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Denver South Park & Pacific – The Gunnison Division

Presented by Tom Klinger

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Slides from original photos taken along the South Park Line from Como to the Alpine Tunnel, Pitkin and Baldwin will be shown, as well as present day views. Join us to get a feel of the old DSP&P and the working conditions of the railroad workers. Hard “cold snow facts” and stories that we found while writing South Park’s Gunnison Division Memories & Then Some will be covered. Bring your snow shovels!

The time line for this program will be from the very early 1880s through the demise of the South Park Line’s Gunnison Division.

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

October 13th	74th Anniversary Banquet Luncheon.
November 13th	Meeting and Program, “Performing in Black & White.”
December 11th	Annual Meeting and Programs, “Goose Fest at the Colorado Railroad Museum” and “Norfolk and Southern display of Heritage Units”

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.

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Former RMRR club member, Neal Miller, is captured checking his watch in the mid 1950s at the Alpine Depot. This building has been rebuilt by the Forest Service. – Neal Miller photo from the Tom Klinger Collection.



Looking downgrade near the palisades on August 5, 2010, the old South Park Gunnison Division awaits your inspection today. A high clearance vehicle is best but not a necessity. – Photo © 2010 Tom Klinger.

75th Anniversary Committee

Planning continues for the 75th Anniversary. The planning team and Board are narrowing down several choices for potential excursions next year as well as looking at some unusual events that will add to the memories we already have of this distinguished organization. We will be seeking several volunteers to help in the conduct of some of these events.

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.

Watch for 75th anniversary updates here.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

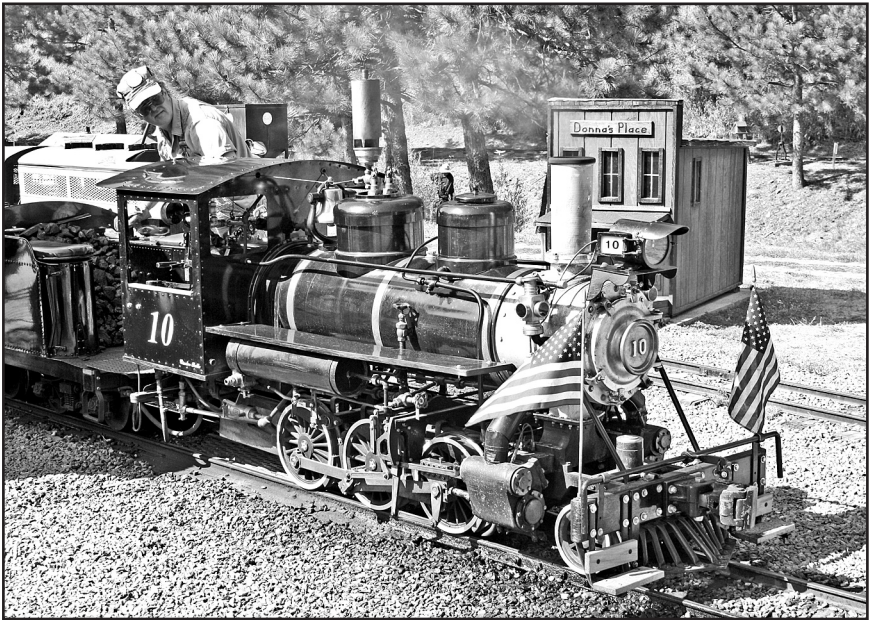
It isn't mainline steam, but the smell of coal smoke drifting through the canyon brings back memories. The haunting whistle of Tiny Town's 2-6-0 Number #10 sounds remarkably like other larger narrow gauge locomotives, but this miniature only hauls families through the historic town site in South Turkey Creek Canyon. It was a beautiful morning on August 18th when the Tiny Town Railroad offered Club members and the public the chance to experience a little narrow gauge railroading in an historic amusement park established in 1915. Steam locomotives #10 and #22 work the line regularly, in partnership with diesel number 1087 which is painted in colors reminiscent of the Rio Grande's yellow and black striped engines. A number of members and their families joined hundreds of others to see the small historic buildings and enjoy the lovely weather. By 11:00 AM the parking lot was filled and many families were wandering the grounds. What was most interesting that almost every child seemed enthralled to see and ride behind locomotive #10. Their giggles, smiles and excitement were contagious. Maybe

there is hope for a younger generation to find fascination in modern railroading just like their fathers, grandfathers, uncles and others have done. If you haven't visited this unique museum recently, it is well worth a visit. See their website for more details.

On August 20th, we received a box containing a number of books, prints, photographs and other memorabilia that was given to the Club / Foundation from the estate of James B. Perry of Ocala, Florida. Mr. Perry, who died in March of this year, was never a member of the Club, but we believe he participated in several Club trips in the past. His positive experiences resulted in his remembering the Club in his will. He donated a modest monetary gift and these items. They have been accepted on behalf of the Historic Foundation and will be used, in part, to support fund raising activities for Car #25's maintenance and establishment of the Oak Street facility.

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

A Visit To Tiny Town



Club members and others enjoyed Tiny Town's miniature 2-6-0 locomotive Number #10. – Photo © 2012 Dave Goss.

74th Anniversary Banquet Luncheon – October 13, 2012

Mike Danneman Will Present “Last of a Breed,” a program on Rio Grande helpers as well as present a few of his paintings in digital format.

Greeley Freight Station Museum Family Outing

On 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.

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.



At the Car #25 open house on August 11th, an anonymous person brought this marker lamp to show. It is just like the ones used on the interurban car, except that it bears the Denver Tramway Company imprint of "D.T.Co." on a small tag. This difference does not seem to be very common.

Information For The Rail Enthusiast

By Dave Schaaf

Railroads carried 38% more US crude oil and petroleum products during the first half of 2012 compared with 2011,

mostly as a result of increased oil production from North Dakota's Bakken shale formation. In Colorado, a new oil

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Steam fireman Ted Schulte sanding the flues of U.P. #844 westbound near Byers, Colorado, on August 17, 2012. – Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

loading point will be built for the Denver-Julesburg Basin. The Tampa facility is located northeast of Denver between Keenesburg and Roggen on the BNSF, and is designed to receive crude oil via truck and pipeline and to load trains at a rate of up to 68,000 barrels per day.

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. has agreed to buy RailAmerica Inc. for \$1.39 billion, a move that combines the two largest short-line and regional railroad operators in North America. The combined company will operate 108 railroads in the United States and abroad. RailAmerica owns the Kyle Railroad, which runs from east-central Kansas to Limon, Colorado, as well as the short-line Nebraska, Kansas & Colorado Railway.

General Electric announced the July roll-out of the 5,000th Evolution Series locomotive, in production since 2005. This unit was delivered to Union Pacific under the road number 7964, and was part of the Frontier Days train with UP 844. G.E. says that the Evo Series puts out 40% less emissions than earlier models.

During the D&S Railfest in August, the “Eureka” and its train came upon a badly injured man who had fallen near the track south of Silverton, Colorado. The crew and medical personnel were able to transport him by rail motor car and then helicopter to a hospital in Durango. It is likely that this person was trying to photograph the train from a

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U.P. #7964 was part of the Frontier Days special – here in Denver on July 20, 2012.
– Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

high rocky spot, and slipped. A photo is not worth getting killed for, even with a 137 year-old 4-4-0 steam engine.

The Apache Railway in Arizona is known for still using a fleet of Alco diesel locos. Their largest customer is a paper recycling mill at Snowflake, which now plans to close at the end of September due to dwindling demand.

Nippon Sharyo is opening a new facility to build passenger cars in Rochelle, Illinois. The company will spend about \$35 million for a factory designed for annual production of around 120 new passenger cars of various types. The city

and state offered several million dollars worth of incentives, and there should be about 250 employees there by the end of 2013.

The Arcade & Attica Railroad is celebrating 50 years of steam excursions in western New York. www.arcadehistoricalsociety.org

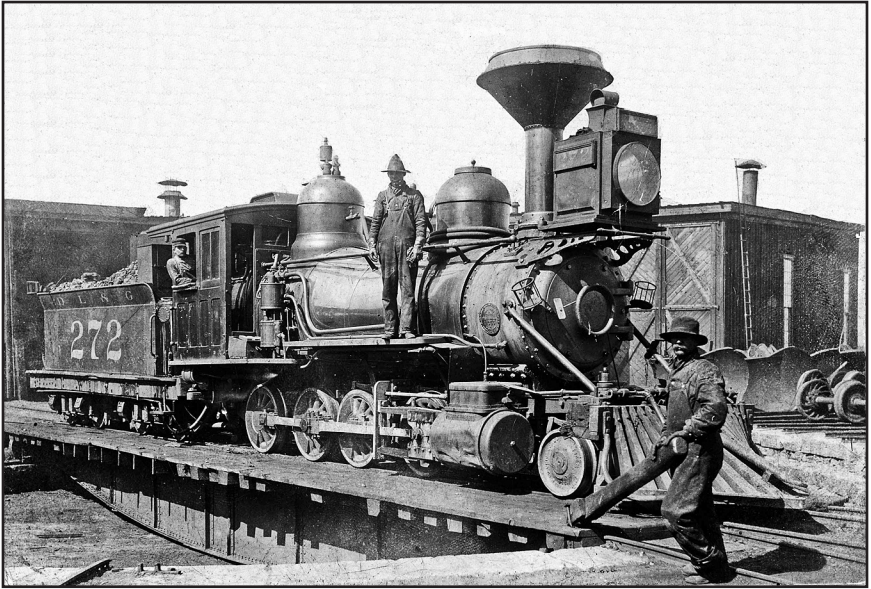
2013 Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad Historical Society convention will be held June 19-22 in Missoula, Montana www.fobnr.org

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November 13th Meeting Program

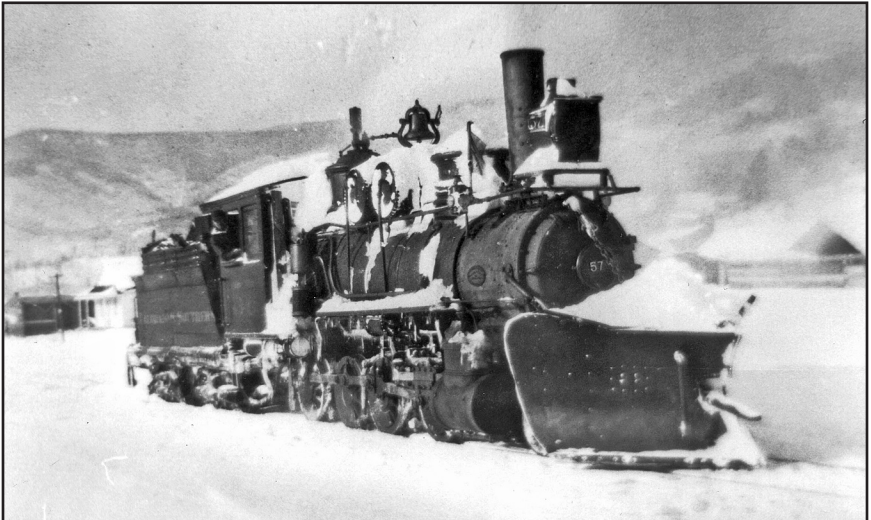
Bill Botkin will present “Performing in black & white,” made up of mostly 6x7 shots, screened at the Center for Railroad Photography and Art last spring.

On The Denver South Park & Pacific



Denver Leadville and Gunnison #272 was photographed in the late 1890s at Como, site of roundhouse and shops on the old DSP&P.

– Lewis Jewell photo, Oshier Family Collection.



On a cold snowy day, C&S #57 and its engineer or hostler was photographed in the Pitkin yards. Even though the camera lens was not the best in this early 1900 view, the essence of mountain railroading has been conveyed.

– Photo from the A. A. Anderson Collection.

On The Denver South Park & Pacific



C&S engine #73 is westbound, most likely at Romley, on the climb to the Alpine Tunnel in the early 1900s. Train crews and locals have posed for a slow shutter speed photo. – Photo from the A. A. Anderson Collection.



After the D&RGW took over the C&S lines out of Gunnison, former RMRR club member, Jack Thode, found D&RG # 223 switching at Baldwin on the old South Park line on July 4, 1940. – Jack Thode Photo, Jimmy Blouch Collection.

Current Railroad Events



Georgetown Loop Railroad operated Baldwin #12 for the last time in Colorado on Colorado Day, August 1, 2012. #12 was swapped to the Midwest Central Railroad at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, for Shay #9 which takes over at the Georgetown Loop Railroad. The crew from left; Dean Gordon the fireman, Phil Reader the mechanic and Willie Maine the engineer, all wore Hawaiian shirts in honor of the Pineapple Princess. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.



EMD 1207 is an SD70ACe demonstration unit that passed through Denver on August 26, 2012. – Photo © 2012 by Dave Schaaf.

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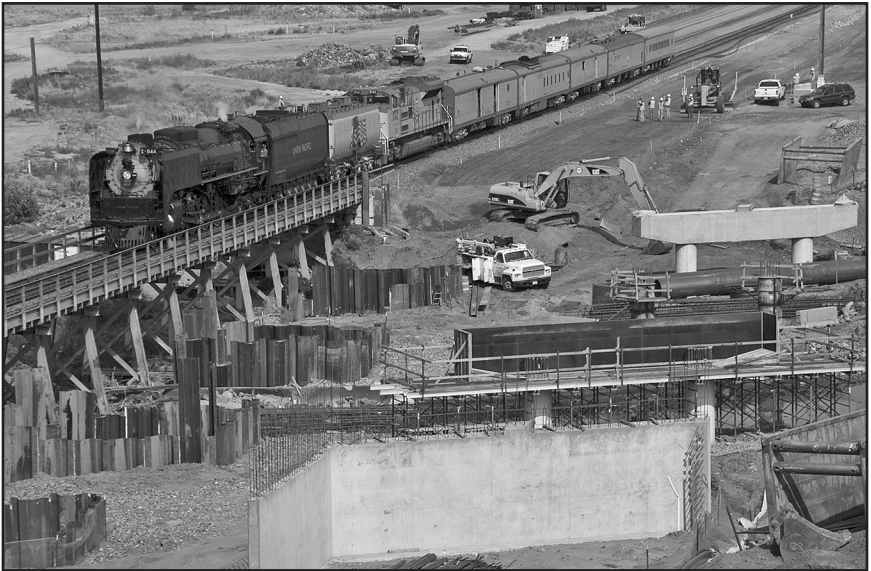


The Colorado Historical Society owned Georgetown Loop Railroad #12, a Baldwin 2-6-2 built in 1928, was shipped to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, by semi-trailer on August 2, 2012. Phil Reader prepared the 12 for the trip. The West Side Lumber Company Shay #9 rebuild at Silver Plume was completed by Phil and his crew. The more powerful Shay takes over handling trains on the Georgetown Loop. The Shay is owned by Midwest Central of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and is leased by the Colorado Historical Society. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.



San Luis & Rio Grande RR engineer Steve Butler, left, and fireman Monica Johnson after her first run as a qualified Fireman on the flats to Monte Vista. SLRG 18's last run of the season to Monte Vista, Colorado, was on August 16, 2012. The railroad continues to run trips over La Veta Pass on weekends through the end of September. Their 2013 season resumes on Memorial Day. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.

Current Railroad Events



Union Pacific 844 made a UP 150 years celebration trip to the Iowa State Fair, Kansas City, Missouri, and Sharon Springs, Kansas. The train made stops August 17, 2012 along the former Kansas Pacific line (AKA Limon Subdivision) stopping at Kit Carson, Limon and Strasburg, Colorado. The train passed construction projects; New UPRR 3-track Brunskill Yard (upper right behind train), second UPRR bridge over Sand Creek (note steel pilings this side of UP 844) and Denver RTD's East Rail Line double track Sand Creek Bridge (lower right, under construction). This location is east of Denver near former Stapleton International Airport.

The East Rail line is a 22.8-mile commuter rail transit corridor that will operate between Denver Union Station and Denver International Airport (DIA). The rail line will connect these two important areas while serving adjacent employment neighborhoods and development areas in Denver and Aurora. The East Rail Line is being constructed as part of the fully funded Eagle P3 Project.

– Photo © 2012 by Chip.

Tune in to Colorado Public Television (Formerly KBDI Channel 12) to see these Richard Luckin programs

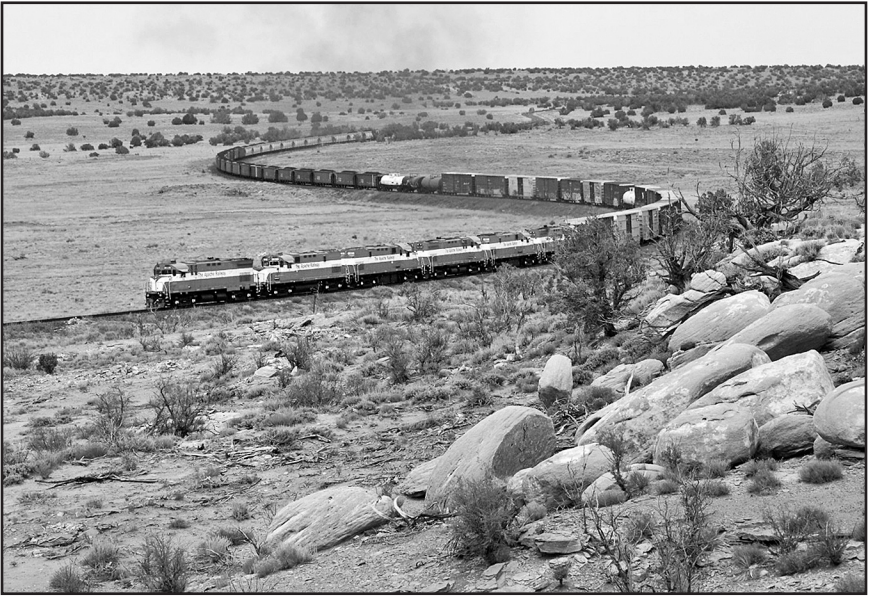
Packard - An American Classic Car – September 25th at 7 PM

Daylight: The Most Beautiful Train in the World – October 2nd at 7 PM

Amtrak: The First 40 Years 1971 – 2011 – October 16th at 7 PM

Silver Thread Through The West: California Zephyr – October 23rd at 7 PM

Apache Railway Alcos



With all six Alcos in service, the Apache Railway approaches their own yard and the Catalyst Paper Mill near Snowflake, Arizona, with the first of two trains for the day. In the consist is half of the last inbound coal train, loads of scrap paper for recycling and LPG tank cars. – Photo © 2012 Mel Patrick.



Running light to the BNSF interchange in Holbrook, here are all six of the Apache's working AICOs; 3 C420s and 3 C424s. – Photo © 2012 Mel Patrick.

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

October 20

November 17

Galloping Goose Rides

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 September Meeting

Due to program scheduling difficulties, there will be no Intermountain Chapter NRHS Dinner meeting in September.

There is a program scheduled for October's dinner meeting and for the Annual Banquet in November.

Coming In January 2013 The Opportunity You Have Been Waiting For

Is your railroad memorabilia collection getting too large? Would you like to redistribute some of your collection by selling select items, thus making space available for new treasures in your collection? OR are you just searching for an outlet for all of your collection? Here is the deal for you!

The Intermountain Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is hosting the Jeffco Train Show on January 5, 2013, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Here is the best part: tables rent for the can't-say-no price of \$25 and it gets better: two tables for \$45. An additional unique feature is front and rear door easy access loading / unloading. There will be on-site food service for morning beverages and donuts, lunch items, and snacks.

Socializing with other rail buffs, potential rail buffs, and local vendors adds to the experience of the day. Start your path to pocket money or new railroadiana treasures today by calling 303-298-0377, leaving your name and mailing address to receive a sign-up form. Call now before you get side-tracked.

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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.

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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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