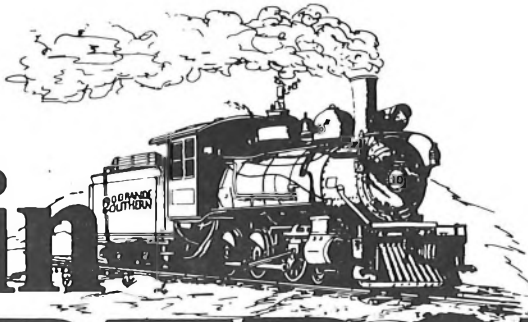


# Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

## MEETING SCHEDULE:

October 24, 1992 -- 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Denver Athletic Club  
1325 Glenarm Place, Denver, CO

WHEN: 6:00 p.m. -- Cocktails  
7:00 p.m. -- Dinner

Free parking available at the Denver Athletic Club's indoor facility. Entrance is made off 14th Street, between Glenarm Place and Welton.

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## OCTOBER 24 PROGRAM

"Rio Grande --- Scenic Line of the World."  
A last look at the complete Rio Grande System prior to the recent abandonment of the Denver & Rio Grande Western name in favor of Southern Pacific. Presented by Mark Hemphill and Dale Sanders. Additional information is presented in the article on the Annual Banquet.

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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Our thanks to Jim Stewart for arranging to provide his fine program of sights and trains in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. It's a pleasure to have out-of-town members take part in Club meetings (Jim is from Lancaster, PA). Besides views of cityscapes and landscapes, we were treated to electric and diesel equipment, passenger consists and ferry operations showing rail accommodations. Again, thanks, Jim.  
(Jim Trowbridge)

## FUTURE PROGRAMS FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Three members have signed up to provide programs for next year. A sign-up sheet was provided at the September meeting. Have you considered giving a program? Why not give it some thought and contact Frank Stapleton (Vice president and program chairman) at the Club's next meeting, through the Club's post office box or his personal phone number, 988-9347!

# NOTICE

## ELECTIONS

It is that time of the year to once again begin thinking about nominations for Club officers and board members.

The nomination committee, made up of the hold-over board members, is composed of the following three men: Bryan Bechtold, Sherm Connors and Hugh H. Wilson. It is their duty to search for candidates for the positions to be filled and to select a slate of nominations to be presented to Club members for the December elections.

The nominating committee is always happy to receive input by fellow Club members. Should you have any suggestions regarding candidates, please contact any of the committee members at Club meetings, via the Club's telephone or write to: Nominating Committee, c/o Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, P. O. Box 2391, Denver, CO 80201.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Jim August	Arvada, CO
C. J. Bishop	Denver, CO
Martin Gresho	Arvada, CO
Dean Tecklenburg	Palm Harbor, FL

## 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.

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN



## RAILROAD CLUB

### ANNUAL BANQUET

You are cordially invited to attend the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club's Annual Banquet on Saturday, October 24, 1992.

This gala event will be held at the Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Place. Cocktails will be available at 6:00 p.m. at a cash bar; Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. with the evening's program following dinner and door prizes.

Free parking is available at the Denver Athletic Club's indoor facility. Entrance is made off 14th Street, between Glenarm Place and Welton. Please mention that you are with the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club should an attendant be stationed at the entrance.

Our Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom. Those attending the Banquet the past few years can attest to the outstanding accomodations!

Dinner will consist of sliced tenderloin of beef with cabernet sauce, and, grilled breast of chicken with fruit chutney; twice baked potato; colorful DAC house salad with assorted dressings; seasonal fresh vegetables; rolls and butter; choice of coffee or tea; and, dessert of brownie fudge moussecake.

A very special program has been arranged for this year's banquet. Entitled "Rio Grande --- Scenic Line of the World," it is a production of Hyrail Productions, publishers of CTC Board--Railroads Illustrated. Mark Hemphill and Dale Sanders will provide a last look at the complete Rio Grande

System prior to the recent abandonment of the Denver & Rio Grande Western name in favor of Southern Pacific. As stated, we will look at the entire system, part-by-part, and finish up with a look at the Grande during the four seasons. This program will be worth the price of admission alone!!

The cost of this evening of great food, outstanding entertainment and good conversation with wonderful people is only \$25.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the August meeting or by mail. Please order as soon as possible. We must submit a head count by Wednesday, October 14th. We cannot seat people who arrive without a reservation!!

Send your reservations, along with a check or money order to: ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, c/o Hugh Alexander, Ticket Chairman, 700 So. Elizabeth, Denver, Colorado 80209.

*[Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order to reduce the work load for Hugh. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.]*

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### ANNUAL BANQUET ORDER FORM

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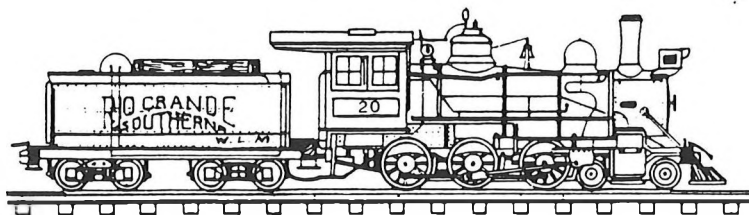
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Please send \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the RMRRC Annual Banquet on October 24, 1992. I/we enclose a check or money order for the amount listed below:

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_





*What a view!! Club members and friends had made it to the top of "Rock of Ages" in Eleven Mile Canyon which overlooks the Eleven Mile Dam and into South Park. While the climb tested our stamina, the vista it offered was well worth the effort. Later, we would climb some more to the top of the dam for yet another great vista--back down the canyon and across the glimmering waters of Eleven Mile Reservoir. (Jim Trowbridge Photograph)*

## **COLORADO MIDLAND FIELD TRIP**

Trip leaders, Rich Dais and Tom & Cathy Lawry, prepared a fine outing on August 22, 1992.

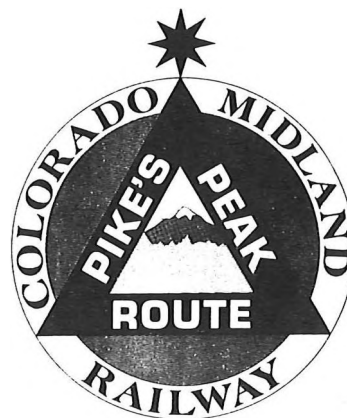
Approximately 90 folks met in Ute Pass at Divide to cover Part II of the Colorado Midland tour. This year's adventure took us from Divide, through Florissant, past Lake George and into Eleven Mile Canyon where we would spend most of our time. Two outstanding features, in addition to a steak lunch at Ranniger's Roadbed Commissary, was the hike up to the top of the Rock of Ages (apparently used by the Colorado Midland as a tourist attraction in the late 1800's and early 1900's) to

get a breathtaking view of Eleven Mile Reservoir and Dam and South Park, as well as a view back down Eleven Mile Canyon, and, a hike to the top of the Eleven Mile Dam!! Carl Carlson made the arrangements with the Denver Water Board to get onto the property for our lunch and to visit the dam. Not since the Dam's construction in 1931, has any group been allowed to visit this place--the Rocky Mountain Railpad Club was the very first!! Our thanks to the Denver Water Board and their caretaker, Eric Hibbs, and Carl for this very outstanding adventure.

After exploring the dam, the group departed for South Park and Hartsel where the Club obtained permission from the landowner

to visit the Midland Depot and out buildings. What had been a beautiful day then turned dark and cold and rainy and the tour was basically stopped here although it had been planned to proceed to hwy 285 and visit the grade crossing of the Colorado Midland over the Denver, South Park & Pacific. While most turned around and headed home, a few die-hards did continue on to see the crossing and even follow the Midland roadbed up Trout Creek Pass.

All-in-all, this was a perfect day and a wonderful tour. We look forward to next year's Part III. Our thanks to Rich, Tom & Cathy, Jim & Lil Ranniger, Roger Callender, Keith Kirby, Merle & Audrey Dorsett, Carl Carlson and others who made this such a grand day. (Jim Trowbridge)



*A most rare opportunity!! Not since its being built in 1931, has any group, save the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club on this date (August 22, 1992) been given a tour of the Dam! Yes, folks, we were the very first!! Here we see Club members and friends enjoying the vistas: to the right, the reservoir and South Park; and to the left, Eleven Mile Canyon. We cannot express fully our thanks to the Denver Water Department through the arrangements of Carl Carlson to visit this wonderful spot.*

*(Jim Trowbridge Photograph)*





*As part of a meeting of the Colorado Operation Lifesaver, Inc. on September 3, 1992, those in attendance were treated to a tour of the Southern Pacific's (ex-Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad) Burnham Shops at 6th and Seminole Road. Here we see an overall shot of the machine shop. (Sherm Conners Photograph)*

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## **COLORADO OPERATION LIFESAVER**

Colorado Operation Lifesaver, Inc. met on September 3, 1992, at the Southern Pacific Burnham Shops at 6th and Seminole Road, Denver, Colorado. Representatives from most of the railroads and rail fan organizations were in attendance. This very worthwhile organization promotes safety by presenting educational programs to schools and works with local police departments and the State Patrol.

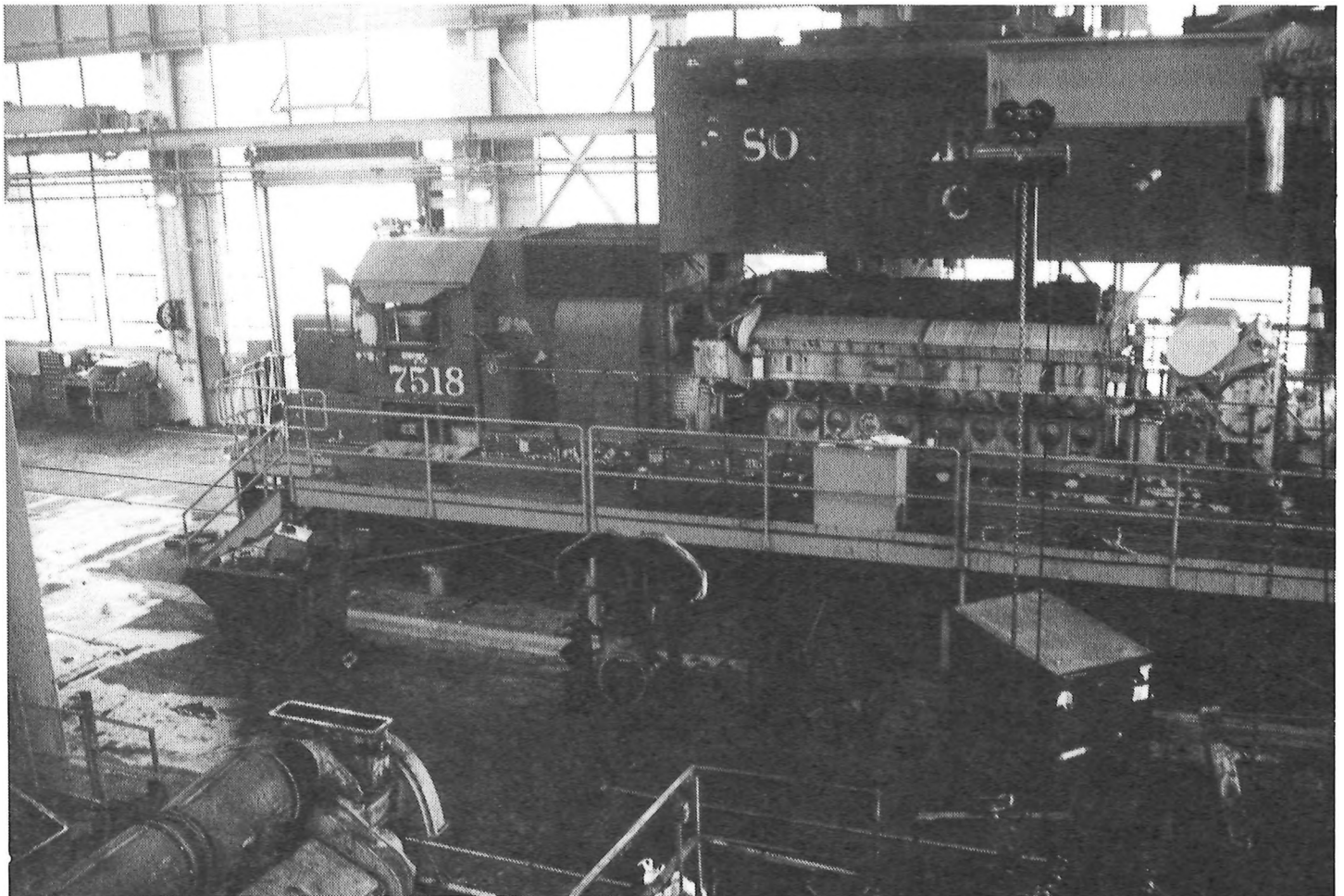
The Mayor of Greeley has proclaimed the week of October 21-24, 1992, Operation Lifesaver week in Greeley and both the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern will have equipment on display and the Greeley Depot will be open for viewing.

After the meeting, all of the attendees were treated to a tour of the Burnham Shops. This facility completely overhauls locomotives and their diesel-electric motors on an assemblyline basis. They are turning out an average of one locomotive each day. (Sherm Conners)

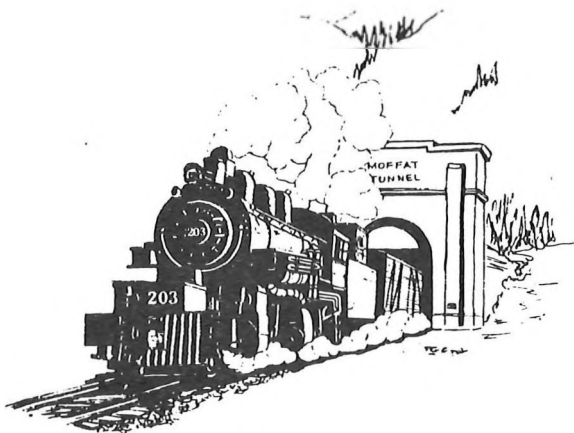
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## **INTERURBAN "25" OPEN HOUSE**

The Club will be having an Open House at the Denver Federal Center to show off the progress of Car 25. This will be upcoming and details will appear in the Rail Report. We encourage you to take advantage of this event.



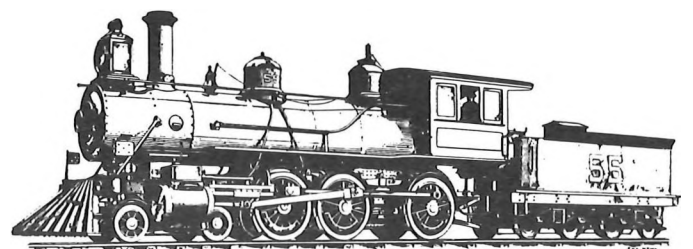
Another view of the Burnham Shops during the Colorado Operation Lifesaver meeting of the 3rd of September, 1992. The jacket of locomotive #7518 has been lifted to reveal the internal workings for repairs and restoration. (Sherm Connors Photograph)

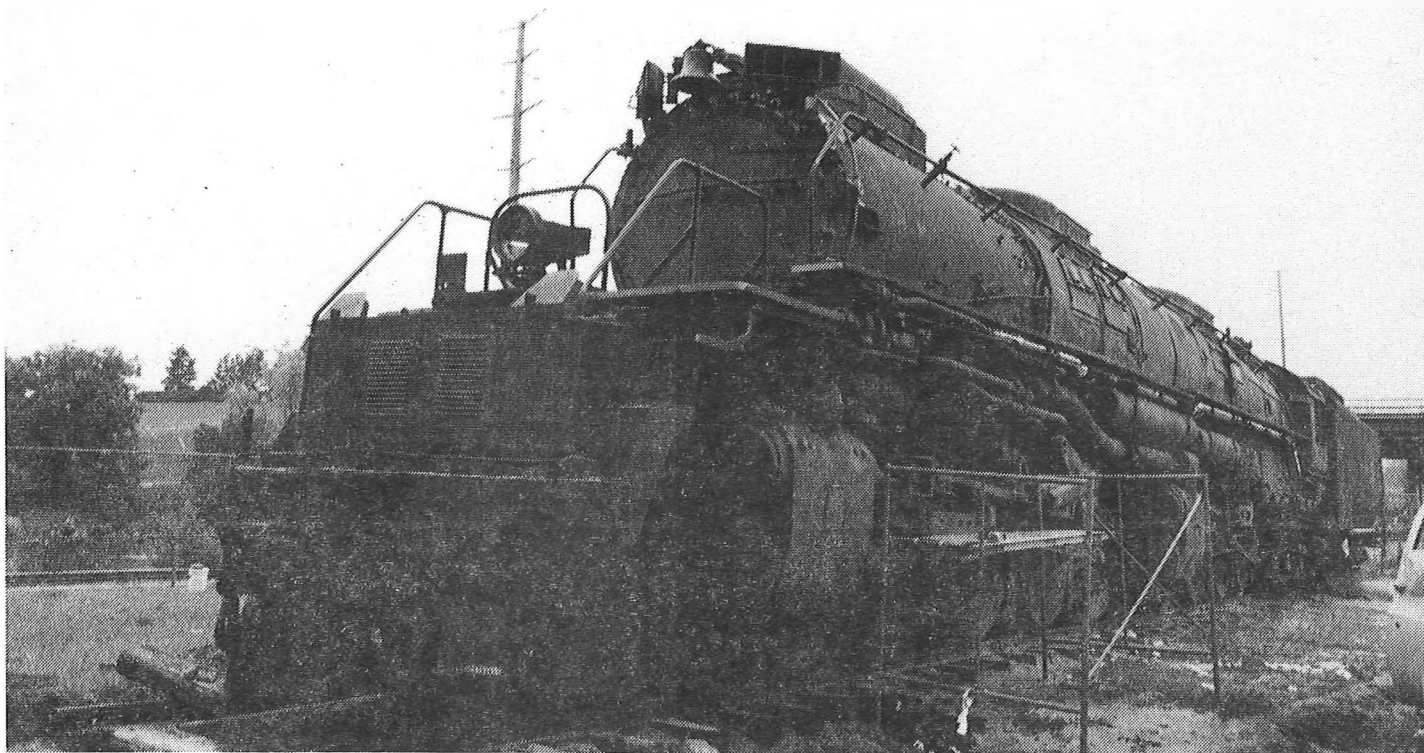


### MOFFAT TUNNEL COMMISSION UPDATE

Three of our Club members are up for re-election to the Moffat Tunnel Commission this year. Over west of the Continental

Divide in Grand, Routt and Moffat Counties, Tim Flanagan is the incumbent. On the east side of the Divide, Walter O. Cass and Edward J. Jakubowski, Jr. are the incumbents. All three of these Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members have served the Commission in an outstanding manner; Tim and Walter have served for several years, and "Jake" is completing his first term. Those of our members in the Moffat Tunnel District may want to support their fellow Club members on November 3rd. (Bob Griswold)





Photographed in August, 1992, Union Pacific Railroad's articulated Steam Engine No. 4005, the "Big Boy," on permanent display at the Forney Transportation Museum has been completely "sandblasted" down to bare iron and steel in preparation for a long-needed new coat of paint: gloss black, steel grey smokebox and silver running gear along with silver rimmed driving wheels, awaiting "Union Pacific" markings and numbering. (Joe Priselac Photograph)

## PRESERVATION FUND AND BOOK DRAWING

Prizes and winners at the September 8, 1992 meeting are as follows:

Jack MacLennan / Railroad History No. 139,  
Railway & Historical  
Society

Gary Ellison / Railroad History No. 140  
New York (R&HS)

Peter Gilbert / Railroad History No. 141  
(R&HS)

Bob Horner / Set of miscellaneous railroad  
magazines

Carl Carlson / Union Pacific Timetable,  
& other miscellaneous paper

Chris Larscheid / COG Railway 100th  
Anniversary Poster

Russell Clay / Joe Priselac, D&RGW/Salida  
print

Keith Kirby / The Story of the Green Bay  
and Western

Cyndi Trombly / The Skunk Railroad

John Lombard / The Official Railway Guide,  
March, 1976

Dave Salter / The Official Railway Guide,  
September, 1992

Russ Rigtrup / High Iron, by Beebe

If members have items they wish to donate for the monthly drawings, such as railroad books, pamphlets, timetables, maps, etc., they may contact Roger Callender at his home address, 2573 So. Williams Street, Denver, Colorado 80210, or, phone (303) 722-4733.





Here we see quite a line-up of trains at the Colorado Live Steamer's facility at Waterton on August 15, 1992. Many Club members are also members of the Colorado Live Steamers and many, many more took advantage of the Open House. As always, a really good time was had by all!! The foreground equipment is 7½-inch gauge as is the steamer coming up on the track just to the right of the two diesels. The closer steamer on the far right track is part of the 4 3/4-inch gauge layout. (Jim Trowbridge Photograph)

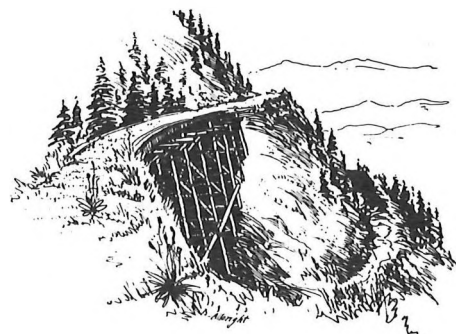
## SWAP 'N SHOP

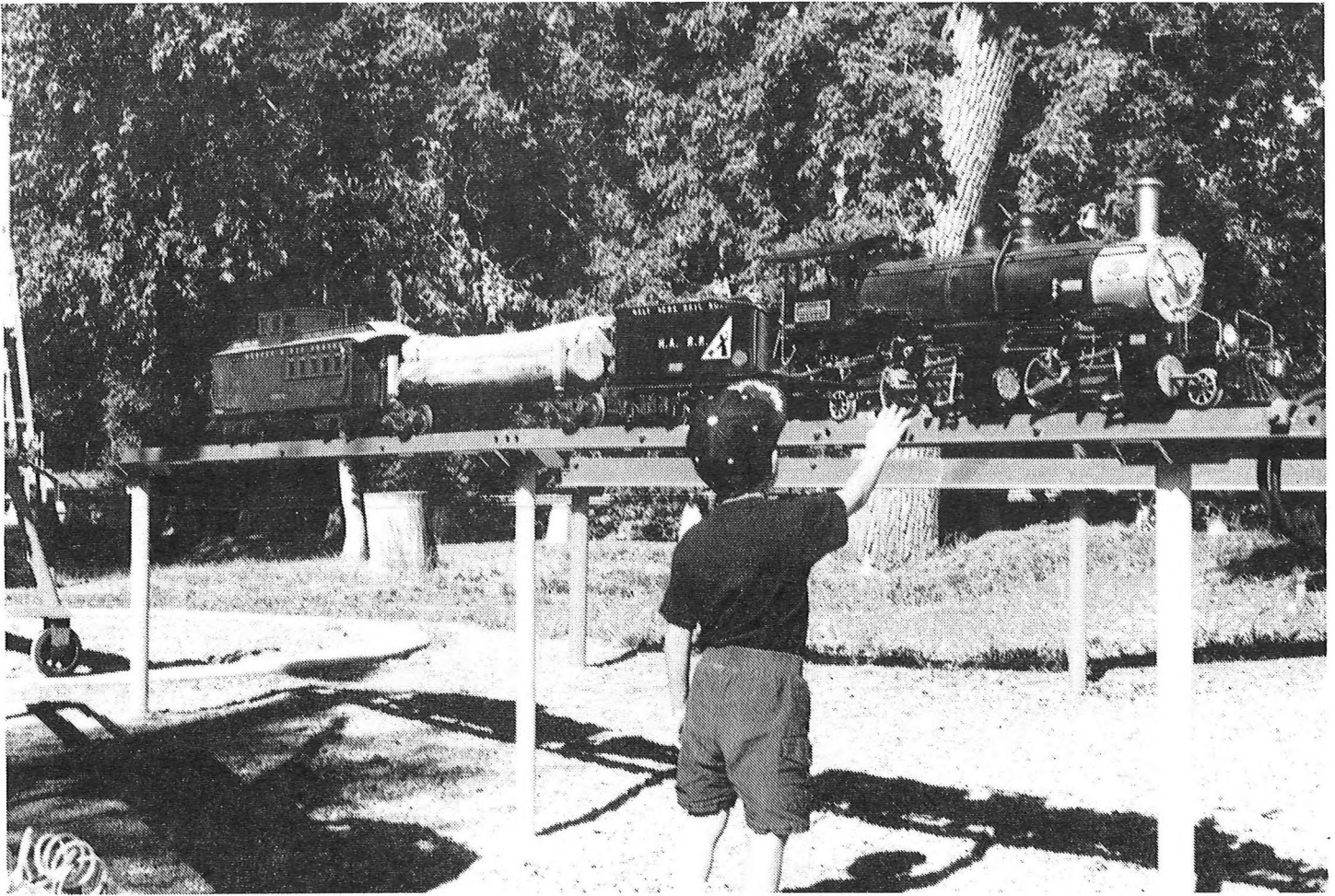
Personal ads are accepted from members for items to be listed for SALE or TRADE or WANTED. We cannot enter into any correspondence, nor will we appraise them.

FOR SALE: Original 5"x7" pencil drawing by Otto Kuhler, based on oil painting "Singing Rails," commissioned by Dr. James Arneil. Russ Rigtrup, (303) 279-7482.

FOR SALE: Railroad Frequency Database is now available for Western U.S., Western Canada, and Mexico. User supported current and accurate listings of all Main and Short-line, Industrial, Tourist and Museum Rail-

roads. Included is a Railscanning guide and Road channel usage guide for UP, BN, ATSF, and SP. \$5.00 ppd. Brian J. Gould, 700 E. Drake, #D6, Ft. Collins, CO 80525. (303) 224-1511. Also available on disk.





*Corey DeGoey examines one of the many train consists and locomotives on display and in action at the Colorado Live Steamer's annual Open House on August 15, 1992. Except for size, it was quite difficult to pick out the kids from the adults--everyone was a kid today!!*

*(Jim Trowbridge Photograph)*

## **CHANCE TO SEE AUGUST PROGRAM IF YOU MISSED IT**

A number of Club members who missed the August program on the Denver & New Orleans Railroad may enjoy the program at the following times and places:

Sunday, October 4, 1992

Elbert County Historical Society  
Kiowa Senior Citizens Center  
Highway 86 (across from the High school)

2:30 p.m.

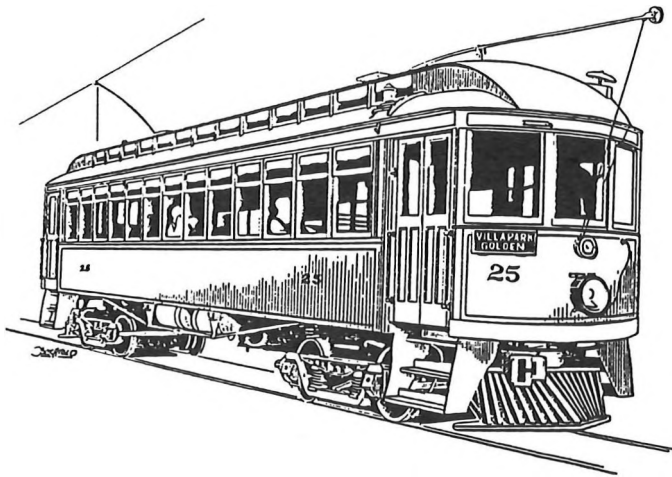
Note: Jim Jones will be reading from a diary of an 1890 resident of Elbert at this presentation.

Tuesday, November 3, 1992

Parker Area Historical Society  
Community Center  
Main Street, Parker (across from the  
Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Store)  
7:30 p.m.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Club member Forest Crossen has reprinted his famous book, The Switzerland Trail, in soft cover edition. This new edition was prepared by Robinson Press in Fort Collins and sells for \$19.95. I have seen the book at the Colorado Historical Society's gift shop and it is truly a quality soft cover book. Undoubtedly, it is also on sale at the usual railroad book outlets in the Denver and Boulder area. (Bob Griswold)



Chances are \$1.00 each. You may enter as many times as you wish, using the coupons provided or photo copies or similar sized sheets of paper with identical information.

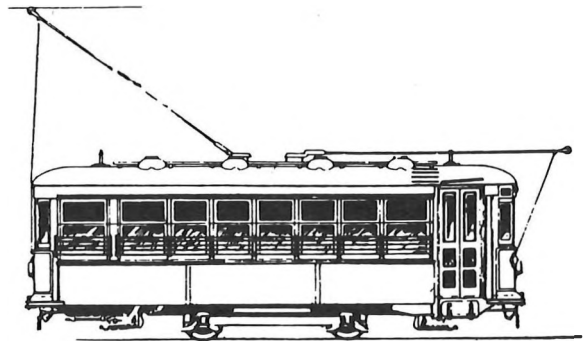
The drawing will be held at the ANNUAL BANQUET as part of the festivities of the evening.

Entries should be sent, along with remittance to: ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, Attention Roger Callender, P. O. Box 2391, Denver, Colorado 80201.

## PROJECT "25" RAFFLE

Caboose Hobbies of Denver has graciously donated a Bachmann G-Scale Streetcar (\$100 suggested retail value) to the Club with a raffle in mind to provide additional funds to the Club's Interurban #25 project. The Club has budgeted close to \$50,000 of its funds to this project, but costs continue to rise and every additional contribution is welcomed.

The Bachmann trolley (Walther's #160J93939) is the "closed streetcar" version and is painted and lettered for the "United Traction Company." This car is a beauty and can be used as a conversation piece, desk or mantle decoration as well as an operating railroad vehicle.



**LAST CHANCE!**

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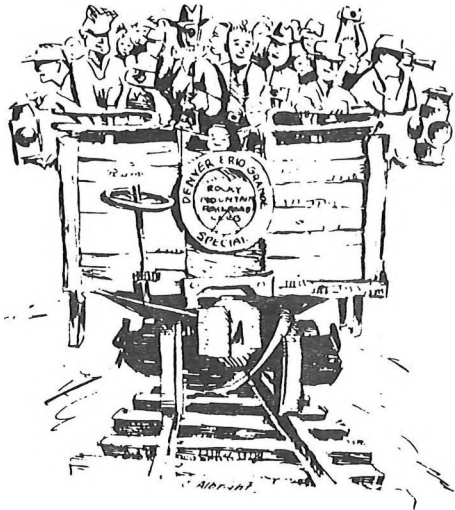
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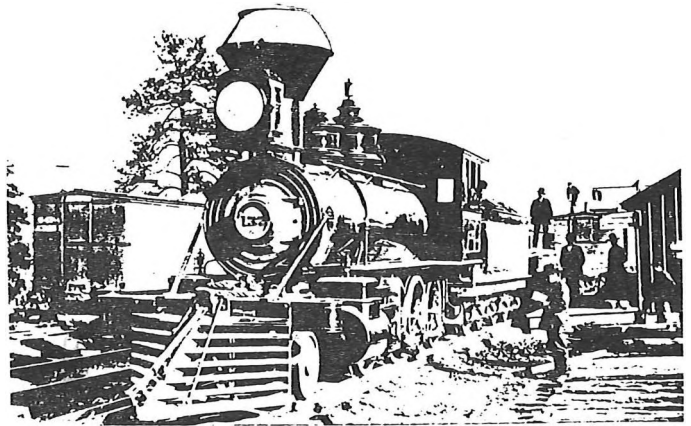
## CAR "25" PROJECT GETS EXPOSURE

The September 3rd issue of the Lakewood Jefferson Sentinel had a half-page article with photographs about the Club's restoration of Interurban #25 at the Denver Federal Center. The article quoted Joe Priselac, Bill Gordon and Roger Callender. In addition, Club members Phil Cox and Tom Peyton got their picture recorded. Besides giving the history of the car and talking about the Club's efforts to restore #25, the article announced an Open House during Lakewood On Parade day, Saturday, September 5th. Approximately 30 or so folks showed up to see the car.

## 1992 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- October 24\* ANNUAL BANQUET
- November 10 Regular Monthly Meeting
- December 8 ELECTIONS and Regular Monthly Meeting

\*Please note this change: The Annual Banquet had to be changed from the original date due to a conflict in scheduling at the Denver Athletic Club.



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