

TICKET SALES are moving along for the 8444 excursion to Sterling on July 28. Don't wait too long to order yours. \$42 per adult.

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GOING SOUTH IN SEPTEMBER - Although it had been hoped that the club could sponsor another trip over the Black Hills Central Railroad this summer, it has been decided that such a venture is not feasible this year. So, instead, we will head in the opposite direction, and set our sights on . . . the GRAND CANYON!! Details are being worked out, but basically, this will be a four-day trip on September 6, 7, 8, and 9 and will involve traveling by chartered bus from Denver to Trinidad on the morning of the 6th, to board Amtrak's Southwest Limited for an all-day ride over the Santa Fe Railroad to Flagstaff, Arizona. Numerous attractions in the Flagstaff region including ghost towns and scenic areas will occupy one day of our two-day visit to Arizona. The other day will be spent at the Grand Canyon, and on the fourth day, we will return to Colorado again on the Southwest Limited, and on up to Denver. Details will be forthcoming.

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THE VIRGINIA DALE FIELD TRIP for June 30, is all set to go and will provide an opportunity to view a variety of rail and historic attractions in the northern front range area. We will meet in the parking lot of the Northglenn Shopping Center (Exit 221/104th Ave.) on the east side of The Denver, at 7:30 A.M., Saturday, June 30. Our first stop will be in Fort Collins at about 9:00 A.M. at the old FCM Ry. carbarn, to see the restoration work in progress on the City's Fort Collins Municipal Railway trolley car. A sister to the club's car at the Colorado Railroad Museum, it is presently stripped to the frame and undergoing rebuilding by a group of dedicated area residents that almost defies description. With volunteers doing the work and an impressive array of Colorado companies and individuals donating materials and services, it is hoped that the car may even operate again. After a quick tour of the old trolley route, out to the park, and a glance at the miniature train in the park, we will proceed north to Virginia Dale and stop at the roadside park for lunch. Please bring your own lunch and beverages. In the Virginia Dale area, we will view several impressive sections of the right-of-way of the DL&NW and visit the old Overland Trail Stage Station. Ken Jessen, who has studied the DL&NW extensively, will be with us to explain how the railroad graded through the area, but never laid a rail that far north. The Butte Royal Tunnel will not be visited since it recently changed ownership, and the new owners prefer not to have visitors on their property. (All of the sections of grading we will see, including the stage station stop, are on private property.) Leaving the Virginia Dale area, we will then proceed south to Loveland, to glimpse the GW's Dinky steam locomotive, and then stop at North Lake Park to visit with Fred Lewis and ride his 18-inch gauge, Buckhorn Northern Railroad. Fred, with the help of friends, has done quite a job building this miniature railroad and its rolling stock, and his 2-4-4 is a sight to behold. Those who wish may then eat supper in the area or return home.

We suggest you keep car pooling in mind if you know of friends who are going. There is no charge or reservation required, just be at the shopping center in the morning. For any questions or if the weather is bad, or the gas situation gets worse, contact Keith Kirby at 756-9648, Darrell Arndt at 321-2723, or Ardie Schoeninger at 238-4485.

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CAN YOU HELP?! - Members will be needed to man the club's booth at Railfair on July 7 and 8. If you can spare a few hours on either day, please contact Jim Trowbridge at 988-2267. Also, assistance is needed on July 14 and 15, to have the club's equipment open during the Colorado Railroad Museum's 20th Anniversary. Just give Bill Gordon a ring at 477-4646, so he can know who can be there and when.

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OUR NEXT FIELD TRIP on August 18, will take in part of the DSP&P as we drive over the Boreas Pass route from Breckenridge to Como, with a lunch stop on the pass. In Como, we'll look around the yard and then have supper, followed by a slide program depicting what it was like to ride a passenger train from Denver to Leadville. Further details next month.

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CLIFFHANGER DEPT. - As of May 22, only a week before the proposed discontinuance date of the Rio Grande Zephyr between Grand Junction and Salt Lake City, the railroad still had not received word as to the government's decision. The train was SOLD OUT throughout the entire month of May, with increased ridership, not only to Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction, but to Salt Lake City as well. (Frightful what a little publicity will do!!)

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THE TOUR of the San Luis Valley Southern, postponed from April 7, has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 23. The railroad's motive power will be available for viewing, and an auto tour of the roadbed will be undertaken under the direction of the San Luis Valley Historical Society.

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'79 SUMMER SCHEDULE - The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railway will begin its operating season June 9, and continue on through October 14. Fare is \$20 for adults and \$8 for children. Brochures can be obtained by writing to them at P.O. Box 789, Chama, N.M. 87520. Don't forget the Great Freight '79 special run on July 6, as described last month.

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THE SILVERTON SEASON begins on May 26, and will run through October 7. The exact fare will be \$13.85 for adults, and 8.35 for ages 8-11. Sale of the line is still under consideration, and a decision was to have been made at the railroad's board meeting the last week in May.

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THE SAN LUIS VALLEY HISTORIAN, published by the San Luis Valley Historical Society, recently included contributions from two club members. Carl Helfin wrote a story about the Chili Line of the D&RGW, and the Le Madera Branch which includes a synopsis of the branches physical characteristics and operations. The second article in this issue, (Vol. 10, No. 2) is by Bob Griswold, and tells about a baseball special that ran over the San Luis Valley Southern Railroad. Single copies of San Luis Valley Historian, the publication which helps support the Society, may be obtained for \$2 by writing to them at P.O. Box 982, Alamosa, CO 81101.

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A BIG THANK YOU to Hubert Wagoner, who recently donated 2 reels of 8MM films to the club. They are both Blackhawk films, and the subject is The Narrow Gauge Train to Silverton.

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MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED on the Club's work day last month, thanks to the help of members stopping out at the museum. In just 2 working days, the shop car was completely scraped of old paint, a linseed oil mixture applied along with almost 2 coats of new paint. In addition, the RICO received a paint job. A tip of the conductor's hat is due Ernie Richie, William Gould, Henry Townsend, Olie Larsen, Rollin Cordill, Ardie Schoeninger, Keith Kirby, Bill Gordon, Darrell Arndt, Bill Yoder, Bryant McFadden, Carl Carlson and of course, Jim Ranniger, who brought the commissary out to provide lunch.

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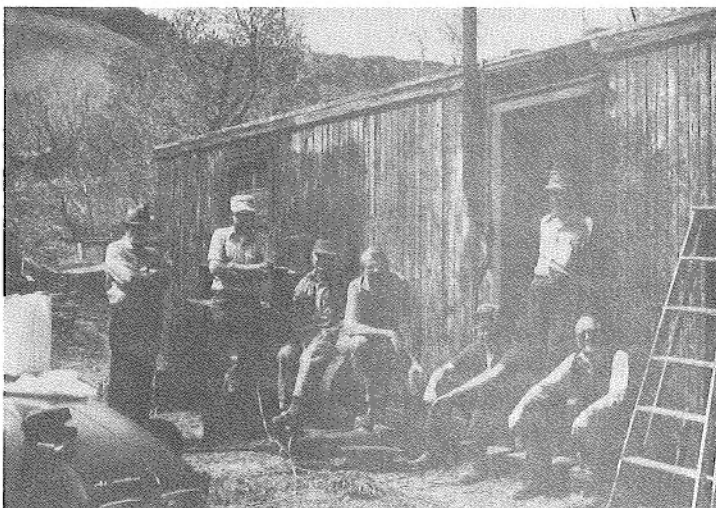
Work Day at the Colorado Railroad Museum



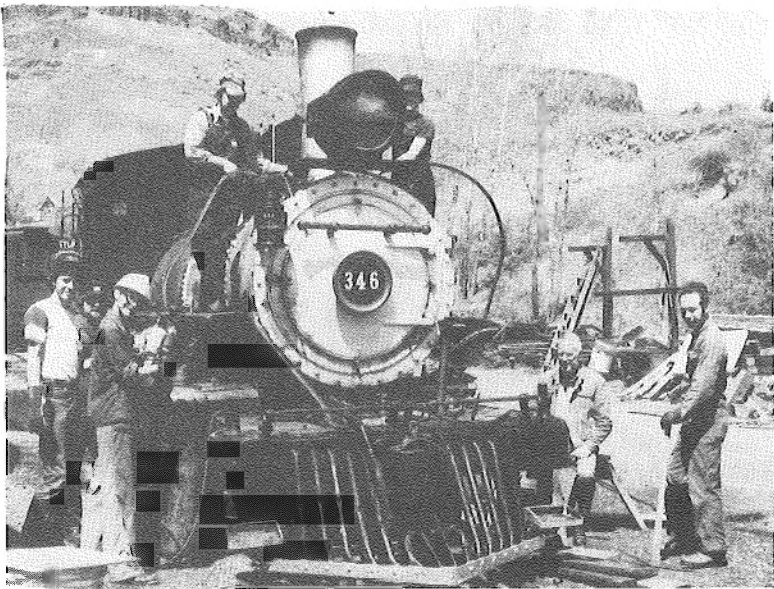
Bryant McFadden and Ardie Schoeninger tend to the Rico, inside and out.



William Gould tackles the end of the shop car.



Bob Richardson, far left, and members of the museum prior to the work day when the shop car was being prepared for painting.



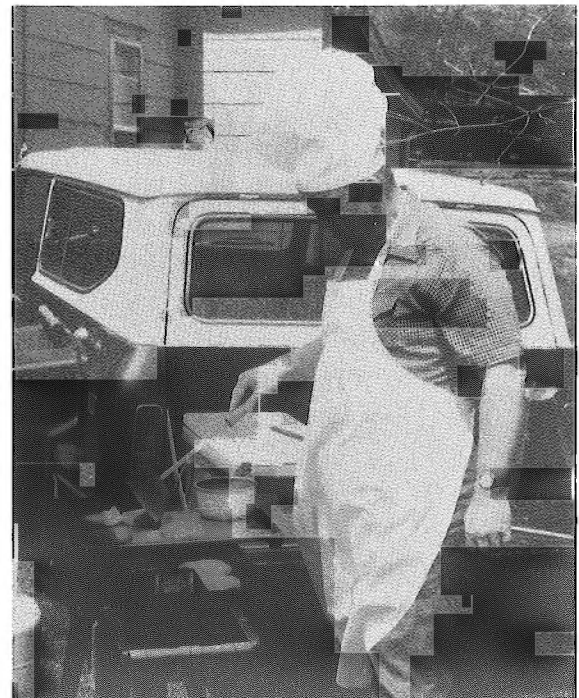
No, this isn't a train holdup, just some of the museum crew taking a pause while working on the No. 346.



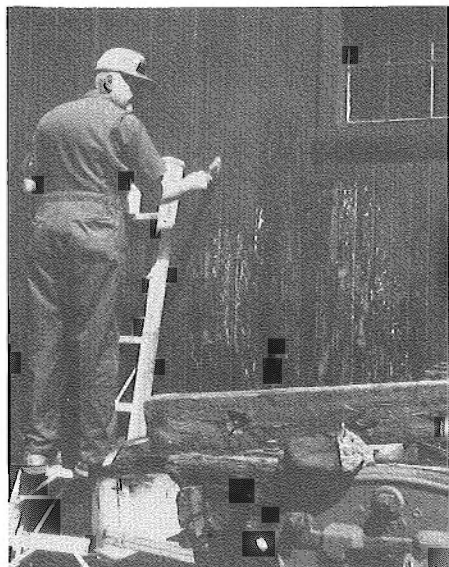
No board is left untouched by this aggressive crew.



While everybody packs it in, Olle Larsen expounds on an unknown subject, probably a topic involving one of his favorite interests, electricity, and its possible applications, like the advantages of installing traction motors on the No. 346, etc.



Slaving away over a hot stove is Jim Ranniger.



Carl Carlson says "Man, this is living"!!



George Lawrence returns for another of Jim's renowned Ballastburgers.

SWAP 'N SHOP - Personal ads are accepted from members for items to be listed for sale or trade or wanted. We cannot enter into any correspondence, nor will we appraise items.

WANTED: Builder's C/N plate from any C&S 2-10-2. Will offer Baldwin plate 55903 from OWRR&N 2-10-2, #5400. Also, want a porter plate from any 0-4-0 operated in Colorado.
ROBERT A. LeMASSENA, 1795 S. Sheridan Blvd., Denver, CO 80226

WANTED: Looking for good condition copy of Morris Abbott's "The Pikes Peak Cog Road," complete with dust jacket. Willing to negotiate for autographed copy.
ED PITCHARD, 612 - 24th St., #12, Golden, CO 80401

FOR SALE: Timetable collection as a lot only. \$50 for the following: Mint condition public tts. AT&SF 6/8/47 (torn cover); Burlington 1/13/46; B&O 11/1/26; B&O 8/12/45; C&O 7/15/29; C&NW 9/16/46; C.G.W. 12/1/39; CMSP&P 9/10/29; Nickle Plate 10/26; Southern 9/3/29.
W.R. JONES, P.O. Box 152, Silverton, CO 81433

FOR SALE: Original D&RGW narrow gauge BOXCAR #3624, fully complete with trucks, couplers, etc., in operable condition. Last used on Farmington Branch in 1965. Sale includes display track, and I can arrange hauling. \$2,500 FOB Silverton, CO.
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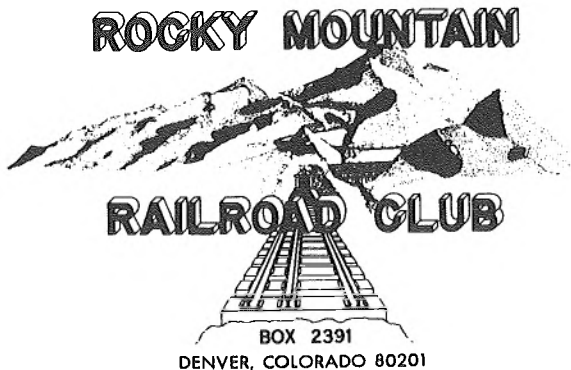
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"The two mosquitoes were busily eating away on Robinson Crusoe. One stopped and said, "I'm leaving now, but I'll see you on Friday."

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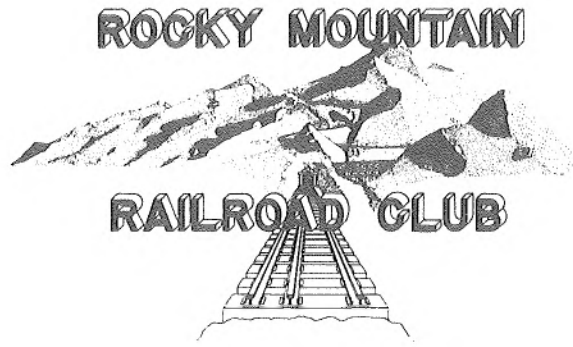
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The fare is \$8.50 for adults, and \$5.50 for children under 12. Please fill in the coupon below, and send it with your remittance as soon as possible, to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, C/O Jim Trowbridge, 502 South Cody Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80226.

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