



# RAIL REPORT

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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

## Farewell To The Apache Railroad

Presented by Chip Sherman

April 9th, 2013 • 7:30 PM

The Apache Railway brings different images to mind. Join Chip for a look at a 38-mile shortline operating between Holbrook and Snowflake, Arizona. Friendly folks convinced him to extend his original 2-day visit to a 4-day memorable experience. Alcos gathered from around the US and Canada are kept in pristine condition. Engineer Kevin Powell and conductor Gilbert Alvarez do their best railroading in the West! This digital program covers the railroad before Catalyst closed down their

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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 2013 Calendar

April 20th	Excursion, Inaugural trip on the RTD West Rail Line.
May 11th	Saturday Movie, "Ticket to Tomahawk" with popcorn in Barnes Hall.
May 25th & 26th	Motor Car Excursion, Wagon Wheel Gap line.
June 11th	Meeting and Program, "Denver's Union Station" presented by Jim Havey.
June	Tour of Como, Colorado, and the King Mine.

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



Apache Railway 98 (C424 built by Montreal Locomotive Works), 81 (C420 built June 1964 by Alco), 97, 84, 82 & 99 were called to switch Preferred Sands covered hoppers west of Snowflake, Arizona, near Snowflake Junction on September 27, 2012. Units are painted green with white stripe and hauled out 130-cars during one move. – Photo © 2012-2013 by Chip.

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paper mill, Apache Railways' largest customer, in October 2012.

The Apache Railway will continue operating – “Here’s where we are today,” said Snowflake Town Manager Paul Watson, explaining that they have a \$6 million note and will go to anyone and everyone that will listen. He said that he feels that the railway will be operating sufficiently to cover that debt and there are a number of entities that are dependent on that railway. “When they get to utilizing that railway, the revenues will be far sufficient to cover that debt,” he concluded.

The Snowflake Community Foundation is a non-profit organization that carries the debt and owns the stock of the Apache Railway, explained attorney David Brown. “We’ve been very careful to not have the town incur any liability.” He noted that Snowflake is unique, that no other place has land, water, natural gas and a railroad. “They are very valuable.” Instead of a final farewell we have a new chapter in the making ... (*Info courtesy Snowflake Tribune-Arizona Journal February 15, 2013 from February 12 meeting*)

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## 75th Anniversary Masthead Photo Notes

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, we will be featuring railroad equipment numbered 75 or with 75 in the number. This month features a Jim Ehernberger view of Union Pacific Turbine #75 at Laramie, Wyoming, on August 25, 1957.

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Apache Railway engineer Kevin Powell knew how to handle his six Alcos up the hill from Snowflake to Snowflake Junction, Arizona, on September 27, 2012. Preferred Sands stored about 200-cars at the Snowflake Industrial Park. They wanted cars pulled and moved to BNSF's Holbrook, Arizona, interchange. Conductor Gilbert Alvarez had his hands full getting the cars switched out.

– Photo © 2012-2013 by Chip.



## Farewell To The Apache Railroad



Apache Railway Locomotive & Car Shop (foreground) is located near the Catalyst Paper Mill (built 1961 by Southwest Lumber and closed October 2012). The aerial view from a Cessna 206 airplane was taken west of Snowflake, Arizona, on September 26, 2012. – Photo © 2012-2013 by Chip.



Apache Railway locomotive and car shop from Jared Hatch's Cessna 206 west of Snowflake, Arizona, on September 26, 2012, found leased Apache Railway (no lettering at upper left) 83, Alco C420, getting attention. The 83 was used by Catalyst Paper Mill employees to switch the mill complex. Lower right, stored, Apache Railway 700, 900 and 800, Alco RS36's purchased new (September 1962) by Southwest Lumber's after new mill opened in 1961.  
– Photo © 2012-2013 by Chip.



## 75th Anniversary Events

### 75th Anniversary Memorabilia

In response to several questions at the Club meeting in March, yes, we are planning to make available some 75th Anniversary memorabilia. We are looking at souvenir patches, a commemorative glass beer (root beer) mug, enameled lapel pins and baseball caps. Details about those items will be announced soon.

We are also very pleased that we received confirmation from Jim Wrinn (Editor of Trains Magazine) that he will be our guest speaker at the Annual Banquet to be held at the Denver Chop House on Saturday, October 12th. Please check the calendar for our upcoming programs as we have a great variety of topics to be covered this year.



## 8th Annual Cheyenne Depot Days

May 18th & 19th, 2013

Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM & Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM

In Conjunction With

The Sherman Hill Model Railroad Club Show At Frontier Park

- Union Pacific Steam Shop Open House
- Wasatch Railroad Contractors Open House
- 2013 Steam Train Excursion Ticket Giveaway
- 3rd Annual Rail Art Show & Sale
- Special Guest: Harry Brunk
- Private Rail Car Display
- Live Miniature Steam
- Model Displays, Hobbyists & Vendors

### Via Trolley Access

121 W. 15th St • 307-632-3905 • [www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org](http://www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org)

## 2013 Steam Train Excursion

Denver to Cheyenne • Sunday, July 21st

The Cheyenne Depot Museum is hosting the 2013 Steam Train Excursion. This is a one-way excursion from Denver to Cheyenne with the Union Pacific 844 Steam Locomotive. A bus is available to take passengers to Denver if needed. We will be loading in Denver at the National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt Street.

Book now, dome seats go fast! For

more information or for tickets go to [www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org](http://www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org) or call 307-632-3905.

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Members pay "member" costs – please provide your RMRRRC membership number.

Costs:	Member, Dome	\$ 150
	Member, Coach	\$ 90
	Bus Fare	\$ 30

## Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

More than 65 attendees at the March 11 Club meeting enjoyed a “ride back in time” when Bruce Vincent of the Denver Tramway Heritage Society talked about trolleys in Denver. Bruce gave us an overview of the impact of street cars in America as well as an update of the Society’s current efforts. He also shared before and after photos of locations in Denver demonstrating how much they have changed from the day’s street car lines were being used by the Denver Tramway Company. A number of members also shared their experiences on trolleys, from Berlin to Denver. Our thanks to each of you for making this meeting a time of reminisces and education.

Congratulations Club Members! Collectively you have donated more than \$12,000 to the Colorado Railroad Museum to support the restoration of Rio Grande Southern locomotive No. 20. Due to this great support, the Board of Directors will be authorizing an additional matching check of \$10,000 to the museum for a total contribution of

more than \$22,000 to this historic locomotive. We thank all of you for your generosity. If you haven’t already made a contribution, it’s not too late to make a donation. The Board will be discussing other possible contributions in the near future.

We are excited as the planning for the RTD West Line Excursion is in its final stages. To purchase tickets for this exclusive trip, visit the Club’s website and click on the graphic image on the home page. Tickets will only be available from March 15 through April 15, unless the trip sells out sooner.

We are pleased that Governor Hickenlooper declared March 30, 2013, a day of recognition for the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club in celebration of our 75th Anniversary. This honor is documented in the proclamation on the next page.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [dave@dcgoss.com](mailto:dave@dcgoss.com) or call me at 303-693-9933.



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### West Rail Line Preview Excursion Saturday, April 20, 2013

**The First Train Is Sold Out  
And A Second Train Has Been Added.**

If you would like to ride the second train, check the special ticket sales website to see if tickets are still available. Go to the Club website: [www.rockymtnrclub.org](http://www.rockymtnrclub.org) and click on the link to the RTD Excursion on the home page. That will direct you to the website that will take your payments and make your reservations.

There is track installation and major construction work scheduled for the Central Platte Valley so trains will travel from Jeffco to Decatur-Federal and back.

# Official Recognition In Celebration Of Our 75th Anniversary



*WHEREAS, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary year; and*

*WHEREAS, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club is dedicated to educating the public about the role railroads played in the development of Colorado; and*

*WHEREAS, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club has worked for 75 years to preserve the history of railroads in the Rocky Mountain region through preservation activities, public outreach, excursions, and publication of books and other media; and*

*WHEREAS, Coloradans appreciate the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club's continuing work to preserve this rich history for future generations;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2013, as*

## *RECOGNITION FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB DAY*

*in the State of Colorado.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirtieth day of March, 2013*

*John W. Hickenlooper*  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor



## April RMRRC Club Excursions



D&SL #119 has stopped at Phippsburg on the return to Denver from a Club trip to Craig, Colorado, on April 25, 1948.

– Bob Andrews photo, Tom Klinger collection.



C&S #809 at Denver Union Station is waiting to depart for Golden for the Club's annual dinner on April 8, 1959. – Neal Miller Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



## April RMRRC Club Excursions



C&S #638 has picked up orders at Prospect on the way to Boulder for the Club's annual dinner on April 12, 1961. The program was by M.C. Poor, Dan Peterson and Dave Gross. – Bob Andrews Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



Ex GW #51 has stopped at Plainview in heavy fog on April 17, 1966, on the way to the Moffat Tunnel while steam was built up due to dirty coal. Some club members were able to take photos at this location. – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klinger collection.

## Denver & Rio Grande Scenic “Wagon Wheel Gap” Line Trip

Saturday May 25th and Sunday May 26th

The Club is finalizing a unique motor car trip on the Denver & Rio Grande Scenic, the “Wagon Wheel Gap” line on May 25th and 26th. Don Shank, owner of the line is offering Club members the opportunity to ride on the Silver Streak



(carrying 14 passengers) and the Quick Silver (carrying 6 Passenger) each day, Saturday and Sunday. The price per ticket is expected to be approximately \$35 and will be sold on a first come first served basis. See the insert for additional details.

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### Carnegie Branch Library for Local History presents

#### Colorado Railroad Water Tanks

At 1125 Pine Street In Boulder, Colorado

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 • 7:00 PM

Massive water tanks were necessary to supply the water to generate steam that powered the old locomotives transporting supplies between towns. Learn about the history of water tanks for Boulder, Longmont, Lyons and Lafayette railroads in this fascinating presentation.

For the last twenty years Bill Reich

has been researching historic industries of Colorado. His third book, *Colorado Railroad Water Tanks*, published by the Colorado Railroad Museum will be available for sale after the slide program.

There is no admission charge, the presentation is free. Call 303-441-3110 for more information.

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### Information for the Rail Enthusiast

By Dave Schaaf

From Mike Pannell, restoration fan in Cheyenne – “We have confirmed that Harry Brunk will be in attendance at Depot Days 18th-19th May, however more excitingly the week preceding that he will be working in the attic painting and doing scenery on the fabled UC&N model layout. This will be an opportunity to see the master at work and we encourage any who can to make the most of it.” Call Mike at 307-221-2371 if you are interested in attending.

Author and historian Jerry Day has

presented programs at Club meetings. He is in the process of writing a history of the D&RGW branch from Villa Grove to the Orient iron mine. He says “I have over 200 pages of documentation, maps, drawings, etc. It has been very difficult to find photos of the branch and mine. He would really appreciate any assistance and would love to have photos of D&RGW trains on the line, but would even take ROW views from the 40s, 50s, etc.” If you can help with this obscure NG branch, contact Jerry by e-mail at [Jerry474@comcast.net](mailto:Jerry474@comcast.net)

## Current Railroad Events



BNSF 80, Rio Grande River, track geometry car ready on train U DENSTE5 12z, Denver to Sterling, Colorado, in snowy Denver on March 12, 2013. Note all the inspection lights on BNSF 80. The three-car train departed after a late Amtrak train 5 arrived. BNSF 5236 led the speedy train across the snow white eastern Colorado prairies. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

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Clover Valley Lumber Co. 2-6-6-2T #4 was built by Baldwin in 1924, and last month started making some runs in California. The Pacific Locomotive Association was the recipient of *Trains Magazine's* 2009 Preservation Award for the restoration of this standard-gauge engine and its eventual operation on the Niles Canyon Railway. It had not operated since 1985. Also in California, this season marks the centennial of Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine RR Shay #15. This Lima logging loco operates on the 3-foot gauge tourist railroad near Yosemite National Park.

More than 100 events around the country will celebrate Amtrak's sixth annual National Train Day on May 11. Visit [www.nationaltrainday.com](http://www.nationaltrainday.com)

The Center for Railroad Photography & Art's board of directors has installed

Scott Lothes as the organization's president. Scott is an award-winning photographer and widely published author, and was kind enough to show a program at our annual banquet in 2011.

The First Annual Pinecliffe (Colorado) Rail Festival takes place on Saturday June 1, from 9 AM to 5 PM. Please RSVP if you will be joining them for lunch so they will have enough food! For questions or information, call 303-499-9944 or e-mail [clint.folsom@folsomco.com](mailto:clint.folsom@folsomco.com)

Iowa Interstate Railroad will run a series of steam trips using Chinese-built QJ-class 2-10-2 #7081 in early June.

The 33rd National Narrow Gauge Convention takes place August 28–31 in Pasadena, California. On the web at [www.33rdnngc.com](http://www.33rdnngc.com)

## Current Railroad Events



Denver RTD car 305 worked the E Line into the Denver Union Station stop along the snowy Platte Valley Rail Corridor, Denver, on March 9, 2013. The rail lines are surrounded by lofts and high rise buildings. More are under construction around Denver Union Station. A BNSF coal empty, far right, was sitting on main one. The bridge in the distance is over Cherry Creek. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

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### Information for the Rail Enthusiast

The Associated General Contractors of America last month named the RTD West Rail Line one of the most significant construction projects of 2012. AGC noted that the West Rail Line project will be finished eight months ahead of schedule and on budget.

The Branson Scenic Railway has put F9PH #98 back in service following repairs to damage caused by a tornado a year ago. This year marks the 20th an-

niversary of operation for that line in Missouri.

Indiana Harbor Belt closed Calumet Tower in East Chicago last month. The tower was the last staffed interlocking tower in the state of Indiana.

2012 was the safest year in the railroad industry's history, according to new statistics from the FRA.

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### 75th Anniversary Year Commemorative Membership Cards Delayed

The 75th Anniversary commemorative membership cards were delayed at the printers. We now expect that you will receive them by the second week of April. Sorry about the delay.

Members whose renewals were not received in time to send to the printers will receive a hand completed plastic card.



# Treasurer's Report

## Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Profit & Loss 2012

2012 Income	
Book Sales	\$ 64.95
Donations	\$ 758.36
Dues	\$ 17,844.00
Interest Income	\$ 81.80
Trips & Events	\$ 1,960.00
Merchandise Sales	\$ 37.95
Video Royalties	\$ 1,149.05
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 21,896.11</b>

2012 Expenses	
Accounting & Bookkeeping	\$ 1,975.00
Advertising	\$ 200.00
Bank Charges	\$ 680.12
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 65.75
Depreciation Expense	\$ 503.04
Insurance	\$ 2,020.50
Goodwill & Public Relations	\$ 100.00
Inventory Adjustment	\$ 31.46
Meetings	\$ 56.23
Membership	\$ 360.30
Office Expenses	\$ 113.95
Postage	\$ 2,977.49
Printing	\$ 10,639.08
Rent	\$ 3,295.00
Repairs	\$ 10.05
Taxes and Licenses	\$ 19.72
Trips & Events 2012 Costs †	\$ (15,227.26)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 7,820.43</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 14,075.68</b>

### Club Balance Sheet – December 31, 2012

Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$ 143,800.22
Inventory	\$ 2,403.03
Audio Visual Equipment	\$ 2,347.05
Film Archives	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 153,550.30</b>

Liabilities	
Unearned Dues	\$ 11,665.00
Sales Tax	\$ 2.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 11,667.00</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 141,883.30</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 153,550.30</b>

## Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

Profit & Loss 2012	
2012 Income	
Contributions	\$ 2.61
Interest	\$ 8.22
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 9.64
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 20.47</b>

2012 Expense	
License and Permits	\$ 10.00
Professional Fees	\$ 85.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$ 74.53</b>

### Foundation Balance Sheet December 31, 2012

Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$ 91,079.16
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 91,079.16</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 91,079.16</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 91,079.16</b>

† Note: The Club made payments to hold charter reservations in 2011 of \$18,300 and because these were canceled \$17,100 was returned in 2012. Removing this from the profit loss statement results in a loss of \$3,024.32.

Please refer questions to the Club and Foundation Treasurer, Keith Jensen, preferably by e-mail [kjensen@earthnet.net](mailto:kjensen@earthnet.net), net or phone 303-781-8616.

## Colorado Railroad Museum 2013 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

Wild West Day June 22  
Dinosaur Express July 20

Open Car Saturday & Antique Power Day  
August 17

Day Out With Thomas  
September 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

Trick or Treat Train October 26, 27  
Open Car Saturday November 16  
Santa Claus Special  
December 7, 14, 15, 21

### Colorado Rails & Cocktails An Evening Of Colorado History

April 19, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Denver Union Station

June 7, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Ghost Towns of the Rockies

August 16, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Rollins Pass

### 2013 SCFD Free Museum Admission Days Saturday, May 4

#### Ride The Rails Saturday

Train rides every Saturday. Catch a ride behind one of the Museum's steam or diesel locomotives in passenger cars from different eras in Colorado railroad history or on the uniquely Colorado Galloping Goose. Rides operate 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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

### 2013 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

### Dinner Meeting and Program at IHOP Friday, April 19, 2013

From the History Channel DVD collection, our program is *The Wabash Cannon Ball*. One of the great names in the history of railroading, the "Cannonball" came from the perpetually troubled line's reputation for running the fastest trains in America. DVD compliments of Mark Schultz.

#### Changes To Dinner Meeting Process:

Our Lone Star Steakhouse dinner meeting location did not renew their lease and closed its doors permanently on January 31, 2013. Do not go there for dinner meetings anymore.

We now conduct our dinner meetings at the IHOP at 5280 Wadsworth Bypass (one block north of the old Lone Star) in Arvada. Go to 53rd and turn east, you will be there. Lots of parking and well lit. The food is good and priced right. The menu is varied from breakfast, lunch, and dinner items available all day. The meeting room is larger than the one at Lone Star and we have it from 5:30 to 8:30.

No reservations at the Chapter office for head count required, though IHOP management has been informed to expect 20-25+ people, so please plan to attend the program and support the Chapter.

When you arrive tell the IHOP personnel you're with the railroad club. No minimum dollar amount of food to purchase is required to attend, but please order something. The gratuity will NOT be pre-added to your dinner check. You'll calculate your own. Dinner orders begin at 5:30 and the program begins at 7:00. So, please arrive accordingly to be served in time to enjoy both your meal and the program.

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### **Club and Foundation Officers**

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### **Club and Foundation Directors**

John Charles, Nathan Holmes, Andy Dell, Dan Edwards,  
Mike Tinetti, Nathan Zachman, Dave Schaaf, Don Hulse.

### **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.

### **Board Meetings**

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

### **Newsletter Contributions**

Newsletter contributions and items for publication should be sent to:

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**Items for the May 2013 Rail Report should be sent by April 16th.**



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