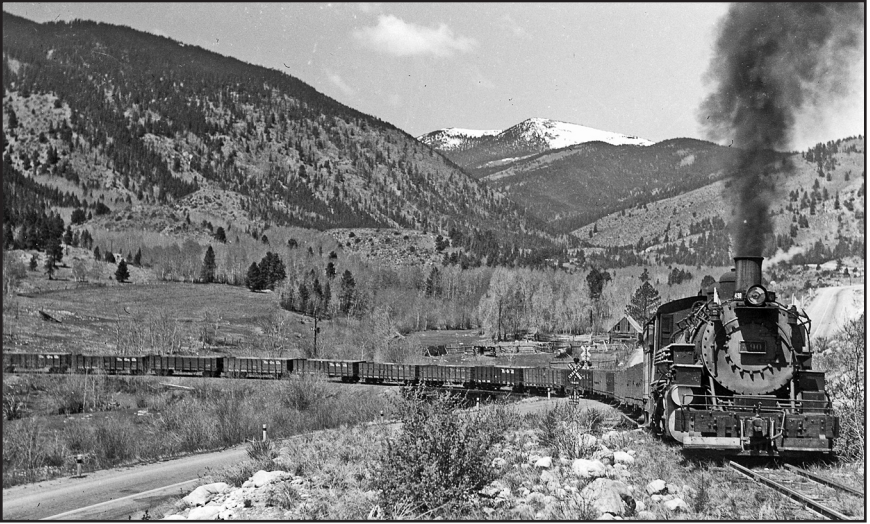


ATSF #3826 is southbound south of Castle Rock. This freight will in time top the grade at Palmer Lake and continue on to Pueblo, Colorado, on October 31, 1948.
– R. W. Andrews photo, Tom Klinger collection.



ATSF #3762 is southbound just south of Spruce with train #101 as it starts its final climb to Palmer Lake and then on to Colorado Springs on August 13, 1949.
– R. W. Andrews photo, Tom Klinger collection.

R. W. Andrews Photo Gallery



D&RGW #490 is crossing the highway west of Maysville on the D&RGW's Monarch Branch on May 23, 1949. This was one of Bob Andrews stops on a trip in May 1949 to the narrow gauge country.

– R. W. Andrews photo, Tom Klinger collection.



On May 24, 1949, Bob Andrews found D&RGW #476 and #482 on train #215 passing Allison. This train would cross Cumbres Pass and terminate in Alamosa. Note the gas station on the far left with gas, most likely, selling for less than 30 cents a gallon.– R. W. Andrews photo, Tom Klinger collection.

The Colorado Railroad Museum With Opera Colorado



Museum visitors review Opera Colorado information.
– Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf.

All Aboard! Dvořák Explores the New World

A Colorado Railroad Museum Steam-Up Partnership With Opera Colorado

Czech composer Antonín Dvořák was obsessed with trains and train travel. His train travels in the U.S., the people he met, and the music he heard inspired some of his most beloved works.

The Colorado Railroad Museum and Opera Colorado teamed up on January 15, 2011, to explore Dvořák’s music and the world he was writing in. In addition to learning more about Dvořák with music performances throughout the day, guests had the unique opportunity to ride in a beautifully restored 1880s passenger coach, very similar to one in which Dvořák himself might have ridden. Visitors stepped back in time to

explore the world of this 19th century master.

Throughout the day, historical re-enactor Steve Lee was circulating as Dvořák. Doug Marsh offered Czech soup, rustic Czech rye bread and pastries to provide an authentic Czech culinary experience. Opera Colorado sent two of their “young artist” sopranos to perform arias from *Rusalka*. A string quartet playing a movement from Dvořák’s American Quartet added to the experience. Museum Executive Director Donald Tallman also performed selections from Dvořák’s “Gypsy Songs” in German during the event.

The Colorado Railroad Museum With Opera Colorado



Engine 346 steams away during the Opera Colorado event on January 15, 2011.
– Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf.



Club board member Andy Dell adds water to Engine 346's tender at the "No Agua" tank at the Colorado Railroad Museum on January 15, 2011.
– Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf.

Current Railroad Events



The first regular SLRG steam trip over La Veta was in January. Equipment was SLRG 2-8-0 #18, SLRG 3578 “Calumet Club”, SLRG 1394 “Deshka”, SLRG 551 “Kobuk”, and SLRG 1056 “Lookout Mountain”. Shown here during a run-by near Fir, Colorado, on Saturday, January 15, 2011. – Photo © 2011 Nathan Holmes.



SLRG 2-8-0 #18 led the steam trip over La Veta, here during the run-by near Fir, Colorado, on Saturday, January 15, 2011. – Photo © 2011 Nathan Holmes.

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UP Caboose 2516 was built in 1913 and purchased by a railroader in Cheyenne for his first home. It was discovered in 2010 as a derelict hulk, the only 2500 known to survive. – Photo © 2011 Mike Pannell.



Engine #9 on display at Breckenridge, Colorado. – Photo © 2011 Ann Lukacs.

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ElectroMotive EMDX 92, model SD89MAC, was shipped in late December 2010 to Pueblo, Colorado, via BNSF, then moved on January 4, 2011, to Avondale, Colorado, and into the Transportation Technology Center (TTC). Here EMDX 92 was at BNSF's Pueblo Yard on January 3, 2011. – Photo © 2011 by Chip.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2011 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

Bunny Express Train – Steam-Up April 23
German Heritage Festival
and Cultural Event June 25 & 26

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!

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.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS

2011 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

Dinner Meeting at Lone Star Steakhouse February 18, 2011

We're delighted to have rescheduled Donald Tallman, Executive Director of the Colorado Railroad Museum, to be our guest speaker. Donald's topic is "What's Up at the Colorado Railroad Museum?"

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 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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