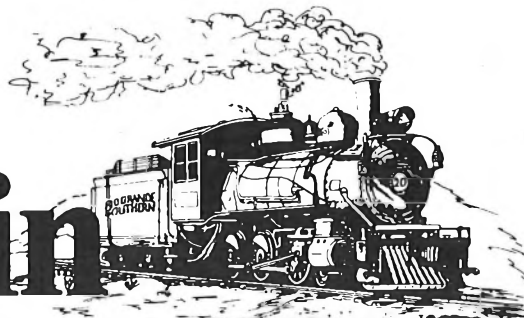


Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

MEETING SCHEDULE:

February 18, 1986 -- 7:45 p.m.

Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University at Bates. Off-street parking at rear (east) of meeting hall. Please use the building's south entrance.

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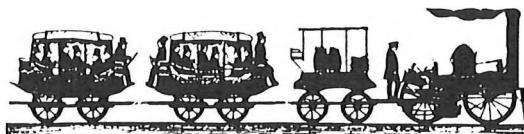
Please make note of the meeting date for February! Due to a conflict on our regular second Tuesday meeting time, this month's meeting will be held on the third (3rd) Tuesday, February 18th.

FEBRUARY 18 PROGRAM

Jim Ozment, of Thistle fame, will again be visiting us to present another outstanding program featuring little-known D&RGW railroad construction projects including grades and even a tunnel that noone knows about!

This presentation will be in the form of a slide program showing construction views, along with maps and views of the current sites.

Please join us for an entertaining as well as informative evening.



JANUARY PROGRAM

We were treated to a truly fine multi-media presentation, produced by Mel Patrick, entitled "Chicago Union Station--A Photographic Narrative, 1967."

Many in the audience had seen this program a number of years ago and their desire to see it again swelled the audience to overflowing. It was a chance for all to relive the end of an era when name trains such as the California Zephyr (the real CZ) and Broadway Limited were still running. Mel also dramatically captured the feel of the Chicago Union Station as crowds entered and left via rail transportation. The beauty of Union Station also came through--a strong contrast to our modern box-type buildings.

Our thanks to Mel and to Pat Moore, who presented the program in Mel's place. (As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Mel had another commitment and could not attend)

MARCH PROGRAM — POTPOURRI NIGHT

One of the most popular programs presented each year is potpourri night! This is scheduled for the March meeting this year. Vice president, Erwin Chaim, our program chairman, has requested that you bring your fifteen (15) slides to the February meeting so he can prearrange the evening's slides in trays for quicker keying as well as make name/title slides for each member participating. If you have a name slide from previous years, please include that slide with your potpourri selection. REMEMBER.....slides should be in focus and correctly exposed!

NEW MEMBERS

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club wishes to enthusiastically welcome the following new members:

Todd Hackett	Lakewood, CO
Leonard McCabe	Clovis, CA
Wayne V. Steele	Loveland, CO

DEATHS

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bud Lehrer, our Trip and Phone Chairman, whose wife Gini passed away suddenly on January 7. Gini will be missed by all of us who came to know her, either as a friend or through Club functions. Her ever present smile and the good cheer she added to our get-togethers will always be remembered.

1986 EVENTS CALENDAR

Feb. 22-23	Amtrak/Glenwood Excursion
Mar. 23	D&RGW Ski Train Trip
April 26	Burlington-Northern Shop Tour
May 17	Colorado RR Museum Work Day
May 24	Alternate Equipment Work Day
May 20-	
June 2	Expo '86, Vancouver Excursion
June 15	Ft. Collins Trolley Excursion and family picnic
July 12	Wyoming/UP Field Trip
Aug. 9-10	Alpine Tunnel Field Trip
Aug. 29-	
Sept. 1	Amtrak/Omaha-UP Excursion
Oct. 11	Annual Banquet

JANUARY MEETING HAPPENINGS

Our first "book drawing" was held! As was mentioned in the November newsletter, the Club, via the Board of Directors, has established a "Historic Preservation Fund" to help support historical, railroad related projects. This fund is NOT a part of our equipment fund, but will provide a source of funds to be used to support other projects which the Club feels are worthwhile, although may not be undertaken by the Club itself. In addition to cash contributions which may be made to fund, the Club decided to begin a monthly book drawing. Proceeds will go to the Preservation Fund. Tickets will be 50¢ each and can be purchased at the start of each meeting. Donations of prize material, such as books or railroadiana would be appreciated. Your participation in this worthwhile cause will help to ensure that some of the rapidly disappearing railroad history can be preserved. If you have potential prize material to donate, please call Tom Lawry at 750-2697, in the evenings.

Special recognition was given to our outgoing treasurer, Ardie Schoeninger. It was

pointed out that Ardie has served in that position for the last seven years and has done a truly fine job. As a token of the Club's appreciation, a signed and numbered print of Otto Kuhler's "Desert Storm" was framed and presented to Ardie and Cyndi.

New officers and directors were presented to the audience as we had a very small group at the December meeting, due to bad weather. Those introduced included president, Keith Kirby, vice president, Erwin Chaim, secretary, Bill Gordon, treasurer, Bert Bidwell and directors Carl Carlson, Rich Dais, Merle Dorsett, Tom Lawry, Jim Ranniger and Dave Salter.

Information was obtained about our new officer and directors and follows:

Bert Bidwell, treasurer: Bert has been a member of the Club for about ten years and is an overall railfan with special interest in photography. In addition, Bert likes jeeping and fishing, two useful pleasures to enjoy as one follows old railroad grades. Bert is retired from a career as a partner in the national accounting firm of Arthur Young & Company. Bert still does some private accounting and should keep the Club on an even keel.

Merle Dorsett, director: Merle is married and a counselor at Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver. Merle's interests are pointed toward history and so he not only enjoys railroad history, but Colorado history in general which shows in his other club activity--the Colorado Ghost Town Club. Merle is a relatively new member, joining in 1982.

Tom Lawry, director: Tom has served on our trip committee prior to accepting a position on the board of directors. His railfanning includes modeling as well as the prototype. Tom is married to Cathy, the Club's corresponding secretary and is a petroleum engineer at the consulting firm of Ryder-Scott. Another railroading activity just started is live steam, joining a number of other Club members in a local live steam group, the Colorado Live Steamers, who have track laid on property of the Denver Water Board at Waterton at the mouth of the South Platte Canyon.

Dave Salter, director: Dave has been a member of the Club for about nine years, is married, an overall railfan and an "O" gauge collector. Dave is selfemployed and owner of Rocky Mountain Sales & Service, a distributor of engine generators. Dave's business experience will be a great aid to the Club.

UNION STATION CHRISTMAS TREE

For the 12th straight year members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club trudged into the "wilds" of the Colorado Rockies to cut and transport back to Denver Union Station a Christmas tree for display in the main waiting room. This year, as always, the Intermountain Chapter of the NRHS saw to it that adequate decorations were available and general coordination accomplished. Amtrak and Denver Union Terminal employees contributed as well, insuring that the tree was installed for decorating and plenty of "goodies" provided to munch on during the decorating evening.

Participants in this year's tree cutting "expedition" included Roger Callender, Carl Carlson, Daniel and Eva Chan, Jeff Lemke, Bruce Ranniger, Ardie Schoeninger, Cyndi Trombly, Hugh Wilson and Darrell Arndt. We thought you might enjoy a few scenes of this year's effort to add a holiday touch to Union Station.



Jeff, Daniel, Ardie, Roger, Bruce and Hugh "pour on the coal" to pull this year's tree out of Arapaho National Forest. (DTA Photo)



Hugh Wilson says "Take your bags and your tree, sir!" (Darrell T. Arndt Photo)

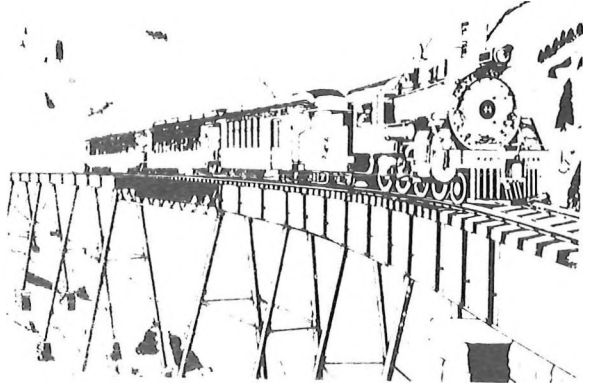


It takes a long reach to decorate the top of the 22-foot tall plant! (DTA Photo)



GLENWOOD SPRINGS/AMTRAK EXCURSION

At the writing of this newsletter, only a few spaces remained on our Glenwood trip. If your circumstances permit, you might get in touch with Al Miller at Alpine World Travel, (303) 752-0900, to see if space can still be obtained. Our winter excursion to Glenwood is always a fine trip and this year's excursion will be no exception!



ARTIFACTS NEEDED FOR GEORGETOWN LOOP PROJECT

To complete restoration of the Silver Plume Depot of the Georgetown Loop Historic Mining and Railroad Park, the Colorado Historical Society would appreciate donations of office, railroad and other artifacts dating from the 1880's through 1900. If readers wish to donate any of the objects itemized below, please contact the Society's Department of Material Culture by calling (303) 866-2303 or 866-4691.

Office artifacts needed are: mail slots; desk ledgers and notebooks; file boxes; an ink stand; quill pens; ink pads; rubber stamps; a blotting sander; paper spindles; a bulletin board; a calendar circa 1880-1900; and any other late nineteenth century office supplies.

Railroad items needed are: telegraph equipment; signal flags and lamps; ticket daters; a wax sealer; and Colorado & Southern Railroad materials such as time tables, tickets, and railroad guides.

The Silver Plume Depot also needs nineteenth century versions of the following items: a canvas mail bag; waiting room benches; switch locks and keys; a water cooler; and an emergency stretcher.

RIO GRANDE SKI TRAIN EXCURSION

The Club is again arranging for a private car aboard the Rio Grande's Winter Park Ski Train. It is an unique opportunity in this day and age to experience the wonderful ride on one of the Grande's ex-Northern Pacific heavyweight coaches, built in 1915!

Departure time from Denver Union Station will be at 7:30 a.m. with arrival in Winter Park about 10:00 a.m. This will allow for a full day of activity with departure from Winter Park scheduled for 4:00 p.m. and arrival back in Denver at 6:30 p.m. The date selected for this adventure into the high country is Sunday, March 23, 1986. The cost for this grand trip is just \$20.00 per person for the train.

While in Winter Park, there will be many activities for even the most discriminating individuals. Foremost, will be incomparable Colorado Skiing in what should be fantastic conditions. Lift tickets will be available on the train. Two different snowcat trips will be offered. First, a two-hour tour around Winter Park's facilities with striking views of the surrounding mountains. The charge for this trip will be \$13.00 per person. This tour will leave from the base of the mountain at two-hour intervals beginning with our arrival at Winter Park. The second tour is a four-hour extravaganza up the old Moffat Road. On this tour, you will see mountain scenery virtually inaccessible during winter time. We will follow the old railroad grade through Arrow to Rifle Sight Notch and return. The charge for this unique trip will be \$34.00 per person with a minimum of ten people required for the trip to operate. Refunds will be made if the minimum number is not met. The tour will leave the shuttle bus departure area immediately upon arrival at Winter Park. Bring your lunch with you. Other activities available during the day include dining and relaxing at the Balcony House, riding a shuttle bus into the town of Winter Park, where many restaurants and shops await, or, depending on the dispatcher's cooperation, the Rio Grande may entertain us with some occasional freight trains. Appropriate attire, particularly footwear, is certainly a requirement. So.....make your choice of events and send your check or money order payable to the ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD

CLUB today to insure an enjoyable day in the mountains. Remember, space is limited, so it's FIRST COME--FIRST SERVED. Reservations will not be accepted after March 12th. Payment must accompany your reservation request. Parking is available at Denver Union Station, but spaces are limited and an early arrival is recommended. Carpooling also has advantages in this regard. Send the following coupon today, or, tickets may be purchased at the February meeting.

RIO GRANDE SKI TRAIN EXCURSION

Sunday, March 23, 1986

Please reserve the following:

Number	Item	Amount
_____	Ski Train Tickets @ \$20.00 ea.	_____
_____	Winter Park Snowcat Tour @ \$13.00 ea.	_____
_____	Moffat Road Snowcat Tour @ \$34.00 ea.	_____
	Total enclosed.....\$	_____

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Send your reservations to:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB
c/o Warren M. Anderson
1117 South Clayton Street
Denver, Colorado 80210

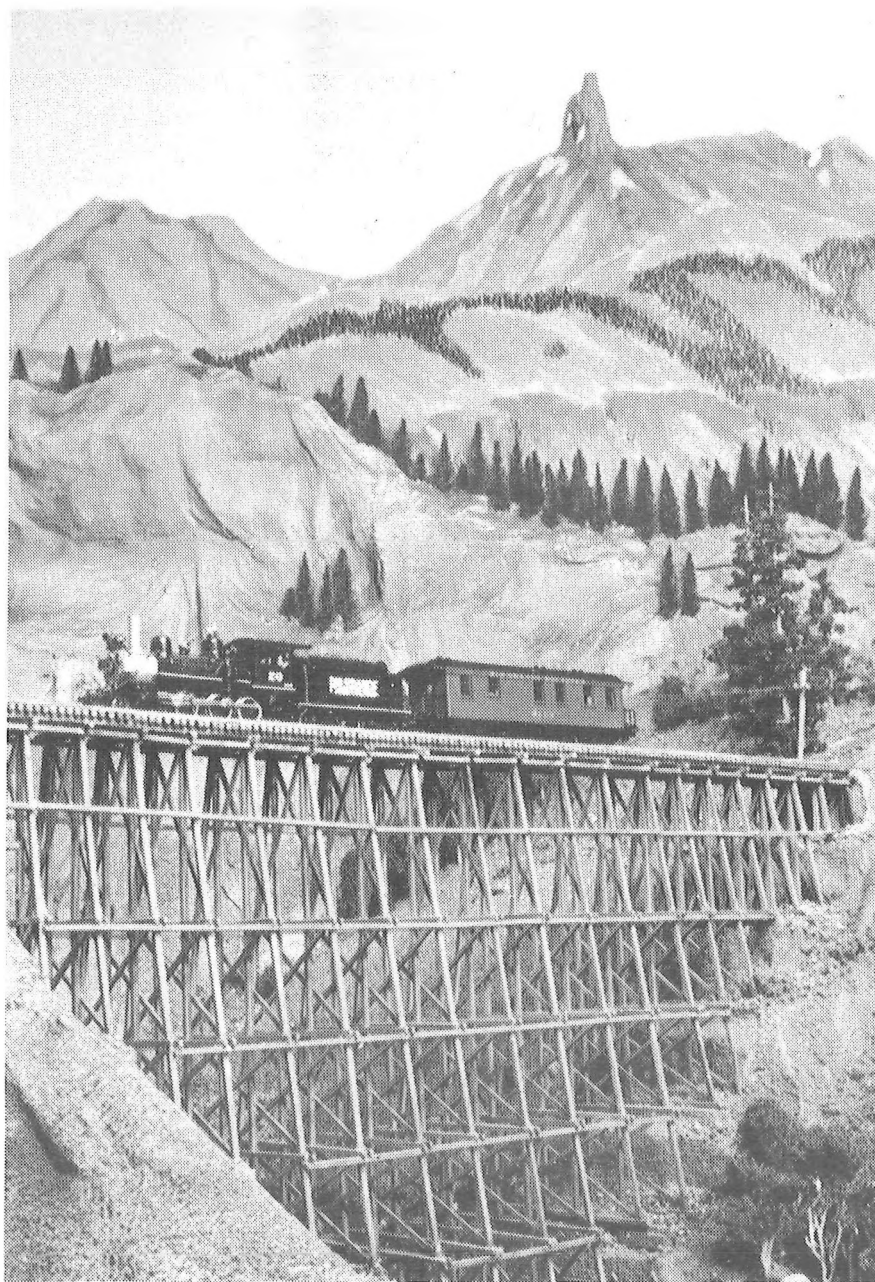


HISTORY PRESERVED THROUGH MODELING

Beneath the towering peak of Lizard Head Mountain, Rio Grande Southern No. 20 pulls a one-car inspection train over the line. Tall, spindly trestles and spectacular scenery were the hallmark of the railroad.

Last month you got a look at your editor's "Colorado Midland" model railroad. The idea behind the article was to show how some members recreate and, thus, preserve railroad history. Our Equipment Chairman, Bill Gould, chose to recreate the epitome of struggling narrow gauge railroads--The Rio Grande Southern!!

In 1882, the Denver & Rio Grande had just arrived in Silverton after building up the canyon of the Animas River from Durango. It appears that the rugged topography of the formidable peaks of the Uncompahgre gave the D&RG good reason to stop their advancement at Silverton. Otto Mears, on the other hand, had never let such minor obstacles stop him and so he continued on out of Silverton with his Silverton Railroad up Mineral Creek to tap the rich mines in the Red Mountain Region. It was his desire to push his rails through the tortuous con-

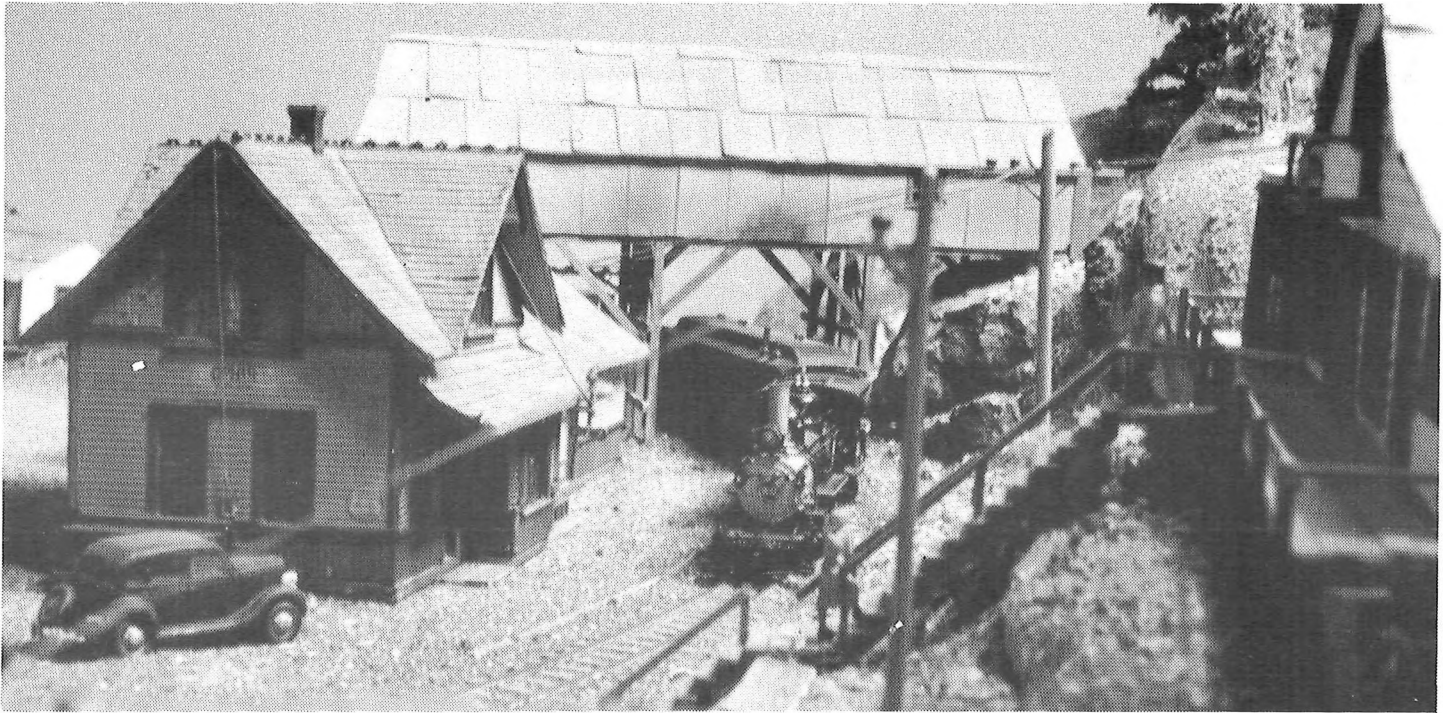


(Terry Metcalfe Photo)

fines of Uncompahgre Canyon to reach Ouray. Mears gave it his best shot, but had to finally except the fact that no railroad could ever be put through the canyon on a 7.5 percent grade unless it was a cable or rack line. If Ouray could not be achieved by an extension of his Silverton railroad, then it could be reached by a gigantic loop railroad around the mountains 162 miles in length. That was how the Rio Grande Southern took form.

In so building the Southern, Mears was able to further tap rich mineral areas such

as Rico and Telluride, but not without pushing his rails through some of the most rugged and spectacular country in southern Colorado. Bill Gould has managed to capture the feel of this part of the country through well detailed scenery and backdrop paintings to create distance. Specific scenes following the RGS include the Ophir Loop, large, spindleley trestles and mines. We offer just a few b&w photographs here, but you can enjoy further information and color shots if you pick up a copy of the January issue of Railroad Model Craftsman at your local hobby store. Bill's layout appears on pages 81-84.



Certainly the station scene at Ophir is one of the most well known along the former Rio Grande Southern line. Ophir Loop was one of the most remarkable feats of engineering in the construction of the RGS. In order to route the railroad past Ophir and eliminate excessive grades, the tracks were laid in the shape of a great horseshoe, a section of which was supported on high wooden trestles. In their course the rails almost overlapped themselves. Notice a familiar-looking automobile in the scene. Could it belong to Otto Perry? (TM Photo)



Bill's main engine facility is located in the town of San Juan. Unable to physically model the terrain of Rico, a little modeler's license was employed. The town has the feel of the typical mountain, mining towns of the San Juans, but gave Bill the opportunity to express his personal preferences in buildings. Of course, the galloping goose is a familiar sight!

(Terry Metcalfe Photo)



The yards at San Juan are very busy as times are good on the RGS. Here we see ex-Colorado & Southern No. 74 taking on coal while we notice many D&RGW cars mixed with RGS. The RGS was actually under the control of the D&RG most of its life and D&RG rolling stock and engines were always being leased. (Jim Trowbridge Photo)

NEWSLETTER IMPROVEMENTS

Remember to compare this month's newsletter with previous issues to decide which paper you like best. When we have finished using various samples, we will ask for your opinion. The December issue was printed on an off-white vellum offset paper, 60# weight; January was printed on 70# felt-weave text. The January issue required extra postage and this may have an affect on our decision. DO plan to advise us of your opinion when we solicit it. Since the newsletter is one of our largest expenses and is the main tie with all of our members, we do want to hear from as many of you as possible.

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 them.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: McCall-Schultz, Katy Southwest Motive Power, Dunscomb, Century of SP Steam Locomotives and a few other titles, no list, no phone calls. Will trade for timetables, passes, photos, keys from railroads in Southwest. A.F. Von Blon, Jr., 1699 Ewing, Waco, Texas 76707.



Mining played the major role in the building of the RGS. Many mines were located on the right-of-way and even loaded on the main line. Here we see a short freight, headed by K-27 No. 455 pass the stamp mill near Matterhorn. (Jim Trowbridge Photo)

A NEW IMAGE

(Darrell Arndt)

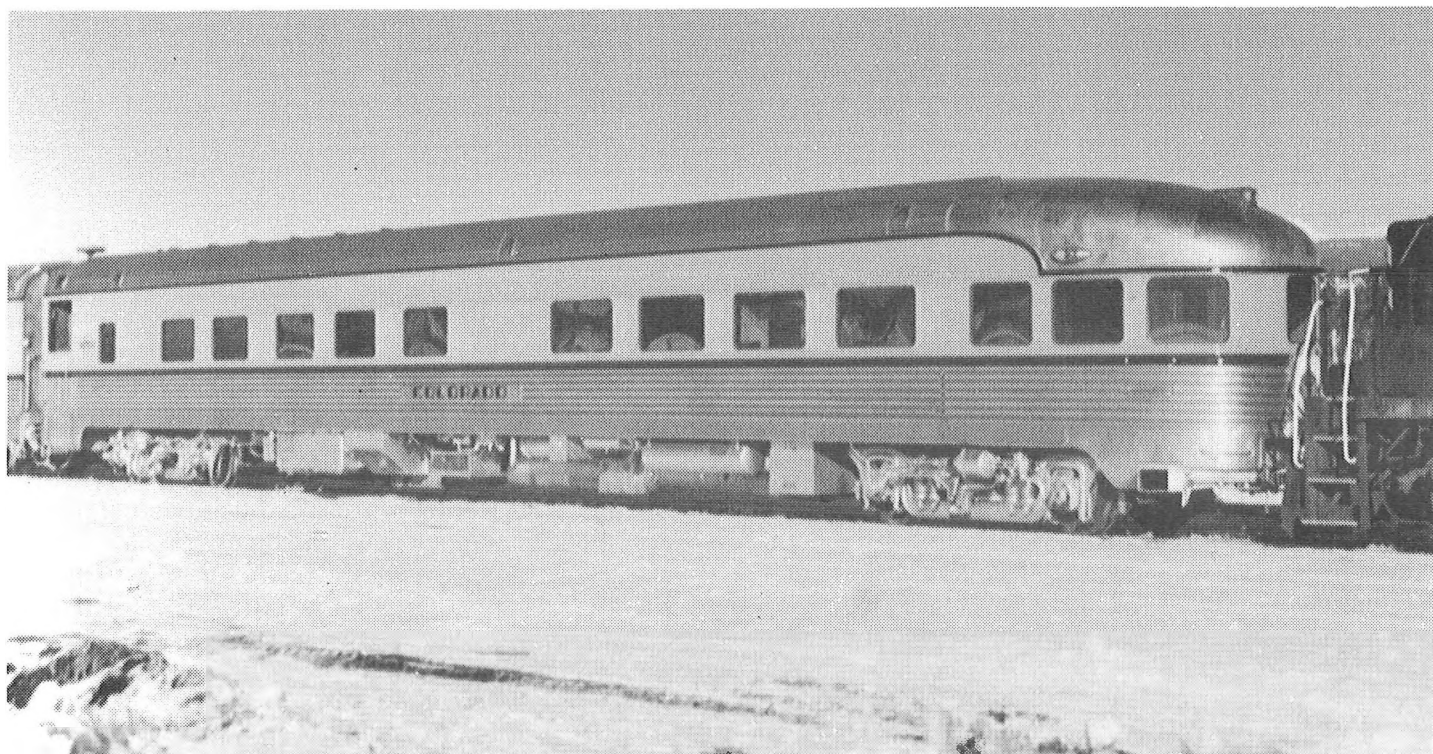
D&RGW's business car WILSON McCARTHY recently underwent extensive interior renovation to bring it more into line with the "appointments" found in Mr. Anschutz's two private cars UTAH and COLORADO. The work was accomplished by a private contractor at a site off railroad property in west Denver and resulted in the addition of woodwork, lighting, room modifications, conveniences and colors to the car. It has always been a generally accepted opinion that ever since the car was converted into a business car from a coach by the Rio Grande in the early 1950's that the car sported a rather "austere" interior. In addition to the remodeling, the name of the car was also changed to (hold on to yer conductors hat), the KANSAS, evidently to recognize the

additional state now traversed by the railroad. Although the need to acknowledge Judge McCarthy's contributions to the company by having the car named after him has probably diminished and we need to be adaptable to changes in the railroad resulting from its new ownership and expansion of service, hopefully Mr. Anschutz will not get "carried away" with changes acknowledging the line's eastern connection. Somehow (shudder) the slogan "Thru the Fields....not around them" just wouldn't hack it!

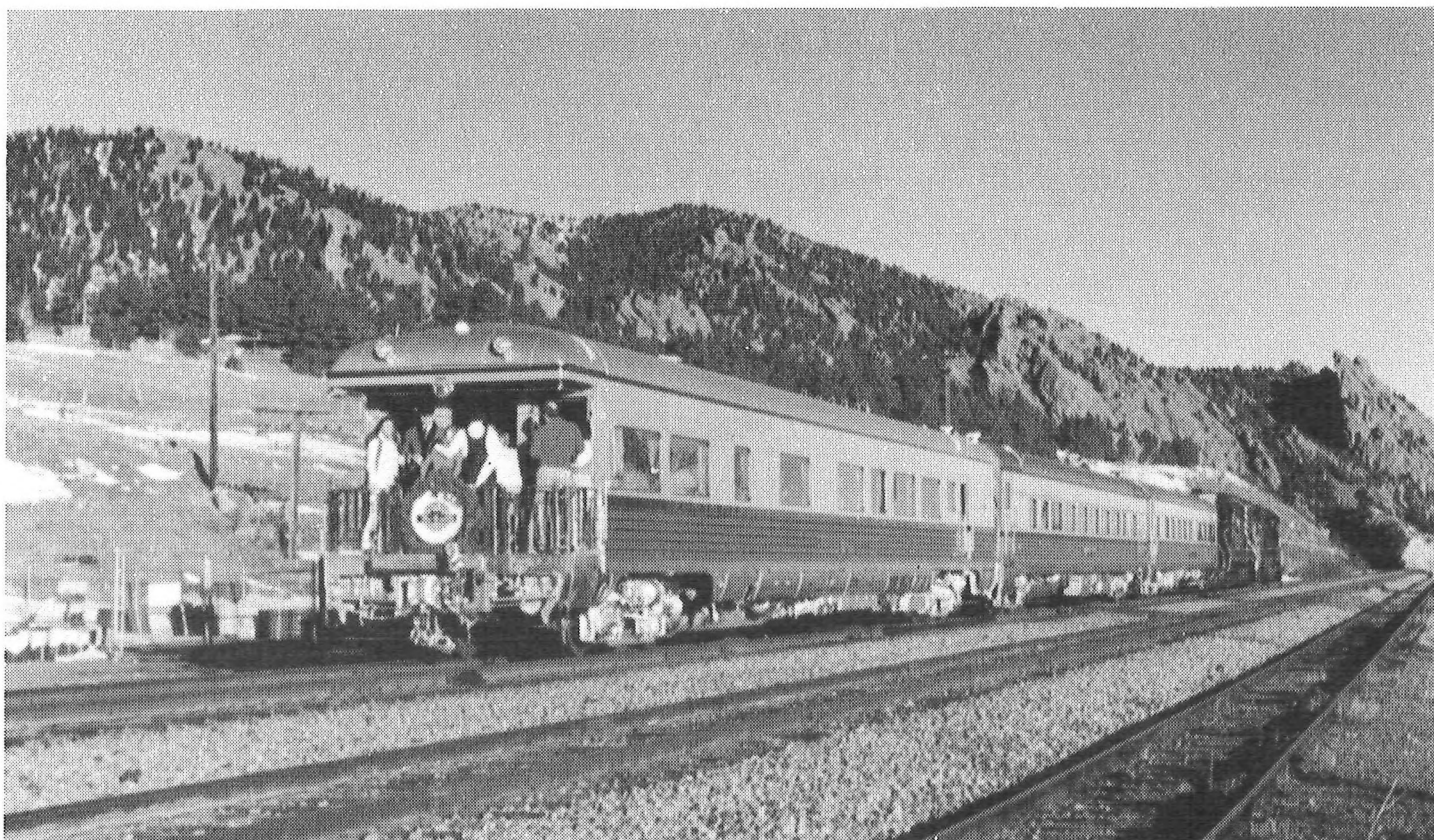
On December 22, the COLORADO, UTAH and KANSAS operated in a special train to Winter Park resplendent in their fresh Grande Gold paint. The COLORADO and UTAH will most like be seen on occasion at the end of the Ski Train this winter.



Seen here is the "Operation Lifesaver" Special that operated on the BN between Denver and Keenesburg on November 14, 1985. The round-trip was operated to help publicize grade crossing safety awareness, a program that has been promoted by American railroads for a number of years. The train's passengers included government and railroad officials and members of the media. A TV camera mounted on the front of the train provided passengers with an "engineer's eye" view of the tracks ahead and how cars dart across in front of the moving train. After a few words about grade crossing safety were said to the gathering at Keenesburg, the train returned to Denver. The train was made up of a BN SD-40-2, a UP GP-40X, a UP steam generator/dormitory car, a UP lounge/full length dome, and the BN bar/lounge COMO. (Story and photo by Darrel Arndt)



The ex-New York Central, ex-Casablanca Fan Company observation car COLORADO basks in a bright winter sun at Fraser prior to the special's return to Denver that evening. (DTA Photo)



On December 22, 1985, the special movement of the COLORADO, UTAH AND KANSAS passed through Plainview on a beautiful winter morning. (Darrell Arndt Photo)

STEAM EXPO '86 — VANCOUVER

The details are now firm for this year's big Rocky Mountain Railroad Club trip to Expo '86 in Vancouver, BC, from May 20th to June 2nd, 1986. The following is an abbreviated schedule for the trip.

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| May 20th | -- Train departs for those taking Amtrak. | | Tswassen to Victoria. Visit museums and Buchart Gardens. Overnight at Princess Victoria Hotel. |
| May 21st | -- Arrival in Seattle of groups traveling by train or air. Overnight in Seattle. | May 28th | -- (CB) Take the "Dayliner" train from Victoria to Duncan, BC where we will visit the BC Forest Museum and the Chemainus Murals. Return to Victoria. |
| May 22nd | -- Continental Breakfast (CB). Transfer by bus to Vancouver, BC with visit to Sedro Wooley RR on the way. Visit Queen Elizabeth and Stanley Parks in Vancouver. | May 29th | -- (CB) Morning on your own in Victoria. Afternoon trip to Seattle via the S/S Princess Marguerite. |
| May 23rd | -- | May 30th | -- (CB) Seattle city tour in morning, afternoon free and waterfront trolley or ferry (cannot be prepaid) around Puget Sound in evening. Evening--dinner in railroad cars at "Andy's Diner" |
| May 25th | (CB) Visit Expo '86 | May 31st | -- (CB) A visit to Mount Rainier. A ride on the Mount Rainier RR (if running) or possible visit to Northwest Trek and Snoqualmine Falls RR. |
| May 26th | -- (CB) Ride the "Royal Hudson" train to Squamish and return by boat. | June 1st | -- (CB) Morning free, afternoon visit to Chateau Ste. Michelle |
| May 27th | -- (CB) Take the BC ferry from | | |

Winery for a tour and tasting.
Farewell dinner at Space Needle.

June 2nd -- (CB) Return by air or rail.

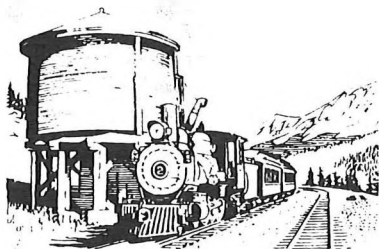
Included are 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, 12 nights hotels, all Expo '86 and museum admissions, and all transportation and tours as outlined.

Costs from Denver (per person, double occupancy)

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| 1 Rail (coach) | \$1,355 |
| 2 Rail (economy sleeper) | 1,458 |
| 3 Rail (deluxe sleeper) | 1,620 |
| 4 Air | 1,475 |
| 5 Air/rail combination | 1,485 |
| | to 1,750 |
| Single Supplement | 500 |

Deposit required by February 28th -- \$500
Balance by March 21st.

Mail deposit to Allen Miller, Alpine World Travel, 1555 South Havana Street, Aurora, Colorado 80012. Telephone (303) 752-0900.



STEAM EXPO '86 ORDER FORM

Please reserve the following:

Number	Item	Amount
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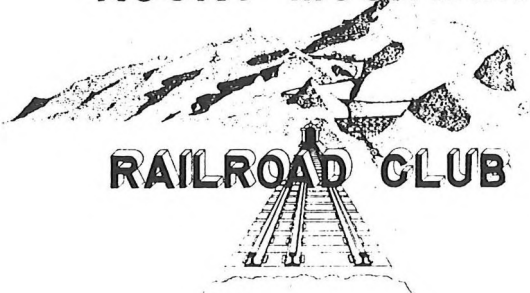
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