



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

commemorates

50 YEARS OF RAILROADING

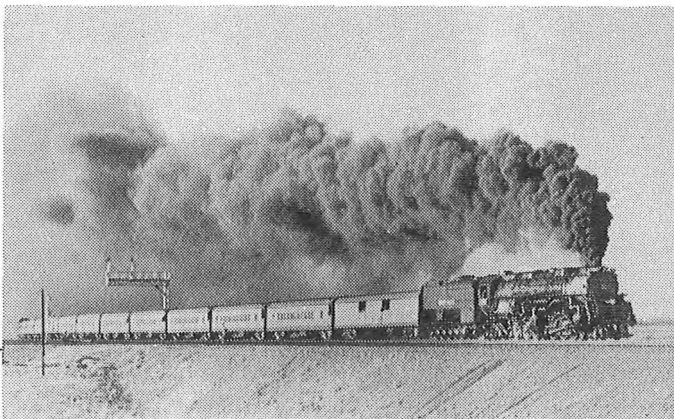
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SUMMER CELEBRATION

The year 1988 marks a significant milestone in the history of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club - - the celebration of its Golden Anniversary! For 50 years this organization has been promoting the appreciation of our western railroad heritage through the sponsorship of excursions, publications, preservation projects and monthly meetings. In reflecting back on the many successful ventures that were the result of the countless hours of volunteer efforts, Club members can feel justifiably proud of achieving this notable accomplishment. It is with this in mind that we prepare to make our Golden Anniversary Year a memorable occasion to match the importance of the event.

A calendar of events is being planned in celebration of our 50th year, with a major portion being concentrated during a two week period in June of 1988 when excursions and activities will take place in Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. Our plans include articulated, mainline steam, historic and colorful narrow gauge operations, cog railroading to the top of America's most famous mountain, a shortline trip across the high plains of Colorado, a visit to one of the most historic mining districts in the United States and field trips along the grades of the famous narrow gauge "ghost railroads" of the silvery mountains of southwestern Colorado. The itinerary has been formulated to allow participation in all or part of the festivities. The scheduling of these activities will provide an outstanding opportunity for out-of-state members and friends to experience an exceptional variety of rail experiences during a single visit to the region!!! Not to be forgotten are the many other attractions that Colorado has to offer plus the endless miles of scenic beauty that await the traveler.

This brochure outlines the events planned between June 18 and July 2. They are priced individually. Additional details can be found on the ticket order form.



UNION PACIFIC 3985
Saturday - June 18

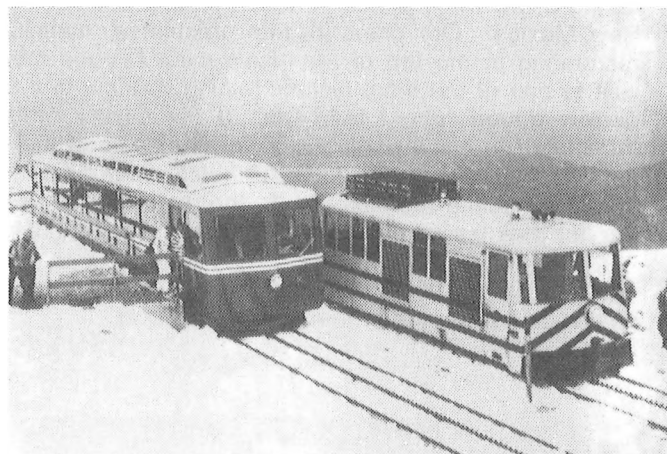


To kick off the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club's series of trips commemorating the Club's 50th Anniversary, a spectacular, all day 300 mile round trip Union Pacific steam and diesel excursion will be operated between Denver, Colorado and Laramie, Wyoming. Departing from Denver, diesels will whisk our special north over the Denver-Cheyenne mainline, stopping in Greeley for passengers. After climbing through the rolling hills of northern Colorado we will cross the Wyoming border and arrive at Speer where Union Pacific's mighty 4-6-6-4 Challenger No. 3985 will take charge. Proceeding west over the "new" mainline, No. 3985 will once again

challenge famous Sherman Hill. In keeping with the tradition of Rocky Mountain Railroad Club special excursions, a variety of opportunities for action shots, video and sound recordings will be provided during numerous photo run-bys at scenic locations. For sound recording enroute, power for recorders will be provided in the baggage car. After turning the train in Laramie, we will return east on the "old" double track mainline over Sherman Hill where several additional photo opportunities will be provided with this magnificent articulated steam locomotive. At Speer, the diesels will again power our train for the highspeed run to Denver. Plan now to join us on this delightful, never to be forgotten return to the days of streamliners and mainline steam superpower! (Note: At the time of the publication of this flyer, negotiations for this excursion are incomplete. Availability of this trip and its price are dependent upon the successful completion of arrangements with the Union Pacific Railroad.)

In the late 1930's one of the world's great railroad engineering marvels, the famed Georgetown Loop, fell to the scrappers torch. The long tradition of tourist trains negotiating the twisting track and the sound of steam in the Clear Creek valley would never be heard again....or so most people thought. During the ensuing years the Colorado Historical Society forged a coalition that was able to rebuild this famed high bridge and several miles of track. Completed in 1984, 100 years after completion of the original, the Devil's Gate bridge soars 95 feet above Clear Creek and is the centerpiece of this restoration effort. From it, a breathtaking vista of the Georgetown Valley can be an experience not soon forgotten. On Sunday, June 19th, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club will provide an opportunity to once again experience the delight of riding over the Loop on a private tourist train. Our steam powered special will be an all freight consist that will provide passengers with a rare opportunity to photograph the train during run-bys and meets with regularly scheduled trains. Plan now to join us on this very special excursion into Colorado's historic mining and rail tourist era.

The afternoon will be free to obtain lunch and visit other attractions. Georgetown is a picturesque old mining town with little shops and numerous turn of the century buildings. A tour of the Hamil House is always fascinating. Other diversions can be found over at Central City where narrow gauge engine No. 71 should be running. The Colorado Railroad Museum will have operating steam as well as the two foot gauge High Country Railroad near Golden.



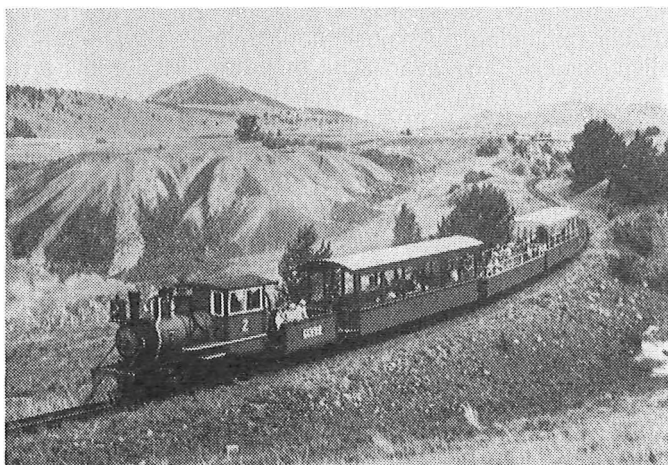
GEORGETOWN LOOP
Sunday - June 19



MANITOU & PIKE'S PEAK RAILWAY
Monday - June 20

Today we will move our field of operations to the Pike's Peak Region where morning activities can be selected from a variety of area attractions. The Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods are always popular, or

perhaps photographing trains on the Joint Line through Palmer Lake would be fun. At noon we will meet at the Manitou & Pike's Peak Railway depot in Manitou Springs and board our private, Swiss-built diesel hydraulic cog train for a 3 hour and 15 minute round trip to the top of majestic Pike's Peak. This is an incredible experience in mountain railroading that can be enjoyed in complete comfort from these modern trains. The view from the top of this famous 14,100 foot peak is spectacular and you will understand why it inspired the wonderful song "America the Beautiful". Be sure to bring a jacket as snow can fall any month of the year on this lofty mountain! After ample time for sightseeing at the summit, our train will return to Manitou Springs. Later that evening we will gather at the famous Flying-W Ranch in Colorado Springs for a delightful evening of western entertainment and a chuck wagon dinner which is an experience right out of the Old West's ranching days. You'll not want to miss this day that includes an experience on the most famous of "Rocky Mountain Highs"!



CRIPPLE CREEK *or* CADILLAC & LAKE CITY RAILWAY

Tuesday - June 21

This day will offer a choice of two very different experiences. **Choice No. 1** An auto-field trip to the Cripple Creek/Victor Mining District that was once served by the Midland Terminal Railway, the narrow gauge Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad and the Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek District Railroad (The Short Line). This will be a great mountain trip through one of Colorado's most famous and historic regions. We will travel to Cripple Creek via scenic roadbed of the Short Line as it climbs for over 30 miles around the southern flanks of Pike's Peak along high cliffs, atop long fills and through deep cuts and tunnels. Our tour of the mining district that was once saturated with steam and electric lines will include an overview of these grades and their history. A ride on the two foot gauge Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad that runs along the Midland Terminal grade from Cripple Creek to Anaconda will be one of the high points of this action packed day. Return to Colorado Springs will be along the route of the Midland Terminal Railway through historic Ute Pass. Club members knowledgeable with the area will lead this auto

adventure. **Choice No. 2** An excursion aboard the Cadillac & Lake City Railway from Falcon to Limon, Colorado over the route of the Colorado Springs section of the famous Rocky Mountain Rocket. A specially chartered, diesel powered train will take us on this all day, 122 mile round trip through the sparsely populated Colorado high plains whose chief inhabitants are deer and antelope. At Limon we will cross the Union Pacific's Denver-Kansas City mainline and see the western terminus of the Kyle Railroad. We will even pass through Tip Top, the highest point on the Rock Island Railroad. A number of photo run-bys will be included as well as a tasty hot lunch served from the cafe car.



Regardless of your choice of these activities, you will want to gather together in Colorado Springs in the evening for dinner at Guiseppe's Old Depot restaurant which is located in the former Rio Grande passenger depot. Dinner will be on an individual settlement basis but we can make advance reservations for those who wish to join us.

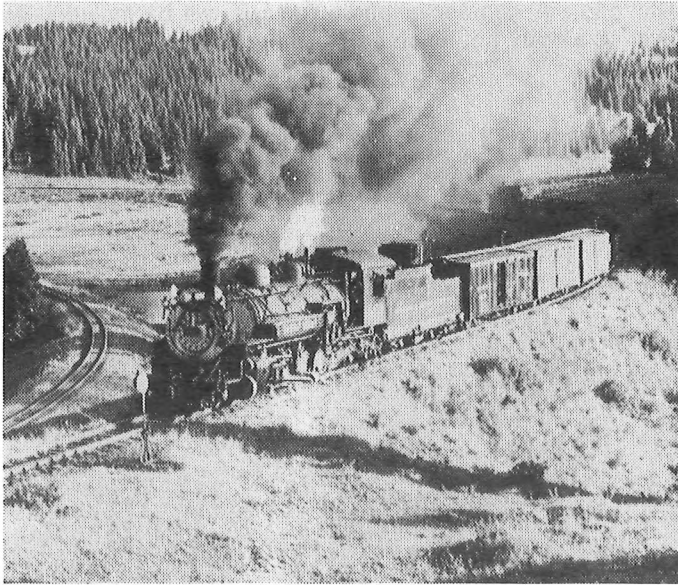
COLORADO SPRINGS TO CHAMA

Wednesday - June 22

This will be a travel day to Chama, New Mexico. What a day for really seeing the magnificent Colorado Rockies and the wide open spaces! Enroute, you can "take in" many points of interest including the awesome Royal Gorge and the Arkansas River Canyon, which is also the Royal Gorge Route of the Denver & Rio Grande Western. Salida was once the hub of rail activity and take-off point for the famous Monarch Branch and Marshall Pass operations of the D&RGW. Running south from Salida over Poncha Pass into the immense San Luis Valley was the Rio Grande's narrow gauge Valley Line that once reached past Alamosa to Santa Fe, New Mexico via the Chili Line and to Durango and Silverton via the San Juan

extension. You may wish to drive via La Veta Pass, portions of which are located on the old narrow gauge right-of-way. At Blanca you may wish to catch a glimpse of the San Luis Valley Southern's one-of-a-kind homemade switch engine. All routes to Chama from the north will take you over La Manga and Cumbres Passes. Those who wish may car caravan with other members of the Club who will note points of interest along the way.

trip. As an extra added attraction two K-36 Mikados will doublehead our train up the 4% grade to Cumbres Pass from Chama! The C&TS personnel have an outstanding reputation for providing an excellent trip; so expect a great show!



CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD

Thursday - June 23

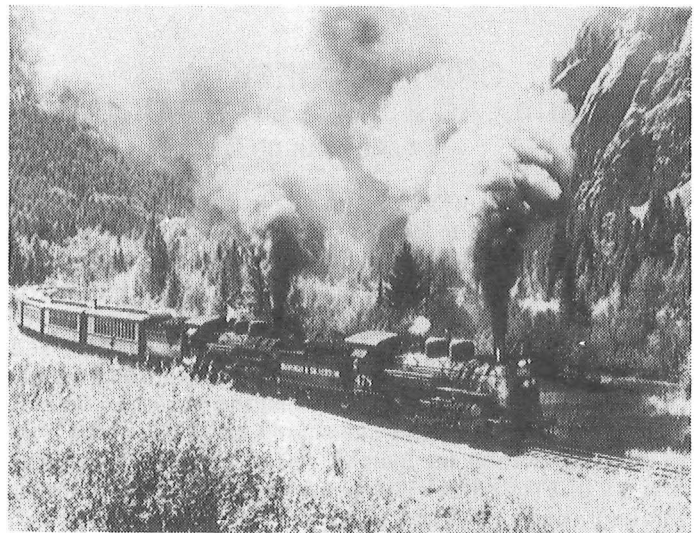
Unique to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club is an event that we refer to as our "Back to Back" narrow gauge excursions. It is the opportunity to ride and photograph both the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad and the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad during the same visit to southwestern Colorado. We will begin this experience as we board our special train at Chama, New Mexico for a spectacular day on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Our special, 90 mile round trip excursion will traverse the old D&RGW line between Chama, New Mexico and Big Horn Wye. Enroute we will see Lobato Trestle, Cresco Tank, Cumbres, Tanglefoot Curve, the spectacular depths of Toltec Gorge, Phantom Curve, Mud Tunnel, Cascade Creek trestle and many other famous points of interest plus miles of fabulous scenery. At Osier a tasty and filling lunch will be served. Our special will consist of a mixed train with some 11 or 12 vintage freight cars and a caboose in front of our passenger cars. By placing the freight cars ahead of the train numerous "freight only" shots should be possible during the many photo run-bys scheduled during the

Rio Grande

CHAMA TO DURANGO

Friday - June 24

This will be a travel day from Chama to Durango. The highlight of this journey will be a field trip along the abandoned right-of-way of the D&RGW between Chama and Durango. Numerous artifacts remain along this section including buildings, steel bridges, water tanks, rolling stock, and even a bit of track. This activity will be quite informal, with no charge to participate, and anyone with tickets for the Back-to-Back excursions is welcome to attend. Those who desire may omit this field trip for an earlier arrival in Durango. We will top off this nostalgic day with a banquet on the beautiful Ft. Lewis College campus located on a mesa overlooking Durango and the Animas Valley. This will be an opportunity for socializing in a relaxed atmosphere while dining on a prime rib dinner. Rounding out the evening will be a program highlighting an interesting facet of our railroad heritage.



DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Saturday - June 25

On this, the second day of our great "back to back" narrow gauge experience we will spend all day on one of the most famous of all narrow gauge railroads, The Silverton!! There are many superlatives used to describe the experience of riding this line but there is one phrase seldom heard and that is.....Doubleheader!!! Yes, here is the very rare opportunity to ride behind two of the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad's steam locomotives. The train will follow the famous ex-

D&RGW Silverton Branch from Durango to Silverton. Enroute the views change constantly as the train travels north through the beautiful Animas River valley until it clings to the canyon wall hundreds of feet above the river, providing breathtaking views for the stout-hearted. You will thrill to the scenery of the fabulous San Juans as we catch glimpses of the spectacular Needle and Grenadier Mountains. Numerous meets with other regularly scheduled trains will add to our Silverton experience. A lunch stop in picturesque Silverton will provide an opportunity to explore this historic old mining town. What more could the dedicated railfan want?? Scenery, steam, photo run-bys, and a DOUBLE-HEADER! Plan to join us now.



EXPLORING THE HISTORIC RAILROAD GRADES OF SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO

Plan now to join us on seven fabulous days exploring the grades and sites of the ghost railroads of southwestern Colorado. Here is the exciting itinerary we have planned.

THE SAN JUAN

Sunday, June 26, 1988

This morning we will meet in Durango for a full day of exploring the abandoned grades of the famed Rio Grande Southern Railroad. We will head west from Durango to Mancos, then north to Dolores through the old mining town of Rico, and on to the summit of 10,222 foot Lizard Head Pass. Our overnight stop will be in historic Telluride, now a bustling ski and summer resort surrounded on three sides by spectacular mountain peaks.

THE GALLOPING GOOSE

Monday, June 27, 1988

Today we will return to Lizard Head Pass via Colorado Highway 145 and then backtrack along the RGS grade to Trout Lake where a water tank and small trestle remain in place. Continuing past Trout Lake we will next visit Ophir and the site of the famed Ophir Loop. Our next stop will be at Ilium and Vance Junction before continuing on to Placerville and over Dallas Divide where we will enjoy a magnificent view of 14,150 foot Mt. Sneffels and the northern peaks of the San Juan Mountains. Our day will end at Ridgway, the northern terminus of the Rio Grande Southern.

Our overnight stop will be at nearby Ouray, the "Switzerland of America", which is completely surrounded by rugged mountains.

THE RAINBOW

Tuesday, June 28, 1988

Today we will spend a full day exploring one of Otto Mears' famous "Three Little Lines", the Silverton Railroad. Our morning's activity will be a hike to the site of the Corkscrew Gulch turntable, high on the mountainside south of Ouray above the ghost town of Ironton. For those who prefer not to hike, the morning will be free for you to shop, rest, swim in Ouray's hot springs pool or sightsee on your own.

After lunch we will follow the grade over Red Mountain Pass to Red Mountain Town and on to Silverton. Overnight in Ouray.

THE PATHFINDER OF THE SAN JUANS

Wednesday, June 29, 1988

This morning we will return to Silverton on the "Million Dollar Highway" to explore the other two of Mears' "Three Little Lines". First, we will follow the grade of the Silverton, Gladstone and Northerly Railroad to Gladstone, and hopefully return to Silverton in time to photograph one or more of the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad trains.

In the afternoon we will explore the Silverton Northern Railroad to the ghost towns of Eureka and Animas Forks, returning to Ouray for the night.

THE CURECANTI VISTA

Thursday, June 30, 1988

Today we will head north to Montrose on US Highway 550, then east on US 50 over Cerro Summit to Cimarron following the abandoned grade of the Denver & Rio Grande Western's narrow gauge line. At nearby Morrow Point Dam, D&RGW engine No. 278, a boxcar and a caboose are on display on a portion of one of the railroad's original trestles.

Continuing east on US 50, we will pause just west of Blue Mesa Dam for a hike down Pine Creek Trail, descending some 234 steps to the bottom of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison where we will walk along the old D&RGW grade one mile to Pine Creek Marina. Here, we will board 40-passenger tour boats for a cruise down Morrow Point Lake. In addition to the spectacular scenery we will see Chipeta Falls and the famous Curecanti Needle, a spire of rock which was once the symbol of the railroad. This boat ride is optional for all participants and the fare is nominal.

After our return to the dock and the hike back to the cars, we will proceed to Gunnison for the night.

THE GUNNISON EXPLORER

Friday, July 1, 1988

Today we'll head north from Gunnison for a day of exploring in the Crested Butte area. First we will follow the Denver South Park & Pacific grade to its end on Ohio Creek near the coal-mining town of Baldwin. From Baldwin we will head up Ohio Pass to the unfinished palisades of the DSP&P which are almost as incredible as those on the west side of the line below Alpine Tunnel.

Continuing over Ohio Pass we will stop in historic Crested Butte heading back to Gunnison and our Farewell Dinner at the Cattlemen's Inn.

THE MARSHALL PASS LIMITED

Saturday, July 2, 1988

This morning we will visit the Gunnison Historical Museum, home of the D&RGW's No. 268 and several other pieces of D&RGW equipment, as well as the Sargents depot and the Mears tank from the Marshall Pass line.

To end our trip we will proceed to Sargents, where the water tank is still standing. From there we will continue over the D&RGW's famed Marshall Pass before heading back to Denver.

A WORD ABOUT OUR SAN JUAN SOJOURN.....

In the tradition of Rocky Mountain Railroad Club field trips, each person will be responsible for providing his own transportation, and arranging and paying for his own accommodations, meals and the Farewell Dinner at Gunnison. A list of accommodations will be provided with your reservations. Roads ranging from smooth paved to unimproved gravel will be traversed. Knowledgeable guides will be provided by the Club as well as a trip handout which will describe in detail the trip's highpoints. A CB radio, while not absolutely necessary, would be a handy device to have in your car. We hope you will be able to join us on this fabulous trip.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - - JUNE 18 - JULY 2, 1988
Ticket order form

Notes	Event No.	Day	Date	Event	No. of Tickets	x	Price Each	=	Total Amount
	(A) 1.	SAT.	6/18	Union Pacific No. 3985	_____	x	\$ XXX.XX	=	\$ _____
	2.	SUN.	6/19	Georgetown Loop	_____	x	\$ 25.00	=	\$ _____
	3.	MON.	6/20	Manitou & Pikes Peak	_____	x	\$ 18.00	=	\$ _____
	4.	MON.	6/20	Flying W Ranch Dinner	_____	x	\$ 9.50	=	\$ _____
	5A.	TUES.	6/21	Cadillac & Lake City	_____	x	\$ 30.00	=	\$ _____
	5B.	TUES.	6/21	Cripple Creek Tour	_____	x	\$ 8.00	=	\$ _____
	(B) 6	TUES.	6/21	Guiseppe's Restaurant	_____	x	0.00	=	\$ _____
	7	THUR.	6/23	Cumbres & Toltec Scenic	_____	x	\$ 60.00	=	\$ _____
	(C) 8	FRI.	6/24	Chama/Durango Field Trip	_____	x	0.00	=	\$ _____
	9	FRI.	6/24	Evening Banquet	_____	x	\$ 16.00	=	\$ _____
	11	SAT.	6/25	Durango & Silverton NG RR	_____	x	\$ 60.00	=	\$ _____
	(D) 12	SUN.	6/26	San Juan Sojourn Field Trip	_____	x	\$ 25.00	=	\$ _____
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- Notes: (A) Price to be determined. (Please refer to trip discription in this flyer.)
Check this box if you wish to have a 3985 trip flyer mailed to you when it is available. --->
- (B) Reservations only. Payment to be handled individually following dinner.
- (C) Reservations only, no cost involved.
- (D) \$25.00 per adult, no charge for children. Fare includes informative handout for the week's intinerary plus the services of a guide.
- (E) Include check or money order made payable to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and send your order to the Club's address at P.O. Box 2391, Denver, Colorado 80201. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

Questions regarding our Anniversary celebration may be addressed to the Club at the above address. If a phone inquiry is preferred call (303) 722-9460 with questions specifically regarding ticket orders. Phone inquiries pertaining to the San Juan Sojourn field trip should be directed to (303) 837-8970. Call (303) 572-7868 with questions of a general nature. Sorry, collect calls cannot be accepted.

Send tickets to:
 Name _____ Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Apt. _____
 Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

Note: Your address and phone information is for this trip only and will remain confidential.
 Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ease the handling of your order.

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YOU SHOULD KNOW:

RESERVATIONS: Tickets should be purchased from the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club as far in advance as possible. Reservations will be made upon receipt of deposit and will be honored in order of receipt. Reservations and ticket orders cannot be accepted by telephone. Receipt of your deposit will be acknowledged by return mail.

SEATS: Seats on the 3985 excursion are assigned by car number only. Seats are not reserved on the other excursions and are on a first come, first served basis.

SCHEDULES: Every effort will be made to adhere to schedules but the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club can assume no responsibility for inconvenience due to delays. Trips will operate rain or shine.

PHOTO STOPS: Scheduled photo stops are subject to change or cancellation depending on operating conditions.

REFUNDS: Reservations cancelled up to May 15 will be subject to a 10% service charge. No refunds will be made after that date unless we are able to resell your ticket(s).

ACCOMMODATIONS: A list of hotels and motels will be returned to you with acknowledgment of your reservation order.

CONDITIONS: The Club shall not be liable in any way for damage, injury or loss to person, property or otherwise in connections with these trips and activities. The operation of a trip is subject to adequate ticket sales. Should a trip be cancelled a full refund will be made for that trip. Acceptance of the Club's rules of conduct is agreed to by participants when reservations are made. To avoid annoyance to our passengers, no selling will be permitted on trips without the express permission of the Club's president.

NOTE: Departure times, directions, etc. will be included with your tickets.



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