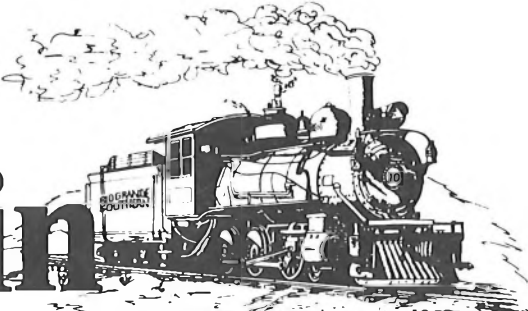


Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

MEETING SCHEDULE:

May 10, 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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MAY 10 PROGRAM

In June of 1987, a group of Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members took a tour of rail-oriented attractions in and around the state of Pennsylvania. In a two-week period, the group rode 12 buses, 6 diesel-powered trains, 7 trolleys, 5 steam-powered trains, 5 heavy rail, electric commuter trains, 1 coal mine train, 1 incline railway and, 1 horse-and-buggy.

By conservative estimate, they took over 7,000 slides! Luckily, they're only going to show about 240 of them at the May meeting. Included in the program will be shots of the new light rail system in Pittsburg,

the Railroaders Memorial Museum in Altoona (home of the Pennsylvania Railroad's K-4, No. 1361), the East Broad Top RR (narrow gauge), the Strasburg Railroad, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Steamtown, the Gettysburg Railroad, the Blue Mountain & Reading Railroad, the Wilmington & Western RR, the Baltimore Streetcar Museum, the Baltimore & Ohio RR Museum, plus, several other attractions.

So, plan to join us in May and help us to relive this exciting trip. (Rich Dais)

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We are always happy to receive information about railroading in the Rocky Mountain region and, very often, as space permits, use other regional data. We encourage our members to participate in the newsletter. Should you have something you wish to share with fellow members, please send it to the attention of the editor, ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL REPORT, 502 South Cody St., Lakewood, Colorado 80226.

APRIL PROGRAM

With the 35th Anniversary Program by Ed Haley and Dick Kindig as a basis, Darrell Arndt, Jack Morison and Ron Ruhoff brought the Club's trip history up to date and presented a spectacular program covering the Club's fifty years. Besides outstanding photography of trains, many fond memories of times and friends past came to life and made for a fun and memorable evening. Our thanks to Darrell, Jack and Ron for their time and talents in providing this truly fine program for our 50th Anniversary Banquet.



"SILVER RAILS AND GOLDEN MEMORIES" ON VIDEO

The excellent program put on by Darrell Arndt, Jack Morison and Ron Ruhoff for the Club's 50th Anniversary Banquet, entitled "Silver Rails and Golden Memories" is to be made available to all Club members and friends. This 60-minute, multi-media slide presentation will be available in either VHS or BETA formats at a cost of \$24.50, postage paid. The narration track is the actual presentation at the April 16th banquet. Ron Ruhoff will be editing it into the slide portion of the video.

The presentation covered all fifty years of Club trips, including many field trips to old railroad locations. The material is outstanding. Those attending the banquet will certainly want a copy, judging from their applause; but, other Club members may also want the opportunity to see this spectacular program and become more of a part of the celebration.

Ron is responsible for the video and has announced that \$10.00 of each sale will be donated to the Equipment Fund for restoration and preservation of the Club's historic railroad engines and cars.

Tapes may be ordered immediately from:

Ron Ruhoff
P. O. Box 1361
Evergreen, Colorado 80439

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

I enclose \$ _____ in check or money order for _____ Video Tapes. Please send VHS [] / BETA [] format.

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NEW MEMBERS

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

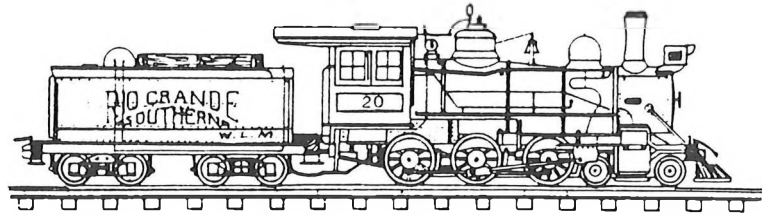
Henry Barber	Denver, CO
C. William Briggs	Minneapolis, MN
Ken Hampton	Indian Hills, CO
Craig P. Meis	Denver, CO
Donald H. Smith	Littleton, CO
Dennis Turan	Apache Jct., AZ

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

Stan Hutchinson (#13) Denver, CO

1988 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 14	Colo. RR Museum Work Day
May 21	Alternate Colo. RR Museum Work Day (in case of bad weather on May 14th)
June 18-)	50th Anniversary Summer Celebration
July 2)	
June 18	UP 3985 Excursion
June 19	Georgetown Loop RR Trip
June 20	Manitou & Pike's Peak Cog Trip
June 21	Cripple Creek/Victor Trip
	Cadillac & Lake City RY Trip
June 23	Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR
June 24	Chama/Durango Field Trip
June 25	Durango & Silverton NG RR
June 26-)	San Juan Mtns. Ghost Railroads Field Trips
July 2)	
Aug. 18	Great Western RR Excursion
Sept. 2-5	Grand Canyon/Flagstaff/Amtrak Excursion
Oct. 15	Paramount Theatre--RMRR Night
Dec. 13	Elections



WORKDAY AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM

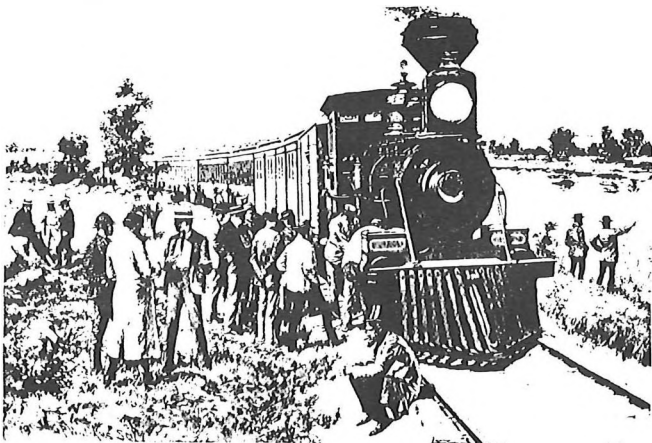
Saturday, May 14th is the Club's annual workday at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Each year, Equipment Chairman, Bill Gould, arranges to work on all the Club's railroad equipment. We need to paint, repair and clean and Bill can use all the help he can get. So...Why not plan to come out and help Bill and the Club to spruce up the Club's equipment. We do NOT need professional painters, carpenters, etc. We DO need relatively normal (?), coordinated folks who can handle brooms, paint brushes and hammers. Do you qualify?

For those fine folks who show up to work (and probably have some fun at the same time), the Club will provide lunch.

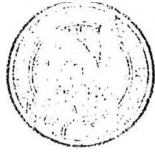
APRIL 12, 1988 PROCLAIMED "ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB" DAY BY STATE OF COLORADO AND CITY OF DENVER

Through the efforts of President, John Dillavou; Governor, Roy Romer and Mayor, Federico Peña, issued Proclamations declaring April 12, 1988 as "Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Day" in acknowledgement of the Clubs 50th Anniversary and its contribution to the preservation of railroad history and the education of the public on the role railroads played in the development of Denver and the state of Colorado. The Club wishes to thank Governor Romer and Mayor Peña for their recognition of the Club and its 1100 members.

The Proclamations were displayed at the 50th Anniversary Banquet and will be displayed at the Club's Union Station Headquarters. Copies are included in the Rail Report for members's perusal and historical recording.



Federico Peña
MAYOR



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary year; and

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club is dedicated to educating the public about the role the railroad played in the history of Denver and cities and towns throughout the region; and

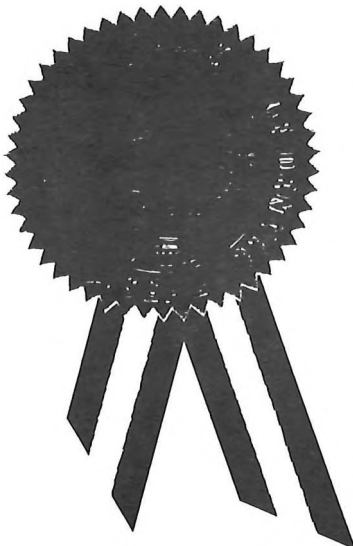
WHEREAS, The citizens of Denver better understand and appreciate the history and traditions of their city because of the efforts of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Federico Peña, Mayor of the City of Denver, do hereby proclaim April 12, 1988 as:

"Rocky Mountain Railroad Club"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City and County of Denver to be affixed this 11th day of April, 1988.


MAYOR



STATE OF COLORADO

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
136 State Capitol
Denver, Colorado 80203-1792
Phone (303) 866-2471



Roy Romer
Governor

HONORARY PROCLAMATION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB DAY
April 12, 1988

WHEREAS, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary year; and

WHEREAS, the history and development of the railroad is deeply intertwined with Colorado's development from a sparsely populated territory to a prosperous state with millions of residents; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans appreciate the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club's work to preserve this rich history for future generations;

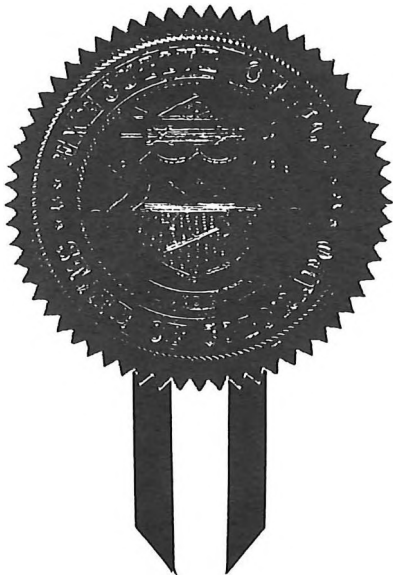
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado, proclaim April 12, 1988, as

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-third day of March, 1988


Roy Romer
Governor





This Conrail-blue, steel cabooses was custom silk-screened with the Club's markings and 50th Logo as a gift to everyone attending the Club's 50th Anniversary Banquet. Only 400 cabooses were ordered on the assumption of 200 attending the banquet, leaving 200 for sale. With 357 attending the banquet, the vast majority were used as gifts while many were sold at the banquet. The very few remaining units will probably be available for sale at the next Club meeting on a first come, first served basis.

(Erwin Chaim Photograph)

50th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

What a way to start the celebration of the Club's 50th Anniversary! 357 folks gathered at the Brown Palace Hotel to kick off the year-long celebration and were treated to a fine evening of entertainment, food and fellowship. Our thanks to Alan Greene for his efforts in securing the facilities and taking care of the arrangements.

It was fifty years ago on April 12, 1938, that a group first met at the Union Pacific Freight House to establish the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. Fifty years later, some of those same men were present at the banquet: Forrest Crossen, Dick Kindig, Jack Thode and William Van Patton. Others had been associated with the Club for almost as long. Some of the "low" number members introduced included: Forrest Crossen (#1), Dick Kindig (#3), Jack Thode (#4), William Van Patton (#5), Ed Haley (#8), Warren Bailey (#11), Irv August (#14) and Bill Gordon (#18).

The June newsletter will have more details, but we did want to list door prize donors and give them our thanks for their extraordinary generosity:

- Berkshire Productions :-
 - Pacific Princess (Video)
 - Berkshires Montage Series 3 (Video)
 - Juniata's Jewel (Video)
 - The Awesome A --Part 2 (Video)
- B.R.M.N.A. :-
 - Canadian National Coast to Coast (Book)
- Cabooses Hobbies :-
 - \$50 Gift Certificate
- Carson Home Video :-
 - VIA, the Canadian (Video)
- Mike Danneman Rail Art :-
 - The Royal Gorge (Print)
 - The Super Chief (Print)
 - The Rocky Mountain Rocket (Print)
- John Dillavou :-
 - The Moffat Tunnel (Book)
- Howard Fogg :-
 - Zephyrs Thru The Rockies (Book)
- Gil Reid :-
 - Class D On The Run (Print)
 - Union Pacific Flagship (Print)
- Grayland Station :-
 - Two (2) Stock Certificates

Interurban Press --:
Rio Grande--Ruler Of The Rockies (Book)
1-Year Subscription to Pacific Rail News

Lasting Impressions --:
1218 (Video)
611 (Video)
Clinchfield (Video)
Berkshires Thru The Bluegrass (Video)

Kalmbach Publishing --:
Train Watchers Guide to NA RR (Book)
Guide to Tourist RRs & Museums (Book)
Historical Guide to NA RRs (Book)
Two (2) 1-Year Subscriptions to TRAINS

M & L Mittens --:
Rio Grande "T" Shirt
Rio Grande, KCS, SP-SF "T" Shirt
Bronze Belt Buckle
Railroad Knife

Pentrex --:
Union Pacific 8444 (Video)
Tehachapi/Cajon Pass (Video)

Rail Innovations --:
CP Rail's Rogers (Video)

Railroad Memories --:
Two (2) Switch Locks
Lantern: N&W RR

Railroad Video --:
California Zephyr (Video)

Railway Production Classics --:
(2) Quarter Century SF Consists (Book)
Pullman Std. Library, Vol I (Book)
Pullman Std. Library, Vol. III (Book)

Railway Productions --:
Narrow Rails Still Shine (Video)

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club --:
Two (2) 50th Anniversary Plates

Sono Nis Press --:
West of the Great Divide (Book)

Lil Stewart --:
Historical RR Map of CO

Sunday River Productions --:
Baltimore & Ohio Steam (Video)

The Trowbridge Press --:

Pictorial Supplement to DSP&P (Book)

Video Classics --:
NKP 765 (Video)

Wild Rose Productions --:
SD40-2's In The Canadian Rockies (Video)

WB Video Productions --:
Two (2) Steam Over Sherman Hill (Video)
Two (2) The Fifties Express (Video)
Two (2) Rio Grande Of The Rockies (Video)

Our thanks to John Dillavou for his efforts to contact these folks. BOY, was he successful!

Watch for more on the banquet in the next issue of the Rail Report.

A SPECIAL REQUEST TO BANQUET DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

John Dillavou has sent "thank you's" to the donors of door prizes at the April 16th banquet, but, John requests that door prize winners also send a personal "thank you" to show appreciation for such fine gifts. We are sure that the donors would greatly appreciate this gesture.



KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN'S "BAD NEWS" IS RIO GRANDE'S GOOD NEWS

Rio Grande Industries' \$1.8 billion bid for Southern Pacific Transportation Co. got a boost on Monday, April 11th, when rival bidder Kansas City Southern lost a huge antitrust case.

An \$844 million judgement was handed down by a federal jury in South Dakota on a case involving coal contracts. Kansas City Southern plans to appeal the ruling.



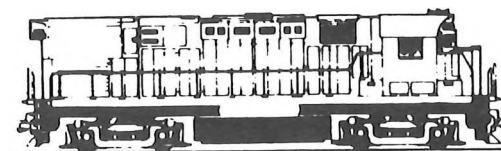
Wyoming & Colorado Railroad's leased FP7A units are seen buried in deep drifts on February 15, 1988. Snow-clearing proved to be quite a challenge for the railroad. (Dave Gross Photo)

SNOW BOUND

Winter weather has not been kind to the new operators of the Wyoming & Colorado Railroad. Both their Walcott-Saratoga Encampment Branch in Wyoming and their Laramie, Wyoming to Walden, Colorado line have experienced closures due to deep or drifting snows. In early February, high winds drifted shut the Encampment line. Due to the numerous cars of wood chips that are brought out of the Louisiana-Pacific lumber mill at Saratoga, it was critical that the line be reopened. FP7A units Nos. 1510 and 1512 were used to clear the line, but not without problems. On Saturday, February 13, the colorful units became stuck while bucking deep drifts. Heavy earthmoving equipment had to be brought in to dig out the units and it was not until Wednesday that they were completely free. In the meantime, the Walden Branch was becoming snowed in and necessitated leasing Union Pacific Rotary No. 90080 and bringing it over from Cheyenne to clear the line. On March 7th, it started west out of Laramie, encountering no significant snow until a few miles south of Centennial, Wyoming. From that

area to Fox Park, where the plow was turned, a large plume of snow from the machine was the rule rather than the exception. On March 8th, the plow returned to Laramie, well after dark, and shortly thereafter, another storm came in and dropped heavy snows on the line. Fortunately, motive power from a freight run up to Fox Park was able to push its way down-grade and clear the line out once more.
(Darrell Arndt)

Additional Note: Darrell advises that the railroad plans to run numerous passenger trains this summer, actively pursuing the tourist/railfan market. The company had been actively engaged in securing passenger equipment the first part of this year. We presume that they will have such equipment by summer as the company has contracted for many excursions. The Club considered a trip over the Fox Park line in place of the UP 3985 (should it not have come through), but with the full schedule this year, the Club will put it off until 1989.





Lead engine No. 1510 hits a deep drift while clearing the line on February 17, 1988. It was action like this that resulted in the units being stuck just two days earlier. At that time heavy equipment was brought in to dig them out. (Dave Gross Photograph)

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: Railroad lanterns--short globes, Dietz vesta and tall globes. Also buttons, keys and locks. No list. State roads you are interested in and sizes. Send SSAE. Cal Bulman, 45 Garden Parkway, Henrietta, NY 14467.

FOR SALE: Colorado Midland by Morris Cafky, Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, Copy #5284, in mint condition--still in shipping carton.

Will sell to highest bidder. B. F. Wilson, 4335 West Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80219. Phone: (303) 936-7370.

FOR SALE: Two (2) original, excellent condition, paper covers--The Rio Grande Southern Story by Josie Moore Crum, 1957 by Railroadana Publishers, Denver, CO. Will accept the highest offer over \$75.00. Wilda L. Mongar, P. O. Box 6, Caulfield, Missouri 65626.

FOR SALE: Audio Tapes. Sounds from the regular operations of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR. Volumes I, II & III. \$7.95 each; any 2 for \$15.00; and all 3 for \$20.00. Postage Paid. Earl G. Knoob, P. O. Box 541, Chama, New Mexico 87520.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Recently, I received a newspaper clipping from a close friend which she had received from her father. It was from a New Mexico newspaper and brings forth a mystery. It goes back to WWII when the US helped out with foreign aid. The United States put together the American Friendship Train, filled with relief supplies donated by individuals in all 48 states. Eventually, \$40-million worth of food and clothes (700 carloads) was on its way to France and Italy.

Everyone overseas rejoiced over this donation and, the French, in particular, wanted to return the favor to the people of the USA. They sent back personal gifts from the citizenry which included children's drawings, worn-out wooden shoes, rare paintings, etc. They even sent the first motorcycle ever built. As the Americans had done, they named their train--The Gratitude Train. But this time they sent the box cars as well. These box cars turned out to be the old "Forty and Eights" (40 men or eight horses), built between 1872 and 1885. They sent one to each of the 48 states plus one to Washington D.C. They were loaded on a ship and delivered to New York where they were received with great celebrations and parades. President Truman signed a special law to allow the train to come into this country duty free.

The cars were sent on to each of the states and, after unloading the gifts, the one sent to Washington D.C. was forwarded to Hawaii. All over the country, the gifts were displayed in State Capitols and museums. Some veteran organizations took over the box cars and retained the gifts in them for public display.

So, now the question...Where are the cars today?

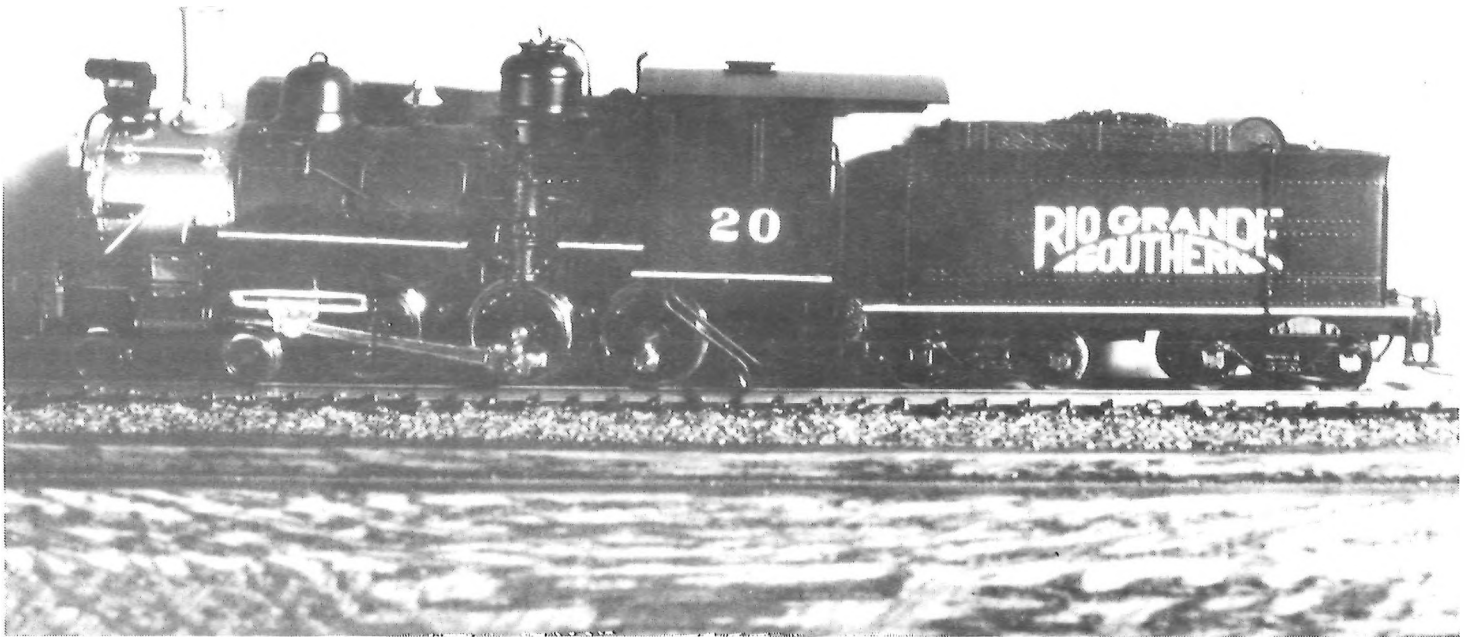
Evidently, 8 or 9 of them have disappeared completely. Forty-some states still know where they are or have them in their possession. Arizona has decided to restore their car and place it on display in Scottsdale, while the approximately 3,000 gifts will be displayed at the Arizona State Museum. New Mexico's car became an

aging hulk at their state fairgrounds, but they now have a preservation committee looking into restoring it. Initial cost estimates run \$10,000 just to restore the undercarriage of the car. As fortune would have it, they have located another 40 & 8 car in France and funds are being raised to ship it to Albuquerque as a duplicate. New Mexico does not wish to place the restored car at the fairgrounds, but has run into the problem of finding someone willing to take it over and be responsible for it. The State is also trying to find out where some of the gifts are located.

I got to wondering where some of the other cars were, especially Colorado's. A little research uncovered a cataloged listing of the car's contents which are now housed in the State Historical Museum. The goods were received on April 14, 1949, and, a letter verifying their receipt was sent to the then Governor, William Lee Knous, on April 22, 1949. There was no mention of the box car. The State Historical Society of Colorado made contact with Bob Richardson in August of 1986 in an attempt to locate Colorado's box car, but Bob was unable to help, although he knew that Wyoming still had its car. Apparently, it is on display in front of the Ames Legion Building on Lincoln Way in Cheyenne and is being restored.

It would be nice to know what happened to the Colorado Car. Did a veterans group get it? Did it go to some museum? Is it located somewhere other than in the Denver-metro area? Was it destroyed? Perhaps some of our members know its whereabouts or have information about the car. If anyone does have any information, please let me know. Perhaps we can help the State of Colorado find, restore and preserve this piece of history. (John Dillavou)





Sunset Brass Model of the Club's RGS No. 20, factory painted and custom decaled by our own Erwin Chaim. This is the model being raffled off to provide funds toward the restoration of the real No. 20.
(Erwin Chaim Photograph)

NO. 20 RESTORATION PROJECT

The Club continues to solicit funds to be applied to the restoration of the RGS No. 20. About \$35,000 will be needed to complete such work as new boiler sheeting, new cab, refurbishing of tender wrapper, sills and flooring, and, other necessary items to bring the engine closer to a point where actual consideration can be given to operate this engine. Naturally, this is just a start and represents only a small beginning to full operational refurbishing of the No. 20.

Chances are being offered on an H0n3 model of the No. 20. This model has been custom painted and decaled to look like the Club's No. 20 at the Colorado RR Museum. It is a Sunset brass model, selling for about \$275.00. Chances are \$2.00 each or a sheet of 10 for \$18.00. Donations may be sent to: No. 20 Raffle, c/o Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, P. O. Box 2391, Denver, Colo. 80201.

A coupon is provided for your ordering convenience.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

No. 20 Raffle Order Form

Please enter _____ chances at \$2.00 each,
 or, _____ sheets (of ten chances) at \$18.00 each.

I enclose check or MO for: \$ _____

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NEWS FROM THE CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RR

The days are getting longer and warmer in Chama and most of the snow is gone. Although the snow is starting to melt a little in the high country as well, at last count there was about five feet showing on the snow marker at Cumbres. Work is progressing well on our four operating locomotives:

1) Engine 488 is going back together, with the tubes and flues installed and about half of the superheater units now in. The boiler has passed its hydrotest and we are in the process of putting the jacket and lagging back on. All side rod bushings have been renewed and the rods put back on the locomotive. If all goes well, the engine will be fired up and test run to Labato and back on April 19th.

2) We removed all the drivers from Engine 489 and they have been sent to a machine shop in Farmington to have new tires and crank pins installed and the journals turned. Four drivers have been returned and the balance will be arriving by the end of the week of April 17th.

3) All tubes and flues have been removed from Engine 487, the interior of the boiler descaled and inspected. During the inspection, we discovered that the front and rear flue sheets will have to be replaced. This is a fairly major project which we don't really have the time or the manpower to do, so we have contracted with an independent boiler repair company to do the flue sheet replacement for us. They will start on the job the week of April 17th and should finish by the end of the month so we can then begin putting the boiler back together.

4) Engine 484 needs only minor repairs this winter and we will be working on it after the major work is done on the other engines.

In the Antonito car shop, a four man crew is busy working on the passenger cars used in Antonito. Six of the cars will get complete new roofs and one car will also have new windows installed and receive new interior paneling. All of the cars will be repainted inside and out as well. The car

work is going very well and running a little ahead of schedule. (Russ Fischer, Operations Manager, C&TS RR)

NEW ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCED TO AID PRESERVATION OF THE C&TS

The Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, a New Mexico Non-profit corporation, has been organized to further New Mexico and Colorado railroad history in general and in particular as it relates to the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, which runs between Chama, New Mexico and Antonito, Colorado. The 64 miles of scenic narrow gauge railroad, over 100 years old, is owned by the states of New Mexico and Colorado and operated by Kyle Railways of San Francisco. The new organization will be working closely with the owner and operator of the Railroad.

The goals of the organization include the continuation of the Volunteer Program for the preservation of the museum pieces located on the Cumbres & Toltec property, both structures and rolling stock. In 1987, approximately 50 people from all over the United States attended work sessions on the railroad to help preserve the railroad. The group will provide the Walking Tour brochure, which is a self-guided tour of the historic railroad yards. In addition, the group hopes to raise tax-deductible contributions which will allow additional equipment to be restored and operated so that the public can learn from and enjoy the unique nature of this Railroad.

Memberships at \$15.00 per year can be obtained by writing to The Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad at P. O. Box 222, Chama, New Mexico 87520. Contributions would also be gratefully appreciated. Membership benefits include a newsletter providing information about the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

[Editor's Note: Carl E. C. Carlson and Chip Irwin, Club members, have been named to the Directors of the "Friends".]

The Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Inc., is pleased to announce that its 1988 work project on the historic

narrow gauge Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad will be held on August 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1988, in Chama, New Mexico. Many projects of restoration of narrow gauge equipment will be completed, additional mile post markers will be installed, and restoration work on the Rotary Snow Plow "OM" will be conducted.

Organizations represented on this eighth year of volunteer work on the railroad include the Historical Society of New Mexico, the Railroad Club of New Mexico, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, and several chapters of the National Railroad Historical Society ("Rio Grande", "Intermountain", "El Paso" and "Jacksonville, Florida").

In addition to the work sessions, several social occasions are planned. A slide program will be held on Saturday, August 20, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. in Chama. A "Photo Freight", utilizing equipment restored by volunteers is planned for Sunday, August 21, 1988.

Because of the demand and the number of people attending, advance registration is necessary. A packet containing registration material can be obtained by writing to the friends of the Cumbres & Toltec, P. O. Box 222, Chama, NM 87520.

Please consider helping with this important work. Pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, certain expenses to travel to and attend such work projects for a charitable organization are tax deductible. Please see your accountant for details.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK BEING CELEBRATED AT UNION STATION

National Transportation Week runs from May 15-21, 1988. Arrangements have been concluded with the Denver Union Terminal Co. to use Union Station on May 21 and 22 (Saturday and Sunday) for Denver's celebration. The main lobby and train room has been made available for a train meet and show.

As part of the celebration, the Union Pacific is displaying #8444 and a Centennial unit. In addition, other full-sized equipment will be on display.

**GEORGETOWN AND THE LOOP—
50th ANNIVERSARY BOOK**

Now we can tell you! The jacket of the Club's 50th Anniversary book, Georgetown and the Loop, will feature a full color reproduction of Jan Ron's painting of the Colorado & Southern's locomotive #60 pulling a freight across the old Devil's Gate Viaduct in a snow storm. It is a gorgeous painting! On the back of the jacket we are planning to use an outstanding Karl Zimmermann photo showing the first train going across the new Devil's Gate Viaduct on August 1, 1984.

The photos in the book will cover the span from William H. Jackson to "Chip" Sherman, John Bush, and John Dillavou. We believe you will especially like the color section as the photos we have selected are superb.

Now for the sad news. Because of the increase in postal rates, we have to increase the mailing charge to \$2.00. The pre-publication price is still \$24.50 before June 1. Please add \$2.00 if you want your book mailed, and those in Colorado should add \$1.72 sales tax. (Bob Griswold)

ORDER FORM

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Please send _____ books @ \$24.50: _____

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P. O. Box 2391
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This handsome polo shirt is available to Club members to celebrate the 50th Anniversary in 1988. It comes in gray with the 50th Anniversary logo printed in blue. Sizes available include S, M, L and XL. The cost is just \$13.00 plus \$2.00 postage for each shirt desired. A coupon for ordering is included elsewhere in the newsletter. (Erwin Chaim Photograph)

50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

Time is running out to secure 50th Anniversary Commemorative items. The following is a list of items available at the writing of this newsletter:

RMRRC 50th ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR: 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 (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.

RMRRC 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE PLATE:

This 9 3/4", cream-colored plate has the 50th Anniversary Logo printed in blue with the "50" in gold as well as the edging. (Due to the special gold inlay, this is intended to be a decorative, rather than a utility piece)

The cost of the plate is \$24.95 and includes postage and special mailing box.

50th ANNIVERSARY BELT BUCKLE: The Club's 50th Anniversary Logo done in pewter and

outstanding relief.

Cost of the Belt Buckle is \$8.00 plus \$2.00 each for postage.

50th ANNIVERSARY POLO SHIRT: The polo shirt comes in grey with the 50th Anniversary Logo printed in blue (see photograph elsewhere in this issue of the Rail Report) Available sizes include: S, M, L & XL.

Cost of the polo shirt is \$13.00 plus \$2.00 postage, each.

Quantities are limited. Do Not Delay!!!

50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

ORDER FORM

NAME _____

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CALENDARS:

_____ @ \$6.00 \$ _____

_____ @ 1.50 Post. _____

PLATES:

_____ @ \$24.95 _____

BUCKLES:

_____ @ \$8.00 _____

_____ @ 2.00 Post. _____

POLO SHIRTS:

_____ @ \$13.00 _____

_____ @ 2.00 Post. _____

Merchandise Total \$ _____

ANNUAL EQUIPMENT FUND BOOK DRAWING

Tom Lawry reports that this year's annual equipment fund book drawing raised just over \$1,300.00. With the many major restoration projects planned in the near future, this sum will come in handy. Our thanks to all who participated. The following is a listing of the drawing prizes winners:

1st Prize --: William Henry Jackson's Rky. Mtn. RR Album*

Donald K. Tautz, Englewood, CO

2nd Prize --: Memorial Edition--Denver, South Park & Pacific
Donor: Rky. Mtn. RR Club

Douglas Junda, Denver, CO

3rd Prize --: Pictorial Supplement to Denver, South Park & Pacific
Donor: The Trowbridge Press

David H. Gaines, APO, New York

4th Prize --: Rio Grande to the Pacific*

Perry Becker, Morgan, MN

5th Prize --: Narrow Gauge in the Rockies*

James R. Murphy, Jr., Biloxi, MS

6th Prize --: Rails West*

James B. Denegree, Fairbanks, AK

7th Prize --: Mixed Train Daily*

David R. Spencer, Wichita Falls, TX

*Books from the RMRRC's designated book drawing cache. These books are either purchased or received as donations.

BOOK, VIDEO & AUDIO REVIEWS

The March to Cumbres, Vol. III. Audio Tape. 60 minutes. \$7.95. Earl G. Knoob, P. O. Box 541, Chama, NM 87520. Post Paid.

Volumes I & II have been reviewed in the Rail Report previously. Volume I was re-

corded mostly from the engine cabs; Volume II was recorded mostly from trackside. This volume (III) is a mixture of trackside and cab recordings is, again, excellent. If you enjoy unstaged sound of narrow gauge steam on steady grades with full tonnage, this tape is for you. (Jim Trowbridge)

WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE IS BACK!

Club members, Robert G. Hilton of Dayton, Ohio; Mike Engle of Lakewood, Colorado; and, Daryl B. Ryder of Kotzebue, Alaska, all sent in articles about the reopening of the WP&YR. Our thanks to all these members as well as Francis Rizzari for mentioning an article in the Rky. Mtn. News.

It's now official. The White Pass & Yukon Railroad will be starting up again for daily passenger excursions May 12 to September 17. Always a favorite with visitors to Alaska and the Yukon Territory, the narrow gauge railroad ceased operation in October, 1982.

This year, the scenic excursions will operate along a 20-mile stretch of track from Skagway, port-of-call for numerous cruise ships, to the top of White Pass. Next year's plans are to extend the trip eight miles farther along the tracks to Fraser, British Columbia. Although nothing is concrete at this time, there is talk of eventually extending service to Carcross in the Yukon Territory.

This year's 40.8-mile roundtrip will cost

\$63.00; will take three and a half hours; trains will leave at 9:00 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. and additional 9:10 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. trains on heavy cruise ship days; and, expects to carry 50,000+ passengers its first year back in operation.

MISCELLANEOUS

ANIMAS RIVER RAILWAY

The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad has established a new railway company called the Animas River Railway. It is intended for the express purpose of handling passengers wanting to get off at various stations in the Animas Canyon, between Rockwood and Elk Park.

The new railroad was probably established so that Mr. Bradshaw's word could be kept as regards only steam being used on the Silverton RR. The equipment for the new railway consists of a "railbus", a motorized coach with a trailer-coach. This new equipment can accommodate up to 80 passengers and their camping gear.

NOTED RAILROAD AUTHOR PASSES AWAY

Edward T. Bollinger, noted Colorado railroad author and historian passed away on February 26, 1988, at the age of 80. His best known work was co-authored with Fred Bauer: The Moffat Road, later republished as Rails That Climb.

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