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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

Seeing Black and White Frames in a Color World

Presented by Bill Botkin

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Bill Botkin has been shooting photographs for more than 50 years, pursuing a variety of subjects, both railroad and non-railroad, using color and black and white

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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.**

RMRRC 2012 Calendar

November 17th	Cheyenne Depot Museum And Greeley Freight Station Museum
December 11th	Annual Meeting and Programs, "Goose Fest at the Colorado Railroad Museum" and "Norfolk Southern display of Heritage Units"

RMRRC 2013 Calendar

January 8th	Meeting and Program.
February 12th	Meeting and Program, "Ski Train" presented by Steve Patterson.
March 12th	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.

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Union Pacific 8444 in Denver on March 29, 1971. – Photo © 1971 W. E. Botkin.

Notice Of Annual Meetings

The annual meetings of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 7:30 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. These meetings are called for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors for both organizations. At these meetings the Club or Foundation may conduct any other business as may properly come before these meetings.

The business meetings will be followed by two short presentations, one on the recent Goose Fest at the Colorado Railroad Museum and a second digital program covering the recent Norfolk Southern display of Heritage Units held at the Spencer Shops at the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

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Swartvlei, South Africa, on July 20, 1984. – Photo © 1984 W. E. Botkin.

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mediums. Though Bill's passion has been to document the passing of steam locomotives in action around the world, he has also captured iconic scenes of America's contemporary railroads. In our current age of digital photography and ink jet printing, Bill continues to shoot film and make prints in his wet darkroom.

The presentation he will give at the November meeting was initially made at The Center for Railroad Photography & Art's tenth annual conference in Lake Forest, Illinois in April 2012. He will explore some of the aspects of black and white photography that, in his mind, make it a more powerful medium than color and why shooting film and printing in a wet darkroom are still preferable in this digital age.

Bill has co-authored two black and white railroad books on the Union Pacific and has had his work published in numerous other books and magazines

**Happy Thanksgiving from the Officers and Directors
of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club**

75th Anniversary Committee

Even though we haven't shared a lot about the upcoming 75th Anniversary, we are working on a number of aspects that we think will please most members. The anniversary logo is nearly finalized. We have contacted a number of railroads about trips and the planning committee is working on a special venue for the annual banquet. I hope to have more detail in the December Rail Report.

Watch for 75th anniversary updates here.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

Our thanks to all who attended our annual banquet on Saturday, October 13th. Everyone was treated to an outstanding video presentation by Mike Danneman, well known photographer and artist. Mike shared some of his artwork as well as his program "Last of a Breed," the story of Rio Grande's last locomotives in Helper, Utah.

As if Mike's program wasn't enough, many attendees received door prizes that were donated by the following individuals and organizations: Caboose Hobbies, John Charles, the Colorado Railroad Museum, The Como Depot and Eating House B&B, the Durango and Silverton Railroad, Friends of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, the Georgetown Loop Railroad, Dave Goss, Greeley Freight Station Museum, Don Hulse, Tom Klinger, Sue Knous; Joe McMillan, the estate of James Perry, the Pikes Peak and Manitou Railway, the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad, the Wagon Wheel Gap

and Denver & Rio Grande Railway, Wally Weart, Pete West and Nina Wood. Almost everyone received a door prize or special give-aways. Members from Cheyenne, Gunnison and Kremmling joined nearly sixty others from Colorado Springs and the Denver area.

I am also pleased to announce that all the current Officers and Board members have agreed to serve another year on the Board of Directors. However, if any Club member would like to be part of our planning activities, we would love to have you join us. We meet on the Monday following the Club meeting at Nicolo's Restaurant in Lakewood. We would also add you to our email list if you live out of the Denver area. The more who volunteer to participate in the Club, the stronger we are.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at dave@dcgoss.com or call me at 303-693-9933.

New National Historic Landmarks

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad and the Nevada State Railroad Museum's restored Virginia & Truckee McKeen motor car #22 have both been designated a "National Historic Landmark."

Cheyenne Depot Museum And Greeley Freight Station Museum Family Outing

The Club is sponsoring a family outing to the Greeley Freight Station Museum and the Cheyenne Depot on Saturday, November 17. We'll meet up at the Greeley Freight Station, located at 680 10th Street, Greeley, Colorado, around 9:45 AM. For just the regular admission of \$6, we'll have a behind-the-scenes tour as a group of their spectacular 5,500 square foot layout.

Once everyone has had a chance to explore the rest of the museum, those who want to can head north to Cheyenne to visit the Cheyenne Depot Museum and Harry Brunk's HOn3 layout in the afternoon. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors & military, children 12 & under are free.

A preview of what we'll see can be found online at www.gfsm.org and at www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org.

We're exploring the idea of carpooling to make it easier for club members who don't want to drive to attend these events. For those interested in finding a ride or those going who would be willing to offer a ride, please contact Nathan Holmes at 719-235-1286 or ndholmes@drwgw.net and he'll help put drivers and riders in touch.

Renewal Season for the 75th Anniversary of the RMRRC Is Here

Next year is the 75th anniversary of the club and time for our every five year publication of the membership roster. This publication is given only to members. It provides a reference for members to contact each other.

This year the club will send a renewal invoice to each member. Some households will receive more than one renewal. Each renewal form has spaces provided to correct any errors about your contact information. Many members have changed their phone numbers as well as their email addresses, if you have one, in the last five years. In some households each member has a different mobile phone number.

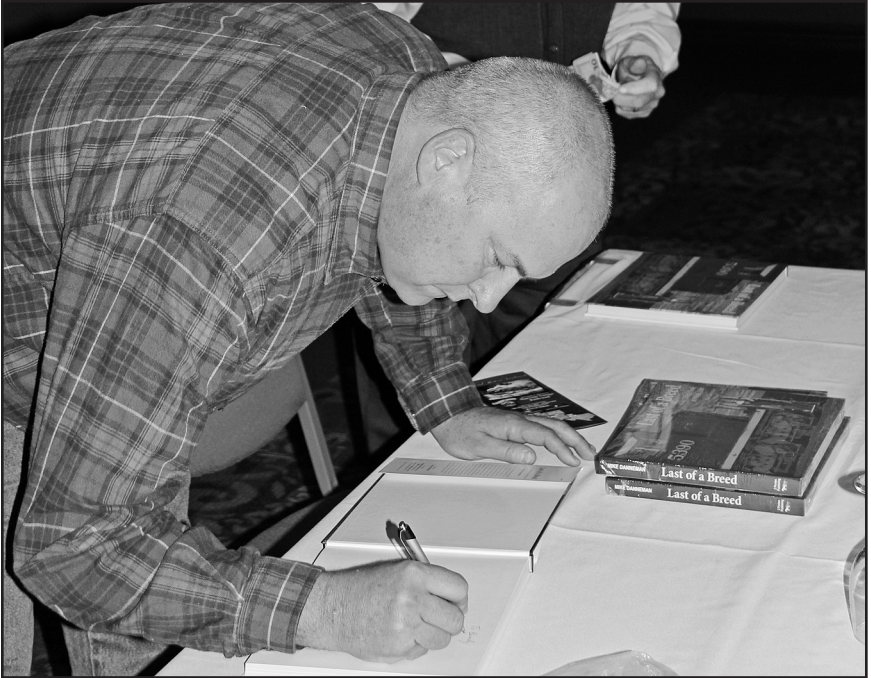
The membership year is January 1st

through December 31st of each year. There will be no increase in dues for 2013. To maintain membership in RMRRC, your dues for the upcoming year should be paid by December 31st. Multimember households should return each membership form, but a single payment for the household is desired.

The club would greatly appreciate if all of our members renew by the end of year. We do allow for a month grace period in January. The re-sequencing of seniority numbers is performed the first weekend in February.

Membership cards will be mailed out with the March Rail Report. Your membership card will be in the envelope.

74th Anniversary Banquet Luncheon



Guest program presenter Mike Danneman autographed a few books after his show. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

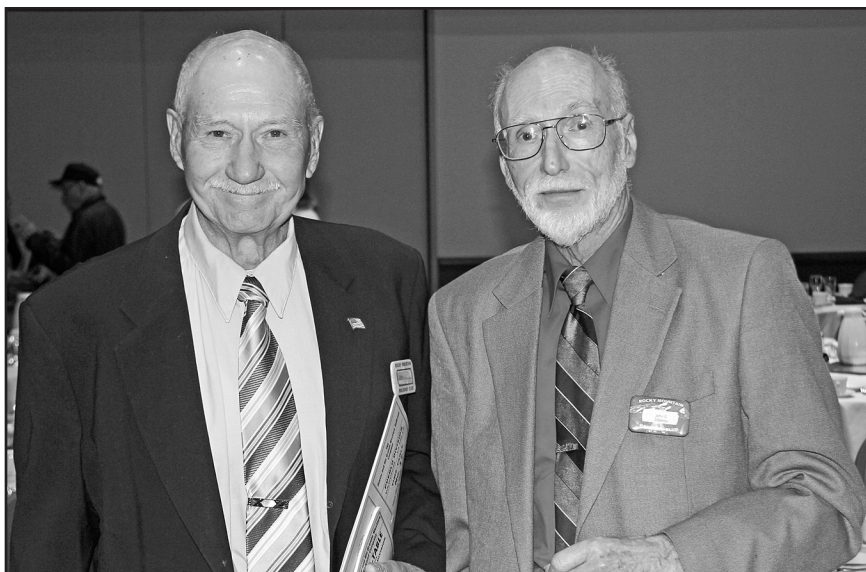


Nathan Holmes (standing) hands a door prize to Wally Weart.
– Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

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RMRRRC board members Randy Worwag (left) and Andy Dell with a Mike Danneman print. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.



Former Club presidents Ed Gerlits (left) and John Dillavou. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

From the Camera of Bob Andrews



D&RGW 5591 with a B Unit is eastbound at Cliff, Colorado, on July 14, 1956.
– Photo, Tom Klinger collection.

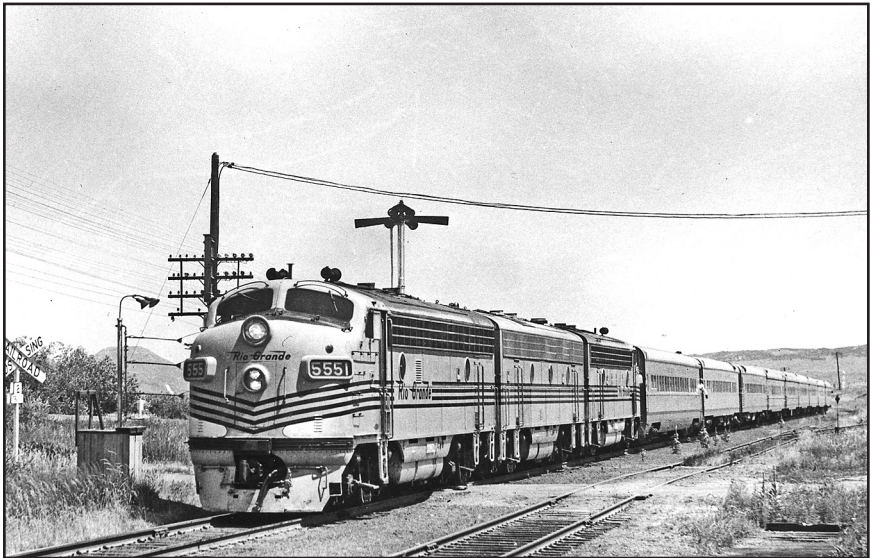


D&RGW 5664, with an Illini Railroad Club Special, is passing the two Littleton, Colorado, depots on June 12, 1959. Note the pole line to the right.
– Photo, Tom Klinger collection.

From the Camera of Bob Andrews



D&RGW 5531, with train #20, is approaching Prospect, Colorado. The second car from the rear is passing over the 38th Avenue underpass on June 11, 1952. – Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



D&RGW 5551 is southbound on the approach to Palmer Lake with a Boy Scout Special on July 30, 1960. – Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



The uniquely decorated F 40PH VIA rail locomotive that provides the normal head-end power for the special Grey Cup Train consist. – Photo 2012 Jason Jongen.

The Canadian Grey Cup Train

By Dave Goss

While we Americans celebrate our favorite football teams with beer, snacks and television coverage, up north the Canadians have assembled a special commemorative train to celebrate 100 years of the Grey Cup – Canada’s Super Bowl. This fall the train will stop at more than 100 places across Canada. The uniquely decorated F 40PH VIA rail locomotive

is the same locomotive that was wrapped in Coors Light advertising as the Silver Bullet Express last year.

The train is a rolling museum that commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Grey Cup. One CFL Car shows the logos of the eight teams in the Canadian Football League. Another car has CFL



The Grey Cup car. – Photo © 2012 Jason Jongen.

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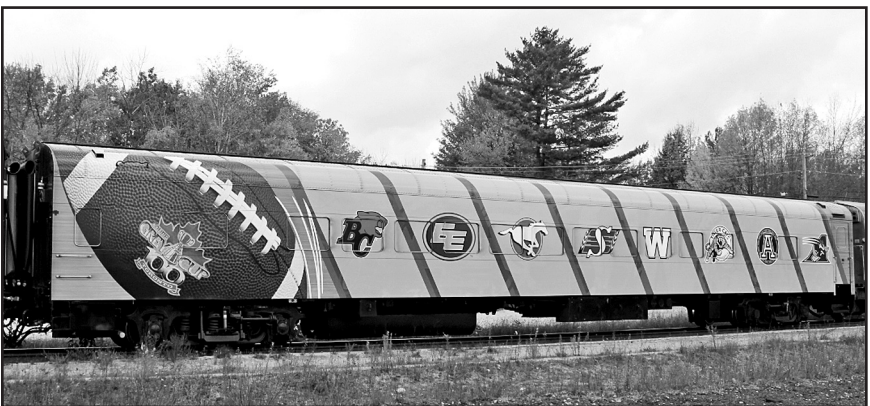


The car featuring players from the eight teams in the Canadian Football League and the Grey Cup in the form of postage stamps. – Photo © 2012 Jason Jongen.

players as postage stamps, another way the Canadian Government promotes activities uniquely Canadian through its philatelic department.

The train has three cars, one containing the Grey Cup itself, another with a

history of the cup including displays of championship rings and memorabilia and a third car with mock-up locker rooms of famous players and the equipment. For more details about the tour, see <http://www.greycuptour.ca>



The car with the logos of the eight teams in the Canadian Football League. – Photo © 2012 Jason Jongen.

Current Railroad Events



BNSF 9084, 9085 and 9082, new SD70ACe's built in Mexico, made their first run north on Amarillo, Texas, to Denver, train H AMADEN on September 23, 2012. The train was on Joint Line main 2 (northbound track) near Big Lift, Colorado, north of Sedalia. BNSF received 9050-9129 during 2012 as part of an 80-unit group. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.



Amtrak 184, Phase IV 40th Anniversary unit, and 88 handled the 8-car Southwest Chief up Raton Pass at Wootton Ranch, Colorado, on September 24, 2012. "1971 Amtrak 2011" is displayed in the middle of the unit. No BNSF freight traffic is on Raton Pass in 2012 – only Amtrak trains 3 & 4. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.

D&RGW 278 Update



D&RGW C16 278 is back in Cimarron, Colorado, after a 2-1/2 year cosmetic overhaul. It was retired in 1953 and spent a little time on display in Montrose, Colorado, before being put on display on a bridge span east of Cimarron near the Morrow Point Dam. The past few decades the 278 had started to show some serious signs of decay, metal rusting through and wood rotting. In the Spring of 2010 the 278 was trucked to Mammoth Locomotive Works in Palisade, Colorado, for its overhaul. Work was completed more than a month ago and the 278 was hauled back to Cimarron in late September. – Photo © 2012 Nathan Zachman.

A Call For Nominations For Officers And Directors For The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and The Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

The election of all officers and three directors will be during the annual meetings of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 7:30 PM, at Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. Although all the current officers and directors have agreed to serve another term, we will accept nominations from the floor.

Any member wanting to volunteer or nominate another member for either an officer or director position should contact the nominating committee, Andy Dell or Nathan Holmes at the November Club meeting or contact them through the Club website or by mail at the Club P. O. Box.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2012 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

Santa Claus Special
December 8, 15, 16, 22

Ride The Rails Saturday
November 17

Galloping Goose Rides
November 3, 10, 24
December 1, 29

Colorado Rails and Cocktails in November
Steve Lee as Railroad Baron Otto Mears
Friday, November 9, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Retired Jeffco teacher and storyteller, Steve Lee, brings history to life with his captivating living history presentation of Otto Mears, Railroad entrepreneur and the Pathfinder of the San Juan Mountains. Mr. Mears impact on Colorado is worth knowing, and was carefully researched at the Museum.

Tickets include two beverages of your choice of beer, wine or soda. Doors open at 6:00 PM for early enjoyment of attractions.

\$10 for teachers, \$12 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Advanced Tickets Required. 21 and older only. Please call 303-279-4591 to order tickets.

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

2012 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

Annual Banquet At The Historic Denver Press Club

Monday, November 5, 2012

The Denver Press Club is in downtown Denver at 1330 Glenarm Place, across the street from the Denver Athletic Club. There is limited parking available next to the Press Club, and the parking lots on either side are well lit.

The evening's activities will begin with cocktail hour from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the cozy lounge (cash bar; drinks are available all evening). Our buffet dinner will begin at 7:00 PM, and the program begins at 8:00 PM. There will be door prizes as well.

Our guest speakers this year are Ron VanderKooi and Richard Luckin, presenting "The Trains We Rode." When Lucius Beebe wrote two volumes with this title, he told about many older trains. Ron and Rich would like to offer a dinner meeting program that elicits comments from Intermountain Chapter members about train rides in more recent decades. While taking their notes as to the trains we rode through the decades, they found that there were many good ones. Some of you will remember the crowded trains of World War II. Others started riding the pre-Amtrak trains of the 1950s and the 1960s, as well as 40 years of Amtrak, VIA, and others. We'll start the program with Richard Luckin's DVD, *America and the Passenger Train*.

Dinner is by reservation only at \$30 per person. Please pay at the door when you check in; NO drop-ins. The buffet dinner includes tossed salad and dressing, breast of chicken with wild rice stuffing, green beans, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee and tea.

Deadline for reservations at the Chapter office (303-298-0377) is Thursday, October 31, as the Press Club's chef needs the final count by then.

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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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Newsletter contributions and items for publication should be sent to:

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