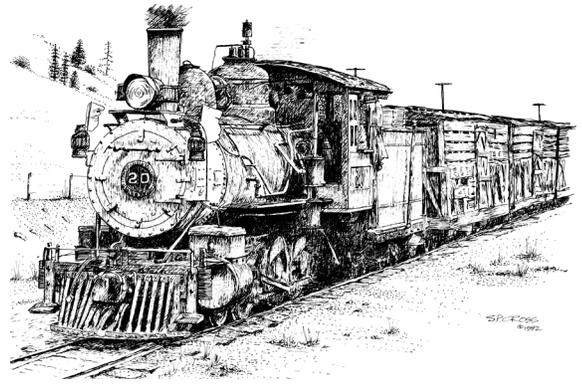


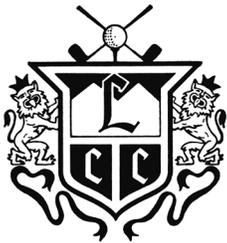
ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL REPORT



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB • ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD HISTORICAL FOUNDATION



Annual Banquet – South Park Surprise

Presented by Jim Ozment

October 15, 2005

Cash Bar at Noon, Lunch at 1:00 PM

Lakewood Country Club

6800 West Tenth Avenue, Lakewood, Colorado

Jim Ozment is well known to many as one of the driving forces to open the Rio Grande after the disastrous landslide in the 1980s at Thistle, Utah. Jim started out on the Bridge and Building gang in 1956. He had previously graduated with a degree in engineering from Washington University. In those days D&RGW President Aydelott felt new hires destined for higher positions first worked “in the trenches.” Jim soon advanced in the engineering department and worked for the D&RGW for 36 years. He was the Utah Division Engineer for the last 14 years.

This year we are hosting a luncheon. Cocktails will be served from a cash bar from Noon to 1:00 PM followed by lunch. The menu selections are Macadamia Nut Crusted Salmon or Top Sirloin Steak. The lunch will be served with a house salad, Chef’s choice of potatoes or rice, market vegetables, petit pans and butter, with chocolate mousse and whipped cream for the finale. You will have your choice of regular or decaffeinated coffee or tea. A vegetarian selection is available upon request.

Our members will have easy access to parking and the building entrance. The beautiful Lakewood Country Club Banquet Room is large with a wonderful view on two sides and a large fireplace should the weather be cold. The choice of a luncheon allows a reasonable price of \$30.00 per person which includes the meal, tax and gratuity.

Make Your Selections For The Video / DVD Potpourri

Please select up to 15 minutes of material you would like to show during the annual Video / DVD Potpourri at the November meeting.

Dave Gross will organize the potpourri. Please provide your selections to Dave at the annual banquet in October or call Dave at 303-779-5186 to make other arrangements.

C&S Caboose Work Project Saturday, October 22, 2005, 9:00 AM By Don Hulse

Come to Bailey for a work project at Colorado & Southern caboose #10600. There are a lot of things that need to be done. Before winter we need to scrape and paint the sides and make sure the roof is sealed.

For information, call Don Hulse at 303-373-5531 and leave a message.

2005 RMRRC Events Schedule

November 8 Meeting	Video / DVD Potpourri
December 13 Meeting	Annual Membership Meeting

2006 RMRRC Events Schedule

January 10 Meeting	To Be Announced
February 14 Meeting	To Be Announced
March 14 Meeting	To Be Announced
April 11 Meeting	To Be Announced
May 9 Meeting	To Be Announced
June 13 Meeting	To Be Announced
July 11 Meeting	To Be Announced
August 8 Meeting	To Be Announced
September 12 Meeting	To Be Announced
October Event	Annual Banquet
November 14 Meeting	To Be Announced
December 12 Meeting	To Be Announced

The deadline for items to be included in the November *Rail Report* is 10/17/05.

Steve Cross at Colorado Railroad Graphics (303-699-9174) provided the drawing of club engine number 20 for the *Rail Report* cover. Other railroad artwork is available.



The Club's chartered Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge train at Elbert Creek on the rock ledge below Rockwood. – Photo © Jean Gross.

From The President

By Jimmy A. Blouch

How time flies. The leaves are turning, the morning air has a chill, and the Club is approaching the end of the year. We have accomplished much of what we set out to do and we can see that the outlook for the Club is much better. We still have many items of importance to tackle and more changes to make if the Club is to survive.

Our Annual Banquet is approaching and I hope to see members from near and far! Reservations look good at this point. We have a great program presented by Jim Ozment, wonderful food, camaraderie and door prizes.

We have reached the end of our trip season for 2005. We had many nice trips supported with a good turn out of our

members. The last two trips were on the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge and the Leadville, Colorado & Southern. The Durango trip was exceptional – well organized by Peter Gilbert and Dave and Jean Gross, and very professionally handled by the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and its wonderful crew. The Leadville trip had a great turn out and was well organized by Milt Cowen and Bob Neher. Again, the Leadville railroad provided an on time professional trip for our members.

Both trips continued the Club's fine tradition of providing excellent outings for members and guests. A well deserved **Thank You** to all who organized and participated in the Club's trips.

Trains Unlimited, Tours – Special Offer To RMRRC Members

October 15 – Salt Lake City To Denver Via DRGW Route.

October 18 – Denver To Salt Lake City Via UP In Wyoming.

If any RMRRC member would like to buy a one day, one way coach ticket, valid on

all of our private rail cars including the dome, the special RMRRC member's price is \$139.

For information, call 1-800-359-4870, 1-775-852-4448 or see the TUT website: www.trainsunlimitedtours.com/rmrrc/

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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.

Club Officers

President	Jimmy Blouch
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Vice President - Programs	Don Hulse
Secretary	Roger Sherman
Treasurer	Jean Gross

Board Meetings

Members are always welcome to attend any board of directors meeting. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Please contact any Club officer for the date, time and location.

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Durango & Silverton Charter Trip Saved

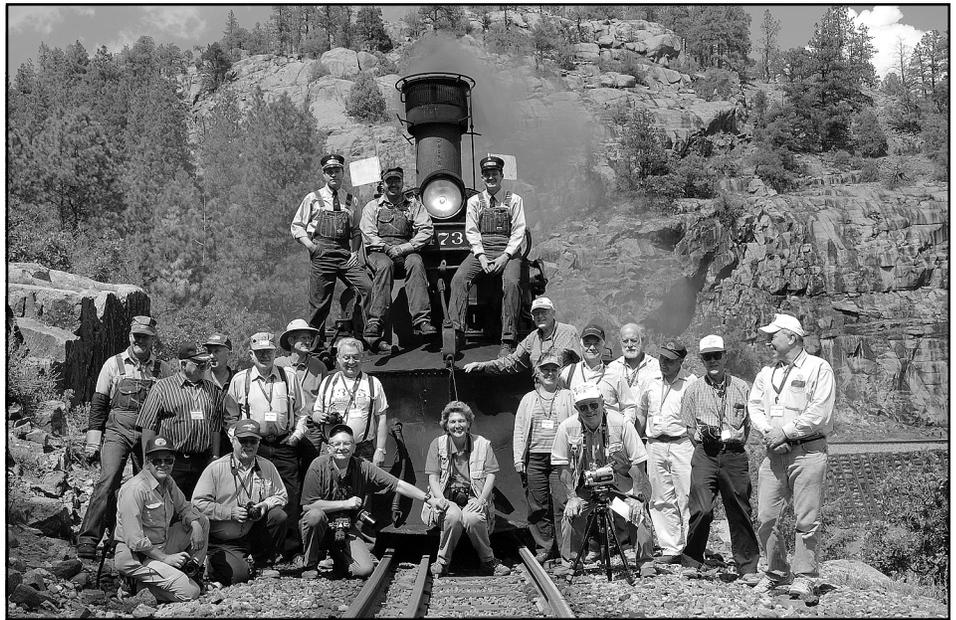
By Dave Gross

On Wednesday, August 10th, the Club was informed that the FRA would not allow the Eureka & Palisade #4 to operate during Railfest. The Club's 34 ticket holders were called and asked if they would go on an alternate train for the photographer's charter. Only 23 ticket holders agreed to the alternate train and it looked like the trip would be cancelled. At the last minute, an anonymous donor agreed to make up the difference between ticket sales and trip cost. The railroad agreed to run a mixed consist with locomotive #473, three box cars (3134, 3749, 3275), one flat car, one original wood coach and the short caboose.

A 7:00 AM departure put our train out first. The crew did two runpasts at Elbert Creek on the rock ledge below Rockwood then one on the high line. We continued on to the High Bridge below Tacoma for two more photo runs. We waited for the two D&S Silverton bound trains, photographed those and Goose #5 that followed. The High Bridge was covered in fine style! There was one more runpast at Milepost 473 and then we went to Cascade Canyon for the scheduled noon meet with the Goose. We had one more runpast at the west switch at Cascade before enjoying lunch.

We departed for Durango at 1:00 PM with three runpasts north of Tacoma followed by two stunning photo runs on the big curve on the high line in brilliant sunshine. From Rockwood to Durango it was time to relax. Wine and cheese were served and the group had time to reflect on the success of the day. For most aboard, this was their first encounter with a small group charter. With a small group we were able to go to locations that would not accommodate a larger group.

The Club would like to thank all that stayed with the charter and we hope it was a unique experience for you. A special thanks goes to our anonymous donor and ticket holder George Fritz who was unable to join us but donated his two fares to help make the trip possible.



The passengers and crew on the high line at the end of a successful trip.



The mixed train steams down the Animas Canyon toward Tacoma.



The Club's chartered train on the big curve on the high line in brilliant sunshine.
– Three photos © Jean Gross.

OS Colorado
Current Railroad Happenings
 By Chip Sherman

“OS” are the initials for On the Sheets, a reference to what station agents did to notify the train dispatcher that a train had passed his/her station and been noted on the train register. OS Colorado is a joint effort to note the rail activities occurring in and around Colorado.

Trains Move Army to National Training Center

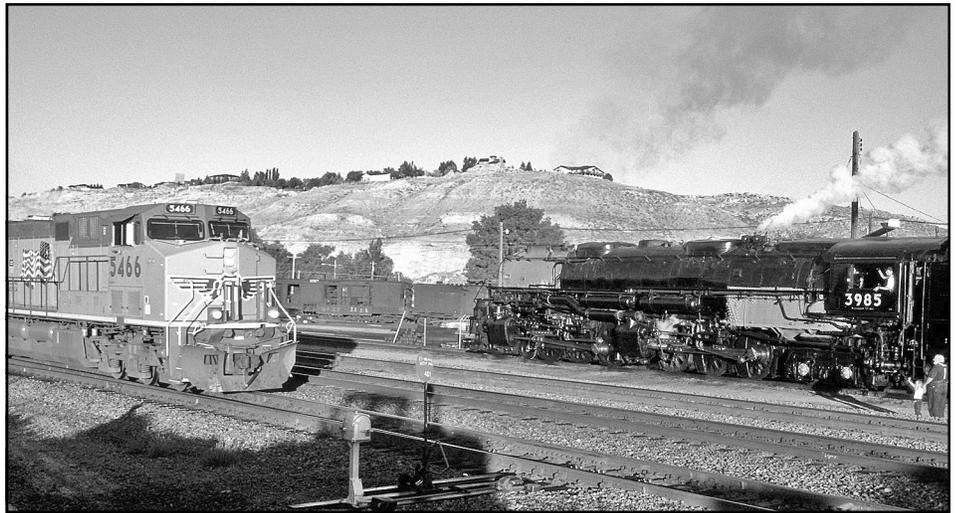
The BNSF operated several Army unit trains from Fort Carson, Colorado, south via La Junta, Colorado, to Amarillo, Texas. Then they moved westward via the Transcon to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. BNSF Kelker, Colorado, to Barstow, California, trains started departing 8/1/05. The first two trains were U KELBAR1 01A and U KELBAR2 01A. The third train had BNSF SD60M 9289 on train U KELBAR1 02A. Bradley Fighting vehicles and M1 Abrams tanks were moved on Department of Defense flatcars.

40-Car Union Pacific Coal Train Pile-up at Hanna, WY

An eastbound Union Pacific coal load from Utah derailed at Hanna, Wyoming about 4:20 PM on Saturday, 9/10/05. The C COTSH 05 (loaded at Co-op Mining near Price, Utah) was doing about 50 mph behind three units hauling 105-loads (14,547 ton) on main track number two. The 36th car, UP 28414, experienced a side frame failure. It derailed along with the following 39 cars into a major pile up. Both main tracks were blocked. The cars that derailed were a mixture of UP, MCHX, CEFX and FURX.

Investigators were looking at the Brazilian forged truck bolster on the 36th car. The investigation was still underway when this report went to press.

UP detoured one coal empty via Colorado to Co-op Mining southwest of Price, Utah. UP train C TVCO1 09 with 105-empties was routed via Limon, Colorado, passing there at 5:50 PM on 9/12/05. The train continued west via Denver, Bond and Grand Junction towards



UP 3985 departed Cheyenne, Wyoming, 8/24/05 on a six-state, 2,800-mile tour to Portland, Oregon, to celebrate railroad heritage. On 8/25/05, UP 3985 was at Rock Springs, Wyoming, where it met UP C45ACCTE 5466 on the Eugene, Oregon, to North Platte, Nebraska, train M EUNP 21. The Challenger was on display at Ogden, Utah, until 8/29/05. At 8 AM (MDT), 3985 rolled west across the Great Salt Lake causeway (the former SP mainline) and ran via Elko, Nevada. The special helped move Western Pacific bay window caboose 484 back to Portola, California, home of the Feather River Railroad Museum. – Photo © 2005 Chip.

the Utah coal loadout where it arrived on 9/14/05.

Freshly Painted UPY 1295

North Little Rock, Arkansas, painted UPY switcher 1295 on 8/15/05. The switcher, ex-Southern Pacific 2696 built by EMD as model MP-15 in 1974, moved from Arkansas to Colorado. It was at UP's Denver Locomotive Shop on 9/16/05. The unit was painted inside and out. New seats were installed for the engineer and trainmen. The unit is equipped for remote control operation. UP hostlers moved it from Denver Locomotive Shop to North Yard the afternoon of 9/18/05.

Korean Train

Amtrak operated a special 15-car train from New York, across the country to Los Angeles, California, for Korean artist Jheon Socheon. The train was called “The Moving Drawing of Jheon Socheon.” It operated September 12 to 21, 2005. The train made stops at New York City, Washington D.C., Chicago, St. Louis, Garden City, Kansas, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Grand Canyon, Arizona and Los Angeles.

The sponsor was the Korean Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Supporters were Hyundai Motors and Samsung Electronics.

All cars were wrapped in white tarps. The train moved westward across Colorado on 9/18/05. The train operated as Amtrak number 93 when it crossed Colorado.

The power:

Two Amtrak P42's, number 39 and 16.

The consist:

- Taos
- Silver Quail
- Henry Hudson
- Pacific Union
- Golden Sand
- Silver Larch
- Charette Creek*
- Mohave
- Colorado River*
- Current River*
- Cuivre River*
- Osage River*
- Columbia River*
- Mississippi River*
- Missouri River*

* Cars owned by Rail Cruise America others from Midwest Railcar Leasing

Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad Trip

By Beverly Cowan

On September 11, 2005, 36 members and guests enjoyed a pleasant afternoon on the Leadville Colorado & Southern Railroad. The weather just couldn't have been better. The fall colors had not reached their peak, but there were a few trees in the higher locations that were beginning to turn.

We all enjoyed the scenic views and the contrast of the yellow leaves against the bright blue skies as well as a glimpse of a deer and some daredevil motorcyclists at the end of the trip. We had a closer than normal look at Colorado's highest peak, Mt. Elbert. The conductor gave us a little of the history of the rail line and the area, including the fact that at one time it had sold for \$10 to a couple who were interested in restoring it.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS Rail Party 2005 Saturday, October 22, 2005

The Intermountain Chapter invites RMRRRC members to their all-day trip to the Uhrich Locomotive Company in Strasburg, Colorado for \$25.00 per person, prepaid to the Intermountain Chapter. We are limited to 60 reservations, so get yours in early. The cutoff date for paid reservations is Friday, October 14. First paid, first served, reservations will be by phone at 303-298-0377 or by mail to RAIL PARTY 2005!, Intermountain Chapter, NRHS, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Bldg. 3, Denver, CO 80216-3704. Unpaid phone reservations will only be held open until October 14.

Transportation to and from the event is on your own. Arrive at Uhrich at 9:30 AM, tours begin at 10:00. Maps will be provided to paid reservations only. You will need to drive to some sites of the activities.

SAFETY NOTICE

This site is adjacent to the Union Pacific mainline through Strasburg – DO NOT WALK ACROSS THE MAINLINE.



Passengers enjoy the views from the open gondola.



The Leadville Colorado & Southern train at Leadville. – Two photos © 2005 Ray Kilcoyne.



Denver & Intermountain Interurban No. 25 at the Denver Federal Center on September 17th. – Two photos © 2005 Bruce Nall.

Open House For Denver & Intermountain Interurban No. 25

By Darrell Arndt

Crystal clear blue skies and moderate temperatures provided a great environment in which to show off Denver & Intermountain Interurban No. 25 to visitors to Building 78 at the Denver Federal Center on September 17th. Even the 30-40 mph winds that were predicted for the afternoon never materialized.

There were the familiar faces of those who have enjoyed the open house in the past plus visitors who have never seen the car before. What a pleasure to renew acquaintances and make new ones. How did the car look? Perhaps the best indication was from a man who, seeing the car for the first time, stated "It is so beautiful I hate to step inside of it!" He eventually did, of course, as did 180 other folks who were issued complimentary tickets to ride the car. The "long distance award" goes to visitor Terry from England who accompanied Dave Gross to the site and then headed for the airport mid-day!

Adding to the enjoyment of the open house this year were a couple of other attractions. Joe Priselac, long time Club member and contributor to the Club and Foundation, presented an art show of his railroad paintings. It seemed like there was seldom an empty spot on the floor in front of the paintings as visitors gathered around to view the paintings and visit with the artist. His selection of ten paintings highlighted Denver's traction history

including D&IM No. 25 near Golden, the Denver & Interurban at Westminster, the Leyden line with the C&S narrow gauge at Arvada, a Denver Tramway trolley bus and narrow gauge city car at the state capitol and a downtown winter scene at night in the theater district.

A special attraction, especially for the kids, was Gary Collins' miniature yellow trolley, No. 25, pulled behind his garden tractor. This 400 pound replica of a trolley included a real controller, gong, cane seats and authentic advertising car cards and can be operated with railroad wheels or on rubber tires as it was done for the open house. It is an ingenious model that Gary built in 1985 to give the "little ones" a taste of our trolley heritage. Transportation of the trolley and tractor to the open house was provided by Rich Berens.

Numerous volunteers helped make the event run smoothly including Dave and Jean Gross and Jimmy and Carolyn Blouch who managed the sales tents. Preparation and operation of the car for the day was done by volunteers Tom Peyton, Bob Dunmire, Don Hulse, Des Sainsbury, Carlos Seegmiller, Bob Johnson, Roger Smith and Les Nelson. Of course without motormen and conductors the car would not go anywhere and those duties were handled by Irwin Chaim, Becky Winter, Carlos Seegmiller and Tom Peyton.



Bob Dunmire's new No. 25 donation box.

The open house was the first real "workout" for Bob Dunmire's new No. 25 donation box that looks just like the real thing. Stuffed with green bills seen through the windows, the generosity of our visitors was apparent. A big thanks to Phil and Claudia Woeber for once again maintaining the special invitation list of 300 names, mailing out the flyers and donating the postage! Tom Peyton made up the flyer for this year's event, plus the complementary tickets. He also had new tee shirts made for publicizing the car along with other items he procures.

Thanks to all who made this event possible and to all who came out and shared in the experience of No. 25 burnishing the rails at the Denver Federal Center.



Carlos Seegmiller at the controls of No. 25.



From left, Erwin Chaim, Becky Winter, Darrell Arndt, Carlos Seegmiller and Tom Peyton.



Joe Priselac's railroad painting display.



Restored "Economy Electric Railway Meter" and resistance box.



Gary Collins' miniature yellow trolley No. 25 – Five photos © 2005 Bruce Nall.

Denver Rail Heritage Society Membership Meeting

The Denver Rail Heritage Society will hold their quarterly membership meeting at the REI Sporting Goods Store near 15th Street and the Platte River on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:15 PM. Please park in

the underground garage. Bryan Bechtold will present a show featuring the New Orleans trolleys he has experienced plus other traction subjects. The public is welcome to attend.



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December 3 & 4: Santa Claus Special

The Club's equipment committee works on the Club owned equipment at the Colorado Railroad Museum on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Any Club member is invited to join in the restoration and maintenance of historic equipment.

Call Bob Tully at 303-428-2322 for details.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS 2005 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

Friday, October 21, 2005: Dinner Meeting at Rossi's Catering.

Wayne Lindsey of the Colorado Railroad Museum has agreed to present the Colorado Railroad Museum program for our October meeting. He will also show Richard Luckin's new 11-minute program recently produced for the museum.

Menu: To be announced. Dinner reservations required. No drop-ins. Call the Chapter office

(303-298-0377). All reservations and any cancellations must be made by Noon, Friday, October 21. If you must call Rossi's (303-296-1144), please be sure they take your name along with the number in your party.

No-shows are billed by the Chapter. Cost for dinner meetings is \$12 per person. Cash bar opens at 6:30 PM, dinner is at 7:00 PM, and the program is at 8:00. If you are not joining us for dinner, but want to see the program, you should arrive by 7:45 PM.

Trains Unlimited, Tours 2005 & 2006 Trip Schedule

For TUT information call 1-800-359-4870

or visit our web page at: www.trainsunlimitedtours.com/rmrrc/

2005			
October 15-19	Fall Colors Express (One Way and Round Trip)	April 7-9	Charter Train in Oregon
November 5-21	Patagonian Rail Adventure	May 7-20	The Last Chinese Steam
November 10-16	Mexican Copper Canyon	May 26-29	Charter Train in Oregon- Washington-Idaho
Tentative 2006 Trips		June 11-13	Charter Train in Oregon
February 18-19-20	Snowflake Express	June 13-18	Charter Train in Oregon
March 30 - April 5	Northern California and Oregon	June 23-25	Charter Train in Oregon
		June 25 - July 2	Great Western Rail Spectacular