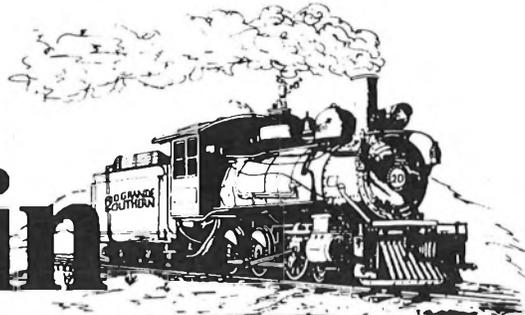


Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

MEETING SCHEDULE:

March 11, 1986 -- 7:45 p.m.

Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University at Bates. Off-street parking at rear (east) of meeting hall. Please use the building's south entrance.

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CURRENT NEWS AND HISTORICAL NOTES OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROADING PUBLISHED MONTHLY FOR ITS MEMBERS BY THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB.

MARCH 11 PROGRAM

Once again we eagerly look forward to the Potpourri program where many Club members are able to show their best slides of railroad topics. Those members who supplied Edwin with their slides at the February meeting will be allowed to participate first as all of these slides will already be in trays. If time permits, we will also show any slides brought to the March meeting. If you have a name slide from a previous year, please include it with your other material. Please remember..... slides should be in focus and correctly exposed!!!

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Due to the late meeting date in February, the March newsletter went to press prior to the February meeting and so your editor cannot review the program this month. The program is being given by Jim Ozment on little-known D&RGW railroad construction projects including grades and even a tunnel that few know about.

DEATHS

It is with profound regret that we announce the death of our membership chairman, Mary Carlson. Mary passed away at her home on Sunday, February 9th. She is survived by her husband, past Club president, Carl and her son, Norm.

Mary has been, and continued to be, very active in the RMRRRC, helping Carl over the years to fulfill his obligations as Club president, Club treasurer, and as a current board member. Mary performed tasks ranging from secretary to bookkeeper, but will be best remembered for her hospitality, providing varied and delicious refreshments at board meetings and other committee meetings at the Carlson home. In providing help and hospitality, Mary was tireless.

In her own right, Mary was always involved in Club doings. She helped mail the monthly newsletter for years, revised and proofed the Club rosters, and has been involved in membership far longer than her title would suggest. It was Mary who kept track of members so far as change of addresses, new members, deaths and membership numbers (a particularly time-consuming job), even when Carl was treasurer and all this was part of that position. It would be impossible to understate the importance that Mary represented to the Club and her death is a truly great loss to the Club and its members.

On a personal level, Mary was a wonderful person to be around and work with on any project. Mary possessed a pleasant personality, was intelligent and witty. We will all miss her greatly and wish to express our sincere sympathy to Carl and the rest of Mary's family. (J. Trowbridge)

NEW MEMBERS

Due to the untimely death of Mary Carlson, we do not have the current list of new members to publish this month. We will include these with next month's listing.

1986 EVENTS CALENDAR

Mar. 23	D&RGW Ski Train Trip
April 26	Burlington-Northern Shop Tour
May 17	Colorado RR Museum Work Day
May 24	Alternate Equipment Work Day
May 20-	
June 2	Expo '86, Vancouver Excursion
June 15	Ft. Collins Trolley Excursion and Family Picnic
July 12	Wyoming/UP Field Trip
Aug. 9-10	Alpine Tunnel Field Trip
Aug. 29-	
Sept. 1	Amtrak/Omaha-UP Excursion
Oct. 11	Annual Banquet

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Release of the Club's membership cards for 1986 may be delayed due to Mary Carlson's death. Please note that when they are sent out, your newsletter will arrive in an envelope marked to the effect that your membership card is enclosed!!! In the meantime, please accept our apologies and bear with us.

RMRRRC 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Your editor has become bogged down with a number of activities and has requested to be relieved of the chairmanship of the 50th Anniversary Committee. Former treasurer, Ardie Schoeninger was asked to take over as chairman and accepted the position. Ardie will, actually, co-chair the committee with his wife, Cyndi Trombly.

Ardie and Cyndi have a number of ideas on the general celebration, including a week-long series of activities that will provide out-of-state members to schedule vacation time in Colorado and take in many railroading activities. Our co-chairmen would like to hear from the membership as regards any additional ideas for the celebration and would also like to have members come forth and volunteer their help to organize and carry out the many projects that will be taking place. Ardie and Cyndi can be reached by writing to them at 4261 S. Richfield Way, Aurora, Colorado 80013, or, calling (303) 699-8838, evenings. This will be an exciting event and we encourage all members to participate in some manner.

A HISTORY OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

While Ardie and Cyndi will take over the general celebration of the Club's 50th Anniversary, your editor will continue to work on preparing a history of the Club.

As previously stated in the January issue of the Rail Report, I have asked a number of long-time members to begin writing articles on various aspects of the Club's history. Jack Thode will be writing an article explaining how the Club was originally organized, Irv August is preparing an essay on what he believes to be the most fantastic excursion ever run by the RMRRRC (no small chore!) and Dick Kindig has promised to search his fabulous photo collection for photographic essays on Club functions. These are just a few of the people I have contacted so far. I know that there are many other members who can add to the history. PLEASE, take some time to help in this effort!!!

It is planned to publish much of this information in the newsletter and then, if possible, put it into book-form as one project to celebrate our 50th.

Some of the kinds of information we are requesting include essays on particularly interesting trips, meetings, banquets, equipment purchases and preservation projects. Photographic embellishments are very much welcomed.

A good example of an interesting story with photographs appeared in the December, 1984 issue of the Rail Report where Ed Haley provided the history of the Club's tail-plate. Such articles will receive a "by line" in the newsletter and book. All photographs will be given proper credit.

Such a project cannot be accomplished overnight. We have just two years until our anniversary date--April, 1988! Get out those old photographs and start searching the back recesses of your minds for stories and information. Even bits and pieces of information may help to round out someone else's story.

We cannot put this project off until 1988

or even 1987! Please respond immediately! Let's do an outstanding job of recording the Club's history.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Loss...
Twice within a month, the membership of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club has been shocked to learn of the death of a Club Officer's wife. In January, the death of Gini Lehrer, wife of Trip Chairman, Bud Lehrer stunned us. We will never forget Gini's cheerfulness and joyful companionship that so brightened last summer's European trip. Scarcely a month later, we learned of the death of Mary Carlson, wife of former Club president and Current Board member, Carl Carlson. Mary was also a Club officer, being in charge of membership. But, Mary did so much more for the Club. She was always quick to volunteer her considerable baking talents, if refreshments (particularly chocolate flavored ones) were needed. (Mary and I shared a passion for Frango Mints from Marshall Field's, in Chicago). When my "little brother," Jerry, first began to join Club functions, it was Mary who spoke to him and made him feel a real part of Club activities. She had that ability. We all loved Mary and Gini deeply and miss them terribly. Our most heartfelt sympathies go to Carl, Bud, and their families.

Loss of another kind is facing us. Passage of the Gramm-Rudman Bill by Congress late last year has ominous implications for Amtrak. This bill triggers automatic spending cuts in all areas of government, including Amtrak, if the budget deficit continues to grow. In a recent appearance on David Brinkley's "This Week in Washington" television program, White House Chief of Staff, Donald Regan, was the guest. When asked to name one domestic area of the budget that could be cut to relieve the deficit, he gave a one-word reply, "Amtrak!" Last year's battle to save Amtrak was nearly lost because Congress did not hear strongly, or often enough from rail passenger supporters. Have those who see the need for the world's richest nation to continue to support a passenger rail system grown apathetic or weary of the fight? Certainly, the next 12 months will tell.



President, Keith Kirby (left) presents the Club's token of appreciation to our former Club treasurer, Ardie Schoeninger. Ardie received a lithograph of Otto Kuhler's "DESERT STORM," which is signed and numbered and framed with an engraved plaque stating... "To Ardie Schoeninger in appreciation for his long and devoted service to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club." Ardie (right) was very pleased with the lithograph. Ardie's new position in the Club will be that of Co-chairman of the Club's 50th Anniversary Committee. We wish, to again, thank Ardie for his seven years of service as the Club's treasurer.

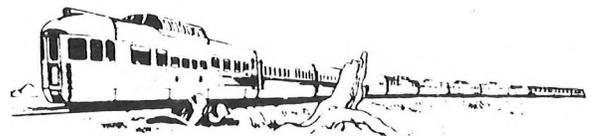
COMMENTS FROM PAST TRIPS CHAIRMAN

We received a letter from Joe Niklas, former Trip Committee Chairman asking us to thank all those Club members who contributed to the success of various trips during Joe's tenure in parts of 1984-85. With the possibility of missing someone, we will not list names, but express our thanks in general, but also express a hardy "thank you" to Joe for his efforts in the Club's behalf.

Joe is starting a new business this year and has his hands full at this time. He expresses a desire to again be of help in the future as time permits.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We are always happy to receive information about railroading in the Rocky Mountain region and, very often, as space permits, use other regional data. We encourage our members to participate in the newsletter. Should you have something you wish to share with fellow members, please send it to the attention of the editor, Rocky Mountain Rail Report, 502 South Cody St., Lakewood, Colorado 80226.



RMRRC PRESERVATION FUND

A new committee has been formed in the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. It will be dealing with the preservation of railroad items that the board feels should be restored, preserved and maintained in such a way that a part of history of railroadiana will not disappear from the landscape.

We are talking about such things as water tanks, depots, turntables, roundhouses, etc., not locomotives and rolling stock, although we are not ruling out anything at this point. An example is that in many communities, they have the manpower to do the painting, repair and replacement, etc., but do not have the funds with which to purchase the materials needed to do the work, such as the lumber, nails, and paint. It is the desire of the Club and Preservation Committee to raise the funds for such materials and to expend these funds to groups or organizations engaged in the restoration and preservation of such projects.

We would like to see this project begin here in Colorado first, and then, if the fund increases, move on to other projects in adjoining states in the Rocky Mountain region. One of our first projects might be to restore one of the last remaining water tanks on the narrow gauge main line of the Denver & Rio Grande, located in Sargent's, Colorado, on the Marshall Pass route which ran from Salida, over the pass and down to Gunnison and on up to Montrose. The owners of the land on which the tank sits would have the manpower to provide labor to do the needed repair and restoration, but cannot afford to buy the materials. Another project might be the depot in Fleming, Colorado. This is one of the last depots on the old CB&Q route and needs a new roof and paint job.

You have been advised previously about the establishment of this fund through the newsletter. We plan to increase the fund through a raffle-type drawing at each of our regular monthly meetings. Many fine books and railroad artifacts have been secured as prizes. It will, however, take some time to establish any reasonable

amount of funds with just this effort. We may consider additional projects to benefit the Preservation Fund, but the committee thought that each of our members might like to help get the Fund firmly established right away.

We have just over 1100 club members at this time and we thought that every member might wish to send just \$1.00 to help establish a workable fund, allowing the Club to get underway with some initial projects this Spring and Summer. Even in this economy, we feel that most can afford one dollar to preserve our railroad history. Won't you help? If every Club member sent in just \$1.00, we would have sufficient funding to do much this very year!!! Of course, we would be very grateful for any donations above the \$1.00 mark.

We look forward to your response, and, if you have any ideas concerning any projects in Colorado that might benefit from this fund, please contact the Preservation Committee, c/o Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, P. O. Box 2391, Denver, Colorado 80201

John Dillavou and Jack Morison,
co-chairmen, Preservation Committee

Yes, I would like to participate in getting the preservation fund started immediately!

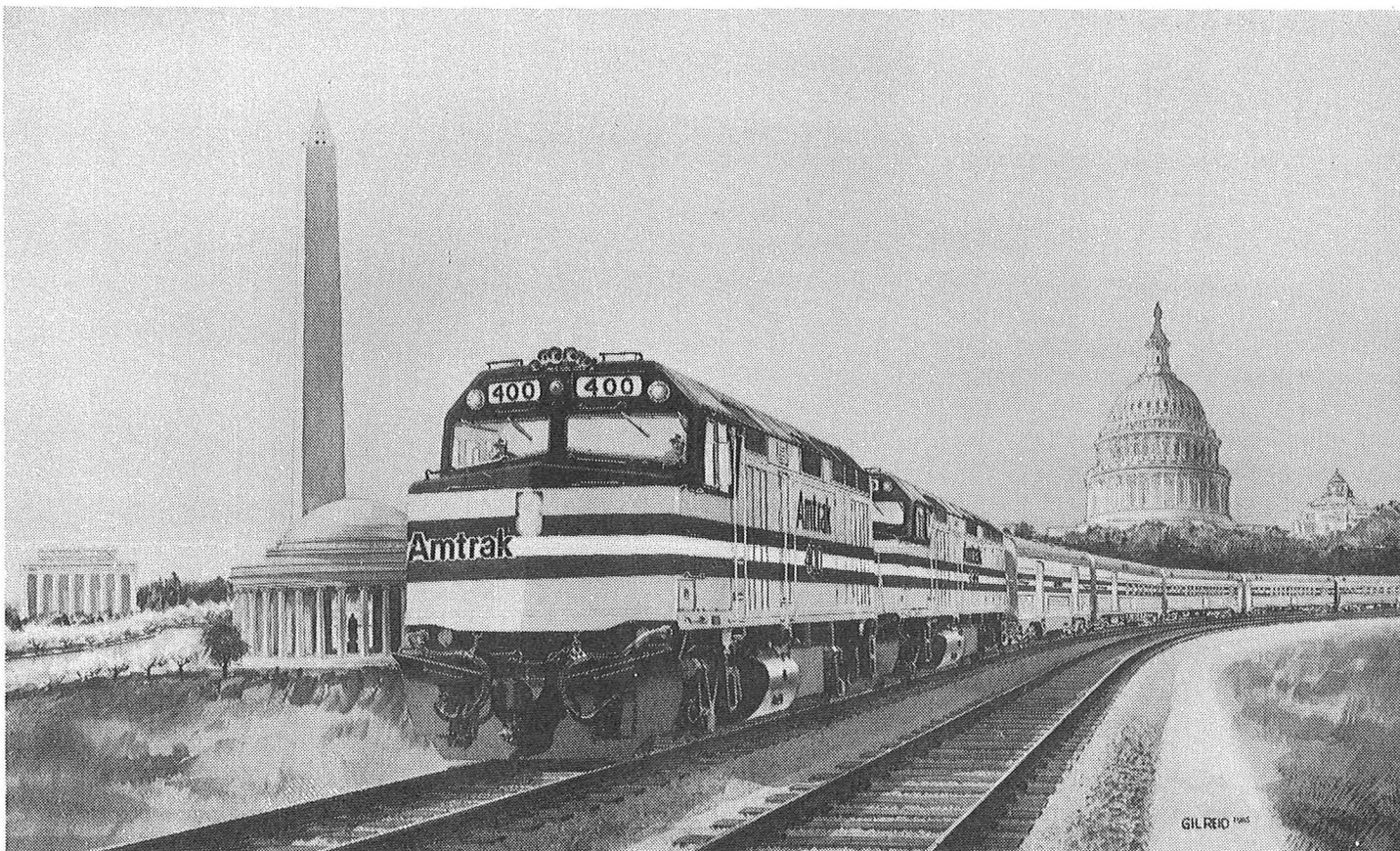
NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

(Make checks payable to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club)

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1986 AMTRAK CALENDAR

Amtrak's annual year-at-a-glance calendar for 1986 focuses, for the first time, on the nation's capitol city and pictures one of the top "name trains" serving it.

The train is the "Crescent," which stops in Washington on its daily 1,379-mile round trips between New York and New Orleans. It is Amtrak's longest-distance train in the East.

The painting, by rail artist Gil Reid, continuing in a series commissioned by Amtrak, portrays the Crescent headed south toward the Potomac River bridge. In the background is the cherry blossom-lined Tidal Basin and some of Washington's most famous landmarks--the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial and Tidal Basin, Washington Monument, Capitol Building and the Library of Congress. Many of these may be seen from the train.

The painting is featured on the top por-

tion of the wall-size 23½-by-33½-inch calendar, showing all the year's dates at a glance.

Washington's Union Station, now undergoing extensive reconstruction (and not shown), is the third busiest of the more than 475 stations served by Amtrak on its 24,000-mile system. It is used by some 2.4 million Amtrak passengers yearly.

The Crescent, carrying more than 300,000 passengers yearly, is one of Amtrak's most popular long-distance trains. Intermediate stops south of Washington include Charlottesville, Va., Charlotte, N.C., Atlanta and Birmingham. North of Washington, intermediate stops include Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Copies of the calendar (\$4.50 for one, \$8.00 for two \$10.00 for three) may be ordered from: Amtrak Calendar, P. O. Box 7717, Dept. S, Itasca, Ill. 60143.

TOURIST RAILROADS IN COLORADO

With summer vacations being planned at this time, we thought you might like a listing of railroads and museums that might fit into your plans. The following Colorado railroads and working museums are open during the summer months (some beyond) and are well worth the time and money to ride or visit. You may contact the railroad or museum at the addresses shown.

COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM
P. O. Box 10
17155 W. 44th Avenue
Golden, Colorado 80402
(303) 279-4591

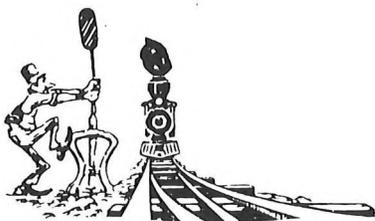
CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD
P. O. Box 789
Chama, New Mexico 87520
(505) 756-2151

DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD
479 Main Avenue
Durango, Colorado 81301
(303) 247-2733

FT. COLLINS MUNICIPAL RAILWAY SOCIETY
P. O. Box 635
Ft. Collins, Colorado 80522
(303) 221-0578

GEORGETOWN LOOP RAILROAD
P. O. Box 217
Georgetown, Colorado 80444
(303) 279-6101

MANITOU AND PIKE'S PEAK RAILWAY
P. O. Box 1329
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901
(303) 658-5401



RMRRC AUTHORS

Fellow Club member, Bob Griswold, has completed a new book entitled Rio Grande along the Rio Grande which is now being printed and bound. Publication date has been set for June 1, 1986. Apparently, Bob has produced this in connection with the centennial celebration of Monte Vista.

The book features the history of the great San Luis Valley, and describes the important role of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway in developing Rio Grande County. The 200-plus-page volume is crammed with dozens of distinctive photos (Bob tells me it contains "loads of Thodes." Editor.), maps and drawings. Included is a complete history of Monte Vista's own railroad, the San Luis Central.

Bob is producing this book himself and is currently offering a prepublication price of \$18.75, which includes sales taxes. A mailing charge of \$1.50 is additional. The regular retail price will be \$22.50 after publication.

Bob can be contacted as follows: P. R. (Bob) Griswold, 3470 South Popular Street, #310, Denver, Colorado 80224.



SWAP 'N SHOP

Personal ads are accepted from members for items to be listed for sale or trade or wanted. We cannot enter into any correspondence, nor will we appraise them.

FOR SALE: Morris Cafky's COLORADO MIDLAND in excellent condition; dust cover worn. \$150.00. H. H. Moler, 3445 N. Romero, Tucson, Arizona 85705. Telephone: (602) 888-3249.

STEAM EXPO '86 — VANCOUVER

Details of the Expo '86 excursion were made available in the February issue of the Rail Report. Space is about three-quarters reserved so we suggest you make your plans now if you wish to take advantage of this fine trip.

Our Expo '86 excursion begins May 20th for those traveling by train and ends June 2nd. Fares cover 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, 12 nights in first class hotels, all Expo '86 and museum admissions, and all transportation and tours as outlined in the February newsletter.

Costs from Denver (per person, double occupancy)

1 Rail (coach)	\$1,355
2 Rail (economy sleeper)	1,458
3 Rail (deluxe sleeper)	1,620
4 Air	1,475
5 Air/Rail combination	1,485
	to 1,750
Single Supplement	500

Deposit required by February 28th -- \$500
 (Depending on when this newsletter is sent out, some changes made be necessary and some accomodations such as deluxe sleepers may be filled)

Mail deposit to Allen Miller, Alpine World Travel, 1555 South Havana Street, Aurora, Colorado 80012. Telephone: (303) 752-0900.

STEAM EXPO '86 ORDER FORM

Please reserve the following:

Number	Item	Amount
_____	Rail (coach)	\$ _____
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_____	Rail (deluxe sleeper)	_____
_____	Air	_____
_____	Air/Rail combination	***

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