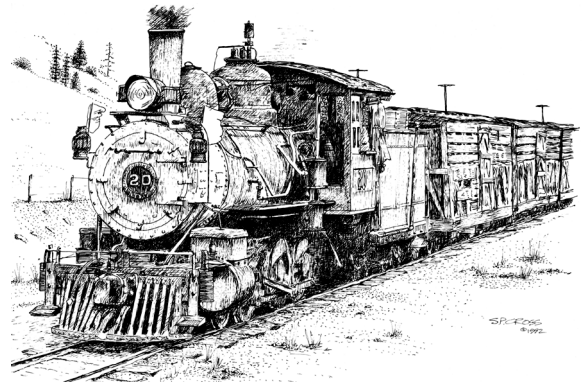


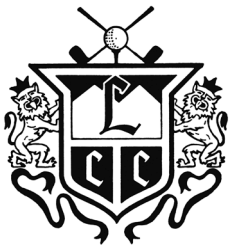
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB • ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD HISTORICAL FOUNDATION



Over The Fence, Across The Creek And The Colorado Hills – Forty Years of Trespassing

Presented by Tom Klinger

October 14, 2006 • Noon

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club will again host the Annual Banquet at the Lakewood Country Club.

This year Tom Klinger will present the program. Tom will take you across Colorado looking for trains. From narrow gauge steam to standard gauge diesels and vanished rails, the elusive trains will be stocked and captured. Come and enjoy the captured scenes – you will not want to miss this presentation. In addition, Mike Davis of the Colorado Railroad Museum will make a presentation to the Club concerning the transfer of the Club rolling stock to the Colorado Railroad Museum.

Please join your fellow Club members and guests for cocktails at Noon and lunch at 1:00 PM. We will enjoy a little railroad music, win door prizes, view the program and visit with our railfan friends.

Make Your Selections For The Club's November 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.

Explore the Mighty TREX Corridor While It Sleeps

Saturday, October 28, 2006

Updated Information

Join your fellow rail transit enthusiasts for an all-day tour of the TREX light rail corridor, several transit stations, the new Mariposa transit control center and the Elati maintenance center. We will tour the rail corridor with expert tour guides who designed and built the line. Our plans call for riding on a chartered special Light Rail

Transit (LRT) train. Call Bob Wilson evenings or weekends at 303-420-7127 or Dave Gross at 303-779-5186 with questions.

We will leave from the RTD I-25 and

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2006 RMRRRC Events Schedule

October 28 Event	TREX RTD Light Rail Excursion
November 14 Meeting	Video Potpourri
December 12 Meeting	Annual Meeting

2007 RMRRRC Events Schedule

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

The deadline for items to be included in the November *Rail Report* is 10/23/06.

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.

From The President

By Jimmy A. Blouch

As announced in the last issue of the *Rail Report*, the annual banquet for the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club will again be held at the Lakewood Country Club. If you have not made a reservation for the annual banquet you still can make a last minute reservation. See page 6 for additional information. Make your reservations using the form in the September *Rail Report*, by e-mailing me at RMRRCPresident@aol.com or you can call me at 303-932-8153.

After enjoying a fine meal we will have a short ceremony commemorating the transfer of the Club's rolling stock to the Colorado Railroad Museum. After drawing for door prizes, we look forward to an excellent program by Club member Tom Klinger. Tom has chosen the title "Over the Fence, Across The Creek And The Colorado Hills - Forty Years of Trespassing" for his program. This is an

event you will not want to miss.

Next month's *Rail Report* will include a Membership Renewal form for the year 2007. At this point we do not anticipate an increase in membership dues. However, there may be a change regarding membership categories. A final decision has yet to be made so be sure to check the renewal form when received.

Looking just a little bit farther ahead, the Annual Membership meeting will be held December 12, 2006. Watch for details in the November 2006 Rail Report.

As always, I can be contacted by e-mail at RMRRCPresident@aol.com, by phone 303-932-8153 or by mail at:

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Explore the Mighty TREX Corridor While It Sleeps

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Broadway Park-n-Ride at 9:00 AM and ride to I-225 and Parker Road, then I-25 and Lincoln, stopping at two or three new transit stations along the way. We will return to the I-25 and Broadway Park-n-ride at 11:30 AM. At 11:30 we will hand out maps for the afternoon facilities tours and nearby lunch spots. Lunch will be on your own. If you visit both RTD facilities, the tour should end between 3:45 and 4:00 PM.

Starting at 1:00 PM, we will start parallel tours of the RTD Mariposa Transit Control Center at 7th Avenue and Mariposa Street (Denver) and the Elati Maintenance Center on South Elati Street (between Evans and Dartmouth in Englewood). Participants must arrange for their own transportation to lunch and between the Mariposa and Elati facilities.

Due to space limitations, only twelve people can view the new state-of-the-art RTD Mariposa Control Center at a time. For scheduling purposes each group at Mariposa must be limited to 15 minutes.

Your tour organizers will assign participants to 15-minute time blocks starting at 1:00 PM with the earliest postmarks assigned the earliest times. The ticket you receive via return mail will show your assigned times at both facilities.

There will be two tours of the Elati Maintenance Center, one at 1:00 PM and one at 2:45 PM. There will be up to 60 people in each Elati tour group. Your tour leaders will coordinate tour times allowing for your driving between the facilities.

Orders must be postmarked by October 11 and tickets will be mailed on October 19.

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club cannot guarantee we will tour on a LRT train. Deluxe charter busses will be our alternate transportation.

Cost is \$20.00 per person. Lunch is on your own. Seating is limited to 100, so make your reservations early using the form in the September *Rail Report*.

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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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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.

Newsletter Contributions

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D&IM No. 25 Trolley Open House

By Darrell Arndt

No. 25 once again looked great out in the daylight during the open house on September 9th. Numerous trips were done on the last remnant of the substantial railroad installation that once served the Denver Federal Center. Operators this year included Erwin Chaim, Bryan Bechtold, John Black, and Art Dahling. People of all ages stopped by, including first time visitors who expressed their amazement at the restoration and others returned to see the car again. Jim Ehernberger and Ardie Schoeninger manned the sales tables where customers took advantage of a wide variety of railroad books at reasonable prices. Proceeds from these sales go to fund work on the car.

The weather was quite pleasant until 12:30 PM when storm clouds moved into the area. The tables were taken down and the car put into the building. It looked pretty ominous but after about half an hour the storms moved off of the mountains and passed to the north and south. The "Trolley Gods" were watching out for us! The car came back outside for additional runs and much visiting took place until about 4:00 PM.

A big thank you to all who attended, especially to our volunteers who helped make it happen. Tom Peyton did preparation work including the printing and issuing of tickets and Des Sainsbury attended to electrical items. Bob Dunmire took care of passenger boarding and fueling. Don Hulse, Lee Ryan, and Milt Cowan were also present to help with various chores.



Power for D&IM No. 25 is provided by this diesel generator set.
– Photo © 2006 Dave Schaaf

In Remembrance

Claudia Woeber

It is with deep regret we report the death of Claudia Woeber who passed away unexpectedly on August 20, 2006. In the past, Claudia and her husband Phillip handled the mailings of the open house notices to people on our mailing list. Claudia felt, as Phil still does, that the restoration is very important to historic preservation. Phil is a descendant of the Woebers of the Woeber Carriage Company who built No. 25 in 1911 and most of the other trolley cars that once served the Denver Tramway System.



Operators and volunteers staffing the No. 25 open house included (from left) Conductor Tom Peyton, Motorman Darrell Arndt and Operator John Black.

– Photo © 2006 Dave Schaaf



Open house visitors gather for a ride on D&IM No. 25.

– Photo © 2006 Dave Schaaf

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.

Army Moves Via BNSF

The BNSF used two Kansas City Southern units, SD40-2 687 and SD50 7015, to move a 52-car unit Army train from Texas to Fort Lewis, Washington in late August 2006. The train rolled up the Joint Line via Pueblo to Denver on 8/31/06. The first portion of the train had Oshkosh built Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks.

The Army’s Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) has been the workhorse of the Army’s heavy tactical wheeled vehicle fleet since the mid-1980s. Manufactured by the Oshkosh Truck Corporation, the HEMTT is a series of 10-ton, eight-wheel-drive vehicles designed to provide transport capabilities for re-supply of combat vehicles and weapons systems. There are five basic configurations of the HEMTT series trucks.

Rock Train Busy on UP

The Andesite Rock trains have operated in 2006 with four different units now assigned to their Colorado operation. The addition of three Dakota & Iowa RR (DAIR) yellow, black and red striped SD40-2s 3029, 3030 and 3031, provided variety to the operation running over Union Pacific’s Greeley line. DAIR 3030 and 3031 were at Carr, Colorado, on Saturday, 9/16/06. The 40-something car train was loaded at the quarry operation on the east side of the tracks.

In 2005 the Andesite rock trains operated with two ex-Denver & Rio Grande Western RR SD45s, DAIR 2701 and 2801. In July 2006, DAIR 2701 (ex-Denver & Rio Grande Western RR 5339) left Commerce City, Colorado, for Loveland, Colorado, where Omnitrax is located. UP



Kansas City Southern SD40-2 687, KCS SD50 7015 (ex-Conrail) and BNSF 6313 led a BNSF unit Army train of trucks and containers north on the Joint Line passing Palmer Lake, Colorado, late afternoon on 8/31/06. Behind the three locomotives were Heavy Expanded Mobility Transport Trucks, M977, possibly headed for 4SBCT at Fort Lewis, Washington. – Photo © 2006 by Chip.



Kansas City Southern SD40-2 687 North handled a BNSF unit military train meeting a southbound BNSF coal load at Spruce north of Palmer Lake, CO, 8/31/06. Don’t you love all the new coal hoppers on the Wyoming Powder River Basin coal loads? – Photo © 2006 by Chip.

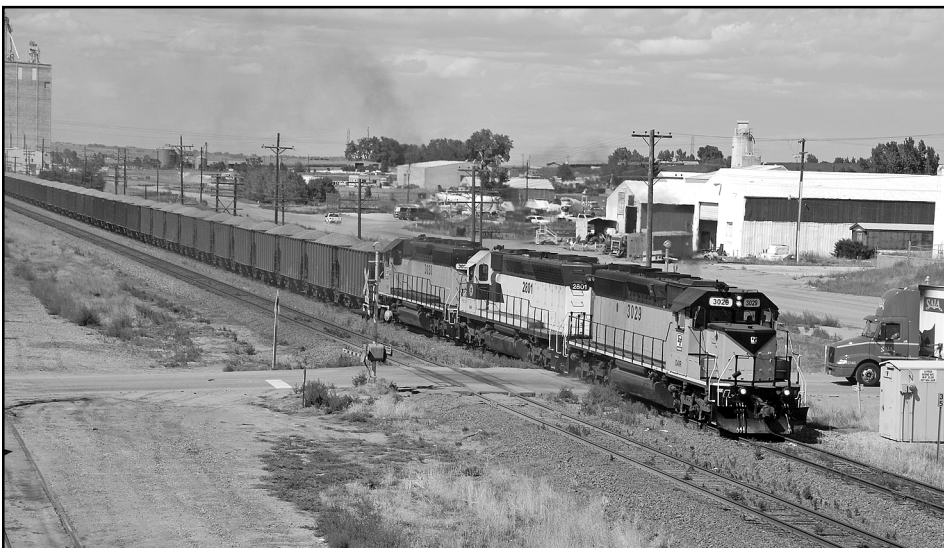
moved the unit on their North Yard, Denver, to North Platte, Nebraska, train.

Back in August 2006, Dakota & Iowa RR (DAIR) units made several daylight appearances running south from Granite, Wyoming, quarry to Old Rolla, Colorado,

where the Andesite Rock Company is located at 7321 East 88 Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado. The 8/16/06 trip had the unit rock train meet several northbound UP trains at Platteville before sunset. The southbound loaded rock train on 8/19/06 ducked into several sidings on



BNSF 6002 South passes new BNSF coal hoppers at LoDo Siding. BNSF's investment in new equipment for the Wyoming Southern Powder River Basin was apparent when new (delivered June 2006) BNSF ES44AC 6002 passed newly built BNSF aluminum hoppers on LoDo Siding in Denver on 9/12/06. The TriinityRail built hoppers had a builder's date of 08-06 (August 2006). – Photo © 2006 by Chip.



Andesite Rock Company operated a 72-car unit aggregate train between Granite, Wyoming, and Old Rolla, Commerce City, Colorado. This train used three Dakota & Iowa Railroad (DAIR) units. On August 16, 2006, the unit rock train had DAIR SD40-2 3029, SD45 2801 (ex-Denver & Rio Grande Western 5331) and SD40-2 3030 crossing Grand Avenue, UP Greeley line milepost 35 at Platteville, Colorado. These trains operate on Union Pacific rails with UP crews. – Photo © 2006 by Chip.

its trip over the UP's Greeley Subdivision for heavy northbound UP traffic. It arrived Old Rolla before 6:00 PM. DAIR SD40-2 3030 did meet the northbound unit pipe train at Nunn, Colorado. The pipe train went to Carr where it was shoved onto Andesite rock quarry loading

spur to off load 30-inch natural gas pipe.

BNSF Creates Colorado Division

Per Burlington Northern Santa Fe General Order dated 9/6/06, effective 9/1/06, the Powder River Division has been



In the last week of August, the RailStar crew at the Georgetown Loop installed a new Ridgeway spark arrester on Colorado & Southern No. 9. Seen here on September 1st, the engine now has both a butterfly plow and the cinder catcher. –Photo © 2006 Dave Schaaf.

reorganized into two separate divisions. Denver is now the headquarters for the new and improved Colorado Division. It consists of the lines making up the following subdivisions: Akron, Boise City, Brush, Casper, Cody, Dalhart, Front Range, Golden, Pikes Peak, Pueblo, Spanish Peaks and Twin Peaks.

Denver had been the headquarters for the Powder River Basin Division. New banners will replace the Powder River Basin ones soon.

New BNSF TrinityRail Coal Hoppers

BNSF operated an entire train of new (builders date August 2006) TrinityRail built aluminum coal hoppers that originated at the Rawhide Mine, Wyoming, bound for Oklahoma Union, Texas, train C RWMOKO 081. The train was parked at LoDo Siding in Denver on 9/12/06 and was easily seen from the Pepsi Center or from the Speer Boulevard overpass. The cars featured the new BNSF PowerBar emblem on BNSF cars 671600-series hoppers. BNSF SD70MAC 8926 led the 2 x 2 arranged DPU coal load. A fresh crew untied the brakes around 6:00 PM and the train departed.

See the additional photo on page 6

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Annual Banquet Luncheon

October 14, 2006 • Starting at Noon

Lakewood Country Club, 6800 West Tenth Avenue, Lakewood, Colorado

This year we are again 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 served with Pineapple Butter Sauce and Wild Rice Pilaf for \$30 or a 10 oz. Top Sirloin Steak, Grilled to Medium Rare and Mashed Potatoes for \$33. Both menu selections include a salad, market vegetables, bread and butter, coffee or tea and cinnamon ice cream for the finale.

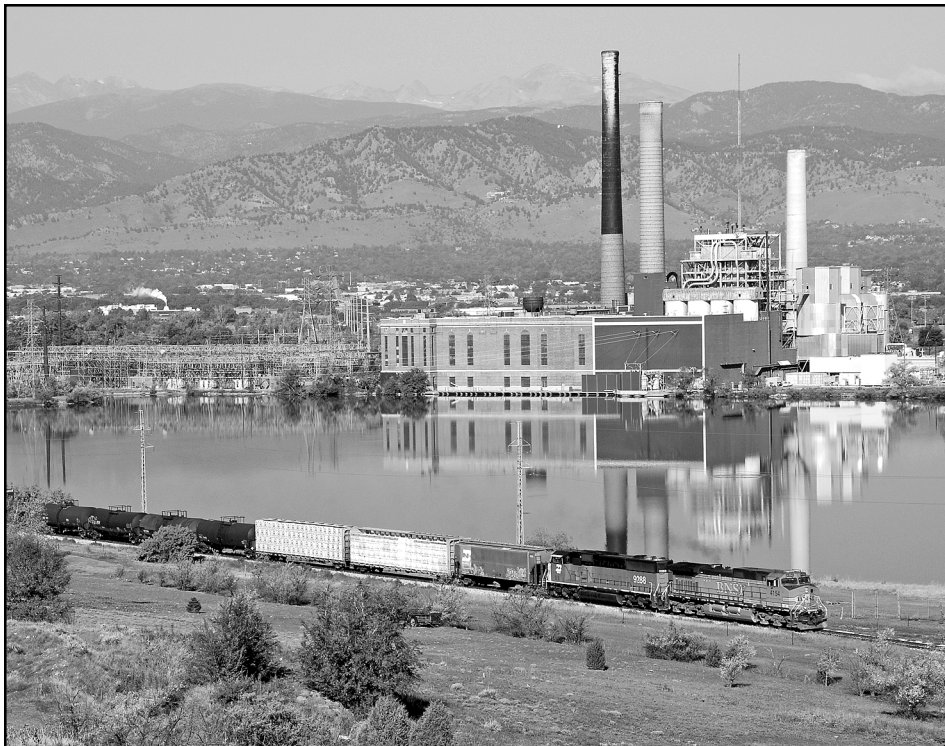
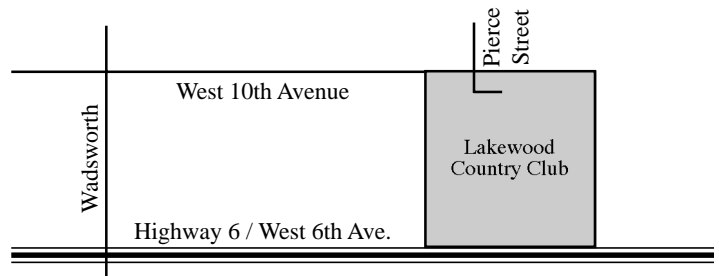
Reservations must be received by October 10th.

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 which includes the meal, tax and gratuity.

The program, titled "Over The Fence, Across The Creek And The Colorado Hills - 40 Years of Trespassing," will be presented by

Tom Klinger. Tom has been an avid rail photographer since he started using a Kodak Brownie camera in high school. He is well known to many as the author of *C&S Highline Memories And Then Some*. He also sells black & white railroad photographs and Howard Fogg color lithographs at www.railroadphotos.com.

We will have several delightful door prizes. Be sure to mark your calendar for this event. You are sure to have a good time visiting fellow members and guests and enjoying the luncheon and program.



BNSF's Laurel, Montana to Denver train H LAUDEN1 10A, had an unusual make up passing Boulder, Colorado, on 9/12/06. BNSF Dash 9-44CW 4154 and SD60M 9288 led with DPU 9-44CW 5438 about 2/3's back in the train. Tacked on behind the distributed power (DP) unit was an empty welded rail train. The southbound BNSF train was photographed atop Legion Park overlooking Xcel's Valmont Generating Station, Boulder. Now that BNSF runs trains through F.E. Warren AFB at night, early morning BNSF trains can be found around Longmont and Boulder, Colorado. – Photo © 2006 by Chip.

Classy Club Shirts For Sale

The Club is offering Denim shirts featuring the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club logo embroidered on the front left side. The shirts have a button-down collar, one pocket and are available in short or long sleeves.

The choice of colors are light blue, dark blue, tan and dark green. Sizes are small, medium, large and extra large priced at \$35.00 each and size XX-large priced at \$38.00 each. Please include \$5.98 per shirt to cover shipping, handling and packaging.

Every member should have at least one to wear track side or at those special gatherings!

The profit from the sale of these shirts will help to defray the rental expense of the space for our monthly meetings. Look sharp and support the Club at the same time

Order your shirts at Club meetings, the annual banquet or use the form included in this *Rail Report*.



Recently restored Colorado & Southern locomotive No. 9 climbs across the Devils Gate High Bridge on the Georgetown Loop Railroad on September 1, 2006. – Three photos © 2006 Dave Schaaf



Switching in the Silver Plume yards.

Restored Colorado & Southern No. 9 Operates On The Georgetown Loop Railroad

On August 1, 2006, rebuilt Colorado & Southern Number 9 was formally dedicated on the Georgetown Loop RR.

C&S No. 9 was considered the most famous of the South Park engines. Part of a series (Nos. 4-13) of 1884 Cooke 2-6-0 “moguls,” the No. 9 is the only survivor. No. 9 was used extensively throughout the C&S narrow gauge system and made regular trips into Clear Creek County and on the Georgetown Loop. No. 9 pulled both freight and passengers, bringing the last passenger train from Leadville to Denver on April 10, 1937.

After the end of its active service, No. 9 was used as a display locomotive at the New York World’s Fair in 1939. From 1940 to 1948 it was stored in Burlington’s



An early test run on August 1, 2006.

Aurora, Illinois, shops. No. 9 then operated at the Chicago Railroad Fair in 1948-1949 and was stored in Illinois again until 1957 when the train was moved to the Black Hills Central excursion railroad in South Dakota for display. It was donated to the Colorado Historical Society in 1988 by Burlington Northern and, in 2004, sent to Uhrich Locomotive Works in Strasburg, Colorado for restoration.



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October 29	Ghost Train
December 2 - 3	Santa Claus Special

An historic narrow gauge passenger train powered by a steam or diesel locomotive will run at approximately 20-minute intervals between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on these dates. The train ride is included as part of museum admission on these dates (excepting Thomas the Tank Engine).

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Members in good standing are invited to join in the restoration and maintenance of historic equipment at the Colorado Railroad Museum.

Please contact the volunteer coordinator at the CRRM, telephone 303-279-4591.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS 2006 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

Friday, October 20, 2006: Chapter dinner meeting at Rossi's Catering, located in the back row of the shopping area on the east side of Kipling between 50th Avenue and I-70 in Wheatridge.

We will welcome William B. Butler, Ph.D., Rocky Mountain National Park archeologist, as our guest speaker. Dr. Butler will present "The Railroads of Rocky Mountain National Park." This program is the story of four railroads that were planned to go to or through the Park between 1880 and 1910: The Greeley, Salt Lake & Pacific; Loveland and Estes Park; Colorado & Grand River; and Rocky Mountain Railway. A professional archeologist, Dr. Butler has investigated the remains of prehistoric

and historic peoples throughout the Midwest and western United States. He has been interested in railroads all his life and is an avid model railroader.

Dinner reservations required. No drop-ins. Call the Chapter office (303-298-0377). All reservations and any cancellations must be made by Noon, Friday, the day of the program. 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 \$14 per person. Cash bar opens at 6:30 PM, dinner is at 7:00, 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 2006 – 2007 Tentative Trip Schedule

For TUT information call 1-800-359-4870

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

October 9-18	Great Canadian Rail Adventure	February 19	Winter Steam I
October 12	Kalamath Falls Flyer	February 22-23	Winter Steam II
October 12-30	New Zealand Steam Spectacular	March 25 - April 7	Mining Steam Of China
October 13-21	Canadian Rocky Mountain Steam Adventure	May 13-28	Steam In Poland
October 15-18	Modoc Rail Adventure	August 24-26	Domes To Feather River Railroad Days
February 17-19	Snowflake Express	September 18-16	Railroads Of Ecuador
		September 21	Georgetown Loop Railroad