

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

Otto Perry's Rio Grande Articulateds Part II The Joint Line, The Royal Gorge & Tennessee Pass

Presented by Don Hulse

September 10th, 2013 • 7:30 PM

This video shows almost every class of articulated south from Denver as they surmount the 52 miles of unrelieved 1.42% grade to Palmer Lake. Included are photos of the boiler explosion at Louviers and breathtaking panoramas in the Arkansas Valley as we follow the 3600's working up the 1.50% grade to the 10,200 foot summit of Tennessee Pass. In addition we ride with Otto Perry on a beautiful November day from La Veta aboard the short lived day passenger train in 1953.

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.**

RMRRRC 2013 Calendar

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| 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, "GRAND CENTRAL: An American Treasure" presented by Rich Luckin. |
| December 10th | Annual Meeting and Program to be announced. |

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.

Georgetown Loop Special Lunch Charter



The Georgetown Loop Railroad West Side Lumber Company Shay Number 9 sits on the High Bridge while the Club charter train led by Georgetown Loop Locomotive 1203 passes underneath. – Photo © 2013 Wally Weart.

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 Neal Miller photo of Great Western engine 75 in Loveland, Colorado, on October 19, 1957.



The Georgetown Loop Railroad West Side Lumber Company Shay Number 9 passes the Club charter train led by Georgetown Loop Locomotive 1203.
– Photo © 2013 Wally Weart.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

What a terrific experience nearly 100 members and guests enjoyed at the August Club meeting. Not only did we take a trip with the original Club member Ed Haley (by way of speaker Chuck Albi) to Leadville on the Denver, South Park & Pacific, we also met several other Ed Haley's. Ed Haley's son and grandsons as well as several other members of the Haley clan were with us for this trip back in time. As a special treat, Ed Haley (today's senior family member) donated to us all of the original Ed Haley's Club newsletters, Rail Reports and many of his post cards that were sent to Club members announcing meetings dating back to the 1940s. This generosity will be archived by the Foundation. It's clear that the DSP&P, Chuck Albi and the topic of narrow gauge travel attracted

many members and guests as this was our biggest meeting turnout in 2013.

Our thanks also to Ron Gabel, nephew of Club member Ed Haley who likewise generously donated to the Foundation back issues of the *Rail Report* and a collection of HO gauge model railroad equipment, track and accessories. The Board is evaluating the best way to use this donation, perhaps in promoting model railroading for Boy Scouts or Youth in Model Railroading.

Another special presentation that evening was Dan Edwards' reading of excerpts of the speech Mac Poor made more than 50 years ago describing how he worked with the Club to write and publish the now well-known history of

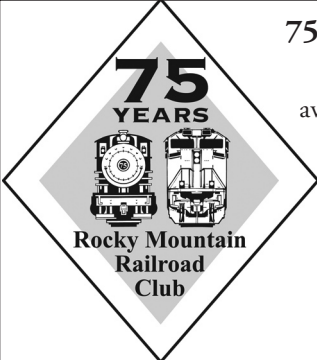
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the Denver, South Park & Pacific. The Railway and Locomotive Historical Society had planned to publish Poor's work, but he had prepared such a voluminous manuscript after 10 years of research that the Society demanded he reduce it by one-half! Poor refused, and the Club came to the rescue by agreeing to publish his book in its entirety. The pre-publication price was \$10.00 (\$12.50 post publication), and within four months all 1,000 copies had been sold. Our August meeting recreated many memories similar to those members would have experienced in the early years of the Club. Thanks to all of you who joined us.

As noted by the insert in this issue, the Club's 75th Anniversary banquet will be held at the Denver Chop House on Saturday, October 12th, starting at 11:00 AM. The luncheon buffet will begin at 11:30 and the program at approximately 12:45. We are looking forward to Trains Magazine editor Jim Wrinn sharing with us "A Year in the Life of a Trains Editor." There will also be door prizes and the world premier release of the Club's newest video, *Journey to Yesteryears – 1938-2013*. There is valet

parking available for \$8 and pay parking lots are nearby. You may want to consider taking the Light Rail or 16th Street Mall Shuttle as the Denver Chop House is just two blocks northeast of Union Station. It might be a chance to see the extensive renovation taking place near Union Station. The cost per person is \$35 (the Club is actually subsidizing a significant portion of each meal to make this event affordable). Send those reservations in early.

You'll also find another insert describing the San Luis & Rio Grande excursion planned for September 27, 28 and 29. Three days of travel between Alamosa and Monte Vista, Alamosa and Antonito and Alamosa and LaVeta all for \$179! Our hope is that steam locomotive Number 18 will be used on all three legs. However, as of late August, the railroad was troubleshooting problems with the steamers' drivers. Depending on the fix to those problems, they may have to substitute diesel for steam power. These trips still offer rare mileage for passenger trains pulled either by steam or freight diesel. We'll keep you posted.



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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).
- 16 ounce glass mug with logo (\$10.00)
- 75th Anniversary logo patch (\$4.00)
- Enameled logo lapel pin (\$5.00)



The 844 crew did two long reverse moves for the railfans on the Cheyenne Depot Museum's 2013 Steam Train Excursion. – Photo © 2013 Bill May.

Information For The Rail Enthusiast

By Dave Schaaf

Union Pacific #844 had a beautiful day for a railfan excursion on July 21, 2013, though the line was busy with freight. The Sunday return trip of the Frontier Days train found the crew making a special effort to give a couple of run-bys near the northern edge of Colorado.

We mentioned in January that the U.P. was looking at restoring a 4-8-8-4 steam loco. Their steam team has been spending time in California inspecting and prepping Big Boy #4014 for movement to Cheyenne for that purpose. The railroad has arranged the transfer with the help of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society chapter that has cared for it since 1962. This Alco engine was built in September of 1941 as one of 25,

of which 8 survive.

BNSF Railway brought in a business train and curtailed operations through Ft. Collins, Colorado, one day last month. A major bicycling event passed through town, and the railroad wanted to help with traffic and crowd control to avoid accidents.

The Railway & Locomotive Historical Society has honored Cornelius W. Hauck for a lifetime of service and excellence in railroad history. Hauck, who is also a long-time member of the Club and the CRRM, joined the Society in the 1940s and has been one of its officers.

Former Club president Bob LeMassena celebrated his 99th birthday last month!

Information For The Rail Enthusiast



Rail transit - new and old. An RTD light rail car set travels on the newly opened W-Line on the left while restored Car No. 25 operates on the right during an open house organized by the Lakewood Heritage, Culture and the Arts Alliance.

– Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.

A Monte Vista, Colorado, railroad reached its centennial. The San Luis Central began freight and passenger service September 1, 1913.

Former New Mexico Governor Dave Cargo died in early July. He was first elected in 1966, and had a major influence in saving the narrow gauge line from Chama to Antonito. D&RGW #315 performed well at the Durango RailFest, and will be making some special runs on the C&TS in September. There could be a chance of 463 and 315 running near each other, and maybe even Goose #5. This summer, engine 463 has been part of a TV series called Gunslingers that will run later this year on cable.

In England 75 years ago, the “Mallard” set the speed record at 126 mph for

the fastest steam passenger engine.

In August, Frank Bookstaver retired from New Jersey Transit as the oldest railroad dispatcher in America at 85. He had worked for the Erie, later Erie Lackawanna, and NJ Transit. He wrote his resignation letter on a typewriter.

A Virginia & Truckee Railroad charter will feature McCloud #18 and Virginia & Truckee #29 on February 5-6, 2014. See www.lerroproductions.com for information.

Amtrak set an all-time record for the most passengers in one month – 2.9 million – for the month of July 2013, a 4.8% year-over-year increase.

Denver’s RTD transit system is plan-

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ning to donate some unused rail to the depot and roundhouse in Como, Colorado.

Kentucky-based R.J. Corman Railroad Group's founder and namesake lost his battle with cancer last month. He was 58 years old. The company operates

short-lines, dinner trains, Railpower Locomotive group, and also works on derailments in many states.

Frank J. Richter, a journalist who covered the rail industry for more than 60 years, including 36 with Progressive Railroading, died in July at 97.

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club 75th Anniversary Banquet Luncheon

October 12, 2013 • Socializing at 11:00 AM, Lunch At 11:30 AM
At The Denver Chophouse & Brewery – Caboose Room
— The Site Of The Original Club Meetings —
1735 19th Street in Downtown Denver

Featuring Guest Speaker: Jim Wrinn, Editor of *Trains Magazine*
Presenting “A Year in the Life of a Trains Editor”

See the insert in this *Rail Report* for details and to order tickets.

San Luis & Rio Grande Excursion

September 27, 28 and 29, 2013

See the insert in this *Rail Report* for details of the special three-day excursion on the San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad out of Alamosa, Colorado. All three days may be steam powered using their 2-8-0 Number 18 or powered by one of their unique diesel locomotives. **At the time of this printing, the use of SL&RG steam engine Number 18 for the trip is dependent upon the railroad's ability to resolve driver issues with the locomotive.** The four car consist will include a Dome, Club, Coach and the Lookout Mountain (an open car). Tickets for the entire three-day trip (not including any C&TS tickets) are \$179 per person.

Ticket sales are handled directly by the SL&RG

To order tickets use the link on the Club website:

<http://www.rockymtnrrclub.org/> and click on BUY TICKETS ON THE SPECIAL

Or use the direct link to the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad website:

<https://www.coloradotrain.com/rocky-mountain-rr-club.html>

Or call the San Luis & Rio Grande at 877-726-7245

Please note that tickets for the Antonito - Osier portion are not included and must be purchased directly from the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. The C&TS is offering 10% off all classes of tickets – mention you are with the RMRRRC trip or use discount code ROCKY13 online. Call 888.286.2737 for C&TS reservations.

September RMRRC Club Excursions



On September 1948, Club members gathered around the Silver Vista at Cimarron, Colorado. Bill Gordon, Morris Cafky and R. H. Kindig have been identified.



UP #535 is at North Gate, Colorado, on the UP Coalmont branch. Note the end of the observation car at the far left. This September 15, 1957, Club trip was unique in that it included six stock cars, with odors, departing Laramie, Wyoming.
– F. G. Gschwind photo, Tom Klingler collection.

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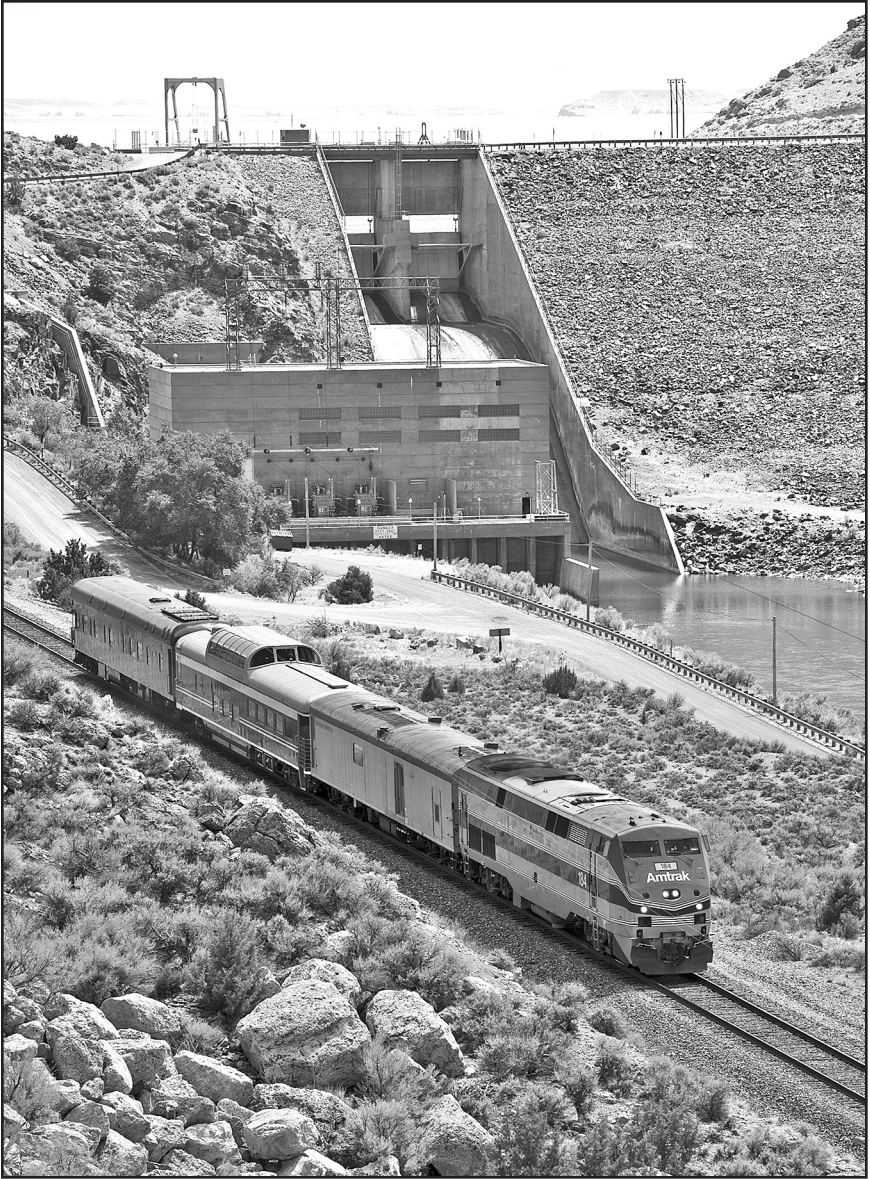


Now, sixty-five years later can you identify others?
– Photo from the Irv August - Ed Gerlits collection.



GW #90 was photographed on the Roulard trestle between Eaton and Severance on its last Club trip on September 9, 1962.
– Neal Miller photo, Tom Klinger collection.

Amtrak Fisherman Special



Amtrak 184, a Phase IV painted Heritage unit, was leased for a passenger special from Denver to Greybull, Wyoming, August 2 - 5, 2013. The train passed Boysen Dam near Wind River Canyon south of Thermopolis, Wyoming, on August 5, 2013. The train was chartered to fish along BNSF tracks at various locations in Wyoming. Two or three stops were made to fish in the Wind River and Big Horn River that afternoon. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

Amtrak Fisherman Special



Summer brings memorable fishing trips. Southern 1 business car now private varnish, Bella Vista - 800212 dome and Mid-America Rail Car Leasing (MRLX) head-end power (HEP) / baggage / kitchen cars were behind Amtrak 184 on the Denver to Greybull, Wyoming, special. The train is shown here in Wind River Canyon entering a tunnel north of Boysen Dam on August 5th. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.



Amtrak conductor (left along track, white shirt with tie) stopped the three car passenger special with BNSF's Fort Worth dispatcher permission at milepost 329.1 to fish along BNSF's Wind River Canyon, Wyoming, on August 5, 2013 between 3:00 and 3:30 PM. Crew woman (lower right along river) took photos of the group. The train departed Denver on August 3rd. On August 5th the train ran from Casper, to Greybull, Wyoming. No word what they had for dinner that evening. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

Current Railroad Happenings



Eastbound Amtrak train #6 was assisted by a UP motor on July 30, 2013, because of brake problems. UP 7095 was added at Glenwood Springs to assist Amtrak's 100 and 46. The train crawled through Byers Canyon, but once clear of that, it resumed speed out of Hot Sulphur Springs. Amtrak's #6 was well over 5-hours late into Lincoln, Nebraska. – Photo © 2013 Nina Wood.



American Railway Explorer private varnish Kansas (business car, ex-D&RGW 100 Wilson McCarthy) and California dome sleeper visited Colorado in July. The cars came east on Amtrak train 6 arriving in Denver on July 20, 2013. The cars departed Denver on July 22, 2013, headed for Seattle, Washington. Here the train was approaching Fraser, Colorado, on July 22nd. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

Current Railroad Happenings



BNSF 5317 North handled a Topeka, Kansas, to Sheridan, Wyoming, 16-car passenger train deadheading up the Joint Line that passed Littleton, Colorado on July 28, 2013. Passenger cars; 30-Glacier View, 28-Mountain View, 10-Lake Superior, 1-Mississippi River, 6-Topeka, 8-John S. Reed, 60-Deschutes River, 65-Raton Pass, 67-Trincheria Pass, 50-Stampede Pass, 3-Red River, 4-Missouri River, 64-Marias Pass, 51-Snoqualmie Pass, 66-Cajon Pass and 32-William Barstow Strong theater inspection car on the rear. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.



Boeing 737-900 fuselages from Wichita, Kansas, were shipped via BNSF's H KCKSPO1 25a (Kansas City, Kansas, to Spokane, Washington). BNSF 740 was up front. The train parked at South Denver with five Boeing fuselages. BNSF temporarily detoured these trains via Colorado in July 2013. BNSF 4422 South had unit cement train U IRCPUE1 23t (Irondale to Pueblo, Colorado). – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

H.P. Thode Collection Sale

Club members will have one last opportunity to purchase the remaining titles from the H.P. Thode collection at the September 10th meeting. On behalf of the Thode estate, we thank those of you who made the sale a success at the August meeting. In September, the remaining titles will be reduced in price and available to purchase for cash or by check.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2013 Scheduled

Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

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| 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

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>

Friday, September 20, 2013 Dinner Meeting and Program at IHOP

Jerry Decker returns, by popular demand, to present *Passenger Trains of Colorado, Part Two* of the program he gave in June. He started taking railroad photos in 1963. Jerry is a third-generation railroader, having begun his career with the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad in 1962 and retiring from its successor, the Union Pacific Railroad, in 2000.

Changes To Dinner Meeting Process:

We now conduct our dinner meetings at the IHOP at 5280 Wadsworth Bypass (one block north of the old Lone Star) in Arvada. Go to 53rd and turn east, you will be there. Lots of parking and well lit. The food is good and priced right. The menu is varied from breakfast, lunch, and dinner items available all day. The meeting room is larger than the one at Lone Star and we have it from 5:30 to 8:30.

No reservations at the Chapter office for head count required, though IHOP management has been informed to expect 20-25+ people, so please plan to attend the program and support the Chapter.

When you arrive tell the IHOP personnel you're with the railroad club. No minimum dollar amount of food to purchase is required to attend, but please order something. The gratuity will NOT be pre-added to your dinner check. You'll calculate your own. Dinner orders begin at 5:30 and the program begins at 7:00. So, please arrive accordingly to be served in time to enjoy both your meal and the program.

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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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