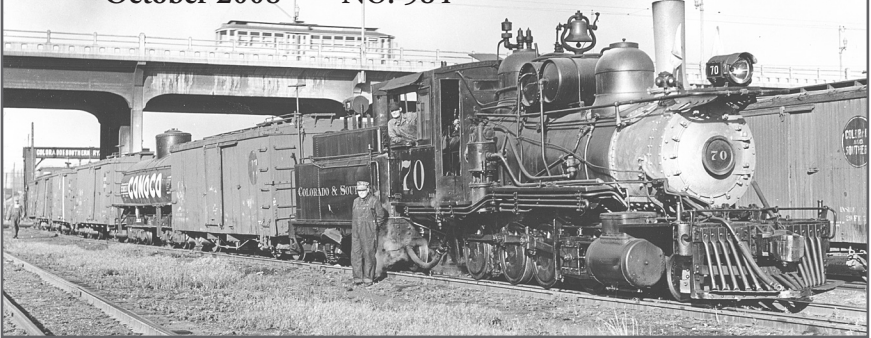


# RAIL REPORT

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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

## Bring Your Own Slides Night October 14th, 2008 • 7:30 PM

Bring up to 20 slides you would like to share to the Club meeting. Members can bring either loose slides or slides in a Kodak carousel tray. We ask that the subject matter be at least ten years old, otherwise it is member's choice! Please limit your presentation to ten minutes.

Please come join us for an enjoyable, educational evening at Christ Episcopal Church at 2950 South University Boulevard, University at Bates, where there is plenty of off street parking at the rear of the complex. Enter into Barnes Hall, where we hold the monthly meetings, on the mid-south side doors. Please bring a guest. **All programs are intended to provide an educational experience on railroading. The general public is welcome to attend. There is no charge for this meeting.**

### RMRRRC Calendar

November 11th	Meeting
December 9th	Annual Business Meeting
January 13th	Meeting
February 10th	Meeting

The Club's future program listing will provide members adequate advance information for planning. Proposed 2008 meeting and event dates are shown. Due to circumstances beyond our control programing and dates are subject to change without notice. Please contact Joe McMillan at [jmcmillan20@comcast.net](mailto:jmcmillan20@comcast.net) or phone 303-456-4564 with program ideas.



D&IM No. 25 at the open house and roll-out. – Photo © 2008 Bruce Nall.

## From the President

By Jim Ehernberger

The Car 25 rollout on August 9th was a tremendous success. In fact, the crowd was a record breaker! Thanks to Dave Schaaf for arranging the publicity. The sales table was also a total success, resulting in a lot of items “finding new homes.” The volunteers did a great job too. We appreciate the efforts of everyone who pitched in to make this the best showing of Car 25 ever! Thank you.

We received good news! The lease at the Federal Center will be re-issued and the concern about this location and a permanent home for No. 25 can be delayed at least another year. I want to thank Jimmy Blouch for coordinating with the Federal Center on this matter.

Our 70th anniversary luncheon / banquet at the Arvada Center was quite successful too. The presentation consisted of 16-mm movies taken over 50-years ago by a long-time Club member, Noel

Hover. His widow donated these films for our archives, and this provided us with an opportunity to see a presentation of the past, using antique equipment, like the “good old days,” thanks to Hatch Wroton. Dave Gross worked with Hatch to prepare this program and narrated the film. Our thanks to them for this fine presentation. The Club also thanks Mrs. Hover for thinking of us with her donation, and also to Hatch who after the showing donated the projector to replace the worn-out Club projector. I wish to thank Herb Edwards for making the arrangements for the facility and preparing the tickets, and Jimmy Blouch for handling reservations and ticket distribution.

Engine 315 performed nicely during the Durango Rail Fest. The Goose made several trips during the event. The Presidential Special was nearly sold out. The railroad was responsible for some other

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Colorado & Southern 638 leaving Denver with a Rocky Mountain Railroad Club special on September 9, 1962. – Photo by Otto C. Perry.

family and tourist related activities such as a gunslingers shoot-out at the station and a rodeo which were well attended.

Engine 489 came out of the Chama shop and made its first trip as a helper to Cumbres on August 19th. The locomotive had been out of service for many years. This locomotive saw service on Marshall Pass in 1955 hauling the scrap materials to Salida and was used on the work train that spread ties and other track materials to widen the Monarch Branch in 1956. The Cumbres & Toltec currently operates four locomotives.

During the Democratic National Convention, UP engine 844 (with diesels) brought a 34-car special train (mostly business cars and sleepers) into Denver for the duration of that event.

This may have been a record for a passenger consist.

UP engine 3985 departed Cheyenne on Thursday, September 18th to the North Platte Rail Fest weekend, and then will visit numerous communities along the way to St. Paul. It is expected to return around October 9th.

During the 1950s, and until Amtrak, the railroads at Denver were able to provide passenger equipment for special trains. The Club made numerous trips over the Colorado & Southern and the Great Western rail lines. The first of these took place on May 30, 1951. From Denver C&S Pacific number 374 handled the special to Fort Collins, then (374 on one end, the 647 on the other) on the Ingleside Branch to Rex, and then

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C&S 648 at the Washington Street Road Crossing east of Ft. Collins, Colorado on June 30, 1957. – Photo by Neal R. Miller.

to Windsor where the GW engine 90 (a 2-10-0) pulled the train to Longmont where the 374 returned the group to Denver.

Over the next dozen years the C&S, perhaps the “friendliest” of the railroads in Denver, allowed the Club to make these trips. Most generally the locomotives consisted of their 600-class 2-8-0s, however, 2-10-2s were used (including their last USRA, engine 909), and even Burlington (CB&Q) 4-8-4s! The CB&Q engine 4960 was used on a Colorado Springs trip to celebrate the Club’s 25th anniversary on May 11, 1963.

Ed Haley was the Trip Chairman and

he maintained a good working relationship with these lines. However, Mickey Hansen, C&S Road Foreman of Engines, was really our friend. Mickey enjoyed handling these specials, and because of him, the photo opportunities were plentiful. Between Ed and Mickey working together, the Club operated the last C&S steam locomotive (number 638) excursion with a six car train out of Denver to Trinidad on December 16, 1962. The locomotive remained at Trinidad and was placed on display. The Club returned behind C&S SD9s.

Those were the “good ‘ol days” when opportunities were common practice, and some fares were as low as \$5!

## From the President



Great Western 90 leaving Longmont, Colorado, with a Rocky Mountain Railroad Club special on September 9, 1962. – Photo by Otto C. Perry.



Great Western 51 and 75 at Tuber, Colorado, with a Rocky Mountain Railroad Club special on September 10, 1961. – Photo by James L. Ehernberger.

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Please note my new e-mail address. If calling on the telephone, please identify your call as RMRR Club business so I will know your call is not telemarketing. Thank you. 7 to 9 PM is preferred.



Darrell Arndt (left) poses with some of the volunteers for the day. To the right of Darrell are operators Miriam Goetzke, Bill Lester, Tom Peyton, Jon Pound, Robert Williams and Susan Treadway. To their right is Des Sainsbury and Bob Dunmire who kept an eye on the mechanicals.

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## Trolley No. 25 Rollout and Open House

By Darrell Arndt

This year's open house for Denver & Intermountain Railroad No. 25 turned out to be the best ever! Beautiful weather greeted the first visitors who started arriving an hour early to "beat the rush," as one person said. How prophetic. We told the people to board the car until we started running and much to our surprise No. 25 was full by 9:30 AM. We started running, and run we did, not stopping until after 3:00 PM. A line actually formed along side Building 78 and at one point even went back to the paved parking lot. Before the day was finished over 900 people rode the car!

Their experience was enhanced by the many volunteers on hand to make the event a success. Joe Priselac transported and set up a display of his fine paintings that included railroad, auto and landscape subjects. Joe's voice got a non-stop workout as visitors inquired about his works. Vintage cars also provided entertainment for auto and history buffs. Our historic photo displays were very popular!

The used books tables did a brisk business throughout the day which was a great benefit to the restoration fund. The donation "trolley box" also received

## Trolley No. 25 Rollout and Open House



The line of guests waiting to ride D&IM Trolley No. 25 was long most of the day.  
– Photo © 2008 Bruce Nall.

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attention from generous donors for which we are most grateful.

The success of the open house would not have been possible without numerous volunteers. Staffing the book sale was Jim Ehernberger, Jimmy and Carolyn Blouch, Don Hulse and Dave Schaaf. Carolyn Blouch and Susan Treadway kept an eye on the snack table which was cleaned out by late morning. Des Sainsbury and Bob Dunmire made a trip for more snacks, water and ice and later a second run for more fuel. Tom Peyton printed up 300 souvenir tickets which were gone by 11 AM! Tending to the mechanicals of the car and fueling it were Des Sainsbury, Don Hulse and Bob Dunmire. Experienced volunteer operators from the Denver Rail Heritage Society's Platte Valley Trolley came out to run the car. They included Miriam Goetzke, Jon Pound, Susan Treadway, Bill Lester, Lee Ryan and Robert Williams. At the same time, the society was also staffing regular operations downtown on their 1.5 mile track and were experiencing one of the busiest days of the year!

Cathleen Norman did a great job on publicizing the event beyond our friends and membership core. Thanks also to the *Rocky Mountain News*, *Denver Post*, *Colorado Time-Table*, *Colorado Railroad Journal*, *Sentinel Newspapers*, 7NEWS, the Denver Federal Center, Colorado Friends of Old Time Music and Dance, City & Mountain Views, the Colorado Gambler, the Denver Rail Heritage Society and the numerous folks who posted the flyer.

In the months and weeks prior to August 9th, restoration work and preparation for the open house was accomplished by the participation of a number of people including Hugh Alexander, Bob Dunmire, Tom Peyton, Des Sainsbury, Don Hulse, Dr. Paul Thode, Tom Gill, Charles Moffat, Mike Sloan, Dan Nibbelink of Colorado Waterjet, Fred Swovland, Debbie Fallino of Glass Inc., Bill "Roseville Bill" Cronenberg, Florencio Flores of the Community College of Denver, John Prestholdt of the Minnesota Streetcar Museum and the General Services Administration.

## Trolley No. 25 Rollout and Open House



From left, Tom Peyton, Darrell Arndt, Lakewood Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Peterson, Jim Ehernberger and Jimmy Blouch. – Photo © 2008 Dave Schaaf.

The open house was a great experience for all who attended. People brought their memories and brought their artifacts including photographs of the Denver Tramway System depicting their relatives working on the lines and items such as tokens. Some reminisced about their experiences riding Denver's once vast 250 mile system. One fellow came from out of state to see No. 25 and did not know pets were prohibited. He cracked the windows on his vehicle, parked it at the front gate, and walked from there all the way to Building 78! A kind person gave him a ride back out. The age span of visitors covered many years from toddlers to seniors, all who enjoyed this rare opportunity to not only see our historic Denver treasure but to ride in it. There were transportation fans, history fans

and just "plain folk". Two visiting ladies happened to cross paths who had gone to high school together and had not seen each other in some 40 years! It was intriguing to hear visitor reactions and how they were spellbound as they marveled at both the interior and exterior design of what is truly a time machine to the past. A totally new "sensory overload" for them.

A highlight of the day turned out to be a presentation by Ed Peterson, Lakewood City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem, to President Jim Ehernberger and Treasurer Jimmy Blouch acknowledging the effort of the foundation, its volunteers and supporters to restore and preserve No. 25. The proclamation is on page 9.



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the interurban line that ran from Denver through Lakewood to Golden was part of the interurban rail transit system; and

WHEREAS, the interurban line helped to create Lakewood by providing reliable transportation for people to get to jobs, school, shopping and social events; and

WHEREAS, the Denver, Lakewood and Golden Railway was incorporated in 1890 to provide this service; and

WHEREAS, the Denver and Intermountain Railroad electric Interurban No. 25 is representative of the cars that traveled on the Denver, Lakewood and Golden railway line and is listed on the State Register of Historic Properties; and

WHEREAS, No. 25 is the only completely intact trolley car remaining out of over 250 trolleys that once served the Denver area; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation and its members remained dedicated for a 20-year period to complete the restoration of this rare railway artifact; and

WHEREAS, members and supporters of the restoration project contributed over 15,000 volunteer hours and necessary funding to completely rehabilitate No. 25 to its "as new" 1911 condition; and

WHEREAS, No. 25 has been restored to operating condition for the educational benefit and enjoyment for all, and

WHEREAS, this generation and future generations will now be able to experience how past generations once traveled to work, shopping, school and satisfied their daily, public transportation needs.

NOW THEREFORE on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Lakewood, I, Bob Murphy, Mayor of the City of Lakewood, acknowledge the work and historic contribution of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation and its members and thank them on behalf of our community for restoring a piece of Lakewood's history for the people of our city and for future generations to enjoy.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Lakewood, this 8th day of August, 2008 A.D.

(Signed) *Bob Murphy*, Mayor

## Trolley No. 25 Rollout and Open House



The interior of No. 25. – Photo © 2008 Bruce Nail.

The great turnout and accolades can be interpreted by all of our Club and Foundation members, our volunteers and supporters that we have done the “right thing” by sticking with this restoration project. It will be a lasting legacy of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and its Foundation and a testimony to the club visionaries like Ed Haley and fellow members who so long ago saved the car from destruction and dreamed of its operation for the public. As our generations transition and our direct connection to the past fades, the preservation effort of historic railway equipment must

include more than the dedicated railfan historians, but the community as well. This need to “connect” with the public, especially the younger generation, works best when “history comes alive.” The terrific response at our open house from the community not only endorses that supposition but bodes well for No. 25’s future as a Denver area historical icon that will serve to educate future generations about Denver’s fascinating electric railway heritage. Thanks to all who have participated in this project and we will look forward to your continued spirit and support.

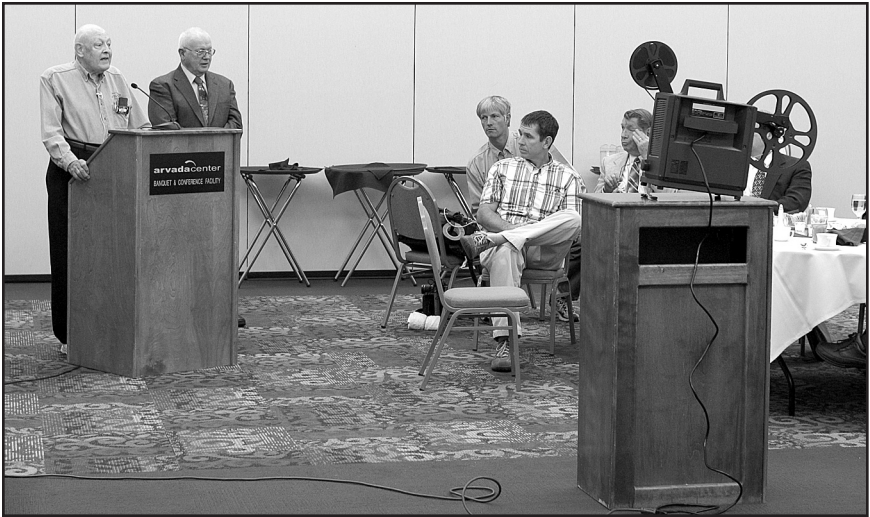
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### **Your Assistance Is Requested For A D&RGW depot at Fir**

The San Luis and Rio Grande Railroad is searching for information about the former D&RGW depot at Fir, Col-

orado, on their line from Alamosa to Walsenburg. The railroad plans to build a depot at Fir, and would like to repli-

## 70th Anniversary Luncheon Banquet



Hatch Wroton (left) and Jim Ehernberger introduce the program of vintage 16-mm movies shown on a real movie projector after the great lunch at the Arvada Center. – Photo © 2008 Bruce Nall.



Members enjoy a great lunch at the Arvada Center. – Photo © 2008 Bruce Nall.

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cate the structure that was there until it was burned by the D&RGW in 1981. We believe the depot was originally built at Placer on the narrow gauge line over La Veta Pass, then moved to Fir when the line was converted to standard gauge and relocated to its present route.

Any one with pictures, floor plans, blue prints or recollections of the Fir depot is asked to send them to Tom Sharratt at E7880 County Road P, Westby, WI 54667 or contact Tom via email at [tssharratt@mwt.net](mailto:tssharratt@mwt.net).

# Saving The DNW&P Frame Depot At Kremmling

By Jim Yust

The Town of Kremmling, Colorado, the Union Pacific Railroad and the Grand County Historical Association (GCHA) have been working since March 2008 to save the last existing DNW&P frame depot built with this floor plan from being demolished. It was built by Dave Moffat in June 1906 and was moved this month to the Kremmling Heritage Park Site and set next to the historic McElroy Livery barn.



Turning from Depot Street, crossing Gore Avenue heading North on South 5th Street with Gore Canyon in background. – Photo © 2008 Jim Yust.



Turning past St. Peter's Catholic Church on to US Hwy 40 (Park Avenue). – Photo © 2008 Jim Yust.

## Current Railroad Happenings



Democratic National Convention 'escape train' was set up push - pull with Amtrak P42DC 193 and 192 and seven Amfleet cars brought in for the event at Denver Union Station, track one on August 23, 2008. – Photo © 2008 by Chip.

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### Inventory Closeout Sale

#### VHS Videos from Machines of Iron:

*Durango & Silverton Railfest* (Copyright 2000) – \$3.00

*Sherman Hill* – \$5.00 • *Colorado & Southern Narrow Gauge* – \$5.00

*Around the Narrow Gauge Circle* – \$5.00 • *Otto Perry's San Juan Express* – \$5.00

#### VHS Video from Sunday River:

*Otto Perry's Rio Grande Articulateds. Parts I & II* – \$10.00

#### DVD from Machines of Iron:

*Otto Perry's First Generation Diesels* – \$10.00

#### Books

We have uncovered a few copies of the following titles:

*Georgetown and the Loop* by Griswold, Kindig, Trombly – \$39.95

*A Century of Passenger Trains...And Then Some* by Thode – \$34.95

Also still available: *Journeys to Yesteryear* by Goss – \$5.00

Shipping: Videos: 1 or 2 - \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional title.

Books: \$5.00 for one, \$7.00 for two and \$8.00 for three.

Some items are limited quantity and orders received first will be processed first.

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2008	2009
October 18 - November 2 Japan Rail Explorer	February 14 - 16 Valentine Snowflake Express
October 27 - November 2 Eritrea Rail Spectacular	February 14 - 15 Western Maryland Winter Photo Freight
November 6 - 13 Sierra Madre Express III	March 2 - 3 Arizona Adventure
November 6 - 13 Mexican Copper Canyon Railfan Adventure	March 28 - 29 Central Coast Wine Express
December 14 - 19 Christmastime in Santa Fe and Taos	April 2 - 14 Australian Rail Explorer
	April 15 - 24 New Orleans And Cajuns Express

### Colorado Railroad Museum 2008 Scheduled

#### Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

[http://www.crrm.org/train\\_trips.htm](http://www.crrm.org/train_trips.htm)

Trick or Treat Train and Railroad Halloween Town	October 25 - 26
Thanksgiving Goosefest	November 29 - 30
Santa Claus Express	December 13 - 14

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Members in good standing, and upon presentation of a current membership card, are entitled to free admission. Members are invited to join the Colorado Railroad Museum (a Museum membership provides certain merchandise discounts), and members may participate in restoration or other maintenance programs as volunteers.

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

### Intermountain Chapter, NRHS

#### 2008 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

<http://www.cozx.com/nrhs>

Friday, October 17, 2008: Dinner meeting. Richard Luckin will present a selection of video shorts from his April 2008 symposium, "America and Passenger Train", some of which were made for specific organizations, or were abbreviated versions of his PBS documentaries. We will be showing the following shorts as the evening's program: *KC Rail Experience*; *Moving the Mail by Rail*; *Dome Car Magic*; *Luxury Rides the Rails*; and *Colorado Pine Rail Experience*.

Dinner meetings are now in the Alamo Room of the Lone Star Steakhouse at 7450 W. 52nd Avenue, Arvada (exit north on Wadsworth off I-70). Reservations are STILL necessary. Please call the Chapter office at 303-298-0377 EARLY in the week, or by Noon on Thursday, before the program. "Social Hour" and dinner ordering will be from 6:00 to 7:15 PM. The evening's program begins at 8:00 and should end around 9:00 PM.

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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.

### **Board Meetings**

Members are always welcome to attend any board of directors meeting. Please contact any Club officer for the date, time and location.

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