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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

74th Anniversary Banquet Luncheon

Saturday, October 13th

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

The Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities
6901 Wadsworth Boulevard in Arvada.

The Banquet Program Is

Last of a Breed

Presented by Mike Danneman

A program on the last Rio Grande units at Helper, Utah, as well as a few of his paintings in digital format.

RMRRC 2012 Calendar

November 13th	Meeting and Program, "Performing in Black & White."
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 and Southern display of Heritage Units"

RMRRC 2013 Calendar

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

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.

Last of a Breed



The last Rio Grande tunnel motor, locomotive 5371, working out of Helper, Utah, February 9, 2006, at the ECDC facility at East Carbon, Utah, on the Sunnyside branch. – Photo © 2006 Joe McMillan.

Annual Club Luncheon Banquet Saturday, October 13, 2012

**Please join your fellow Club members and guests at the
Rocky Mountain Railroad Club's Annual Banquet
At The Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities**

Chocolate layer cake, good friends, drawings for prizes and a special program – what better way to spend a Saturday afternoon than at the Club's Annual Banquet? This year's banquet includes 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 Herb Crusted Pork Loin, Chicken del Mar or Grilled filet of Salmon. 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 August or September *Rail Report*. **Reservations must be received – postmarks don't count – by Friday, October 5th** in order to meet the Arvada Center's deadline. We cannot issue refunds on cancellations received after October 5th. 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!

Last of a Breed



Banquet program presenter, Mike Danneman on the steps of the last Rio Grande tunnel motor, locomotive 5371, with ex-D&RGW engineer Mel Baughman (top) at East Carbon, Utah, on February 9, 2006. – Photo © 2006 Joe McMillan.

75th Anniversary Committee

The planning for the 75th Anniversary continues. We have selected a proposed logo which will be revealed next month and are planning a number of special excursions and events that we believe will be memorable. We will be preparing press releases to coincide with the finalization of these events so if you don't see anything specific in the next month or two, don't be disappointed. We want to work out the details before making some of our announcements.

Watch for 75th anniversary updates here.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

Planning continues for the upcoming annual Banquet on Saturday, October 13th. Our speaker, Mike Danneman, is a renowned artist and photographer whose artwork and photographs are recognized as works of fine art. Mike is the author of the program, "Last of A Breed" showing the last Rio Grande units at Helper, Utah. In addition to the program we will again have door prizes for many a lucky recipient. Books, rail tickets and various memorabilia will be drawn by those in attendance. Plan to join us for what promises to be a memorable luncheon.

In a separate article in this issue, you will find an update on the Historical Foundation. I believe that we have an opportunity to create another legacy for this organization by revitalizing the Foundation. Its success in the restoration and preservation of Car #25 was a remarkable achievement. But with that project complete, there are many other opportunities, not as large in scale, but important nonetheless. The Foundation has already decided to begin scanning digitally all historic copies of the Rail Report, from the Club's first newsletter to the present, and to make those files available to members. The Foundation

page on the Club's website is being updated and we are discussing several possible projects for 2013.

Another idea for the future, a bit farther afield than some, is to solicit members of the Club to serve as mentors to Boy Scouts looking to receive a Railroad-ing Merit badge. We can offer scouts experts in all the areas of that merit badge (see <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/boyscouts/meritbadges/railroading.asp>). By inviting Scouts to a meeting and then conducting a merit badge workshop we may gain some new members and will, at least, help young men learn more about a subject we all know very well. There may be members who are historians at heart and would like to help the Board in planning the Foundation's future. If so, please contact me so we can obtain your suggestions and support. The Board believes that through technology and by tapping into the collective knowledge of the membership, we can create another page in the Club's long list of accomplishments.

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

Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation Update

Recently the Board of Directors (assisted by Jean Goss and Jim Ehernberger) conducted some extensive discussions about the mission of the Foundation, now that Car 25 has been sold. The decision was unanimous to continue the Foundation, and to develop a Mission Statement and plan for operations going into the future. The Foundation's 501(c)(3) (charitable, tax-deductible) status provides the opportunity to receive and dispense funds in a way that the Club cannot.

This year the Foundation has received a number of cash and real property gifts that are being held for future use. The Board feels that after the Mission State-

ment is finalized a detailed plan will be needed to describe such activities as: operating structure, method of identifying potential projects or gift giving, possible grant activities, fund raising for other than Foundation-directed projects and even estate planning opportunities. Of course, these topics and others will be discussed during the planning process and the membership will be kept informed of the recommendations of the Board.

If any member has a specific interest in assisting the Board in this planning process, please contact Dave Goss at 303-693-9933 or dave@dcgoss.com.

November 13th Meeting Program

Bill Botkin will present "Performing in black & white," made up of mostly 6x7 shots, screened at the Center for Railroad Photography and Art last spring.

Annual December 11th Business Meeting Program

Our annual Club business meeting 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 and Southern display of Heritage Units held at the Spencer Shops at the North Carolina Transportation Museum. Both presentations will be made by Nathan Homes and Nathan Zachman.

In Remembrance

Ronald R. Bill

June 26, 1939 - August 24, 2012

Ronald Bill was a 51 year member of the Club and attended monthly meetings regularly. He held seniority number 42. In 2005 Ronnie retired as the equipment manager for the Denver Broncos for whom he worked for 45 years.

Members may remember the special Club meeting and tour of the Broncos Dove Valley facility he arranged and hosted in July 2000.



Former Denver streetcar 319 was still in the woods of Wyoming in late August.
– Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

Information For The Rail Enthusiast

By Dave Schaaf

American Heritage Railways has been the owner and operator of the Durango & Silverton line for many years. This year, they have also been contracted to run the Cumbres & Toltec narrow gauge route. At the end of August, they gave six months notice that they intend to terminate the agreement with the line's owner, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR Commission. The railroad is jointly owned through the commission by the states of Colorado and New Mexico. If needed, the company is willing to stay on through next season, but they now feel that it is not a good fit for them in the long run.

Former Clover Valley Lumber Co. steam 2-6-6-2T #4 has been making test trips on the Niles Canyon Railway in California. The Pacific Locomotive Association had received Trains Magazine's 2009 Preservation Award, money to be used for the restoration of this 1924 Baldwin standard-gauge engine. This

most recent restoration was begun in 2005.

Amtrak has reported record ridership for the 11th consecutive month. In each month of the current fiscal year, Amtrak has had the highest ridership total ever for that month. July 2012 was also the single best ridership month in Amtrak's history. Between FY 2002 and FY 2011, overall Amtrak ridership increased 44% and the company set annual records in eight of the nine years. The current record was set last fiscal year with 30.2 million passengers. Amtrak's 2012 appropriation was \$1.4 billion, or roughly .02 percent of the \$6.2 trillion federal budget. At the recent Republican National Convention, the party-approved platform plans to cut off all funds to Amtrak if their candidate is elected.

General Electric Transportation showed their new prototype Tier 4 emissions capable locomotive in late August

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A northbound BNSF coal empty rolls along Mason Street in Ft. Collins, Colorado, in late August. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

at the factory in Erie, Pennsylvania. This next-generation Evolution Series locomotive meets Tier 4 requirements that take effect in 2015 with the existing GEVO12 prime mover and without the need for urea-based after-treatment, a condition that the railroad industry has been seeking.

The small-gauge Royal Gorge Scenic Railway in Colorado has been taking tourists to the edge of the gorge for more than 50 years. It ceased operation at the end of September, since the railway with its Buckskin Joe frontier town attraction and adjoining land have been sold. This has no effect on the standard-gauge Royal Gorge trains that run along the river at the bottom of the canyon.

Train accidents on U.S. railroads in this year's first six months declined 22.8% compared with the same period in 2011, according to the Federal Railroad Administration's Office of Safety Analysis. While grade-crossing fatalities declined 6.7%, trespassing fatalities increased 16.7% to 217.

The Brazilian government has launched a plan that will probably see \$44.8 billion spent on 12 new railway projects totaling over 6,000 miles in the next 30 years.

Dave Schaaf may be contacted at ds5280@comcast.net.

Steam From The Camera Of Neal Miller



ATSF 1801 and 3720 are northbound as they crest the Palmer Divide at Palmer Lake, Colorado, on October 3, 1951. – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klingner collection.

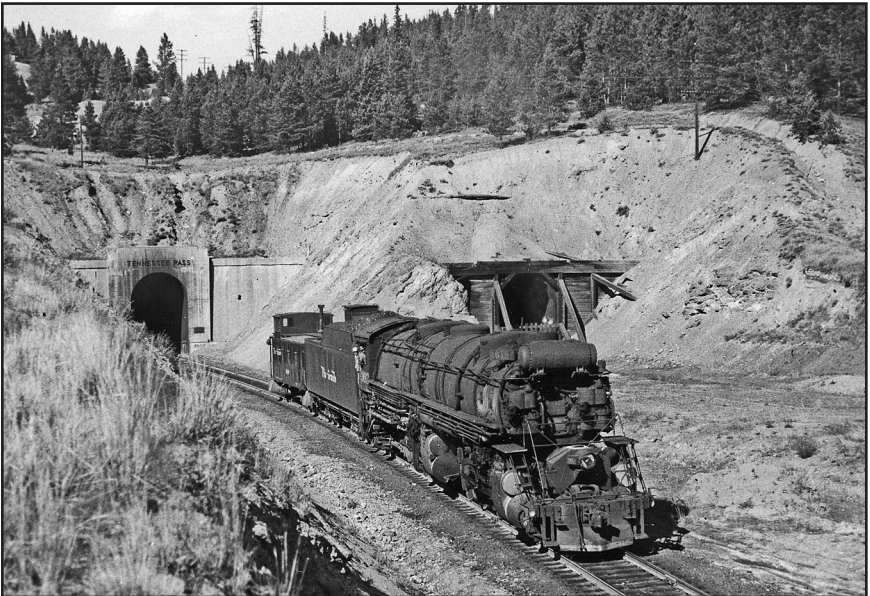


D&RG 3609 was photographed near the end of steam operations at Tabernash, Colorado, in August 1955. – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klingner collection.

Steam From The Camera Of Neal Miller



ATSF 3930 is southbound on the approach to Palmer Lake, Colorado, on October 3, 1951. – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klingler collection.



D&RG 3612 is eastbound on a mid 1950s caboose hop at Tennessee Pass. Over the top-right of the engine is the abandoned Tennessee Pass tunnel that caved in under the highway this past summer. – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klingler collection.

Georgetown Loop Railroad Special Events



Georgetown Loop Railroad Oktoberfest activities. – Photo courtesy of the GLRR.

Pumpkin Festival Trains

October 6,7 and 13, 14

Halloween is almost here. Get in the “SPIRIT” and fly right up to the Georgetown Loop Railroad® for their Pumpkin Festival. The Pumpkin Festival fun is happening on the first two weekends in October. The kids always enjoy the hay bale maze, the face painting, games, the bouncy castle and best of all a ride on the famous Georgetown Loop Railroad®. Dress ‘em up and add to the festivities. Fall colors will be winding down but who cares you get to take a free pumpkin home. Get your seat reserved now because they will be running their enclosed, heated, first class and coach cars and space is limited.

Oktoberfest

October 20, 21 & 27, 28 And November 3, 4

What’s better than free hot dogs, bratwurst, and beer? Better is riding the Georgetown Loop Railroad® and having free hot dogs, bratwurst, and beer. Ticketed passengers get free hot dogs and bratwurst, and you get to sample different micro brews or root beer. If you are lucky you might catch a glimpse of the new bighorn sheep herd that has just relocated to the south side of I-70. You’ve heard of moving up town, how about our “Bighorns” moving up track. Last week they were standing in the middle of Loop Drive by the High Bridge, Wow!

Call the Georgetown Loop Railroad®, toll-free, for pricing and reservations on all dinner trains, 1-888-456-6777.

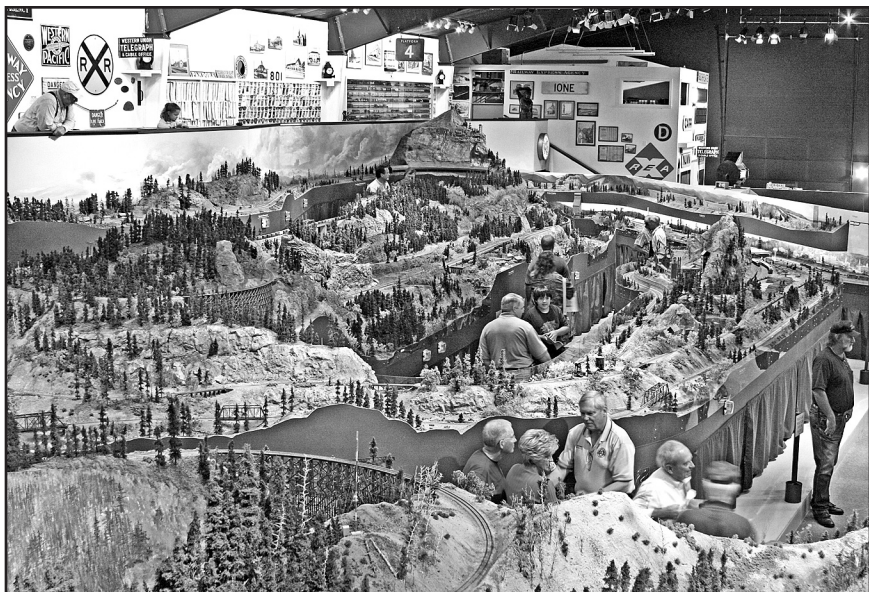
Current Railroad Events



UPY 1295 wyes passenger cars in Denver's North Yard, former Pullman sleeper 9116 in a SP lark gray paint scheme and SLRG round end observation lounge sleeper 3310 in Illinois Central paint. The cars moved to the Amtrak Denver depot about 10:30 AM on Sunday, September 16, 2012. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.



Loram SBC-15 (shoulder ballast cleaner) worked south on Joint Line main track one under Union Pacific RR maintenance of way supervision / protection on September 14, 2012, at South Denver. The summer season maintenance was wrapping up. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.



The model railroad in the Greeley Freight Station Museum.
– Photo © 2012 Nathan Zachman.

Cheyenne Depot Museum And Greeley Freight Station Museum Family Outing

On Saturday, November 17, 2012, the Club hosts a family outing to the Greeley Freight Station Museum and its huge HO scale layout and the Cheyenne Depot with its Union Pacific local history displays and Harry Brunk's HOn3 model railroad.

Details will be finalized and announced in the next issue of the Rail Report, but tentatively we plan to meet in Greeley at about 9:45 AM for tours of the museum and to wander around the 5,500 square foot Oregon California and Eastern model layout. See www.gfsm.org for a preview of this museum.

What Was The Largest Single Order Of Narrow-Gauge Power In The United States?

It was a million-dollar contract for 144 engines which the Denver & Rio Grande placed with Baldwin in January 1881. This was the biggest locomotive order of any kind in North America up to that time. In contrast to this order, a million 2012 dollars wouldn't even buy half a new Amtrak passenger locomotive!

Member R. J. Fryml found this information in Barbara Kreimer's "Information Booth" column in *Railroad Magazine*, Volume 95, No. 3 (January 1974).

Greeley and Cheyenne Museum Family Outing



The HOn3 model railroad in the Cheyenne Depot was largely built by Harry Brunk, and is based on the Clear Creek lines in Colorado, including the towns of Golden, Silver Plume, and Black Hawk. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.



The exhibit of Union Pacific local history in the Cheyenne Depot. UPD&G standard gauge passenger car #57 is being restored outside the depot. Several points inside the depot give a good vantage point of the Cheyenne yards and roundhouse area. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2012 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

Trick or Treat Train October 27, 28

Santa Claus Special
December 8, 15, 16, 22

Ride The Rails Saturday

October 20
November 17

Galloping Goose Rides

September 1, 29
October 6, 13
November 3, 10, 24
December 1, 29

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>

Dinner Meeting at Lone Star Steakhouse October 19, 2012

Our dinner meeting program will be presented by Keith Kirby. In late June of 2011, he attended the NRHS convention, Cascade Rails 2011, in Tacoma, Washington. His presentation will include pictures and videos of the Tacoma Streetcar. Also featured will be the day-long tour of Seattle Metro Transit, including rides on restored 70-year-old trolley buses, the 50-year-old Seattle World's Fair Monorail, 40-plus-year-old restored diesel busses, as well as the brand new Link light rail transit trains and the Seattle Streetcar. The day ended with a dinner cruise on Puget Sound, with views of the Seattle skyline and the Washington State Ferry boats.

There are photos and videos of steam locomotives on the Chehalis-Centralia Railroad and the Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad. One of the real highlights were trips behind Southern Pacific's Famous Daylight Locomotive 4449. A day of lectures included Doyle McCormack, describing his restoration of an ALCO PA-1, and J. Craig Thorpe, an artist who spoke on the role of art in railroad travel.

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. *Change in following times: dinner* will be from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The evening's *program begins* at 7:30 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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