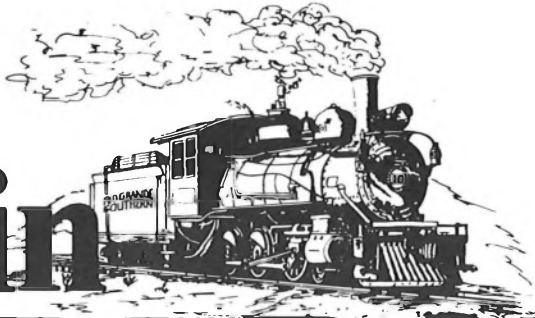


Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

MEETING SCHEDULE:

February 9, 1988 -- 7:30 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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Denver, Colorado 80201

FEBRUARY 9 PROGRAM

Presented by Rich Dais, Darlene Edgerton, Ardie Schoeninger, Zona Stephens and Cyndi Trombly.

Our February program will be a preview of next summer's "San Juan Sojourn", our week-long field trip to Southwestern Colorado, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the RMRRC, to be held June 26-July 2.

The show will feature slides taken by the trip leaders on our scouting trip last summer, as well as historic photos of the area's railroads.

Join us as we explore the ghost railroad

grades of the Denver & Rio Grande, the Rio Grande Southern, Otto Mear's "Three Little Lines" near Silverton and the Denver, South Park & Pacific, enjoying the spectacular scenery of the San Juan Mountains and the Gunnison Country along the way. (Rich Dais)

JANUARY PROGRAM

The January program of Super-8, sound film concentrated on the Union Pacific's 8444 and 3985 in the 1970's and 80's. Specific sequences covered the 8444 returning from Seattle, WA, back to Cheyenne in 1974; the 8444 and 3985 from Cheyenne to Sacramento, CA for Railfair '81; and, 3985 from Cheyenne to Boise, Idaho in 1982. Prior to the program, Chris made pitches for the Feather River Rail Society, Portola Railroad Museum and Trains Unlimited Tours.

The program was well received and we wish to thank Chris Show for visiting us and showing his films.

POTPOURI NIGHT — MARCH PROGRAM

DON'T FORGET!!! If you wish to participate in the March Potpourri program, you must bring your 15 (only!) slides of your favorite railroad subject to the February meeting so that the March program may be set up in slide trays in advance. If possible, please bring your name slide from previous programs--otherwise, Erwin Chaim will make a name/title slide for each person presenting material. Also, please remember to select slides that are in focus and properly exposed.

1988 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 26	Winter Park/D&RGW Ski Train
April 16	50th Anniversary Banquet
May 14	Colo. RR Museum Work Day
May 21	Alternate Colo. RR Museum Work day (In case of bad weather on May 14th)
<i>June 18-</i>	<i>50th Anniversary Summer</i>
<i>July 2</i>	<i>Celebration</i>
June 18	UP 3985 Excursion
June 19	Georgetown Loop RR Trip
June 20	Manitou & Pike's Peak Cog Trip
June 21	Cripple Creek/Victor Excursion
	Caddillac & Lake City RY Trip
June 23	Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR Trip
June 24	Chama/Durango Field Trip
June 25	Durango & Silverton NG RR Trip

June 26-	San Juan Mtns. Ghost Railroads
July 2	Field Trips
Aug. 18	Great Western RR Excursion
Sept. 2-5	Grand Canyon/Flagstaff/Amtrak Excursion
Oct. 15	Paramount Theatre--RMRRRC Night
Dec. 13	Elections

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 1988

1988 Dues Notices went out with the December newsletter. If you haven't renewed your membership as yet, please do so today! Your cooperation will greatly help membership chairman, Tom Lawry, and treasurer, Bert Biswell to do their jobs.

Dues remain \$15.00. As has become our custom, we are having the annual BOOK DRAWING which benefits our equipment fund and provides monies needed to repair and maintain the Club's equipment collection at the Colorado Railroad Museum.

This year, the main prizes include: 1st prize--Wm. Henry Jackson's Railroad Album; 2nd prize--Memorial Edition, Denver, South Park & Pacific by M. C. Poor (RMRRRC Publication); 3rd prize--Pictorial Supplement to Denver, South Park & Pacific, Abridged Edition by R. H. Kindig, E. J. Haley and M. C. Poor (Trowbridge Press Publication); plus other prizes yet to be determined.

Chances on the Book Drawing are \$2.00 each and you may purchase and enter as many chances as you wish. We include a copy of the drawing coupon for your use. Please be sure to fill out the coupon with complete information. You may make additional copies if you desire to send in more than one chance, but, please fill out a coupon for each chance you desire!!!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB
1988 Book Drawing - April 16, 1988

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Please Print or Type. Winners need not be present to win.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Ed Arbuckle	Liverpool, NY
Fred Barton	Littleton, CO
Douglas Chaps	Louisville, CO
David M. Charles	Denver, CO
Claude Cogar	Aurora, CO
C. W. Gabel	Denver, CO
Bill Gartner	Green Mountain Falls, CO
Daniel P. Haley	Arvada, CO
Steve Hill	Ponca City, OK
Michael Hoenig	Cheyenne, WY
Louis Jacobson	Aurora, CO
Bruce Lovell	Boulder, CO
Henry Nyberg	Wheat Ridge, CO
Howard Poswalk	Lakewood, CO
Pauline Pringle	Lakewood, CO
Jeffrey Rothlisberger	Evergreen, CO
David Schumacher	Denver, CO
E. Simermeyer	Lakewood, CO
Steve Subber	Denver, CO
Stephen Watrous	Des Moines, IA

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club regretfully announces the passing away of the following member:

Dr. John B. Schoolland (#74) Boulder, CO

PRESERVATION FUND AND BOOK DRAWING

After a month's absence, due to December elections, the book drawing returned at our January meeting. With its return, we also have a new "Book Raffle Chairman", Roger Callender. Roger takes over this position with Tom Lawry moving to membership chairman. With this change, we ask that anyone wishing to participate in the monthly drawing (from out of the area), please contact Roger at 2573 So. Williams St., Denver, Colorado 80210.

Prizes and winners at the January meeting are as follows:

Gail Rowe / The Rainbow Route (Sundance Publications)
Frank Gill / Pine Across the Mountains by Robert Hunft

Cathy Lawry / Trails Among the Columbine (Sundance Publications)

Gary Ellison,
Pleasantville, NY / Santa Fe Passenger Train Consists 1/1/37

Zona Stephens / New Mexico's Railroads by David Myrick

Jim Blouch / The Talking Giants (Record)

Lloyd Crews / Union Pacific Hat

Tom Abbott / Belt Buckle

Gary Ellison / 10 Post Cards of trains

Richard Lehman / Howard Fogg Print of the AT&SF

Dan Haley / Rio Grande Logo print

Bert Bidwell / 1988 UP Calendar

Gary Ellison / 1988 UP Calendar

John Campbell / 1988 UP Calendar

Don Webster / 1988 UP Calendar

Tom Byrnas / 1988 UP Calendar

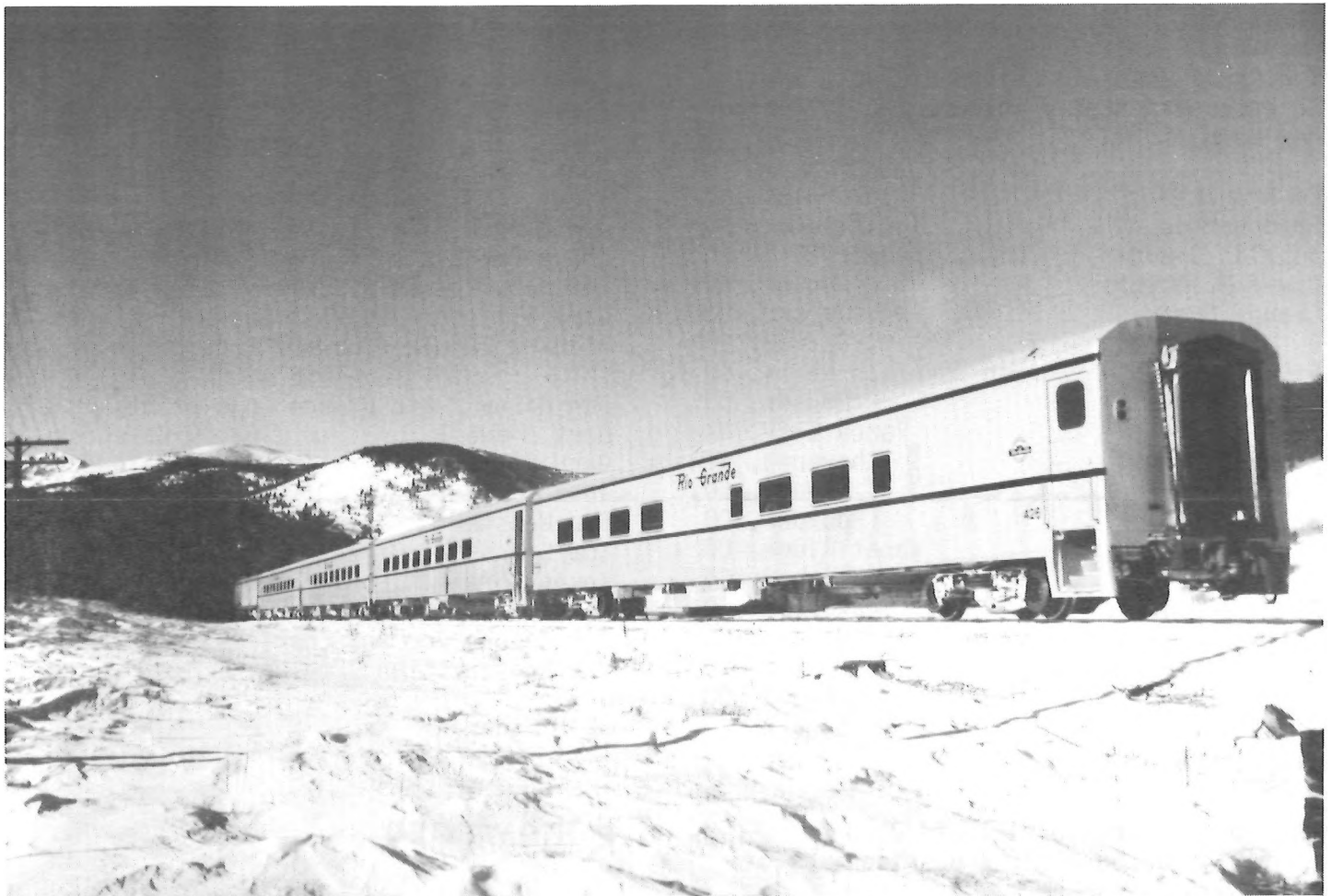
Kevin Corwin / 1988 UP Calendar

Our thanks for the continued support of the Preservation Program.

PARTS WANTED

Bill Gould, Equipment Chairman, has announced that the Club is attempting to locate items removed from the Club's equipment at the Colorado Railroad Museum. These items were removed for safe-keeping many years ago, and, while many locations are known, Bill would like members to look over their storage areas to see if anything is in their possession. Please look for such items as RGS engine No 20's gauges, air appliances, etc.; Ft. Collins Trolley No. 22's brake levers, etc.; and, Interurban No. 25's gauges, air horns, destination boards, etc. If anyone has any of these items or other Club property, or knows the whereabouts of such items, please contact Bill Gould at 666-9809 or leave a message on the Club's telephone, 431-4354. Area codes are both (303).

Bill anticipates some major renovation on equipment this year, especially on the No. 20 (RGS Engine) and Interurban No. 25. We ask your immediate cooperation in this matter and thank you in advance for your efforts!



The first trip of the new Rio Grande Ski Train approaches Tolland on the morning of January 2, 1988. Just barely visible is Union Pacific's power car #206 which is filling in until the Rio Grande's rebuilt power unit #253 is ready. (Alan Greene Photograph)



D&RGW SKI TRAIN EXCURSION

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1988

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club has chartered a first-class parlour car on the D&RGW's recently re-equipped Ski Train. This parlour car is 1 of 14 cars recently purchased by the Anshutz Corporation. Our car will seat just 39 passengers, thus affording our group plenty of room to sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery as our train climbs 57-miles into the rockies.

Shortly after our 7:30 a.m. departure from Denver's Union Station, a nice, warm buffet breakfast will be served by our car's capable staff. The train is scheduled to arrive at Winter Park at 9:45 a.m. For those passengers who bring their downhill or cross country skis, they may begin their day's activity just a short walk from the train. The Club has arranged several activities for passengers who expect not to ski. A chartered bus will take those interested to Fraser and Tabernash to photograph the Ski Train and Amtrak's California Zephyr. Upon returning to Winter Park around noon (lunch will be on your own), a short railroad movie will be shown in the lodge. After our 4:15 p.m. departure, complimentary snacks and beverages will be served to all aboard our parlour car.

Take a break from the "winter doldrums" and join the Club for this special ex-

cursion. Only 39 seats are available in the car, so book your seats early. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis only. If there is enough interest in the excursion, the Club may be able to charter a second parlous car. However, this cannot be guaranteed, so please send your check or money order in promptly to the ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, c/o Mat Anderson, 1117 So. Clayton St., Denver, Colorado 80210. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. For additional information, you may call (303) 572-7868 or (303) 693-7922 during the evening hours only. Thank You.

The cost of this plate is \$24.95 and includes postage and special mailing box. Orders may be sent to:

COMMEMORATIVE PLATE
Rocky Mountain Railroad Club
c/o Cyndi Trombly
4261 So. Richfield Way
Aurora, Colorado 80013

COMMEMORATIVE PLATE ORDER FORM

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ADDRESS _____

Please send _____ plates @ \$24.95 each. I
enclose \$ _____ in check or money
order.

50th ANNIVERSARY BELT BUCKLE

The Club has commissioned a comemorative belt buckle using the 50th Anniversary Logo. (See January, 1988 issue of the Rail Report for buckle photograph). The buckles are in stock now and many of the 350 pieces have been sold, so, get your order in today! Orders may be sent to:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB
c/o Erwin Chaim
560 Emerson St.
Denver, Colorado 80218

BELT BUCKLE ORDER FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Please send _____ buckles @ \$10.00 each
(\$8.00 plus \$2.00 1st class postage). I
enclose \$ _____ in check or money
order.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Street

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

PLEASE NOTE: For the comfort of all passengers, smoking will NOT be permitted aboard our chartered car. Thank You.

Please send _____ tickets @ \$48 per person.

I enclose \$ _____ in check or
money order. (\$48 fare includes roundtrip
rail fare, bus charter and movie)

**RMRRRC 50th ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATIVE PLATE**

The 50th Anniversary Committee has, with the permission of the Board, commissioned a commemorative Anniversary Plate to be produced. (See the January, 1988 issue of the Rail Report for a plate photograph). The 50th Anniversary is in blue with gold edging and the "50th" lettering on a cream-colored 9 3/4" plate. (Due to the special gold inlay, this is intended to be a decorative, rather than a utility piece). An order of 120 plates has been placed with and expected delivery date of February/ March, 1988, just in time to celebrate the 50th Anniversary in April.



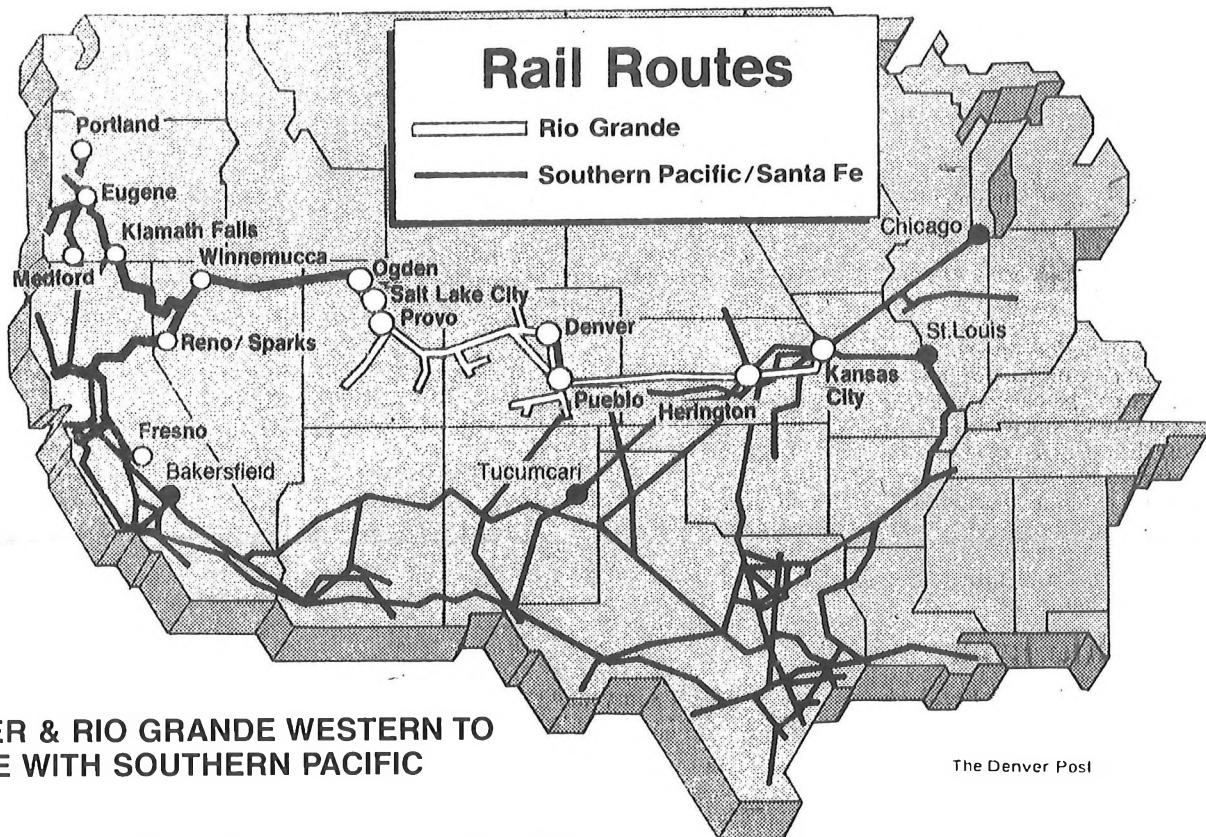
Midland Terminal (formerly Colorado Midland) observation car #29 (formerly #111) on February 6, 1949, the occasion of the last passenger train over the Midland Terminal as chartered by the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. (Mel McFarland Collection)

HELP WANTED

Mel McFarland, author of the Midland Route and The Cripple Creek Road and Club member sent this photograph to your editor and has asked if Club members can identify the people in the picture. If you can help Mel, please note names by position in the photo and drop a line to Mel at 1731 North Cooper, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907, or, drop

a line to your editor. Your help is certainly appreciated.





DENVER & RIO GRANDE WESTERN TO MERGE WITH SOUTHERN PACIFIC

December 28, 1987 marked a new era for the D&RGW as Santa Fe/Southern Pacific Corp. agreed to the Rio Grande's offer of \$1.8-billion (approximately \$1-billion in cash and \$800-million in debt assumption) to purchase Southern Pacific, a railroad six times the size of the Grande.

The Southern Pacific is made up of 13,000 miles of track with \$2.2 billion in revenues compared to the Rio Grande's 2,500 miles of track and \$300 million in revenues. This merger would create the nation's fifth largest railroad and, if approved by the ICC, the Rio Grande will acquire a network of potentially lucrative freight routes connecting it with major cities stretching from the West Coast to the Midwest.

The ICC has publicly stated that it will initiate a speedy review of the proposed merger. The five-member commission has decided that an expedited (six-month) review of the \$1.8 billion deal "will not compromise the right of parties to have their views heard", obviously referring to the several parties who are unhappy about the merger. These parties include The Henley Group, the biggest Santa Fe/Southern Pacific shareholder with a 15%

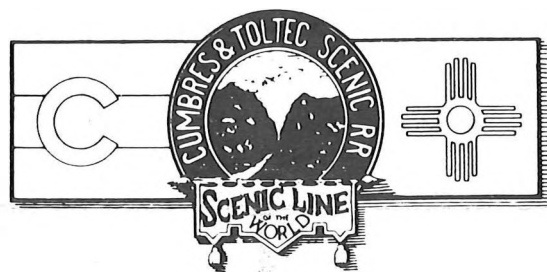
stake; the Kansas City Southern, a losing bidder, and the Railway Labor Executives Association, a union coalition that made a bid of about \$1 billion. The latter is being quickly taken care of by Anschutz to blunt its opposition and press the ICC for speedy approval.

NEW TOURIST LINE IN LEADVILLE

A news clipping sent by Club member, Albert Knicklebine of Pueblo, from The Chieftain and another from the Denver Post, advise rail fans of an unusual event these days. The Burlington Northern donated two diesel locomotives, four boxcars, five cabooses and other equipment totaling 20 cars to Stephanie and Ken Olsen to run a tourist line on the old Colorado & Southern (ex-Denver, South Park & Pacific) roadbed from Leadville to the Climax Molybdenum Company's mine at Climax, some 13.7 miles distance.

The new Leadville, Colorado & Southern RR Company, billed as America's highest standard gauge rail line, is scheduled to run excursions between Leadville and Fremont Pass this summer, officially opening by Memorial Day, if at all possible.

Climax is cooperating with the venture and will supply a turn-around track for trains. The town of Leadville seems to be generally excited about what this could mean to the town's economy.



NEWS ON THE CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RR

Clarence H. Quinlan died at his home in Antonito, Colorado on December 13, 1987, one day after his 79th birthday.

While the name will not register with the vast majority of railfans, Mr. Quinlan was one of the original group of people that fought to save that portion of the Denver & Rio Grande Western narrow gauge between Antonito, Colorado and Chama, New Mexico; what is today known as the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

At the time of the drive to save the line, Mr. Quinlan was serving in the Colorado State Legislature as Representative for the San Luis valley area. His hard work and considerable knowledge of the workings of the legislative process helped produce the enabling Act to buy the line in partnership with the State of New Mexico.

That purchase preserved this historic rail route for future generations to enjoy. Mr. Quinlan served on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission, the bi-state agency for the railroad from 1970 until his death. His long-time public service and his deep interest in the welfare of the narrow gauge will be greatly missed by all. (C&TS)

RMRRRC 50th ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

1988 is here!!! Have you ordered your 1988 RMRRRC 50th Anniversary calendar? It's a very special commemorative souvenir of this special occasion. The 50th Anniversary calendar depicts memorable excursions on Colorado, South Dakota, New Mexico and Wyoming rail trips as recorded by seventeen separate Club members.

Over twenty-six black and white photographs on a large 14"x22" opened format capture a wide variety of passenger train operations undertaken over the years and include such operations as the Black Hills Central, Colorado & Southern, Denver & Intermountain, Denver & Rio Grande Western (both standard and narrow gauges), Great Western, Manitou & Pike's Peak (steam), Midland Terminal, Rio Grande Southern (steam and Galloping Goose) and the Union Pacific.

Cost of this calendar is just \$6.00 each, plus \$1.50 each for 1st class postage. You may obtain copies at regular Club meetings also. Since our December meeting, almost half of the 1000 calendars have been sold, so, don't delay. Get your copy today!

Proceeds from the sales of this calendar will benefit the Club's archives and equipment collections.

CALENDAR ORDER FORM

NAME _____

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Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ copies. of the RMRRRC 50th Anniversary calendar.

Send your orders to:

CALENDAR
Rocky Mountain Railroad Club
P. O. Box 2391
Denver, Colorado 80201



The RMRRC's special excursion over the Cadillac & Lake City Railroad passes through Calhan, Colorado on September 19, 1987. (Mat Anderson Photograph)

GET READY FOR THE RMRRC'S SPECTACULAR WEEK OF "RAILROADIN" JUNE, 1988

CADILLAC & LAKE CITY EXCURSION

This is an additional installment of highlighting the various trips of the two-week extravaganza celebration of the Club's 50th anniversary celebration.

Relive the days of the famed Rocky Mountain Rocket! The RMRRC has chartered a diesel-powered passenger special on the ex-Rock Island, Colorado Springs to Limon route now operated by the Cadillac & Lake City Railway. This route, formerly used by the Rocky Mountain Rocket, ran from Chicago to Limon as one train and at Limon, the train broke into two sections; one that traveled to Denver and the other to Colorado Springs.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1988, passengers will enjoy a 122-mile, all day excursion along this old Rock Island line. The excursion will leave Falcon, Colorado (just east of

Colorado Springs) in the morning. Several photo runbys will take place enroute to Limon. A hot lunch (included in the fare) will be served in the lunch-counter car.

A highlight of the trip as our special approaches Limon will be the crossing of the Union Pacific's Denver-Kansas City mainline. After a 1-hour layover in Limon, the train will depart westbound for Falcon with several more photo runbys scheduled on the way home. Our passengers will want to look for the sign designating "Tip Top" which marks the highest point on the entire Rock Island route.

Previous trips have been a great success and we believe this to be a "must" trip for rare mileage rail fans. Fans who like to ride old streamliner equipment should have a wonderful time due to the varied heritages of the C&LC's equipment. Although the exact consist has not been finalized, the consist may include ex-Burlington, Great Northern, Milwaukee Road, Norfolk & Western, Denver & Rio Grande, and, New

York Central equipment!

Once the train arrives back at Falcon, all passengers are invited and encouraged to meet at Guiseppe's Restaurant for dinner. This restaurant is located in the old D&RG Colorado Springs depot. Guiseppe's is an Italian restaurant, renoun for its Italian and American food, but also boasts of a great view of the D&RGW's mainline tracks between Denver and Pueblo on the Santa Fe/ Burlington Northern (Colorado & Southern)/ D&RGW jointline. Prices are moderate and checks will be handled on an individual basis. (Alan Greene)

NEWS FROM THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM

The Colorado Railroad Museum has undertaken a project to place authentic narrow gauge passenger trucks under seven passenger cars at the Museum. The project is to be financed by tax-deductible donations to the newly established "Narrow Gauge Passenger Car Restoration Fund. Gifts of twenty dollars or more will be recognized by a Certificate of Appreciation, which is suitable for framing.

Should RMRRRC members wish to donate funds to this project, they may send their gift to:

The Colorado Railroad Museum
Passenger Car Restoration Fund
P. O. Box 10
Golden, Colorado 80402

Why not mention that you are a member of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club so that the Museum knows how much support it is receiving from Club members!!! (Our thanks to Club member, Kevin Corwin, for this information)

We might also mention that Bob Richardson made the front cover of February's TRAINS magazine and that Mallory Hope Ferrell has written a rather fine article on Bob, beginning on page 24. (Editor's note).



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