



Fort Collins Trolley and Union Pacific Cheyenne Shops Tour

May 17, 2003, Saturday

Join us for the exciting tour of the rebuilding of UP 844. Explore the new firebox being installed; visit UP 3985, the largest operating steam locomotive in the US, as it is prepared for our steam excursion July 20. Let the sun warm your arm as you rumble down Mountain Avenue riding an original Birney car in spring time Fort Collins. This will be an interesting and educational ride on the Fort Collins Municipal Railway Society's Birney Safety car #21. The FCMRS has beautifully restored this car, its gleaming green and cream exterior and varnished walk over seats await you. Unfortunately we must charge a bit more than the 5 cent fare when the car was retired.

We will then motor north to downtown Cheyenne for a lunch break. We will stop by the Albany Restaurant across the street from the depot. Lunch is on our own, so if you desire, climb the steps of the bridge and spend the time watching or photographing trains. After lunch we will make a brief stop at Big Boy #4004 displayed at Holliday Park for photographs. Then we arrive at the roundhouse and back shops of the UP. Against this backdrop of historic buildings that have seen so much, 844 lays exposed for your detailed inspection as it finishes its second year of a complete overhaul. In more complete condition check out Challenger #3985 as it is readied for its July trips. At the end of the roundhouse is 2-10-2 #5511, the only engine in existence with Young valve gear. Check out the rotary plow or how 4-8-4 #838 gives its all to keep 844 alive.

Trip Features:

Go north on I-25 and exit at 120th Avenue. Go east two blocks and turn right on Pennsylvania entering into the parking lot. Turn left and park on the north side of the lot in front of Big Lots. Bus departs at 8:00 AM with loading starting at 7:30 AM. We arrive at the Fort Collins Trolley 9:30 AM. Bus divides into two groups: one group rides, one photographs, then switch. There will be photo run-bys. Depart Fort Collins 11:00 AM. Arrive Cheyenne 12:15 PM and eat at Albany Restaurant. **YOU WILL BUY YOUR OWN MEAL ORDERING OFF THEIR MENU.** If you finish early you can walk on the overpass and photograph trains. We bus to Holliday Park to see UP Big Boy #4004 at 2:00 PM. Bus will be at back shops and passenger roundhouse at 2:30 PM to see the restoration of #844. Tripod is recommended for low light. Wear appropriate clothing for grease. Arrive Denver at 6:00 PM.

Trip and cancellation policies:

Tour will be limited to 50 people. **BUY NOW!** We will issue full refund less \$15.00 per order handling charge up to April 30. After that there will be no refunds. We will sell tickets to May 14 or until 50 are sold. We will maintain a waiting list after the first 50 seats are sold. Reservations are made upon receipt of full fare and in the order they are received. Acceptance of the Club's rules of conduct is agreed to when reservations are made.

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Ticket – RMRRRC members (member, relatives, friends)-----\$46.00 Number _____ Amount \$ _____

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