

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

We Will Not Have A July Meeting In Barnes Hall

Enjoy the UP Excursion in association with Cheyenne Depot Museum on July 21st and the Florence & Cripple Creek Field Trip and Train Ride on August 3rd & 4th.

RMRRRC 2013 Calendar

July 21st	UP Excursion in association with Cheyenne Depot Museum.
August 3rd & 4th	Florence & Cripple Creek Field Trip and Train Ride.
August 13th	Meeting and Program, "Ed Haley Rides the South Park Line to Leadville in 1936" presented by Chuck Albi.
August 17th	Georgetown Loop Trip.
September 10th	Meeting and Program by Cliff Smith of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society.
September 27, 28, 29th	Three days on the Rio Grande Scenic.
October 12th	Annual Banquet at the Denver Chop House.
November 12th	Meeting and Program, "New York Central Terminal" presented by Rich Luckin.
December 10th	Annual Meeting and Program to be announced.

RMRRRC 2014 Calendar

January 14th	Meeting and Program, "Durango to Darjeeling" presented by Dan Edwards.
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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.



This Porter locomotive is an uncommon six-axle, narrow gauge diesel and will probably pull our special train on August 17. – Photo © 2013 Dave Schaafl.

Georgetown Loop Special Lunch Charter Saturday, August 17, 2013

Join Club members and their guests on a special charter on the Georgetown Loop Railroad. We'll leave Silver Plume heading to Hall Tunnel on a special coach pulled by diesel power. After watching a steam train pass we'll proceed to Devil's Gate and de-train to watch more steam action. We'll then follow the steam train to Hall Tunnel where we'll have lunch, de-train and prepare for more photos. After the steam trains passes Hall Tunnel we'll return to Silver Plume. This trip will combine good food, mountain scenery, steam powered trains and fellowship.

Lunch is included and the choices are:

- Turkey Sandwich with potato salad and fruit cup.
- Ham Sandwich with potato salad and fruit cup.
- Veggie Sandwich with potato salad and fruit cup.
- Chicken Salad.
- Salami, Cheese, and Cracker plate.
- Hummus and Veggie plate.

All lunches include chips or a cookie and a soft drink.

Order Tickets Using The Insert In This *Rail Report*.

75th Anniversary Masthead Photo Notes

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, we will be featuring railroad equipment numbered 75 or with 75 in the number. This month features a Stephen Hussar photo of Flagg Coal 75 on the Owsosso turntable.



Silver Streak excursion riders and NARCOA members at the South Fork station.
– Photo © 2013 Dave Goss.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

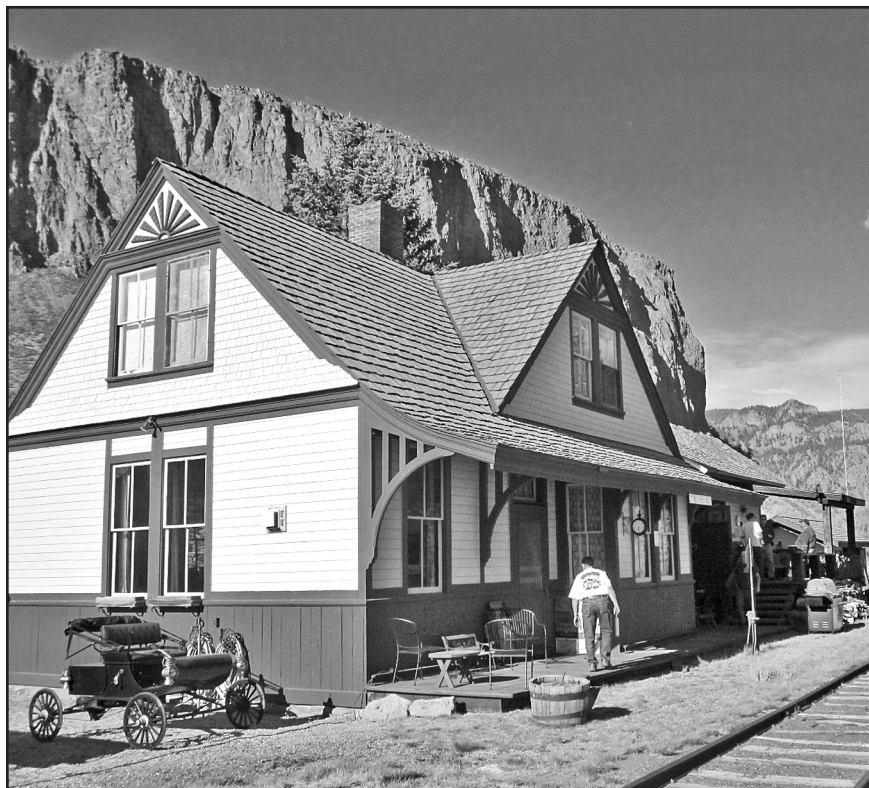
This month's notes are abbreviated as while you are enjoying a presentation by Jim Havey on Denver's Union Station, I will be waiting in Newark for a flight to Dublin. I doubt I'll have much time to do train riding in Ireland, but I'll be on the watch for unusual rail situations. In the meantime, the Board will be finalizing details of several upcoming trips in August and September.

As you've read elsewhere in the *Rail Report*, more than twenty Club members and guests enjoyed a beautiful day riding the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad between South Fork and Creede on Memorial Day weekend. Don Shank, his wife and brother were terrific operators and hosts for the excursion along the Rio Grande River. Doug and Ginni Davlin opened the home to us for two meals. The owners of the former Wagon Wheel Gap Depot, the Davlin's are rightfully proud

of their restoration of the depot built in 1883. The members of the NARCOA motor car group provided everyone who wanted the opportunity to ride in speeders along the forty mile round trip. It was rare mileage indeed and perfect way to celebrate 75 years! Watch for similar trip in the fall of 2014.

I hope you all have the opportunity to take advantage of Club activities this summer which will offer us a number of ways to continue our Diamond Celebration. Watch for a special article in the October issue of *Trains Magazine* about the Club and plan to join us for the Annual Banquet, also in October, at the Denver Chop House.

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



The Wagon Wheel Gap station. – Photo © 2013 Dave Goss.

Denver & Rio Grande Scenic “Wagon Wheel Gap” Line Trip Report

By Dave Goss

The Memorial Day weekend trip was excellent. Fifteen riders enjoyed riding on the Silver Streak Saturday and six rode in motor cars on Sunday. The Club’s drumhead fit nicely on the Silver Streak.

Doug and Ginni Davlin hosted a dinner on Friday and a potluck BBQ on Saturday in their home (the Wagon Wheel Gap station) next to the Rio Grande River. Don Shank, his wife Tracy and Don’s brother Bob were great hosts for the trip both days. They did everything they could to make the trip go smoothly,

gave us a detailed history of the route, opened up the South Fork Station and equipment at the station for tours and overall made the excursion very memorable. Jon Keeling and the NARCOA folks were terrific and allowed anyone who wanted to ride from South Fork and Creede and back in their nine motor cars.

Thanks to Don Shank, Tracey, Bob Shank, Doug and Ginni Davlin and Jon Keeling for their support in the planning and execution of this excursion weekend.

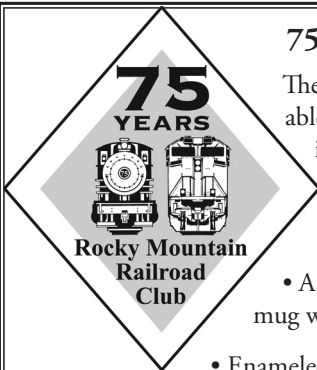
Denver & Rio Grande Scenic “Wagon Wheel Gap” Line Trip



Cleaning the flangeways at a crossing with the Silver Streak waiting to cross at left. – Photo © 2013 Pat Mauro.



NARCOA members with their speeders. – Photo © 2013 Dave Goss.



75th Anniversary Commemorative Items

The following commemorative items will be available for sale to members this summer at Club meeting and on the Club website:

- Baseball caps with embroidered logo, choice of khaki or black (\$18.00).
- A 16 ounce glass beer / root beer mug with logo (\$10.00).
- Enameled lapel pin (\$5.00).
- 75th Anniversary logo patch (\$4.00).



75th logo patch

Other Club Merchandise for sale:

Journeys to Yesteryear: A Chronological History of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, 1938 – 2003 ** (\$5.00)

Handling and Shipping Charges:

Item / Weight – Domestic Shipments Only †	Handling / Shipping
Under 2 ounces (1 pin or up to 2 patches)	\$1.50
Under 4 ounces (2 pins or up to 4 patches)	\$3.00
Over 4 ounces (caps and pins and patches)	\$5.00
Mugs*	\$5.00 + \$5.00 for each Mug
Book / DVDs (ship separately**)	\$5.00

* Purchase a mug and shipping for the rest of your order up to 3 lbs (excluding books and DVDs) is free.

** Books and DVDs ship USPS media mail rates. Contact Club's Treasurer (kjensen@earthnet.net) for current list of DVDs because the inventory is very limited.

† Add \$20 for International Shipping. US Media rate is not available for international shipping.

Rio Grande Scenic Trip

September 27, 28, 29th

Mark your calendars and plan to spend three days on the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad.

The cost will be less than \$200 for three days. Full trip details will be in the August *Rail Report*.



Near Kayenta, Arizona, four electric locomotives led this westbound Black Mesa & Lake Powell coal train on June 16, 2013. Affiliated with the Peabody Coal Company, this line does not connect with another railroad.
– Photo © 2013 Dave Schaaf.

Information For The Rail Enthusiast

By Dave Schaaf

In early June, a wildfire started on the south side of the Royal Gorge in Colorado. Before long, it had also spread to the north rim and destroyed some planks in the famous suspension bridge. The park lost some buildings on both sides of the gorge, along with the aerial tram. The incline railway suffered damage, as did the narrow gauge display of D&RGW #499, and caboose 0584 was lost. The standard gauge line at the bottom of the canyon seems to have avoided much disruption. Not too far from there, large fires were later threatening tourist rail operations around South Fork and Wagon Wheel Gap, but fire crews were hopeful about saving those places at the time of this writing.

Rio Grande Southern Galloping Goose #4 has returned to Telluride, Colorado. It was restored over the last four years at the Ridgway Railroad Museum and had participated in last summer's Goose Fest at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden.

Museum of the American Railroad's Frisco 4-8-4 #4501 has been moved from Dallas to that museum's new home in Frisco, Texas. More than 40 pieces of rolling stock are being relocated, including U.P. Big Boy #4018, and an F7 diesel.

The city of Fort Morgan, Colorado, had three ex-Great Western tank locos

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On Mothers Day weekend 2013 the Milwaukee Road 4-8-4 S3 #261 traveled round trip from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Duluth after a five year long FRA required rebuild. The train is shown at Brooks Park, Minnesota, on May 12, 2013. The crew did an amazing job rebuilding the 261. – Photo © 2013 Nathan Zachman.

on display. Number 17 previously worked in Brighton and has now gone to a museum in Gering, Nebraska.

Milwaukee Road 4-8-4 #261 pulled its first mainline public excursion in five years in early May on trackage in Minnesota. Nickel Plate #765 handled 2200 passengers on trips over Memorial Day weekend in Pennsylvania. Cass Scenic Railroad in West Virginia celebrated it's 50th anniversary in mid-June with 1922 Shay #4 providing the power then and now. The Santa Fe Southern in New Mexico will not be operating passenger trains this season between Santa Fe and Lamy.

The last World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Senate, Frank Lautenberg

of New Jersey passed away in June. He had twice received the Golden Spike Award from the National Association of Railroad Passengers for his leadership in fighting for passenger rail service. His casket traveled by Amtrak to Washington, and he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Photographer John C. Illman made images that captured the steam and early diesel era on the West Coast, and this "quiet man" died in May. Visitors to the roundhouse museum in Durango, Colorado, may have learned much from Bill Ramaley. The retired Professor Emeritus passed on in June.

Kansas City Southern Executive Chairman Mike Haverty recently took a

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In mid-June, tent caterpillar bugs were out in large numbers along the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR. This photo, taken near Cresco tank on June 16, 2013, shows some of the critters that caused a lack of traction for the locomotives.

– Photo © 2013 Dave Schaaf.

long-distance train ride through the West to celebrate his 50 years in railroading. With his extended family in four private cars attached to regular Amtrak trains, they toured for more than a week.

Omaha TV station KETV will renovate the former Burlington passenger depot in that Nebraska city. They plan to use the 1898 building beginning in 2015. The Automobile License Plate Collectors Association has voted the Friends of the Union Pacific RR Museum license plate

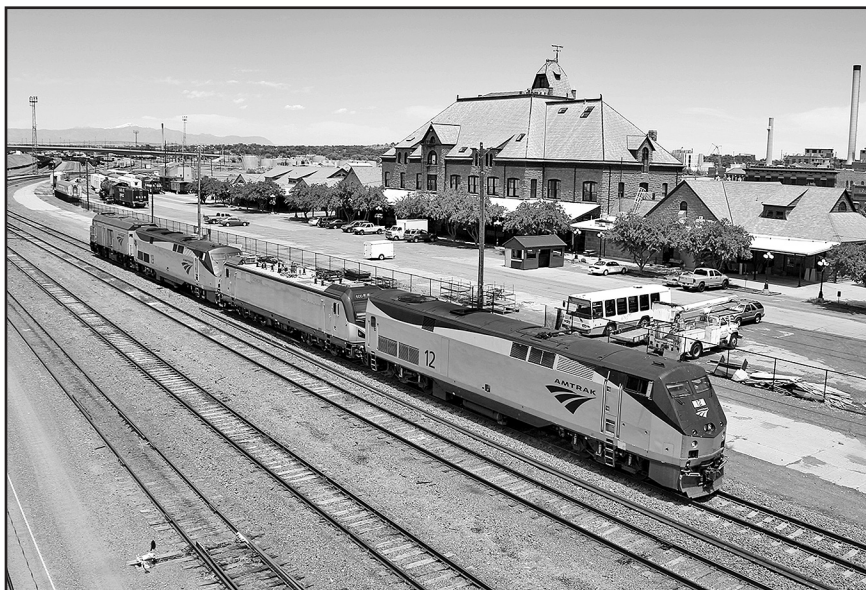
from Nebraska as the best new plate in the U.S. In 2012, Nebraska introduced the plates to increase support for the U.P. Museum, which coincided with 150th anniversary of the railroad.

Amtrak has received the first of 70 new ACS-64 electric locomotives built in California by Siemens. Some of these 8600 hp, 125 mph locos are being tested in Pueblo, Colorado. See the photos on the next two pages.

In Remembrance Virgil Lemar Bankson

The club was informed of the loss of Virgil Lemar Bankson. Lemar was a Club member from 2009 through 2011.

New Siemens ACS-64 Amtrak Locomotives



Amtrak's new Siemens ACS-64 electric locomotives were unveiled in California in May 2013. Two of them are at the DOT Test Center east of Pueblo for several weeks of testing before they can enter service on the Northeast Corridor. On May 26, 2013, the 600 was moved from Denver to Pueblo in a special move with just Amtrak Locomotives. A Club member was the engineer on both of the electric unit moves. – Photo © 2013 Nathan Zachman.



Amtrak's new Siemens ACS-64 electric locomotive, the 601, with the Amtrak Logo & American Flag, made a move from Denver to Pueblo on June 8, 2013. – Photo © 2013 Nathan Zachman.

New Siemens ACS-64 Amtrak Locomotives



On June 19, 2013, Amtrak made a special move down the Joint Line from Denver to the DOT Test Center “TTCI” east of Pueblo Colorado. The 8 Amfleet Cars will be used to test the 2 new American built Siemens ACS-64 electric locomotives that have been at TTCI. – Photo © 2013 Nathan Zachman.



On May 26, 2013, the 600 traveled from Denver to Pueblo in a special move. – Photo © 2013 Nathan Zachman.

Cog Steam Operations



On July 17, 1949, RMRRRC members took in the sights on a high-altitude rail trip on coach #104, pushed by Manitou & Pikes Peak engine #6. The club's 75th anniversary was then a distant vision, as this trip is now a distant memory.
– Bob Andrew's Photo, Tom Klinger Collection.

2013 Steam Train Excursion • Sunday, July 21st

The Cheyenne Depot Museum is hosting the 2013 Steam Train Excursion. This is a one-way excursion from Denver to Cheyenne with the Union Pacific 844 Steam Locomotive. A bus is available to take passengers to Denver if needed. We will be loading in Denver at the National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt Street.

For more information or for tickets go to www.chenyennedepotmuseum.org or call 307-632-3905.

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Members pay “member” costs – please provide your RMRRRC membership number.

Costs:	Member, Dome	\$ 150
	Member, Coach	\$ 90
	Bus Fare	\$ 30

Florence & Cripple Creek Field Trip and Train Ride

Saturday, August 3rd

We will meet at 9:45 AM at the Cripple Creek Railroad depot in Cripple Creek. If anyone wants to carpool (possibly meeting at Colorado Springs), they can contact Pat Mauro at 303-838-7740 or e-mail pkmauro@yahoo.com.

We plan to ride the CCRR first, returning about 11 AM. Lunch in Cripple Creek is on your own. We will then go downgrade at 12:30, arriving in Florence between 2 and 3 PM. CCRR ride ticket prices are \$13, paid at the RR station.

Current Railroad Happenings



Union Pacific 7194 East on train R GYLI 17 (unit rock train, Granite, Wyoming, to Limon, Colorado of June 17th) passed Denver RTD East Rail's new Central Park (Stapleton area) Station on June 18, 2013, Denver, Colorado. The concrete ties left of UP 7194 will be laid for new UP main line between Pullman (Denver) and Mesa (Aurora, Colorado). The 22.8-mile East Rail Line commuter operation will whisk passengers from Denver Union Station to Denver International Airport starting in 2016. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.



Kyle Railroad's red painted Central Oregon & Pacific (CORP) lettered 4075, SD40T-2 (ex-SP 8370), and Kyle RR 9254, SD45T-2, were on a unit natural gas pipe train from Kaiser, California, moved by UPRR (train S KALM 14 Kaiser, CA, to Limon, CO, of June 14th) with 45-cars, 4,799-tons, 4,460-feet long) was pulled to Arriba, Colorado, on June 17, 2013. It was parked there all day before being moved to Stratton, Colorado, where pipe was unloaded. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2013 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

Dinosaur Express	July 20
Open Car Saturday & Antique Power Day	August 17
Day Out With Thomas	September 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
Trick or Treat Train	October 26, 27
Open Car Saturday	November 16
Santa Claus Special	December 7, 14, 15, 21

Colorado Rails & Cocktails An Evening Of Colorado History

August 16, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Stone And Steel At The Top Of The World

October 18, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Hiram Wheeler

December 6, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
The American Hobo

Ride The Rails Saturday

Train rides every Saturday. Catch a ride behind one of the Museum's steam or diesel locomotives in passenger cars from different eras in Colorado railroad history or on the uniquely Colorado Galloping Goose. Rides operate 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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

2013 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

**There Are No Intermountain
Chapter, NRHS, Meetings
In July Or August.**

Colorado Railroad Museum Dinosaur Express Train

Fresh Tracks through Prehistory

Saturday, July 20

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Colorado railroads helped unearth many fossils as railroad tracks were laid. Construction crews often exposed these unusual and fascinating bones as they were digging and laying railroad ties. Trains were then used to transport these 'stone bones' to museums around Colorado and throughout the U.S.

Make "Fresh Tracks through Prehistory" as children sift through sand in search of fossils, keep dinosaur prizes as a memento of their dig, pan for gold, paint dinosaur tracks and enjoy other dino-related activities. Be greeted by multiple dinosaurs whose skeletons have been found all along the Front Range. Follow the dinosaur tracks around the Museum's 15-acre rail yard and listen to the adventurous stories of these prehistoric reptiles during our dinosaur story time.

The Dinosaur Express Train is in collaboration with the Morrison Natural History Museum, Dinosaur Ridge and Triebold Paleontology.

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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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