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Photo Potpourri And Swap Event

Presented by Nathan Holmes

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Club members are invited to provide a potpourri of digital or slide images for presentation at the August Club meeting. Similar to the famous slide potpourris that Erwin Chaim used to present annually, this year the Club is offering members the opportunity to show off their photography at our August meeting. You are asked to limit yourself to 15-20 images and spend no more than 5 to 8 minutes on your presentation.

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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.**

RMRRC 2012 Calendar

August 11th	D&IM No. 25 Open House – 10 AM to 2 PM.
August 18th	Tiny Town Train Ride and Picnic.
September 11th	Meeting and Program, “South Park’s Gunnison Division (Como to Gunnison).”
October 13th	74th Anniversary Banquet Luncheon.
November 13th	Meeting and Program, “Performing in Black & White.”

Due to circumstances beyond our control, programs and dates are subject to change without notice. Please contact Pat Mauro at pkmauro@yahoo.com or phone 303-838-7740 with program ideas.

Tiny Town Family Outing

The Tiny Town Family outing is on August 18, 2012 between 10 AM and 2 PM. There is no set time but members are invited to join other Club members to see this historic village and it's famous steam powered trains. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children between the ages of 2 and 12 and children under 2 are free with a paid adult admission. Train rides are \$2.00 and members are welcome to bring picnic lunches or to purchase food and beverages at the Tiny Town snack bar.

The Annual Tradition Continues!

The City of Lakewood's Interurban Car 25 Open House

At The Denver Federal Center, Building No. 78

Saturday, August 11th from 10 AM to 2 PM

Free Rides, Weather Permitting

Enter the Denver Federal Center at Gate 1 on Kipling St. South of 6th Ave. Once inside the gate follow the signs to building No. 78. All adults need a government photo ID (i.e. drivers license) to enter the Federal Center. Sorry, pets are not permitted.

Greeley Freight Station Museum Family Outing

November 17, 2012, Saturday another family outing to the Greeley Freight Station Museum and its huge HO scale layout. Details will be finalized in a future issue of the Rail Report, but tentatively we plan to meet in Greeley at about 10:00 AM for tours of the museum and to wander around the 5,500 square foot Oregon California and Eastern model layout. See www.gfsm.org for a preview of this event. Ticket prices have not been established yet.

September 11th Meeting Program

Tom Klinger will present the "South Park's Gunnison Division (Como to Gunnison)"

November 13th Meeting Program

Bill Botkin will present "Performing in black & white," made up of mostly 6x7 shots, screened at the Center for Railroad Photography and Art last spring.

Annual December 11th Business Meeting Program

Our annual Club business meeting will be followed by two short presentations, one on the recent Goose Fest at the Colorado Railroad Museum and a second digital program covering the recent Norfolk and Southern display of Heritage Units held at the Spencer Shops at the North Carolina Transportation Museum. Both presentations will be made by Nathan Homes and Nathan Zachman.

75th Anniversary Committee

RTD Light Rail West Corridor Preview Excursion

More details on a planned April 21, 2013, preview excursion on the new RTD Light Rail West Corridor will follow later this year.

Please be thinking of ideas and feel free to send your suggestions to the Club's Post office box or contact any member of the Board of Directors. As we develop our plans for next year, we will hopefully surprise and intrigue you with some of the events and activities.

Watch for 75th anniversary updates here.

Photo Potpourri

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A Kodak projector will also be available for those wanting to show conventional slides. A few empty carousels will be available for those needing a spare for their loose slides.

Those wanting to show digital images are asked to provide their images and sequencing to Nathan Holmes via e-mail (rmrrc-show@drwg.net) no later than Sunday, August 13th. He will put them into short shows for each presenter to minimize any technical issues the night of the show. Images should preferably be high quality JPEG files that are 1500 x 1000 pixels or greater in size.

Proshow files and short videos can also be accommodated upon request.

Swap Event

We will set aside a portion of the August meeting for the opportunity to sell, buy, trade or give away memorabilia, books, magazines or other rail artifacts.

Fall Narrow Gauge Photo Charters Are Cancelled

The Club regrets that we are cancelling both fall narrow gauge charters that were to have been on the Durango and Silverton and the Cumbres & Toltec, September 24 -28, 2012. For a variety of reasons including equipment not available as expected, competing charter trips and a low response rate, the Board decided to cancel both planned excursions.

We are discussing with the Cumbres and Toltec the idea of a shorter trip next year as part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

We have not decided whether or not to try a trip on the Durango and Silverton as we have tentative plans for other excursions.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

It was 74 years ago in Kankakee, Illinois that the world was introduced to a new dessert, “soft serve ice cream” that became the franchise we know as Dairy Queen. Little did the people of that town realize the impact they would have on American palates. Similarly, little did the visionaries who formed the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club realize in 1938 the impact they would have on Colorado railroad history in the next 74 years.

Today, we can savor both that soft serve ice cream and the many items coming up on the Club’s menu of planned events. For example, we have initiated discussions with RTD to host a pre-operational excursion on the new West Corridor light rail line on April 21, 2013. Working with the City of Lakewood, the Denver Tramway Heritage Society, the Intermountain Chapter of the NRHS and the Colorado Railroad Museum, we are planning a trip that will follow some of the same route that Interurban Car #25 followed when it was in operation many years ago.

Although we did not have sufficient response from members to proceed with the two photo trips planned for September of this year, we have decided to look into incorporating one or possibly both into the events to be celebrated during our 75th anniversary next year.

With our planned family outings to Tiny Town on August 18th and to the Greeley Freight Station Museum on November 17th, we hope to encourage members to bring their children and grandchildren to two events that might

excite them and capture their imagination.

We will test member’s enthusiasm in August to see who is willing to share their personal images (digital or slide) with Club members at a meeting reminiscent of the Slide Potpourri’s held more than ten years ago that were organized and emceed by Erwin Chaim. Nathan Homes will be this year’s host as we try this format for a bit of variety.

For a little more diversity, we are offering Club members the opportunity to clean house or add to their collections through a “swap” event at the August meeting. If you have memorabilia, books, magazines or other rail artifacts that you’d like to trade, give away or make available for purchase, we will set aside a portion of the meeting for browsing and exchange.

We are still looking for ideas for a logo to be used for the 75th Anniversary. You don’t have to be a professional artist to offer suggestions. Send us your thoughts or ideas and we’ll ask a graphic designer to help us create the appropriate logo.

As I close, I suggest our Club is very similar to a Dairy Queen, with a menu filled with variety, consisting of sweet historic treats and interesting current events that should satisfy the appetite of most rail fans, Club enthusiasts and their families.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at dave@dcgoss.com or call me at 303-693-9933.



Shay #9 brings a nine car train up the hill at the halfway point between Georgetown and Silver Plume, Colorado, on July 14, 2012. The 2-6-2 #12 had been the sole steam power in recent years, but has now moved back to the Midwest Central in Iowa. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

Information For The Rail Enthusiast

By Dave Schaaf

Former West Side Lumber Company three-truck Shay #9 is now in service on the Georgetown Loop Railroad.

An abandoned railroad tunnel has created a sinkhole deep enough to close U.S. Highway 24 near Leadville, Colorado. The long-closed tunnel was replaced by a new one in 1945 along the former Denver & Rio Grande Western line over Tennessee Pass.

There is a Colorado Rail Fair in Pueblo on August 11 - 12, 2012 – Saturday and Sunday – 9 AM to 5 PM both days. The Railfair will be held at Colorado State

University's Occhiato Center, easily accessible from I-25 on the north side of Pueblo from Exit 101, on the bluff east of I-25.

The Rio Grande Scenic Railroad in Alamosa, Colorado, offers their 3rd Annual Photographer's Spectacular Train on September 21-24, 2012. The 4 day ticket is \$399, and includes more than 20 different run-bys and a night shoot. Call 877-726-7245 for information.

The Cumbres Fiesta Train on August 18 and September 8, 2012, offers live music, a ride to Cumbres Pass, a Mexi-

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BNSF (former Colorado & Southern Railway) dug up old South Mason Street trackage in Fort Collins, Colorado. The track was rebuilt with new wood ties and welded rail. The BNSF's Front Range Subdivision track in Fort Collins will be separated from auto traffic by curbing and ballast similar to Atwood Street in Longmont, Colorado. New ties were on the BNSF track laying machine train shown at South Mason and Laporte Streets on July 26, 2012. Track laying commenced at the north end of the city. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.

can dinner provided by Toltec Gorge Catering, and the opportunity to purchase special beer from a local brewery. The schedule is:

5:30 PM ~ Depart Chama
6:30 PM ~ Historic Cumbres Station for
Dinner & Entertainment
8:00 PM ~ Depart Cumbres Station
9:00 PM ~ Return to Chama

For Cumbres Fiesta Train Reservations
call 1.888.286.2737

Santa Fe Railway steam loco #2926
has been in the process of restoration in

Albuquerque, New Mexico. Thieves recently cut the fence and stole some difficult to replace brackets and brake beams, which will likely be sold for a few dollars in scrap value. The “Santa Fe” sign on the top of that railroad’s headquarters in downtown Chicago has been taken down. The AT&SF Railway was based at 224 S. Michigan Avenue until 1991.

Nearly five years ago, the Durango Railroad Historical Society bought two freight cars from the D&S NGRR with the intent to restore them. The same group that restored D&RGW #315 has now completed Rio Grande drop-bottom

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Norfolk Southern honored many of their predecessor railroads in 2012, its 30th anniversary year, by painting 20 new locomotives in commemorative schemes that reflect the heritage of those predecessors. 10 new GE ES44AC's and 10 new EMD SD70ACe's were used for the Heritage Fleet and will operate on NS Coal Trains. At least two of the locomotives have passed through Colorado on their way to Montana. During the week of July 4th all 20 of the new Heritage Locomotives were gathered for a photo shoot in Spencer, North Carolina, at the North Carolina Transportation Museum, ex-Southern Railway Shops. The 2 day event was open to the public on July 3rd and 4th. The large shop complex was chosen for its large 37 stall roundhouse and operating turntable. The locomotives were posed at the roundhouse by Family Orientation: the "Norfolk Western" Family, the "Conrail" Family and the "Southern" Family. – Photo © 2012 Nathan Zachman.

gondola #871. It will be displayed on the Silverton Northern track and join locomotive 315 and the motor car Casey Jones in what is the beginning of the Silverton rail park museum – as a joint project with the San Juan County Historical Society, which now owns the name "Silverton Northern Railroad."

As a follow-up to notes in previous issues, a couple of events did not happen quite as scheduled. Specifically, Rio Grande steam engine #463 has not made any runs yet this year and it is not clear when it may be ready. The Goose Fest at the CRRM did take place in June with six RGS motors in attendance, but the #3 was not there. The crew had gotten it ready to travel to Colorado, but a California management decision one week before the event kept it away from the flock.

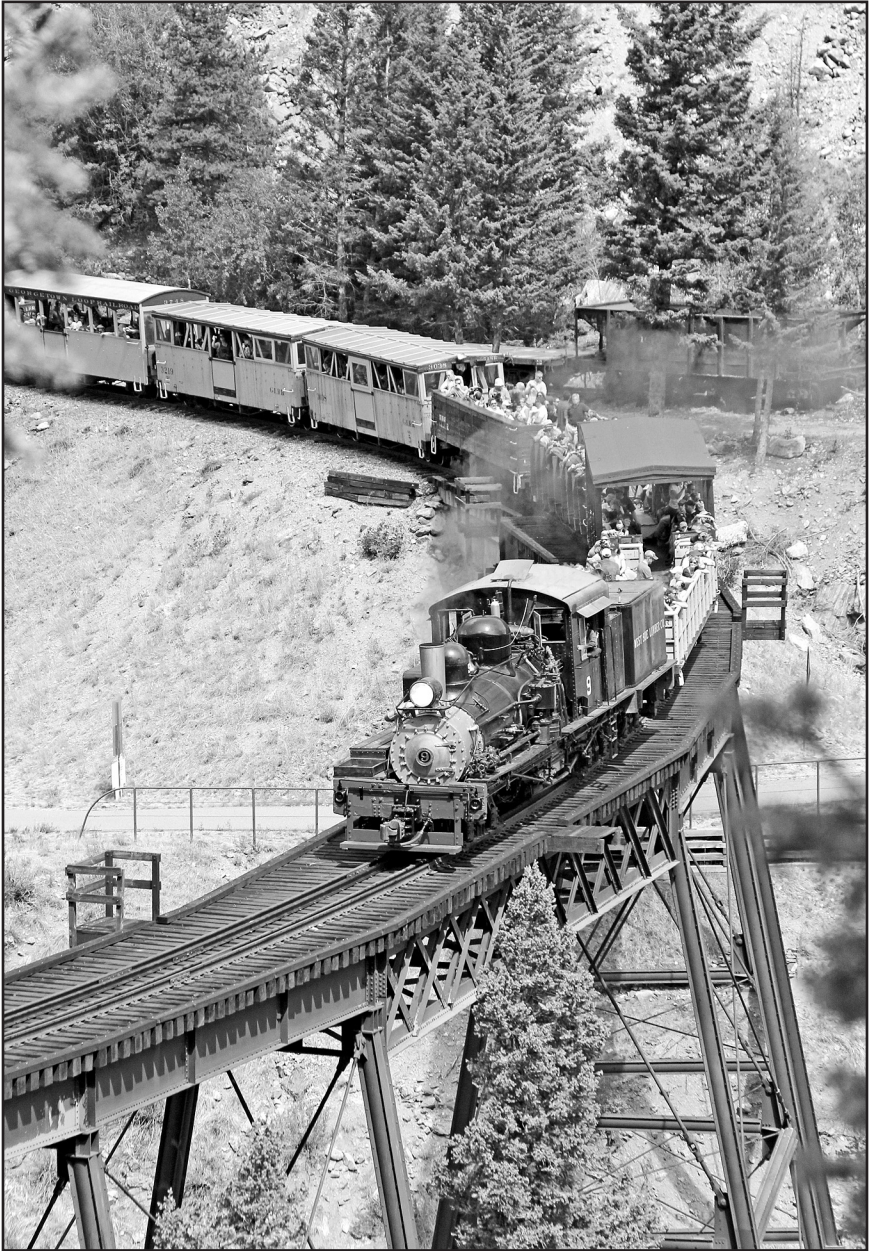
The Colorado Midland Convention in 2013 will be the week after the 4th of July, at the Mining Museum in Leadville.

The 32nd National Narrow Gauge Convention takes place in mid-September. See www.seattle2012.com. Work is also progressing on the 33rd National Narrow Gauge Convention in Pasadena, California, in 2013. www.33rdnngc.com

A mining company has uncovered a buried steam loco near Mulberry, Florida. The locomotive appears to be a 4-4-0 built by Manchester Locomotive Works in the 1880s. Its future is unknown – we hope it does not become scrap metal.

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The Georgetown Loop Shay



Former West Side Lumber Company three-truck Shay #9 is now in service on the Georgetown Loop Railroad. Here #9 crosses the Devil's Gate Viaduct headed up the hill to Silver Plume on Saturday, July 14, 2012. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

Goose Fest 2012



All the RGS Geese (except for Knott's Berry Farm's Goose 3) line up in order at the Goose Fest 2012 Goose Parade on June 17, 2012.

– Photo © 2012 Nathan Zachman.



Two pieces of Colorado & North Western equipment, Engine #30 and box car #1026, in fresh paint and early morning light during Goose Fest at the Colorado Railroad Museum on June 17, 2012. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

Goose Fest 2012



The RGS Geese staged in front of the roundhouse at the Colorado Railroad Museum in preparation for a night photography shoot on June 15, 2012.

– Photo © 2012 Bruce Nall.



Karl Schaeffer of Ridgway built this replica of RGS Galloping Goose No. 1. It operated during the Colorado Railroad Museum's Goose Fest weekend shown here on the afternoon of June 16, 2012. – Photo © 2012 Bruce Nall.

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After painstaking restoration, Goose No. 4 made an appearance and moved riders for the first time since 1951. The car, owned by the Telluride volunteer fire department, has been dormant for more than 60 years. – Photo © 2012 Bruce Nall.

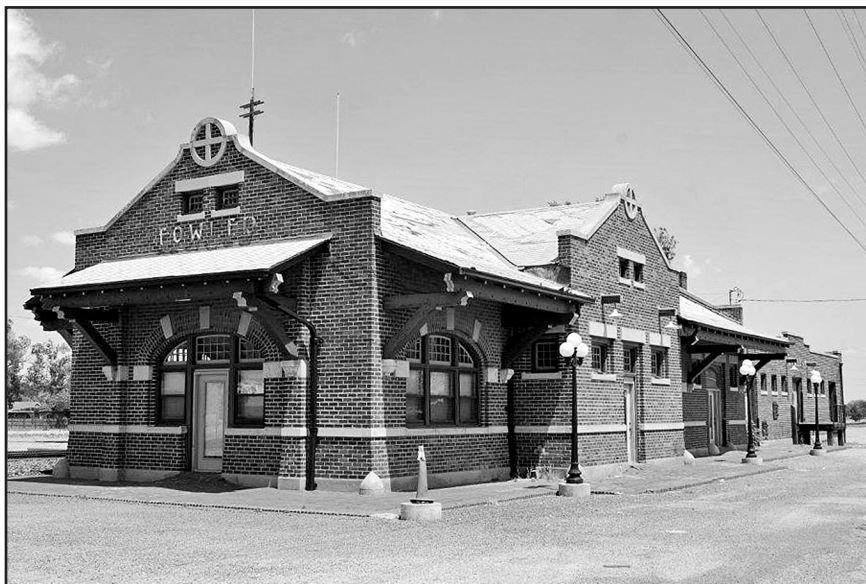


Restored RGS Goose No. 5, owned by the Dolores-based Galloping Goose Historical Society, operated for the event. – Photo © 2012 Bruce Nall.

Colorado Railroad Building Gallery

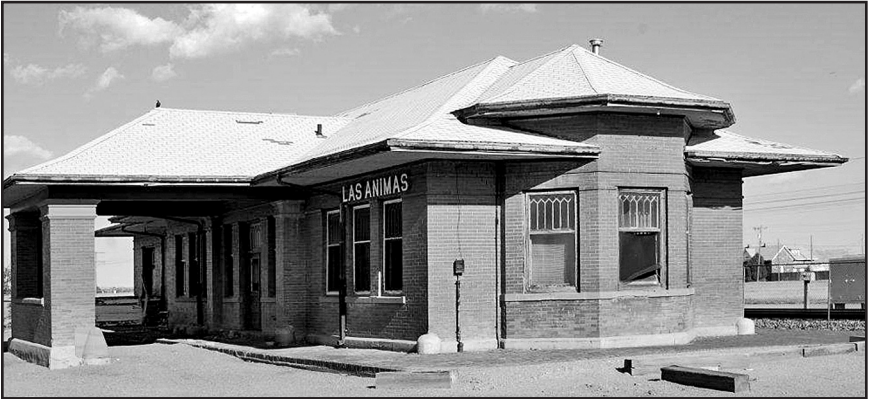


Former U.P. roundhouse, built in 1909, at Hugo, Colorado, on May 16, 2012
– Photo © 2012 Dan Edwards.



Former AT&SF depot at Fowler, Colorado, on May 14, 2012.
– Photo © 2012 Dan Edwards.

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Former AT&SF depot at Las Animas, Colorado, on May 14, 2012.

– Photo © 2012 Dan Edwards.

In Remembrance Bob Griswold

Bob Griswold was a 63-year member of the Club, holding seniority number 3 at the time of his passing in May 2012. Many will remember Bob as an author. Bob co-authored *Georgetown and the Loop* in 1988. He is most well remembered for these two works, *David Moffat Denver Northwestern and Pacific – The Moffat Road* published in 1995 and *Denver & Salt Lake* published in 1996.

In Remembrance Fred Springer

Fred Springer, a noted member of the rail community, passed away on April 18, 2012. Fred was a 57-year member of the RMRRC. At his passing he held seniority number 19.

He was an avid collector and photographer of everything relating to trains. His collection of books, timetables, and passes was donated to the Railroad & Heritage Museum of Temple, Texas, who named a park next to the Santa Fe Railway depot in his honor. His large photography collection has been donated to the Center for Railroad Photography and Art at Madison, Wisconsin, and Lake Forest College in Illinois. In 1993 he bought the Vista Canyon, a four drawing room, one bedroom lounge car that was the rear end car of the famed “Super Chief”. In 2001 he donated the car to the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler, Arizona.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2012 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

<http://www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org/event-listings>

Day Out With Thomas

September 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23

Trick or Treat Train

October 27, 28

Santa Claus Special

December 8, 15, 16, 22

Ride The Rails Saturday

August 18,

October 20

November 17

Galloping Goose Rides

August 4, 11, 25,

September 1, 29

October 6, 13

November 3, 10, 24

December 1, 29

Operate A Locomotive:

Call for reservations to operate Locomotive No. 4. \$150 puts you in the Engineers seat of this diesel for an hour!

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.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS

2012 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

No August Meeting

Summer vacation for all. Go ride a train!

See you in September.

PLEASE NOTE: Dinner meetings are 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, so call the office (303-298-0377) EARLY in the week, or by Noon on Thursday, before the program. **Change in following times:** dinner will be from **5:30 to 7:00 PM**. The evening's **program begins at 7:30 PM** and should end around 9:00 PM. Supporting our guest speakers also supports your Intermountain Chapter. Because Lone Star provides us with a private room without charge or set-up fees, we have guaranteed them that each attendee will spend a minimum of \$10.00 in the purchase of food and/or drink, excluding the 18% automatic gratuity.

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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.

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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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