

Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

MEETING SCHEDULE:

December 13, 1983 -- 7:45 p.m.

Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church,
2900 South University at Bates. Off-street
parking at rear (east) of meeting hall.
Please use the building's south entrance.

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DUES ARE DUE

It's that time again. Enclosed with
this copy of the Rail Report, is the dues
reminder for 1984. Please be sure to re-
turn the portion of the notice with your
name and address printed on it, and make
any necessary corrections. This will en-
able us to keep the club roster as up-to-
date as possible. The yearly dues are
still only \$12 per person, so don't delay,
send yours in today. And, as has become
traditional, the proceeds from the big
book drawing will go to the equipment fund,
and your participation is greatly appre-
ciated.

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CURRENT NEWS AND HISTORICAL NOTES OF ROCKY
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CLUB.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As another year draws to a close, we
find ourselves looking back over the pre-
vious twelve months and the events that
have taken place. For those of us in
the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, we can
reflect with great satisfaction, the
experiences we have had with fellow
members on a wide variety of activi-
ties. We had many interesting trips,
including Challenger steam over Sherman
Hill, a memorable night excursion on the
Manitou & Pikes Peak Railway, an unfor-
gettable weekend on the narrow gauge, and
participation in the last run of the Rio
Grande Zephyr. All of the activities
were unqualified successes, and the
meetings were second to none. An event-
ful year such as we experienced in 1983,
did not happen by chance. It was the
result of the unselfish contribution of
time and effort by many club members
"pitching in" in many capacities and to
varying degrees, the support demonstrated
by members far and near that assured
many great times together. Fortunately,
and unfortunately, the names are too many
to mention here, but thank you all for an
unforgettable 1983!!!

AN HISTORIAN PASSES

Robert G. Athearn passed away November 13 at the age of 69. He was an avid fan of western history and authored many articles and a number of books. He was professor emeritus of history at the University of Colorado and was the recipient of a number of awards and grants in appreciation of his contributions to the recording of western history and his work at the University.

Most rail enthusiasts with an interest in the rail history of our area will remember Athearn's book, "Rebel Of The Rockies," a definitive history of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad.

DECORATE THE DEPOT

The annual Christmas tree decorating party at Denver Union Station will take place on Friday evening, December 9. Participating this year, will be Amtrak personnel, Denver Union Terminal, Western Weighing, the Depot snack bar, and gift shop, Historic Denver, The National Railway Historical Society who have provided the decorations, and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club who provides the tree. It is a great opportunity to get in the spirit of the season, as well as visit the depot, mingle with friends and acquaintances, see the California Zephyr and the McClure Exhibit, and help add a touch of Christmas to the venerable old station. Starting time is 7 p.m., and will last until decorating is completed. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and to offset the cost, a \$2-\$3 donation will be requested. In order to provide an idea of how much food to have on hand, it is requested that all who plan to attend inform the Amtrak ticket office of the number in their group.

ADDITIONAL INFO. REQUESTED

Our system for recording names and addresses is to be elaborated upon so that the new nine digit zip code can be recorded along with member's phone numbers. This information will then be available for eventual inclusion in the club roster. If your nine digit zip code is available, please include it on the return portion of the dues notice. If you would like your phone number recorded, please list it also and don't forget the area code.

ELECTION NIGHT

A full evening of activities will close out the 1983 Rocky Mountain Railroad Club activity calendar at the December 13 meeting. Foremost on the agenda will be the annual election, with club officers and three members of the Board of Directors being selected for 1984. Following the short business meeting, Erwin Chaim will present a multi-media slide presentation on the last run of the Rio Grande Zephyr, including many on-board scenes. Rounding out the evening will be the traditional serving of cookies, cake, coffee, punch, and other goodies in the spirit of the season. Come on down, join in a final salute to another successful Rocky Mountain Railroad Club year!!

WHAT DOES THE POST SAY????!!!

Amtrak rated a one-third page article in the business section of the Denver Post recently, entitled "Amtrak Doubles Passenger Load." It was a positive sounding story, on the ridership gain on the California Zephyr since the re-route from Wyoming, and also mentioned the Southwest Limited and Amtrak's "All Aboard America" fares. There were a few interesting (amusing!???) glaring errors, however, the most notable being the newspaper's route map of the train which had it going south from Denver, to Colorado Springs and Pueblo, and then east to Kansas City, while depicting Ogden as the termination point in the west. The Royal Gorge route was shown as a freight-only line along with the Craig and Montrose branches, and for some reason, the line to Potash in eastern Utah. The article about the superliner train was illustrated with a photo of an Amtrak turbo train. and began with the sentence, "Amtrak's California Zephyr is hauling twice as many passengers from Denver to Salt Lake City through Colorado, than when the Rio Grande Zephyr ran the westward route through Wyoming." (Maybe the next Post article will tell about turbo-trains operating over Marshall Pass!!!)

PLEASE NOTE

This issue of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL REPORT is being mailed early, to comply with the Club's bylaws that the newsletter announcing the Annual Meeting be mailed at least ten days before that meeting.



ALL ABOARD
Amtrak's

California Zephyr

for a weekend excursion to Glenwood Springs

This year escape the doldrums of winter and join the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club for a leisurely, fun-filled two day excursion to Glenwood Springs on Amtrak's California Zephyr.

Our trip will begin Saturday, February 25th, when we depart at 7:30 A.M. from Union Station in Denver. An Amtrak "high, wide and beautiful" Superliner coach has been reserved for use by our group. If desired, passengers will be able to enjoy breakfast and lunch in the high-level Superliner dining car. The bilevel lounge/cafe car will be available to provide excellent viewing of the spectacular mountain and canyon scenery along the route.

Our 1:00 P.M. arrival at Glenwood Springs will allow plenty of time to shop, relax or take an exhilarating swim in the world's largest outdoor heated mineral pool.

Our reserved accommodations will be at the historic Hotel Colorado. This national historic landmark is conveniently located near the railroad depot, downtown Glenwood Springs and the Hot Springs Pool. Our prime rib dinner banquet will be held in the hotel's Devereux Room and will be followed by an entertaining program.

Our 3:00 P.M. departure on Sunday afternoon will allow plenty of time to sleep in, swim, breakfast, lunch, brunch, jog, walk, shop, watch trains, attend church, get a massage, visit Doc Holiday's final resting spot, relax in the hotel lobby, or whatever fits your fancy!

Our return trip to Denver once again provides sightseeing, relaxation and dining opportunities. Arrival back in Denver is scheduled for 8:50 P.M.

Hope to see you aboard with us!

**AMERICA'S GETTING
INTO TRAINING** 



Included in the fares listed below are:

- * Round trip coach accomodations on Amtrak's California Zephyr
- * Saturday night lodging at the Hotel Colorado
- * Saturday evening banquet and program
- * One day admission to the Hot Springs Pool
- * Baggage handling to and from the hotel
- * Applicable tips and gratuities



HOTEL COLORADO

Package fares:

- \$108.00 per adult - Double occupancy
- \$135.00 per adult - Single occupancy
- \$65.00 per child ages 2-11 (Sharing a room with two adults)
- \$80.00 per child ages 12-21 (Sharing a room with two adults)

Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come-first served basis. So send in your reservation request as soon as possible. Reservations cannot be accepted after January 20, 1984. Payment in full must accompany your reservation.

Please make checks payable to the ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB and forward together with your reservation request to:

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club
c/o Matt Anderson
1117 South Clayton Street
Denver, Colorado 80210

RESERVATION REQUEST

GLENWOOD SPRINGS WEEKEND EXCURSION

FEBRUARY 25-26, 1984



ROCKY MOUNTAIN

INDIVIDUAL
NAMES PLEASE _____



RAILROAD CLUB

BOX 2391
DENVER, COLORADO 80201

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____



SANTA CLAUS SPECIAL

The Colorado Railroad Museum's traditional Santa Claus Special will operate this year, on December 3 and 4. Powered by Engine No. 346, and carrying Jolly Old Saint Nick, himself, (or a reasonable facsimile thereof), the two-day operation will provide an opportunity for the whole family to savor an operating steam locomotive. Downstairs, the Denver HO Club will also be running their impressive model railroad. And remember, if you are faced with the challenge of finding an appropriate Christmas gift this year, the Museum's selection of books and other railroaders is the best around. As always, admission to the museum is free to all Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members and their immediate families upon presentation of his or her current membership card!

CHRISTMAS TOY TRAIN SHOW

The Rocky Mountain Toy & Train Collector's Club will hold a Christmas toy train show on Sunday, December 11, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, at 15200 W. 6th Avenue. Buying and selling of toy trains, displays, films, refreshments, and door prizes will be on the agenda. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults, and 50¢ for children. For further information, call 934-8312.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON DISPLAY

An extensive collection of photographs are currently on display at the Colorado Historical Society in downtown Denver. The display includes many vintage scenes of Colorado, including what are now ghost towns and now abandoned railroads.

A FINE DISPLAY

Just another reminder about the L.C. McClure photo exhibit on display at Denver Union Station through January 1. About half of the approximately 70 photos are of railroad subjects. See the November newsletter for further details.

A NEW ADDITION

The Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway has placed an order for another articulated trainset for service on the cog road. The train is being built in Switzerland.

NEW MEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 14 thru OCTOBER 1, 1983:

Kent L. Bates	Rockford, IL
Jenni Caldwell	Littleton, CO
Taylor Franklin	Denver, CO
Wesley Hiebert	Reseda, CA
Bruce S. Hink	Boulder, CO
James G. Johnstone	Lakewood, CO
Eric W. Nilsson	Rhineland, WI
Chuck Rohe	Aurora, CO
John C. Singhurse	Florissant, MO

OCTOBER 19 thru NOVEMBER 1, 1983:

Telfair Brooke	Knoxville, TN
Robert Wilson	Denver, CO
Shelby Smith	Blanding, UT
C. Douglas Frost	Bailey, CO
Lloyd E. Neal, Jr.	Boulder, CO
Michael R. Bliss	Idaho Springs, CO
William J. Garner	Denver, CO

A GRAND RAILROAD

The following has been reprinted from the Rocky Mountain News--Del E. Webb Recreational Properties Inc. has agreed to develop and manage a proposed resort and scenic railroad project to the Grand Canyon. Recreational Properties, a wholly owned subsidiary of Del E. Webb Corp., will develop a master plan for the project, planned by Railroad Resources Inc., and will manage it.

Railroad Resources Inc. exercised an option last month to acquire 63 miles of unused Santa Fe track from Williams, Ariz. to the Grand Canyon. The transaction is to be completed in March. The company has a permit from the National Park Service to study the proposed operation from the southern boundary of Grand Canyon National Park to the depot near El Tovar Lodge.

DOUBLE TUNNELS

The second tunnel at Thistle, Utah was completed and opened to trains in mid-October, completing a double track bypass around the slide-caused lake in the valley.

NOTICE OF NEW ADDRESS

The Rocky Mountain Rail Report has been notified that Francis B. Rizzari's new mail address is now: 254 Marble Circle, Golden, Colorado 80401.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deepest regret we report the passing of long-time club member, Ane Clint who died on November 8, shortly after suffering a massive stroke. Ane had been in good health and had been most active in various organizations, plus her favorite form of recreation - traveling both here and abroad.

Ane was born in January of 1914, in Denver, and attended Denver public schools. She graduated from Colorado College in 1933 at the age of 19, with cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa honors. Employed by several area entities, she then started working for Farmer's Marketing Association in 1946, eventually reaching the position of company treasurer, a position held at retirement in 1981. Ane's widespread interests were apparent from her association with local clubs and organizations. She was a member of the Colorado Historical Society, Historic Denver, the Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado, Rocky Mountain Jim Beam Specialty Club, the International Jim Beam Specialty Club, the Mount Vernon Country Club, the Ghost Town Club of Colorado, the National Railway Historical Society and the Colorado Railroad Historical Foundation for which she was currently secretary. She was listed in Who's Who of American Women, and Who's Who in the West.

Ane married David Clint, who was an avid rail enthusiast and photographer, in 1950. The marriage was short-lived, however, when David was killed in a tragic locomotive explosion on a train he was riding south of Denver. She is survived by two sons from his previous marriage, and three grandchildren.

Ane's association with the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club dates back to the late 1940's, when her experiences riding club excursions on such lines as the Rio Grande Southern and the Midland Terminal Railway would be the catalyst for her participation and strong support of the organization until her death. She served in such capacities as on the Board of Directors, and Treasurer of the club for many years, and was instrumental in the successful undertaking of many club trips and other activities. For over fifteen years, until 1975, she typed the ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL REPORT for several editors, printed it her-

self, and folded it, a chore that frequently went into the late hours of the night. More recently, she had been working with Jack and Irma Morison and their newsletter mailing committee, and made her final contribution to us by assisting with the mailing process only a few days before being struck with this sudden and unexpected illness.

From those early trips and subsequent participation in other facets of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, she developed many deep and cherished friendships with other club members far and near, and the respect and appreciation of all who knew her. She will be missed by all of us, and never forgotten!

AN ACTIVE AUCTION

Some of us are still wondering how and why we can have pleasant fall weather right up to the present, yet see the one snowstorm to hit so far, come through on the second Tuesday night of November! The nasty roads did discourage many from venturing out, but a respectable number of members did brave the elements to attend, and were rewarded with a wide variety of items for bid. Spirited bidding under the direction of that "master" auctioneer, Erwin Chaim, continued until almost 10 p.m., with participants of all ages adding to their railroading collections. Many thanks to all who made this evening a success, especially Erwin and Bobby Chaim, auction clerks Ardie Schoeninger, Cyndi Trombly, Keith Kirby, and Rich Dais, and floor assistance from Jim Trowbridge.

1984 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

The Trip Committee has been hard at work laying out the agenda for the Club's 1984 schedule of events. The calendar will be ready for, and included in the January newsletter. A number of new "adventures" are in store, including a one-week trip to Chicago in June, our first Superliner experience to Glenwood Springs, and a trip on the Southwest Limited to Albuquerque, N.M. in April. Please note the enclosed flyer on the Glenwood Trip. As seating is limited, do not wait long to forward your ticket order as this is always a popular trip.