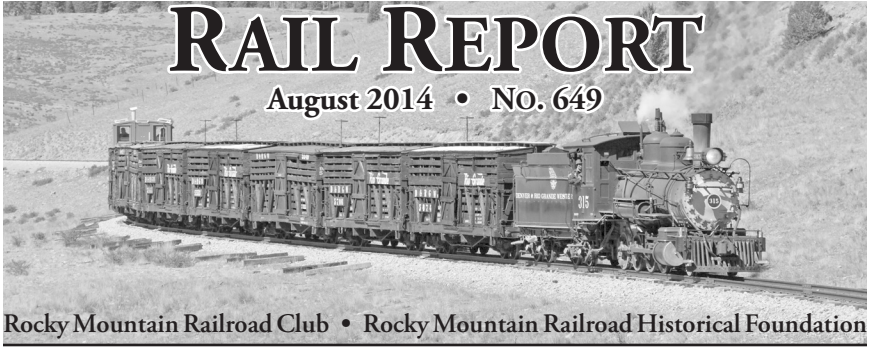


# RAIL REPORT

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## Otto Perry: Master Railroad Photographer

Presented by Chuck Albi

August 12th, 2014 • 7:30 PM

Otto was one of the great railroad photographers of the first half of the 20th century. He recorded the passage of steam and, later on, early diesel powered trains beginning in 1913 and continuing through the 1960s. While best remembered for his views of Colorado railroading, his activity extended throughout the United States, Canada and even into Mexico and Europe. He did not neglect airplanes, ships, trucks and buses, either. His collection of over 20,000 negatives has been preserved in the Denver Public Library Western History / Genealogy Department and is fully accessible on the library's website. Tonight's program will be a journey through the years with Otto, including some reminiscences of his very colorful personality.

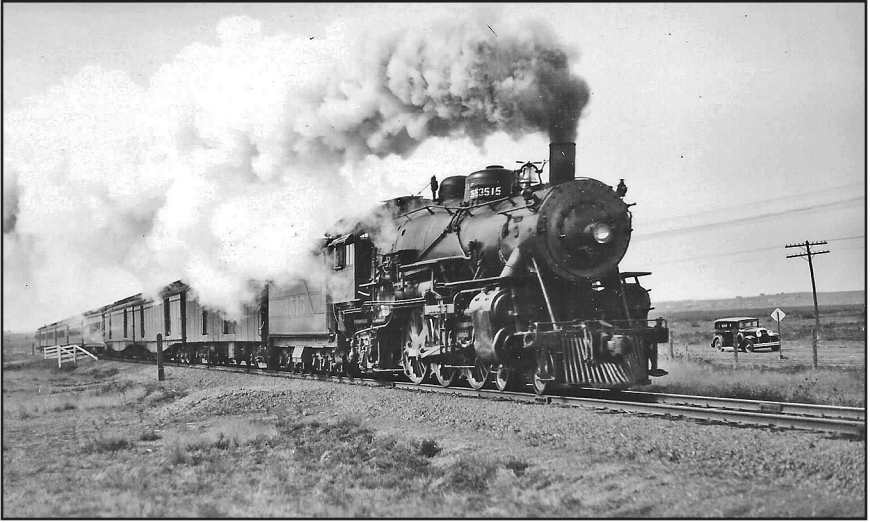
Please join us for an enjoyable, educational evening at Christ Episcopal Church at 2950 South University Boulevard, University at Bates, where there is plenty of off street parking at the rear of the complex. Enter into Barnes Hall, where we hold the monthly meetings, on the mid-south side doors. Please 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 2014 Calendar

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| August 16th   | Strasburg Trip   |
| September 9th | Meeting and Program.                                   |
| October 11th  | Annual Banquet at the Oxford Hotel in downtown Denver. |

Due to circumstances beyond our control, programs and dates are subject to change without notice.  
Please contact Dave Schaaf with program ideas at ds5280@comcast.net or 303 988-3456.

## Otto Perry: Master Railroad Photographer



Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe 4-6-2 No. 3515 with train 12 east of Pueblo, Colorado, on February 23, 1931, running at 50 mph. This train carried Pullmans connecting to Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

– Otto Perry photo, Denver Public Library Western History collection.



Chicago Burlington & Quincy E5 9911A Silver Pilot and E5B 9911B Silver Mate at 65 mph on the eastbound Denver Zephyr east of Derby, Colorado, on April 14, 1940. Today, Silver Pilot is the only surviving Electro-Motive E5, and is preserved in operating condition at the Illinois Railway Museum.

– Otto Perry photo, Denver Public Library Western History collection.

## Otto Perry: Master Railroad Photographer



Chicago & North Western 2-8-2 No. 2312 ahead of an ominous sky with a 47-car eastbound train near Chadron, Nebraska, on May 31, 1937, running at 40 mph. – Otto Perry photo, Denver Public Library Western History collection.



Chicago Rock Island & Pacific ALCO DL109 No. 622 and the westbound Arizona Limited east of Hooker, Oklahoma, on February 8, 1941. Otto Perry's shadow appears at the lower left. This all-Pullman Chicago-Phoenix train ran just for the winter seasons of 1940 and 1941 and picked up or discharged passengers only at two other stops, Kansas City and Tucson. – Otto Perry photo, Denver Public Library Western History collection.





Silver Streak excursion riders and NARCOA members at the South Fork station.  
– Photo © 2013 Dave Goss.

## Notes From The President

By Nathan Holmes

The Creede Trip is officially a go! I finished arrangements with the Denver & Rio Grande Historical Foundation (the owners of the Creede branch) a few weeks ago. We'll do this much as we did last year. The D&RGHF will provide their "Silver Streak" to carry our Club members, and we'll also be able to rotate attendees through some of the motorcars, depending on which operators have an

open seat and are willing to take a rider. The NARCOA group is a very friendly bunch and they're all usually very happy to share their cars and their enthusiasm for the hobby with others, so more than likely anyone who wants a ride in one of the cars will be able to find one. Between the motorcars and the Streak, we can accommodate 20-25 people each day.



## Notes From The President



NARCOA members with their speeders. – Photo © 2013 Dave Goss.

The sign-up form for the trip is included in this month's newsletter. The cost, like last year, will be \$35 per person. Please indicate your preferred day: Saturday, September 27 or Sunday, September 28 – and if the other day is an acceptable alternative. We'll also need a way to contact you to let you know which day you'll be on. Sign-ups will be first come, first serve, and due to limited seating, once the trip is full, well, that's it! There's not an hard cutoff date as with the Strasburg trip, but we'd greatly appreciate if you'd get your sign up forms back to us by September 21st so that we can give the D&RGHF and motorcar operators an idea of how many people we're bringing. For safety reasons, we would ask that you please wear long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes.

For those arriving on Friday, our NARCOA contact, John Keeling, told me the motorcar operators will be out testing their operating skills and safe operating knowledge. As these folks operate excursions in cooperation with many active railroads, safe and reliable operation is paramount. If you're at all interested in learning what it takes to own and operate a motorcar, it'll be a great opportunity to experience it first-hand. Our members are welcome to come watch and learn.

The other piece of exciting news I have to announce is the selection of our banquet speaker. Thanks to Dave SchAAF's hard work, our presenter this year will be none other than "Dr. Colorado" himself, Dr. Tom Noel. Dr. Noel is a Professor of History and Director of

## Notes From The President



The historic Oxford Hotel, just down the street from Denver's Union Station, is the location for the Club's October luncheon banquet. – Photo © 2014 Dave Schaaf.

Public History, Preservation & Colorado Studies at the University of Colorado – Denver. He's a renowned Colorado historian and author, and widely known through his *Denver Post* column and appearances on local TV. Given Union Station's recent reopening and the proximity of the banquet to the station, we thought it would be appropriate for him to speak to us about Union Station's history and role as a Denver transportation hub over the last century. It should be a fascinating and educational presentation. If you want to learn more about our speaker, please visit his website: <http://www.dr-colorado.com>

Now that everything is set, banquet sign-ups are now open and the form is included in this month's newsletter. The meal will be a gourmet buffet like last year, so there's no need to specify beef or chicken ahead of time. To control costs and let everyone have exactly what they want, we've decided that drinks other than water will be available from the bar for an additional fee. The deadline for banquet reservations is October 4th. We're contractually obligated to get a final head count to the Oxford catering staff on October 7, so we won't be able to accept any last minute additions. Please come and join us for what I promise will be another banquet to remember.

## Notes From The President



Board member John Charles was firing Georgetown Loop Number 9 on Thursday, June 26, 2014, shown here watering the tender. – Photo © 2014 Dave Goss.

I'm always available to answer questions, talk about ideas, or address concerns from club members. You can reach me through my personal email

at [me@ndholmes.com](mailto:me@ndholmes.com), or by phone at 719-235-1286. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

*In Remembrance*  
**Thomas R. Lee**

Tom Lee, charter member and the longest serving member of the Union Pacific Historical Society Board passed away on July 18, 2014. He joined the RMRRC in 1965 holding membership number 54, having been a member for 49 years.

*In Remembrance*  
**David A. Rainey**

David A. Rainey passed away on May 31, 2014, two weeks after his 94th birthday. He worked for the Colorado and Southern Railway starting in 1938, rising to Vice President / Controller. David had been a Club member since 1972 and held card number 87. He was a sustaining member who provided additional financial support to the Club.



## Current Railroad Happenings



The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad have turned their passenger cars and locomotives on a wye in Chama but one of the legs was very short and could not be used to turn an entire train. That all changed during late June and early July 2014. The track was in service by their goal of July 4th. The crew could turn the west bound train that arrived at 4:15 and get it serviced for the 4th of July Special scheduled to depart Chama at 5:30. The line was laid out with a sharp curve at the crossing of Manzanita Street resulting in less dirt work for the roadbed fill. By adding this new track the railroad feels that the crew not only will save time getting the train turned for the next trip but it also saves crossing Highway 17 multiple times, a safety issue as the crossings do not have gates.

– Photo © 2014 Nathan Zachman.

### *The Annual Tradition Continues!*

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

**Saturday, August 9 • 10 AM to 2 PM**

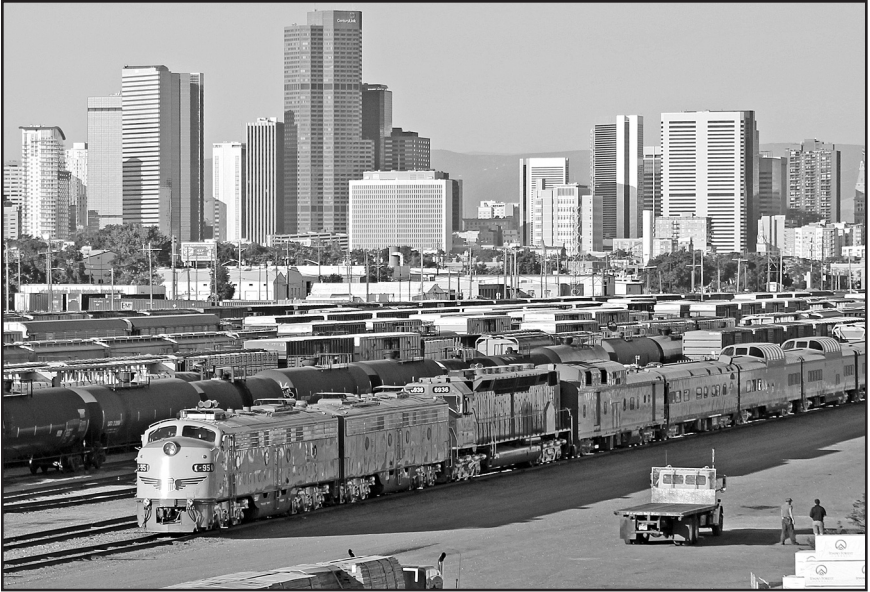
Denver Federal Center, Building 78

*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.

All adults need a government photo ID (i.e. drivers license) to enter the Federal Center. Sorry, pets are not permitted.

## Current Railroad Happenings



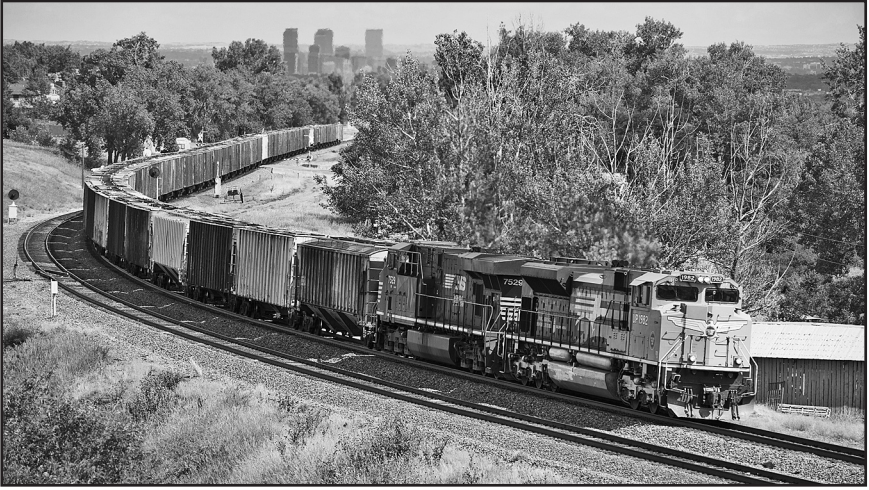
The 2014 Cheyenne Frontier Days special awaits the July 19th departure from 36th Street yard in Denver. – Photo © 2014 Dave Schaaf.



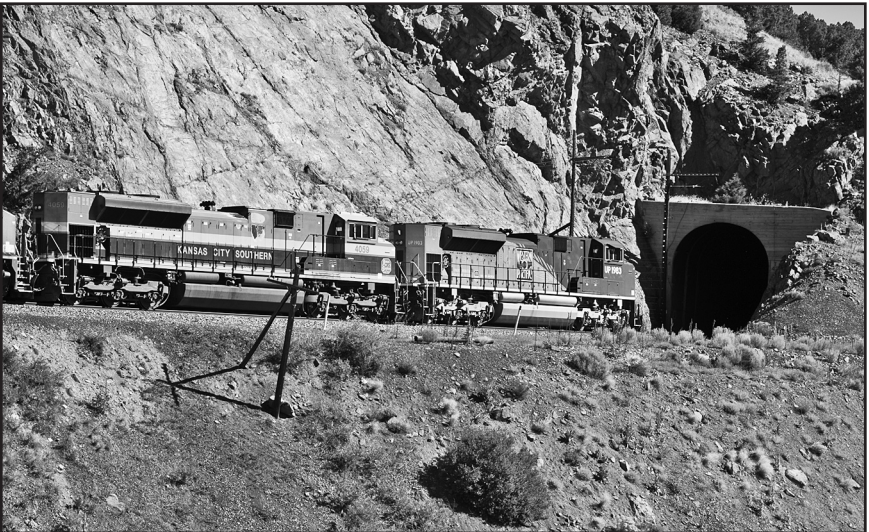
On July 11th and 12th, 2014, Amtrak operated a Southwest Chief Presidential Inspection Train with Joe Boardman, the President of Amtrak. Joe talked with local political leaders to hear their concerns about the possibility Southwest Chief being removed from its current Newton-Dodge City-La Junta-Raton-Albuquerque route. – Photo © 2014 Nathan Zachman.



## Current Railroad Happenings



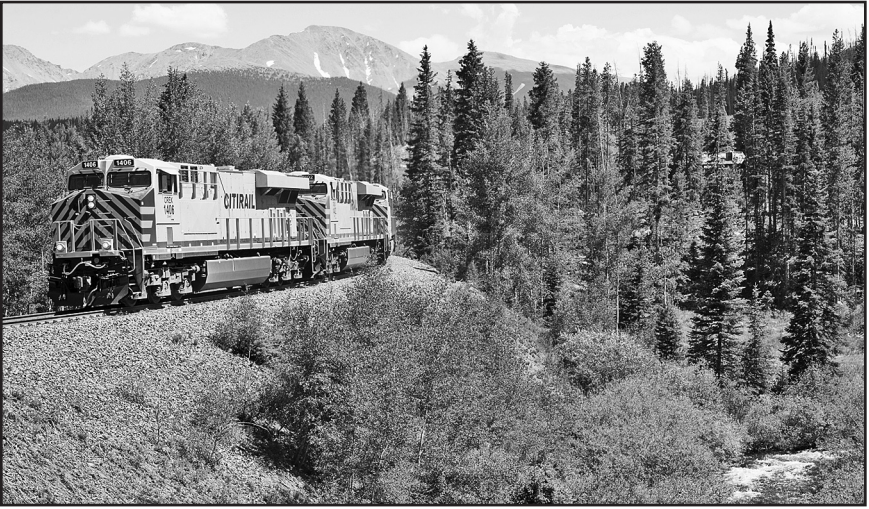
Union Pacific 1982, Missouri Pacific Heritage unit SD70ACe, and Norfolk Southern 7529 headed west from Rolla (Commerce City), Colorado, to Nephi, Utah, on empty unit rock salt covered hopper train passed Leyden Siding, Arvada, Colorado, on July 13, 2014. Rare to find an UP Heritage unit leading a train across the Colorado Rockies. – Photo © 2014 by Chip.



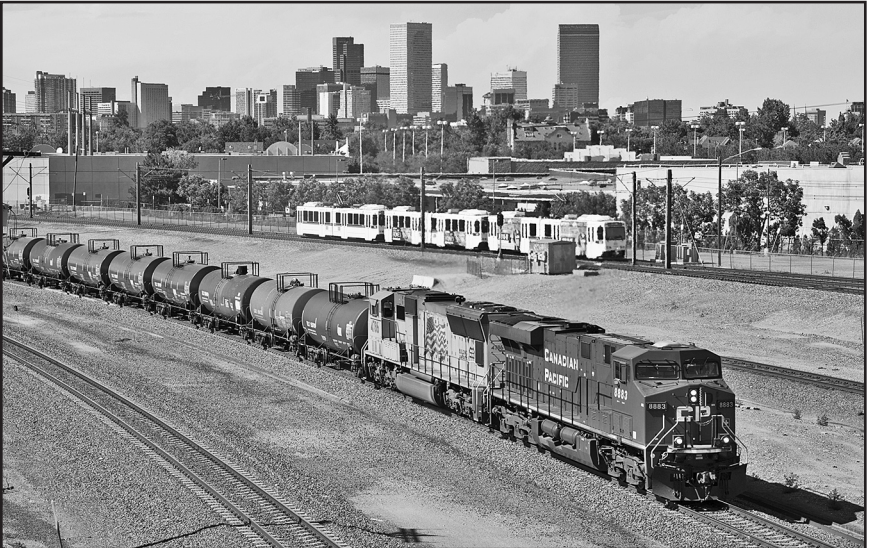
UP 1983, Western Pacific Heritage unit, and Kansas City Southern 4059 (both EMD model SD70ACe units) rolled east on train M RONY 21 (Roper Yard, Salt Lake City, Utah, to North Yard, Denver) on July 22, 2014. The train was entering 463-foot long tunnel 42 at milepost 115.8 east of Radium, Colorado. – Photo © 2014 by Chip.



## Current Railroad Happenings



BNSF has leased new CitiRail (CREX) ES44AC units starting in July 2014. Making their first run were CREX 1406, 1402 and 1408 on BNSF's H LINPVO1 02a (Lincoln, Nebraska, to Provo, Utah) over Union Pacific trackage rights at Winter Park, Colorado, on July 7, 2014. – Photo © 2014 by Chip.



Canadian Pacific 8883, ES44AC, and Union Pacific 4786, SD70M, teamed up on BNSF loaded sulphur train. The G BNVGAT4-18a, Bonneville, Wyoming, to Galveston, Texas, unit sulphur load ran south on Joint Line shown at South Denver, Colorado, on June 22, 2014. A northbound Denver RTD 3-car train was running in the distance. – Photo © 2014 by Chip.

## Current Railroad Happenings



A July 15th washout on the Towner Line. A torrential downpour north of NA Junction caused the Colorado Canal irrigation ditch to overflow, and the resulting water washed the grade out from under the unused railway in several spots.  
– Photo © 2014 Nathan Holmes.



The Santa Fe stone arch built in 1898 near Spruce, Colorado, with stones from SF quarry south of Castle Rock. – Photo © 2014 Dan Edwards.



# Events of Railroad History: Drama on the Silverton Railroads

Research By Dan Edwards

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## Engine Leaves Track – Silverton, Colo., July 24.

From The *Colorado Sun*, July 25, 1891

Engine No. 100, pulling the passenger train to Red Mountain on the Silverton Railroad, was derailed this afternoon near the Burro bridge by a broken rail and thrown over on one side. Engineer William Spear was badly scalded on the leg by escaping steam, and

he was brought to town on a hand car. Nobody else was hurt. The passenger cars were brought back to Silverton. A wrecking train will be on hand early in the morning, and trains will be running on time by noon.

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## Cool Conductor Saves 20 Lives – Silverton, Colo., Feb. 15.

From The *Denver Republican*, February 16, 1907

Through the presence of mind of Carl Barnes, conductor on the Gladstone branch of the Silverton & Northern Railroad, the lives of a coach load of people numbering over 20 were saved today. The train was climbing a steep grade a mile from here at 9 o'clock this morning, when without warning the rear coach became detached and at once started back down the grade. There was a rush by all in the car for the doors, and they fought to get out.

Conductor Barnes set the hand-brakes slowing the car and directed the people to be calm and orderly. Then, letting them out of the coach one by one, they jumped from the moving car, and none was injured.

Conductor Barnes remained on the car until the last passenger had left it, by which time it was going at high speed, so that when he jumped, he was painfully injured but will recover. The coolness of the conductor undoubtedly saved the lives of all in the car. Hardly had the conductor jumped when the car left the tracks, rolled down a steep embankment, and was smashed into bits.

The train was climbing a steep grade up Boulder mountain, and before the conductor could set the hand brakes, the car had gained considerable speed. The coach had traveled fully a quarter of a mile before it finally left the track and was wrecked.



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## A New Event at the Colorado Railroad Museum:

### Golden Craft Beer Train

Saturday, August 9 • 12:00 to 4:00 PM.

Railroads have been transporting beer out of Golden for decades. Some of Colorado's best brews have been placed in refrigerator cars and delivered throughout the United States.

Celebrate the history and heritage of beer in Golden and Colorado at the Golden Craft Beer Train.

Sample beer from craft breweries, grab a bite to eat from local food trucks and enjoy live music as you explore the Museum's 15-acre railyard. Don't miss the opportunity to catch a ride behind our historic steam locomotive in vintage passenger cars.

#### **Breweries include:**

Barrels & Bottles Brewery  
Cannonball Creek Brewing Company  
Brewery Rickoli  
AC Golden Brewing Company  
Arvada Beer Company

#### **Food Trucks include:**

Gusto's  
B&B Smokehouse Meats  
Hot Dippity Dog

#### **Special Event Pricing Applies:**

Members: Free  
Nonmembers: \$15  
Seniors: \$10

Participation in Beer Sampling is an additional \$10 at the door. Must be 21 or older to enter the beer sampling areas.

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## Colorado Railroad Museum 2014 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

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Day Out With Thomas

Saturdays & Sundays

September 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 & 28

Trick or Treat Train

Saturday & Sunday, October 25 & 26

Santa Claus Special

December 14, 15 & 21

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#### **Colorado Rails and Cocktails - An Evening of Colorado History**

Denver's Street Car Suburbs, August 29

Firing on the Grande, October 10

The American Hobo, December 12

Advanced Tickets Required,

21 and older only.

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#### **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.

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## **Intermountain Chapter, NRHS Events**

For information call 303-883-2435

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

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Please contact the Intermountain Chapter directly for information.

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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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