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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

GRAND CENTRAL: An American Treasure

Presented by Rich Luckin

November 12th, 2013 • 7:30 PM

Join fellow Club members to view the latest Luckin Productions project documenting New York's Grand Central Terminal. The program features images matched to many interviews including one with Mayor Koch two weeks before he died. Professional documentary composer, Edgar Struble, wrote a special piece of music for the opening scenes and nationally-known railroad historian, Peter Hansen, wrote the opening script for the program.

Please 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 2013 Calendar

December 10th Annual Meeting and Program, "Southeastern Railroads" presented by Nick D'Amato.

RMRRC 2014 Calendar

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

February 11th Monthly Meeting and Program by Cliff Smith of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society.

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.



75th Anniversary Masthead Photo Notes

This month features an R.H. Kindig photo from the James L. Ehernberger Collection of C&S 75 at Leadville on July 3, 1941, as she prepared for a run to Climax.



The Denver ChopHouse and Brewery is housed in the old Union Pacific Railroad Freight House, site of the early Club meetings. – Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

As they say, “A great time was had by all” at the 75th Anniversary banquet held at the Denver ChopHouse on October 12th. Jim Wrinn, of *Trains* magazine entertained and shared stories of his travels and experiences over the course of a typical year. The food was plentiful and the historical surroundings of the building brought back many memories to the 113 members and guests. More than forty guests received door prizes, including books, tickets on Colorado railroads, family passes to the Colorado Railroad Museum, calendars, DVDs, VHS tapes, and historic posters. One lucky recipient won a “Winged Streamliner” sherbet dish and another a silver sugar bowl from the Union Pacific Railroad donated by Ms. Sue Knous of Railroad Memories. Our thanks to each donor who helped make this a most memorable banquet.

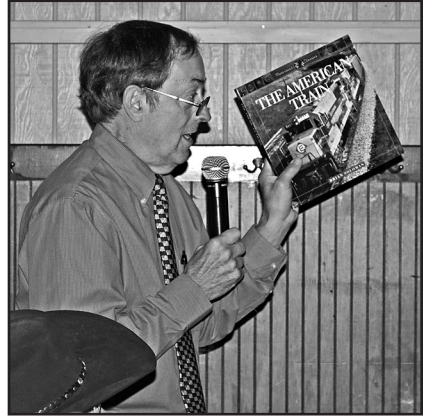
One of the afternoon’s highlights was the showing of the Club’s anniversary video, *Journey to Yesteryears – 1938-2013*. This 30 minute production covers the Club’s history from its chartering to the present day. Rich Luckin, Dave Goss and Dave Schaaf, working with Charlie Whitcomb of Machines of Iron have captured the essence of this organization through still photos, movie clips and interviews of current and past members. The video is available to members at Club meetings or by mail and can be ordered online on our website. From Ranniger’s Roadbed Commissary to personal reflections of trips and events to predicting the future, the video conveys the heart and soul of the Club and its membership over more than seven decades.

As this 75th year winds down, we want

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Trains magazine editor, Jim Wrinn, talks about “A Year in the Life of a *Trains* Editor.” – Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.



Club president, Dave Goss, hands out one of the many donated door prizes. – Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.

to thank all members and their guests who participated in some memorable events. The West Corridor Excursion was a great success as was the chartered outing on the Georgetown Loop Railroad. One of the Club's most unusual trips was on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in South Fork as we rode motor cars from South Fork to just south of Creede and return. The classy and affordable memorabilia have been popular and if you haven't purchased your pin, patch,

baseball cap or glass mug, there is still time. Also, the new video will be a great way to commemorate these past seventy-five years. Without the hard work and support of officers, directors, committee volunteers and members, we would not have had such a successful celebration this year. Thanks to all of you!

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

In Remembrance Bob LeMassena

Bob LeMassena, well known for his knowledge of railroads and especially articulated steam locomotives, passed away on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at age 99. Bob was president of the Club in 1951 and again in 1956. He authored many volumes on railroad history and technology, several for the Colorado Railroad Museum as rail annuals. He was a volunteer at the CRRM until age 97. Bob was the ultimate authority on the technology of the steam locomotive, and he left much of it to us in his books. Bob was cremated with his ashes scattered at Tennessee Pass – what a fitting place for him.

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Attending the Annual Banquet were Club and Foundation officers and directors, back row, from left: Dave Goss, Nathan Holmes, Michael Tinetti, Roger Sherman, Pat Mauro, Dan Edwards. Front row from left: Don Hulse, Dave Schaaf, Andy Dell, Keith Jensen with Jim Wrinn from *Trains* magazine. – Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.



The new Club video, *Journey to Yesteryears – 1938-2013* premiered at the Annual Banquet. – Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.

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 10, 2013, 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 RTD line to the Denver airport under construction on the west side of Havana Street in Denver on October 6, 2013. One new track is for the UP and two are for RTD. – Photo © 2013 Dave Schaaf.

Information For The Rail Enthusiast

By Dave Schaaf

Preparations are proceeding for the coming move of UP #4014 from California to Wyoming. Video updates are posted on the internet regularly. See youtube.com, and then simply search for “4014 restoration”. Most of the news comes from Union Pacific itself about this Big Boy steam locomotive.

Silverton, Colorado, attorney Anthony Edwards is leading a fund-raising effort to rebuild a section of the old Silverton Northern Railroad, describing the current effort as “the first phase of a long-term project in the valley.” Silverton Northern Railroad President, Fritz Klinke, said the railroad has obtained the right of way with a 99-year lease from the county for the cost of \$99. Track has been secured for the project at no cost and a Model T Track Inspection vehicle as well as other rail stock was found for use on the line.

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR has been on the National Register of Historic Places up to now, and recently became a National Historic Landmark.

Tucson, Arizona has a couple of street-cars testing on their new system now. The Sun Link line should have 8 cars running when it opens next summer.

BNSF Railway recently opened a new logistics park near Kansas City, an area that already sees the highest rail freight tonnage in the U.S. Within 10 years they expect to handle 1.5 million containers annually, and more than 6000 jobs could be created in the area.

Pueblo, Colorado, is trying to get included on the route of the Southwest Chief passenger trains. BNSF has been hinting at moving the service off of Colorado trackage and onto a more southerly passage. Nationwide, Amtrak

Current Railroad Happenings



On October 7, 2013, through October 16, 2013, BNSF conducted adhesion tests over Raton pass with the new six axle locomotives with four powered axles. EMDX 1211/1212 Were the EMD SD70ACe P4s attending along with the BNSF 6598/6599 GE ES44 C4s. Also involved were BNSF 4038 -944CW, and BNSF 7824 ES44DC for baseline testing. BNSF research cars Kootenai River and Canyon Diablo were used. EMDX 1212 is leading at Wootton Curve on one of the early morning runs all the way to Wootton (tunnel).

Engines were run up the hill to mp 649.8 in an attempt to stall them under load. Water spray was used as well to simulate wet rail conditions. In some of the tests. The east facing unit would provide resistance to the leader with dynamic brakes. After a couple runs all the way to the top at Wootton, the train would test between Gallinas and the mp 649.8 detector. Main two was used as it is the harder pull and the train stayed out of the way of Amtrak.

– Photo © 2013 Daren Genau.

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carried a record 31.6 million passengers in Fiscal Year 2013, the tenth ridership record in 11 years.

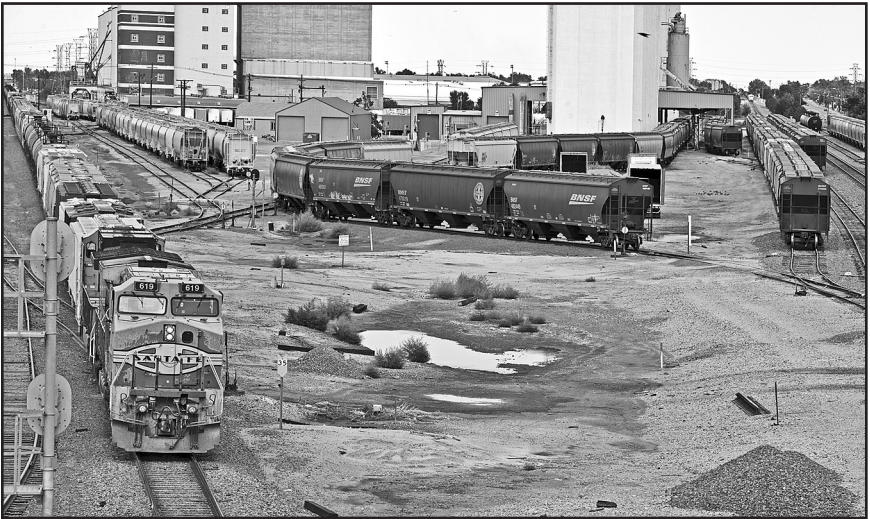
Details on steam-powered charters running in late January and early February of 2014 in Oregon can be found on the web at www.lerroproductions.com

Two long-time volunteers associated with the Colorado Railroad Museum passed away recently. Paul Luning had been a board member and was there for more than 30 years and many projects. Mike Rowe did a lot of restoration work in the roundhouse. Both will be missed.

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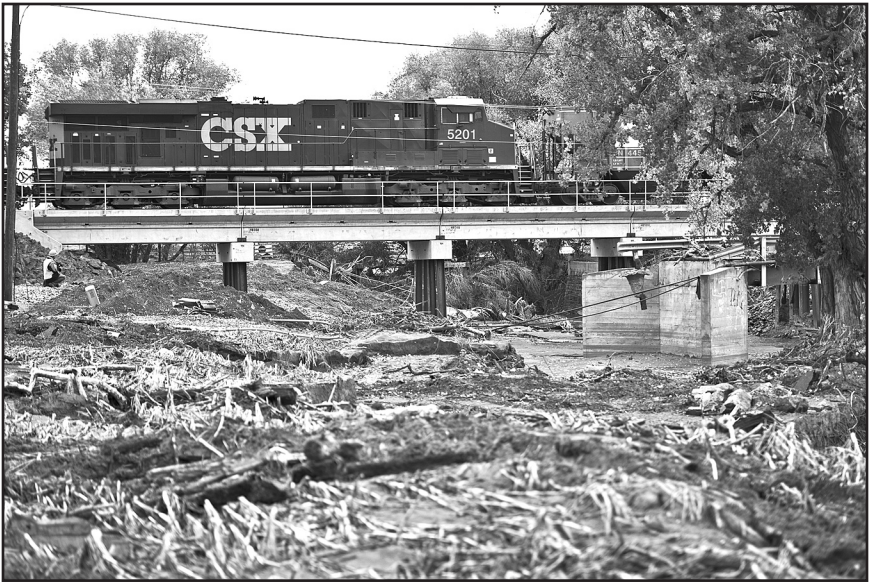


The RTD line to the Denver airport under construction on the east side of Pena Boulevard in Denver on October 6, 2013. – Photo © 2013 Dave Schaaf.



BNSF 619 was the rear distributed power on detoured BNSF Denver to Fort Collins, Colorado, train M DENFCL4 20a, running on Union Pacific rails. Union Pacific handled the first BNSF detour train as symbol FM DVCY 20 (foreign movement – Denver to Cheyenne, Wyoming). BNSF's Front Range Subdivision was damaged in various locations by flood waters at Boulder, Berthoud, Longmont and Loveland, Colorado, on or about September 13, 2013. The Union Pacific track is at left with BNSF's Brush Subdivision at right northeast of Sand Creek Junction, Commerce City, Colorado, on September 21, 2013. BNSF's Brush Subdivision reopened September 22, 2013, after South Platte River flooded in the Hillrose, Colorado, area (between Brush and Sterling). – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

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CSXT 5201, ES40DC, was on BNSF's Laurel, Montana, to Denver (H LAUDEN) train passing Little Thompson Creek flood damaged RD 15 (embankment washed out at right) on October 14, 2013. Jim Wrinn, *Trains* magazine editor (on left side with hard hat), got a first hand look at Colorado flood damage from the September 2013 rainfall. The foreground had been a corn field – washed away and covered with flood debris. The BNSF replaced the damaged wood trestle bridge over Little Thompson Creek south of Berthoud, Colorado, with steel supports and the concrete deck bridge which opened September 25, 2013 to rail traffic.

– Photo © 2013 by Chip.

75th Anniversary Commemorative Items



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

- Anniversary DVD:
Journey to Yesteryears – 1938-2013 (\$16.00)
 - Baseball caps with embroidered logo, choice of khaki or black (\$18.00).
 - 16 ounce glass mug with logo (\$10.00)
 - 75th Anniversary logo patch (\$4.00)
 - Enameled logo lapel pin (\$5.00)



The Santa Fe Depot in Englewood, Colorado, has been empty for 20 years since being moved to its current location. Construction and development of a museum are under way! – Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.

Englewood Depot Update

Following a July 1, 2013, decision by the Englewood City Council, the Englewood Depot is headed toward becoming a letterpress museum and operation.

When purchased by Denver residents Tom and Patti Parson, their intention is to rehabilitate the historic part of the building and make it accessible for public use. The space in the lower level foundation / basement would be finished and opened as a living museum of letterpress printing and related arts. The collection and focus would be on printing and graphic design of the time period of the depot, but not specifically railroad materials or exhibits.

The Englewood Historic Preservation Society had submitted a proposal to turn the depot into a museum. The group planned to submit application for grants in order to restore the depot and start museum operations. Their proposal for the depot was not the one chosen.

A Brief History Of The Depot

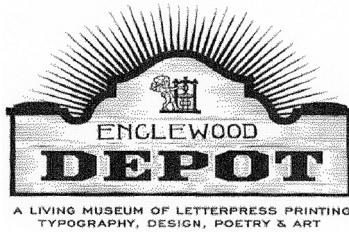
*Provided by Mr. Dave Paschal, Historian,
Englewood Historic Preservation Society.*

At the numerous urgings by the Cities of Englewood and Sheridan, the Englewood Depot was built by the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company in 1915 replacing a small wood frame open air building used as the train station since 1898. The Depot was built on the same property the earlier station occupied. The land had been donated in 1890 by Peter Mangus, a resident of Sheridan, for the D&RGW to build the original station. Although, the Depot was named Englewood by the AT&SF as the official stop, the building was actually in the Sheridan City Limits. There was not a common use agreement between the railroads using the Depot. To accommodate both the AT&SF and the D&RGW, a separate set of tracks for each line had to be provided.

Englewood Depot Update

The Englewood Depot, which opened on June 1, 1915, is the only Colorado example of the mission style railroad depot designed by the Santa Fe Railway Company. Only a few of the fifty mission type depots along the Santa Fe railway system included a baggage and freight facility. Because of the tonnage commitment by both cities, the Englewood Depot was built with a baggage and freight annex complete with a high capacity scale and a 125 foot long wooden plank loading dock serviced by a dedicated track and switching capability. Today, only two mission style stations remain. One serves as a U.S. Post Office in Glorieta, New Mexico and the other is the Englewood Depot with the unique freight annex. The Depot ceased all operations during the mid to late 1970s.

In 1910, five years prior to the construction of the Depot; a Denver realtor, John D. Valentine, ventured into the floral business. He had an idea to create an expansion of the floral industry by networking sales with other florists by telegraph. Initially, 14 floral companies became part of the system. This group, called the Floral Telegraph Delivery Association, evolved into what is known today as the FTD. Valentine coined the slogan, "Say it with flowers". The combination of the completion of the Englewood Depot in 1915 and the numerous carnation flower growers in the Englewood area encouraged Valentine's company, Park Floral, to purchase the Depot property which gave Park Floral access to the local growers, the telegraph,



and improved shipping capabilities. It can be said that FTD's roots are an integral part of the Depot's history.

During WW I and WW II, the Englewood Depot was a vital link as a marshaling area for the troops at Fort Logan. WW II prisoners destined for Fort Logan were processed through the Depot. After WW II, the 1945 passenger and freight demands began to decline. For economic reasons, the Santa Fe Railway Company closed a number of its facilities along their Southwestern lines. The Englewood Depot passenger service ceased operation in late 1945. The Depot freight facility remained in operation. The freight complex in La Junta, Colorado still served the main East-West line from Chicago to Los Angeles and freight and coal movement remained high in this region. The D&RGW, the AT&SF, and the Colorado and Southern (C&S) all used the freight operation at the Englewood Depot.

The Depot was targeted for demolition in 1993 to make way for the Light Rail project from Denver to the Littleton and the south suburban area. Due to public interest, the building was moved on September 19, 1994, from its original location at Hampden and Santa Fe to South Galapago and Dartmouth, in Englewood.

On November 9, 1994, the State of Colorado Historical Society (now Colorado History) designated the Englewood Depot as a State Historical Building.

November Club Trips



UP 4014 is earning its keep as it hustles across Wyoming at Ramsey, on July 10, 1948. Who would have thought that this Big Boy would be making unbelievable railfan news over six decades later.

– Bob Andrews photo, Tom Klinger collection.



UP 906, as train #906 extra. The San Francisco Overland is making time. Yes, that is the D&SL water tower at Utah Junction in Denver as this UP detour train traverses the Rio Grande on February 19, 1949.

– Bob Andrews photo, Tom Klinger collection.

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

The election of officers and two directors will be during the annual meetings of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 7:30 PM, at Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado.

Nathan Holmes has been nominated to serve as President and Dave Schaaf has been nominated to serve as Vice President. Denny Leonard and Charles Moffat have been nominated to serve as directors to fill the seats currently held by Dave Schaaf and Dan Edwards.

Current officers Roger Sherman (Secretary) and Keith Jensen (Treasurer) and directors John Charles, Andy Dell, Dan Edwards, Mike Tinetti, Nathan Zachman, and Don Hulse 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.

Renewal Season For The RMRRRC Is Here

This year the club will again send a renewal invoice to each member. Some households will receive more than one renewal. Expect to see the renewal invoices in your mail box about November 14th or 15th. Each renewal form has spaces provided to correct any errors with your contact information. Members if you use email please make sure we have the correct information.

The membership year is January 1st through December 31st of each year. There will be no increase in dues for 2014. To maintain membership in RMRRRC, 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 week in February. If you wish to keep your seniority please make sure that you have renewed by then.

Your membership card will be mailed to you in a mid-March. More information about this mailing will be provided in the *Rail Report* at a later time.

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

Colorado Railroad Museum 2013 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

Open Car Saturday November 16

Santa Claus Special
December 7, 14, 15, 21

Colorado Rails & Cocktails An Evening Of Colorado History

The American Hobo
December 13 – 6:00 PM

Hobos are often thought to be a product of 1930s America, but in fact the hobo experience spans over 140 years of railroad history. Between 1870 and today, a cornucopia of different people rode the rails for free, including immigrants searching for a better life, American socialists agitating labor movements, displaced war veterans searching for a little peace, adventure-seekers chasing the thrill, and even out-of-work railroadmen looking for the next job. Join us at the Colorado Railroad Museum as Museum Curator Lauren Giebler explores the rich history of the American hobo and discusses what exactly it is that keeps people ridin' the rails.

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>

Intermountain Chapter NRHS Presents its 52nd Annual Banquet Sunday, November 17, 2013

In "The Nicklaus Room" at the
Indian Tree Country Club
7555 Wadsworth Boulevard
Arvada, CO 80003

Featuring "A Toast to Jack:" Honoring the
memory, good work, and inspiration of
Jack Shafer

Schedule:

1:00 PM – Cocktail and Social Hour
2:00 PM – Buffet Banquet begins, followed
by our program, awards, and door prizes.

In addition to remembering Jack, Richard Luckin, our program director, decided it was time to honor our most senior members in the Chapter. Therefore, he will present a special program to honor Tom Moss with the showing of Richard's documentary, *Sound of Freedom*, which is about the Berlin Airlift. Made for the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base near St. Louis, Tom Moss is one of the pilots featured in the program. Since our Banquet follows Veterans Day, this historic documentary is most appropriate.

Menu:

Chicken Cordon Bleu
Chef's Potatoes
Vegetable du Jour
Tossed Salad with Dressing
Rolls and Butter
Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Water, and Lemonade

Price: \$35.00 per person. Space is limited.
Deadline for reservations at the Chapter
office (303-298-0377) is Tuesday, November
12, so don't delay.

Sorry, no drop-ins.

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Mike Tinetti, Nathan Zachman, Dave Schaaf, Don Hulse.

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.

Newsletter Contributions

Newsletter contributions and items for publication should be sent to:

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