

All Aboard the San Luis Central Railroad "Pea Vine Flyer"!

And now, for something completely different, RMRRRC members are invited to join the Intermountain Chapter, NRHS, on this unique and very informal rail excursion from Monte Vista, through the San Luis Valley, to Center, CO. Where else can railfans travel 15 miles in two hours, ride all over a diesel engine safely, have photo run-bys on demand, enjoy the scenery of one of Colorado's supreme agricultural areas that includes a national wildlife refuge, partake of a gourmet picnic lunch provided by the Chapter in the heart of the San Luis Central rail yards in Center, and ride in private boxcars provided with folding chairs (or you can bring your own) for seating that you can arrange to suit yourself? The Pea Vine Flyer is such a train. During the return trip, there may be a stop for a tour of a potato processing plant.

Our excursion will be Saturday, September 27, 2003. We suggest you arrange for your own overnight accommodations for Friday night in Monte Vista (contact the Intermountain Chapter NRHS office for a map and lodging list) as the train pulls out from Sugar Junction at 10:00 AM. We return around 3:30 PM.

Early reservation fare for this excursion, including lunch, is \$25 per person, all ages. Fare at trackside is \$30 (we encourage you to make a reservation). Please use the form provided below. **All reservations must be received at the Intermountain Chapter office by Tuesday, September 23, 2003.**

Reservation Form for the "Pea Vine Flyer" Excursion

Use this form to send in your reservation. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. Thank you. Checks and Money Orders are acceptable. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards. Please make check payable to "Intermountain Chapter NRHS" and mail this reservation to Chapter Office: Joyce Mathisen, Intermountain Chapter, NRHS, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Bldg. 3, Denver, CO, 80216.

_____ Persons @ \$25.00 each. Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Special RMRRRC Member Deal on Amtrak Train 5, The California Zephyr

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club has a special deal for seats on train 5, the California Zephyr. **We have seven seats available to members at 1/3 price, \$20, one way from Denver to Helper, Utah, on Monday, July 14.** Yes, that is right, only \$20 to go from Denver to historic Helper. The regular fare is \$60. **This ticket is one way only.**

July 14th is only six days before the RMRRRC 50th Anniversary steam trip behind UP #3985. Anyone coming out just to ride the 3985 should consider riding "Through the Rockies, Not Around Them" as the D&RGW passenger department advertised. The train passes through scenic and historic South Boulder Canyon, the Moffat Tunnel, Fraser River Valley, Byers Canyon, Middle Park, Gore Canyon, Dotsero Cut-Off, Glenwood Canyon, Glenwood Springs, westward to Grand Junction on route of Rio Grande Junction Railway, Ruby Canyon, Cisco (where the first uranium strikes were made), Thompson (where *Thelma and Louise* was filmed at an abandoned depot), Crescent Junction and on into Helper. The train is scheduled to leave Denver at 8:05 AM and arrive at Helper at 7:26 PM (in daylight). You must make arrangements for meals, lodging and your return transportation yourself. The daily California Zephyr, train 6 eastbound, leaves Helper normally at 7:05 AM the following morning. The Amtrak reservations number is 1-800-872-7245.

To buy one of the seven available RMRRRC tickets, contact Steve Mason, RMRRRC trip chairman, at Steve55mason@aol.com or 303-772-6418. Ticket orders will be processed by credit card only (sorry no checks) in the order received upon receipt of the full fare. You must place credit card order by phone and give e-mail address to receive e-tickets as my e-mail address is not secure. Mail in orders will not be accepted. You will receive an electronic ticket in return. You will exchange your e-ticket at Denver Union Station Monday, July 14, with Trains Unlimited, Tours. At this low price, there will be no refunds for any reason. Contact Steve and ride one of the West's finest historic trains! **BUY NOW!**