

# RAIL REPORT

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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

## Ed Haley Rides the South Park Line to Leadville in 1936

Presented by Chuck Albi

August 13th, 2013 • 7:30 PM

Beginning in 1929, Ed Haley made several winter journeys from Denver to Leadville on Colorado & Southern's famed South Park line. The last was in early 1937, just prior to abandonment and one year before he became one of the founding members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. Many years later, Ed assembled this program using many of his own photos and others from the Western History Collection at the Denver Public Library. He last gave it for the Club on August 13, 1976. It shows us what Rocky Mountain winter travel was like in an era long before interstate highways.

After Ed's passing in 1997, the Colorado Railroad Museum acquired his entire collection of historical material from his family. This program is presented as a tribute both to one of Colorado's great railroad historians and to celebrate the Club's 75th anniversary. Charles Albi is a retired executive director of the Museum.

Please 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

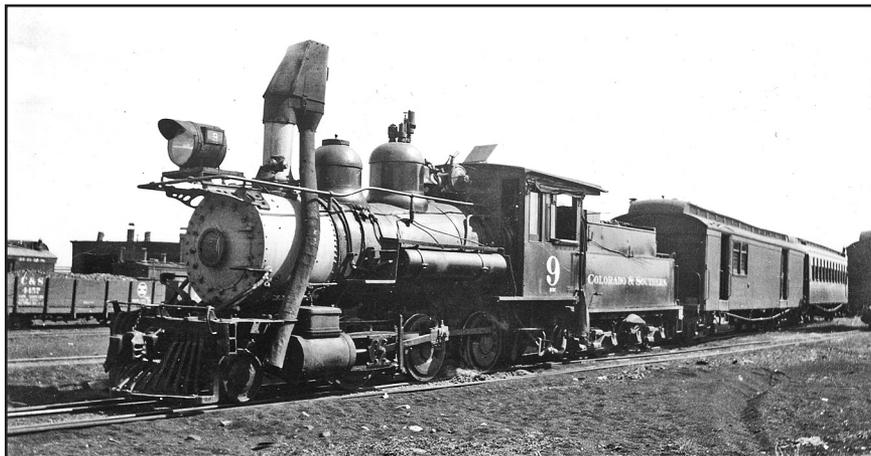
August 17th	Georgetown Loop Trip.
September 10th	Meeting and Program by Cliff Smith of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society.

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.

## Ed Haley Rides the South Park Line to Leadville in 1936



C&S engine #6 and an unknown engine are ready to depart Denver Union Station for a high adventure trip on the South Park Line to Leadville on September 23, 1936. – William A. Gibson, Sr. Photo, Tom Klinger Collection.



C&S engine #9 at Como in the 1932 era. The train from Denver would arrive in Como at 1:20 PM and the Como to Denver train would depart Como at 1:35 PM. – Lad Arend photo, Tom Klinger Collection.

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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 John Maxwell photo from the Tom Klinger Collection of C&S #75 at Leadville, on July 3, 1941.



C&S engine #646, east of Longmont, Colorado, powers a Club trip to Lyons by way of Lafayette and Erie. Were you there on August 24, 1958?  
– Neal Miller Photo, Tom Klinger Collection.

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## Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration year is now half over and we have a number of special events to come. Perhaps one of the most exciting is a special three-day set of trips on the San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad operating out of Alamosa. The details of this trip are described on page 8, but I think you'll agree these three days of steam powered excursions offer some unique experiences for the enthusiast, photographer and historian. The real celebration is the price, only \$179 for all three days. This does not include accommodations which we suggest you make in Alamosa. These dates would also allow you to ride on the Cumbres & Toltec, the Wagon Wheel Gap Line or the Durango and Silverton (at your own choice and cost).

At the August Club meeting we will have a complete selection of 75th Anniversary memorabilia available for purchase. This will include enameled pins, patches, baseball hats in two different colors and an engraved mug for your favorite beverage. The pricing for these items (from \$4.00 to \$18.00) can be found on page 6 and on the Club website, which is another way to order them. Buying them at the Club meeting will save you shipping costs.

Watch for the October issue of *Trains* Magazine which will include an article on the Club's 75th Anniversary. The editor of *Trains*, Jim Wrinn, will be our guest speaker at the annual banquet to be held on Saturday, October 12th at the

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Denver Chop House. Details and an order form for this event will be in the September newsletter. A special gift to Club Members attending the banquet will be a video that will highlight our 75 years of railroad history, preservation, volunteerism and experiences. This video has been prepared by Rich Luckin, Dave Gross and Dave Schaaf and will include interviews of members and photos of excursions. We will also have door prizes at the banquet.

See the announcement on the next page for details about the Car No. 25 open house hosted by the Lakewood Heritage Center at the Denver Federal Center. This will be a chance to ride and see this historic car.

The Virginia Transportation Museum has initiated "The Campaign to Restore the Norfolk & Western Class J 611." The 611 has been invited to join Norfolk Southern's 21st Century Steam Program and the museum is raising funds for this effort. They have a deadline of October 31, 2013 to be successful in this \$5 million campaign. Additional information is available at [www.fireup611.org](http://www.fireup611.org). If you've ever seen this beautiful 4-8-4, you can appreciate the importance of restoring her to service.

We are looking forward to Chuck Albi's August 13 Club meeting where he'll take us along with Ed Haley on the South Park line to Leadville. Chuck is a pre-eminent rail historian who for many years managed the Robert W. Richardson Library at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Speaking of museums, the History Colorado Center offers a num-

ber of public programs, including adult classes on Colorado rail history. Their website <http://www.historycolorado.org/adult-visitors/adult-classes> lists these periodic free events.

The Club meeting in September will feature Cliff Smith of the Comanche Crossing Historical Society who will talk to us about the work at their museum in Strasburg, Colorado. The Club has supported this group's efforts for more than 20 years. In November, Rich Luckin, well known award-winning documentary maker will present his new program on the Grand Central Terminal's 100th anniversary.

We will wrap up 2013 with a special program by Nick D'Amato, an outstanding photographer who will take us back to North Carolina for a look at mainline and short line railroading. Nick's photos are works of art and well respected across the nation. Please mark these events and others listed in the Rail Report and on our website ([www.rockymtnrclub.org](http://www.rockymtnrclub.org)) and join us as we continue our 75 year legacy.

Long time member Jim Earhart is recovering from successful knee replacement surgery. He has started his rehabilitation at the Centers at Lincoln, Room 240, 12230 Lioness Way Parker, Colorado 80134. His number is 720-214-7777. We thank his niece Sandy Adragna and Don Zielesch for this update. Speedy recovery Jim!

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

DENVER &  
INTERMOUNTAIN  
INTERURBAN  
CAR NO. 25

OPEN HOUSE  
10 AM – 2 PM  
AUG. 10, 2013

DENVER FEDERAL CENTER  
BUILDING NO. 78, GATE 1



*The Annual Tradition Continues!*

## The City of Lakewood's Interurban Car 25 Open House

*Free Rides, Weather Permitting*

Enter the Denver Federal Center at Gate 1 on Kipling Street South of 6th Avenue. Once inside the gate follow the yellow signs to building No. 78.

ID (i.e. drivers license) to enter the Federal Center. Sorry, pets are not permitted.

All adults need a government photo



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## Georgetown Loop Special Lunch Charter

Saturday, August 17, 2013

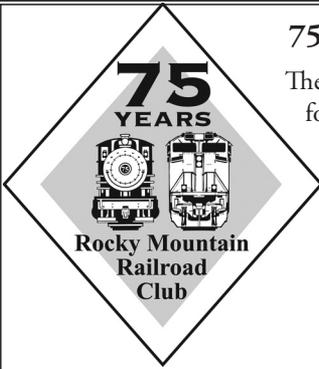
Join Club members and their guests on a special charter on the Georgetown Loop Railroad. We'll leave Silver Plume heading to Hall Tunnel on a special coach pulled by diesel power. After watching a steam train pass we'll proceed to Devil's Gate and de-train to watch more steam action. We'll then follow the steam train to Hall Tunnel where we'll have lunch, de-train and prepare for more photos. After the steam train passes Hall Tunnel we'll return to Silver Plume. This trip will combine good food, mountain scenery, steam powered trains and fellowship.

Lunch is included and the choices are:

- Turkey Sandwich with potato salad and fruit cup.
- Ham Sandwich with potato salad and fruit cup.
- Veggie Sandwich with potato salad and fruit cup.
- Chicken Salad.
- Salami, Cheese, and Cracker plate.
- Hummus and Veggie plate.

All lunches include chips or a cookie and a soft drink.

Order Tickets Using The Insert In This *Rail Report*.



## 75th Anniversary Commemorative Items

The following commemorative items will be available for sale to members this summer at Club meeting and on the Club website:



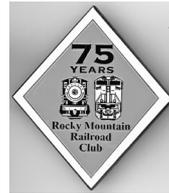
Baseball caps with embroidered logo, choice of khaki or black (\$18.00).



16 ounce glass mug with logo (\$10.00)



75th Anniversary patch (\$4.00)



Enamelled logo lapel pin (\$5.00)

### Other Club Merchandise for sale:

*Journeys to Yesteryear: A Chronological History of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, 1938 – 2003* \*\* (\$5.00)

### Handling and Shipping Charges:

Item / Weight – Domestic Shipments Only †	Handling / Shipping
Under 2 ounces ( 1 pin or up to 2 patches)	\$1.50
Under 4 ounces ( 2 pins or up to 4 patches)	\$3.00
Over 4 ounces (caps and pins and patches)	\$5.00
Mugs*	\$5.00 + \$5.00 for each Mug
Book / DVDs (ship separately**)	\$5.00

\* Purchase a mug and shipping for the rest of your order up to 3 lbs (excluding books and DVDs) is free.

\*\* Books and DVDs ship USPS media mail rates. Contact Club's Treasurer (kjensen@earthnet.net) for current list of DVDs because the inventory is very limited.

† Add \$20 for International Shipping. US Media rate is not available for international shipping.

## Books From The H. P. Thode Collection for Sale On August 13

Club Members will have an opportunity to purchase the remaining books and videos from the H. P. Thode collection at the Club Meeting on August 13. A complete listing of titles can be obtained by emailing or calling Dave Goss (dave@dcgoss.com or 303-693-9933)

Books will be available for purchase beginning at 7:00 PM until 7:30 and then again following the meeting. Cash or checks only, no credit cards. Out of state members can contact Dave to discuss purchases and shipping (extra).

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### Colorado Springs Streetcar Update

By David Lippincott

The Pikes Peak Historical Street Railway foundation has committed to acquire by donation, a 95% restored Pittsburgh PCC originally built in 1947 that had been updated to an Interurban. With a trolley base and pole, a set of standard gauge trucks (both of which they have) plus some minor work elsewhere, they will have a second operating PCC in service.

They are also preparing four donated Denver RTD vehicles, two 1910 era streetcar bodies and two 1940 trolley buses for transport to Colorado Springs pending funds for the moves.

*Editor's note: The Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation contrib-*



Architect J. David Thorpe's vision of the restored street car operating with the public market project.

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*uted \$2,000 towards the preparation and move of the vehicles from RTD.*

For information or to support the group's efforts, contact David Lippincott at [csstreetcarfdn@aol.com](mailto:csstreetcarfdn@aol.com)

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### September 1964 *Trains* Magazine

Colorado Photo Contest Winners

At the suggestion of long-time member Jim Ranniger, the Club received permission from *Trains* Magazine to post the complete September 1964 article "Colorado Photo Contest Winners" on the Club website.

This contest feature article included nine pages of photos from Club members that reflect the breadth and talent of

amateur and professional photographers who were part of the Club in 1964.

To view this article go to the Club webpage, [www.rockymtnrclub.org](http://www.rockymtnrclub.org) and click "Trains 25th Anniversary Article" to link to the article. Reading the article will require the use of Adobe Reader on your computer.

## San Luis & Rio Grande Excursion

September 27, 28 and 29, 2013

By John Charles

On September 27, 28 and 29, 2013, the Club will operate a special three-day excursion on the San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad out of Alamosa, Colorado. All three days will be steam powered using the SL&RG 2-8-0 No 18. The four-car consist will include a Dome, Club, Coach and the Lookout Mountain (an open car).

Day One will be a Mixed Train from Alamosa to Monte Vista and return. Runbys will be included, and passengers will have an opportunity to watch and photograph the switching operations at Monte Vista. Guests will be provided with a sandwich buffet onboard the train.

Day Two will be a roundtrip from Alamosa to La Veta and return. This is the most scenic part of the line, crossing 9,242 foot La Veta Pass. Time permitting we will make two runbys in each direction on the pass. Breakfast will be provided and lunch will be available for purchase (\$8-10 per plate). Complimentary non alcoholic beverages will also be provided.

Day Three will be a round trip from Alamosa to Antonito, where we will connect with the C&TS regular train on to Osier, and return to Antonito and Alamosa. *(Please note that the C&TS fare is not included and tickets for the Antonito - Osier portion must be purchased from the C&TS. We are working with the C&TS for a special price so be sure to mention you are with RMRRC trip.)* Breakfast will be provided onboard the



San Luis & Rio Grande engine No. 18 (the engine that will pull our trip) westward at MP 206, near the summit of La Veta Pass at Fir.

– Photo © John Charles.

train between Alamosa and Antonito, and snacks and cocktails will be available for purchase on the return trip. We are planning at least one late afternoon runby on the return trip between Antonito and Alamosa.

When we return to Alamosa on either Day One or Day Two we will have an opportunity to visit the SL&RG Car Shop.

Price for the entire three-day trip (not including C&TS ticket) will be \$179 per person. Ticket sales will be handled by the SL&RG on their Rio Grande Scenic RR web site [www.coloradotrain.com](http://www.coloradotrain.com). This web site also includes information on lodging and dining in Alamosa.



Locomotive 169 partially painted and lettered.

– Photo courtesy Friends of the 169.

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## **D&RGW Locomotive 169 In Alamosa, Colorado**

By Jim Poston

Work is progressing on former Denver & Rio Grande Western (nee Denver & Rio Grande) #169 in Cole Park in Alamosa, Colorado.

Owned by the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce / Alamosa County Economic Development Council (ACEDC), the Friends of the 169 volunteer group has been working on the preservation and eventual operation of the 1883-built Baldwin product.

In 2012, the Friends replaced the rusted-out cab floorboards, removed the brake rigging from under the locomotive, removed the driver grease cellars, hosted numerous visitors to the pavilion, and performed many other tasks.

This summer, the Friends began lettering the locomotive and tender using stencils provided by Terry Woolsey of the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. In addition, the locomotive



The interior of Business Car B-1.

– Photo courtesy Friends of the 169.

and Business Car B-1 were cleaned and partially re-painted in support of the Alamosa County Centennial. Other work included removing the eccentric straps, cylinder bore inspection, and side rod removal to further determine the mechanical condition of the locomotive.

Future work includes boiler repairs, removing and inspecting the valve gear, cleaning and repairing the smokebox interior, fund-raising, and a myriad of other tasks necessary to meet FRA requirements and to make the locomotive operationally reliable.

The Friends of the 169 invite you to visit the Cole Park pavilion, see us at [www.friendsof169.com](http://www.friendsof169.com), or contact us at 866-970-3540.



The tour group in front of the historic Como Roundhouse and DSP&P boxcar.  
– Photo © 2013 Pat Mauro.

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## The Club Tours Como And Surroundings

By Pat Mauro

On Sunday June 9th, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club (Celebrating their 75th anniversary) in collaboration with the Park County Historical Society, toured the town of Como and other sites in the vicinity. Approximately 40 members of the organizations were in attendance. Members of the Denver South Park and Pacific Historical Society (DSP&PHS) were also in attendance. We had a convoy of members arrive in Como at the Como Roundhouse. Bob Schoppe (President of the DSP&PHS) and Todd Hackett went over many details concerning the Roundhouse that was built in 1879 by Italian Stone Masons. The DSP&P boxcar was rolled out for display, and members marveled at the many interesting aspects of the Roundhouse. Thanks to Doctor Charles

Brantigan and Bob Schoppe for allowing the tour of the roundhouse.

From the roundhouse, we drove to the other side of town to the Como Cemetery. We were able to match up the map in our handout, with the burials, to locate where the original land boundary was. (The cemetery was later enlarged) Burials, of well known railroaders were seen, along with others such as the Italian scribed head stone from the 1893 blast at the King Coal Mine, which killed many mine employees.

From the cemetery, we made our way to the Como Hotel and depot. We ordered our lunches, while enjoying the restaurant in the hotel, thinking how so many train passengers ate in the same

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The tour group at the historic Como Hotel. – Photo © 2013 Pat Mauro.

room, when the railroad would feed the passengers from the many trains in Como. After lunch, we had some members tour the Depot, while others enjoyed a detailed tour of the Hotel by owner David Tomkins. We were able to see how trains arrived and departed from Como from the vantage point of the hotel. David noted the recent discovery of the once buried, original window opening from the original Gilman / Pacific Hotel, which had burned in 1896 – the current building replaced it. David also told the group of the current restoration projects at the Hotel and Depot.

The depot has been restored to its original level, from the first phase of the restoration, along with a new roof and chimneys. The interior and siding are the

next phases of the project with the depot becoming a museum with original railroad memorabilia, much from the Andy Anderson collection. Andy was a former Como resident, and RR engineer. The depot has come a long way from 2008, when members from both organizations stabilized the precarious structure. All were enthralled to see the progress on the depot.

We then drove to the site of the King City / Coal mine area. We were able to locate the original sites of many structures of the once busy mining town on the map in the handout. This site was previously named Como also) The day ended and everyone was able to see how Como operated as the hub of the railroad for almost 60 years!

## Denver Light Rail



Installation of the fabric on the Denver Union Station canopy structure was finished by the middle of July. The fabric is Polytetrafluoroethylene, also known as PTFE or by its most famous brand name: Teflon.

– Photo © 2013 Dave Schaaf.

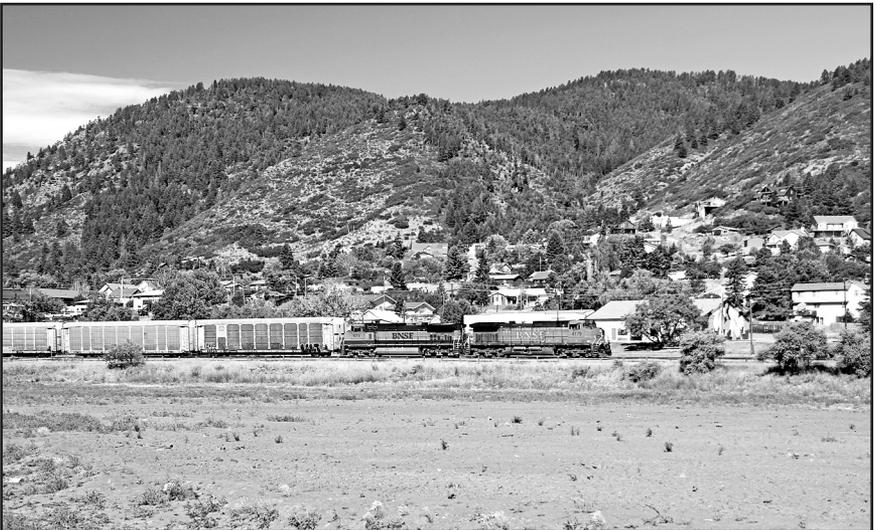


The new RTD line to Denver International Airport is under construction near the U.P. 36th Street yard. Construction activities were stopped for the July 4, 2013, holiday. – Photo © 2013 Dave Schaaf.

## Current Railroad Happenings



BNSF 5068 East handled inspection train O ABQTOP2 16, Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Topeka, Kansas, operated for Sam Sexhus, BNSF engineering department. The 7-car inspection train had theatre inspection car William Barstow Strong - BNSF 32 and business car John S Reed on the rear passed Glorieta, New Mexico, on July 16, 2013. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.



On July 14, 2013, this northbound BNSF freight from Galesburg, Illinois, to Pasco, Washington, passed the dry pond at Palmer Lake, Colorado.  
– Photo © 2013 Dave Schaaf.

## Colorado Railroad Museum 2013 Scheduled

### Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

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

August 16, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Stone And Steel At The Top Of The World

October 18, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Hiram Wheeler

December 6, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM  
The American Hobo

### 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>

**There Is No Intermountain  
Chapter, NRHS, Meeting  
In August.**

## Colorado Railroad Museum

**Colorado Rails & Cocktails**  
An Evening Of Colorado History  
Stone And Steel At The Top Of The World  
Friday, August 16th  
6:30 to 8:00 PM

Professors Pete Seel and Jason LaBelle screen their documentary highlighting the human story of Rollins Pass, located high on the Continental Divide in north-central Colorado. This engineering marvel took passengers to the Top of the World in sometimes brutal weather conditions. Today, the Moffat Tunnel safely guides rail traffic under the Continental Divide so Rollins Pass is now a much quieter place for reflection and recreation. Following the film, Seel and LaBelle will discuss the making of the documentary film and the scientific and historic research that is currently being undertaken by CSU researchers on the Pass.

**Open Car Saturday & Antique Power Day**  
Saturday, August 17th  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Climb aboard and tour several restricted pieces of rail equipment for a firsthand tour and catch a ride behind the uniquely Colorado Galloping Goose.

On this Open Car Saturday, we will also be hosting an Antique Power Day. View antique equipment and demonstrations by the Front Range Antique Power Association and see how older equipment like steam engines and trackers used to run.

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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.

### **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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