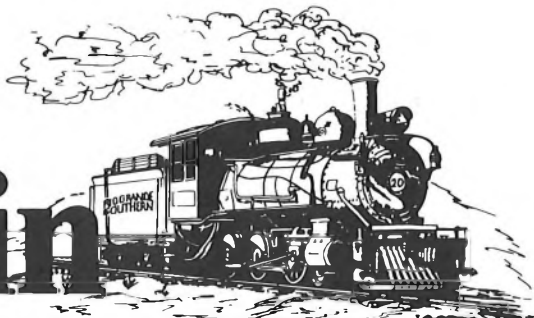


Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

MEETING SCHEDULE:

September 12, 1995 -- 7:30 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER 12 PROGRAM

We're in for a treat in September as we will be shown a selection of Irv August 16mm movies. Roger Callender will be selecting several reels for our pleasure. What subjects will be presented?.... Well, you'll have to be present to learn this closely guarded secret!! But, this much we know....you won't be disappointed!

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AUGUST PROGRAM AND MEETING

Those who braved the heat during the August meeting were well rewarded for the effort! RMRRC member (New Zealand Branch), Ray Mathewson, presented an outstanding program of steam, diesel, logging and "galloping geese." Ray's photography is superb and the subjects covered were truly fascinating! We thoroughly enjoyed the program and our most sincere "Thanks" go out to Ray and his wife, not only for sharing this material with us, but taking the time to answer the many questions asked by the audience after the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

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

REGULAR MEMBERS--

Jeff Holdridge	Pine, CO
Donald D. McDermott	Denver, CO

ASSOCIATE MEMBER--

Pearl P. McDermott	Denver, CO
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

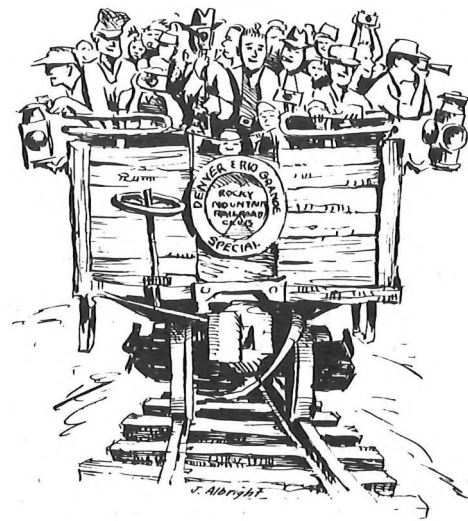
Summer is almost over and I hope that everyone has been able to ride or chase all the trains they could. Let's hope we've kept the film industry happy!

It's that time of the year to begin thinking about the elections. Contact your friendly election committee that this year includes Ron Kaiser, Art Ives and Rich Berens if you have any thoughts about

candidates for officers and board members.

The Banquet is drawing near. Be sure to get your tickets early. We should have something for everyone. My "Thanks" to Jeanie Perrin and Roger Callender for the many hours that they are devoting to make this year's Banquet a success.

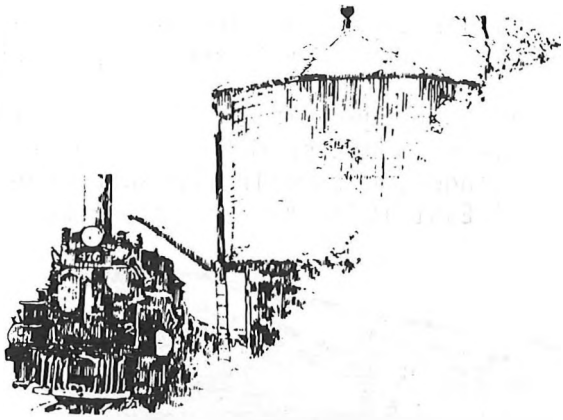
At the July meeting, we started taking a 5-minute break between the business meeting and the program. I hope that this will give everyone a chance to stretch their legs, get a drink of water, and get comfortable for a good program. (Mike Johnson)



1995 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 12	Regular Monthly Meeting
September 29- October 8	Arizona/New Mexico Sojourn
October 14	ANNUAL BANQUET
November 14	Regular Monthly Meeting
December 1-3	D&SNG RR Winter Trip
December 12	ELECTIONS and Regular Monthly Meeting

*Additions, deletions and corrections will be made in the Rail Report throughout the year. Be sure to look for details monthly!



ANNUAL BANQUET

You are cordially invited to attend the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club's Annual Banquet on Saturday, October 14, 1995.

This gala event will be held at The Regency Hotel, I-25 and 38th Avenue (Look for the gold dome!). Cocktails will be available at 6:00 p.m. at a cash bar; Dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. with the evening's program following dinner and door prizes.

ample free parking is available, and, for out-of-town members and guests, the Club has arranged for reduced rates at the Regency Hotel: Single, \$49.00; Double, \$58.00. Reservations need to be made directly with the hotel by September 14th!! Their phone number is (303) 458-0808. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club.

Dinner will consist of your choice of:

- A. Trout Almondine, Rice Pilaf and Mixed Vegetables, or,
- B. London Broil, Mushroom Sauce, Baby Red Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables, or,
- C. Chicken Pierre, Rice Pilaf and Mixed Vegetables.

All menu choices include tossed green salad with Regency dressing, rolls and butter, dessert, and, your choice of regular coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea and water.

Our program this year will feature Margaret Speas Coel, presenting a program entitled "Goin' Railroading." The program is based

on her book of the same title which tells the experiences of her father and his family of railroaders. Sam Speas worked for the Colorado & Southern as an engineer and he and his family were involved in both standard and narrow gauge operations. This program will interest all who attend, and, Margaret will be donating several of her books, "Goin' Railroading," to complement our other outstanding door prizes. In addition, we will have one copy of "Goin' Railroading" as a table prize for each and every table!

The cost of this evening of great food, outstanding entertainment and good conversation with wonderful people is only \$18.00 per person!! Tickets will be available at Club meetings or by mail. Please order as soon as possible. We must submit a head count by Tuesday, October 10th. 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]

ANNUAL BANQUET ORDER FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ Zip _____

TELEPHONE () _____

Please send the following tickets for the Annual RMRRC Banquet:

_____ (A) Trout @ \$18.00 \$ _____

_____ (B) London Broil @ \$18 _____

_____ (C) Chicken @ \$18.00 _____

Total \$ _____

2nd ANNUAL VIDEO POTPOURRI NIGHT

The Club's first Video Potpourri Night was held just last November and was well received. Subjects ranged from Mike Johnson's chance opportunity to video a 17-engine consist with 15 Rio Grande-lettered units on Tennessee Pass to Frank Stapleton's beautiful coverage of the "Bridge Territory" of the Ferrocarriles de Guatemala showing all Baldwin 3-foot steam engines! Then there was Bob Keller's coverage of the Jim Trowbridge Freight on the C&TS, Chip Sherman's views of the 23-car AAPRCO Private Car special train on Tennessee Pass, Sherm Conners' Golden Spike Train at Green River, and, Ira Schreiber's look at trains in Poland, including a special steam train excursion!

What will be in store for us this year!? Well, Club members have the opportunity to be a part of this program (limited to eight video presentations) under the following criteria:

- 1) ALL entries are to be in VHS format,
- 2) Videos must be limited to 6 minutes or less,
- 3) Videos should be limited to just one (1) subject,
- 4) ALL entries must be submitted on or before October 14, 1995 (earlier being better!),
- 5) If you wish to have your video returned via the mail, you MUST enclose \$3.00 in cash or stamps for return postage-- First Class [we assume that most videos can be returned to owners at the meeting], and,
- 6) Naturally, we will want to present the very best material for this program, so, in an effort to keep feelings unhurt, we wish to advise ahead of time that we will select tapes that are well produced as to content and artistic talent. We will look for interesting material that has been shot steady, in focus and properly exposed. In addition, the video copy will have to be crisp (yes, send only new tapes with just your program and a 2-minute leader) and sharp if projection on the large screen is expected to be acceptable. We do not wish

to discourage anyone, but wish to request that you submit your very best!!

Videos may be brought to the September meeting and given to either Mike Johnson or Roger Callender, or, mailed to Sherm Conners, 9741 East 157th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601.



PRESERVATION FUND AND BOOK DRAWING

The prizes and winners at the August 8, 1995 meeting were as follows:

- Ardie Schoeninger / Set of Amtrak Timetables
- Mat Anderson / Set of RR Postcards
- Desmond Sainsbury / The Incredible Rogers Pass
- Harold Churches / The New Orleans & Carroelton Railroad
- Darrell Arndt / Interurban Lines-- Northwestern Pacific
- Dave Henry / Washington Steam Locomotives
- Ray Mathewson / Canadian Freight Classification No. 20 (March, 1955)
- Don Zielesch / Iron Horses--American Locomotives 1829-1900
- Don Vancil / The Love of Trains
- Jim Hurt / The Denver & Salt Lake Ry-- Locomotive Diagrams
- Sherm Conners / Set of TRAINS Magazines, 1979 complete
- Ruth Koons / Union Pacific Equipment-- List & Renumbering-- June 1, 1985

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



The highlight of the August 12th DSP&P Field Trip to the Como/Fairplay area was our visit to the Como Roundhouse where Club member Jack Morison headed the tour of the roundhouse and the adjacent yard site. Here we see members photographing and inspecting the roundhouse which is under considerable restoration, including a completely new roof and roof beams.

(Jim Trowbridge Photograph)

REPORT ON THE DSP&P FIELD TRIP— COMO/FAIRPLAY AREA

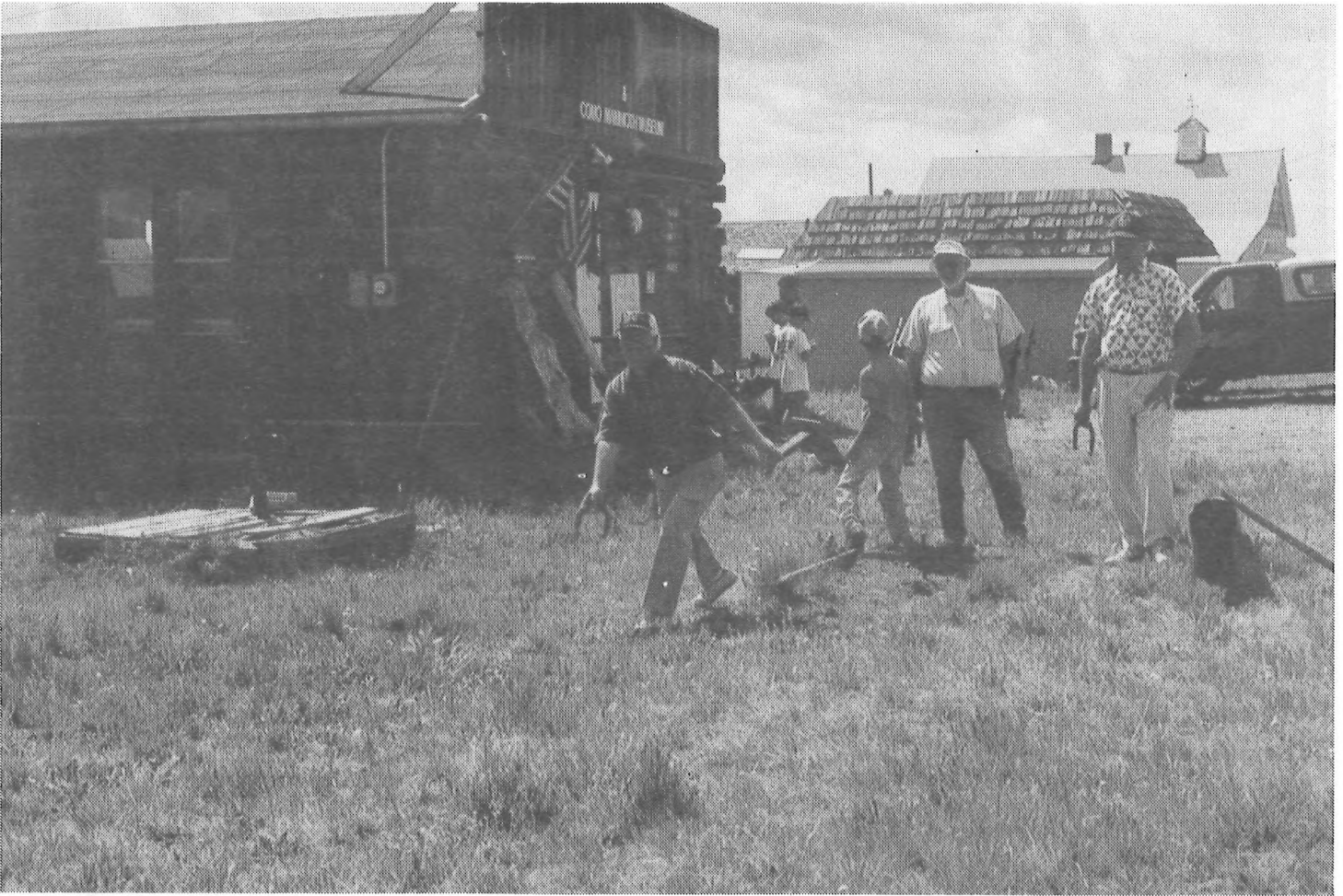
About 100 Club members and guests met in Como, Colorado for a grand day of visiting historic railroad and mining sites. The date was Saturday, August 12, 1995 and we began our journey making our way through the mountains to the Great South Park and gathered in front of the Como Roundhouse.

Our first three hours were spent in Como. To facilitate tours of the roundhouse and cemetery, we split into three groups of approximately 30 each. One group began the tour of the roundhouse while another made its way to the Como cemetery and the third group visited the town of Como. Each hour we traded places until all had covered the

various sites. By that time, we were all ready to have lunch which each person brought with them this year.

The three groups were led by trip leaders and helpers. Rich Dais and Keith Kirby were in charge of the cemetery visit while Tom and Cathy Lawry led the town visit. Jack Morsion was in charge of the Como yards and roundhouse tour.

After lunch, we made our way to King City, named after C. W. King, a bookkeeper for the South Park Coal Company. The King Coal Mine provided revenue for the railroad from 1880 until 1896 when an explosion in the King No. 5 mine led to the closure of the mines. From the remains we visited, it is hard to imagine a townsite of about 60 houses, 2 saloons, 4 livery stables, a



With 100 or so folks in the field trip group, we had to separate into three smaller groups while visiting Como. While a third were touring the Como Roundhouse and a third was touring the Como Cemetery, the other third explored Como proper. Along the way, this group, (left to right: Jim Murphy, Ryan Schwingle, Jim Schwingle, and Ken Wilson) tried their hands at horseshoe throwing. A grand time was had by all! (Jim Trowbridge Photograph)

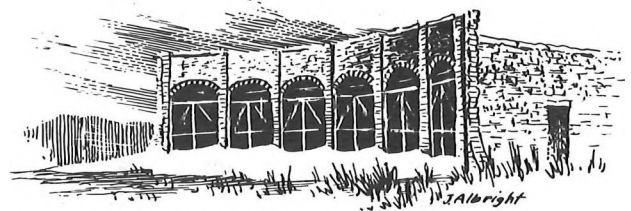
blacksmith shop, a carpenter shop, a company store, and a school. At its peak, the town had between 200 and 400 people.

After some time spent hiking into and around this area, we hiked back to our vehicles to continue on our journey to Leavick, a mining area once boasting a population of slightly over 1,000. We followed the roadbed of the Denver, South Park and Hilltop Railway, just south and west of Fairplay. Our destination was the end of the trackage at Leavick, some 11.3 miles from Hilltop Junction. At the end of the line were two mills, the Hilltop Mill, now gone, and the Last Chance Mill which is still standing in a somewhat ruined state.

After viewing this Mill, the group ended

its day of railroading adventure.

Our thanks to trip leaders Tom and Cathy Lawry, Rich Dais, and Keith Kirby. In addition, a special "Thanks" to Jack Morison for his insight to the history and location of structures in the Como Yards and at the King Mine and King City. This was Tom, Cathy, Rich and Keith's last hike/field trip outing as trip leaders. It's up to someone else next year and beyond!





The American Orient Express Luxury Train is seen at Prospect Junction on July 27, 1995 as it arrives in Denver on its eastbound journey to Washington, D.C. Of particular note in this photograph is the Round-end Observation Car "New York," an ex-New York Central 20th Century piece of equipment. (Chip Sherman Photograph)

THE COMBUSTION CORNER— CURRENT RAILROAD HAPPENINGS

by Chip Sherman

AMERICAN ORIENT EXPRESS TRAIN MOVES TWELVE-CAR TRAIN ACROSS AMERICA VIA COLORADO. The 12-car special American Orient Express train operated its first eastbound train through Colorado via Southern Pacific and Burlington Northern on July 27, 1995. Promoted as "Across the Continent by Private Luxury Train," AOE is lining up Sacramento, CA, to Washington, D.C. trips. The July 27th arrival in Denver was at 3:00 p.m. via SP's Moffat Road Line. Departure was at 7:00 p.m. Other trips scheduled include:

AUGUST 23rd. Arrival in Denver via BN's

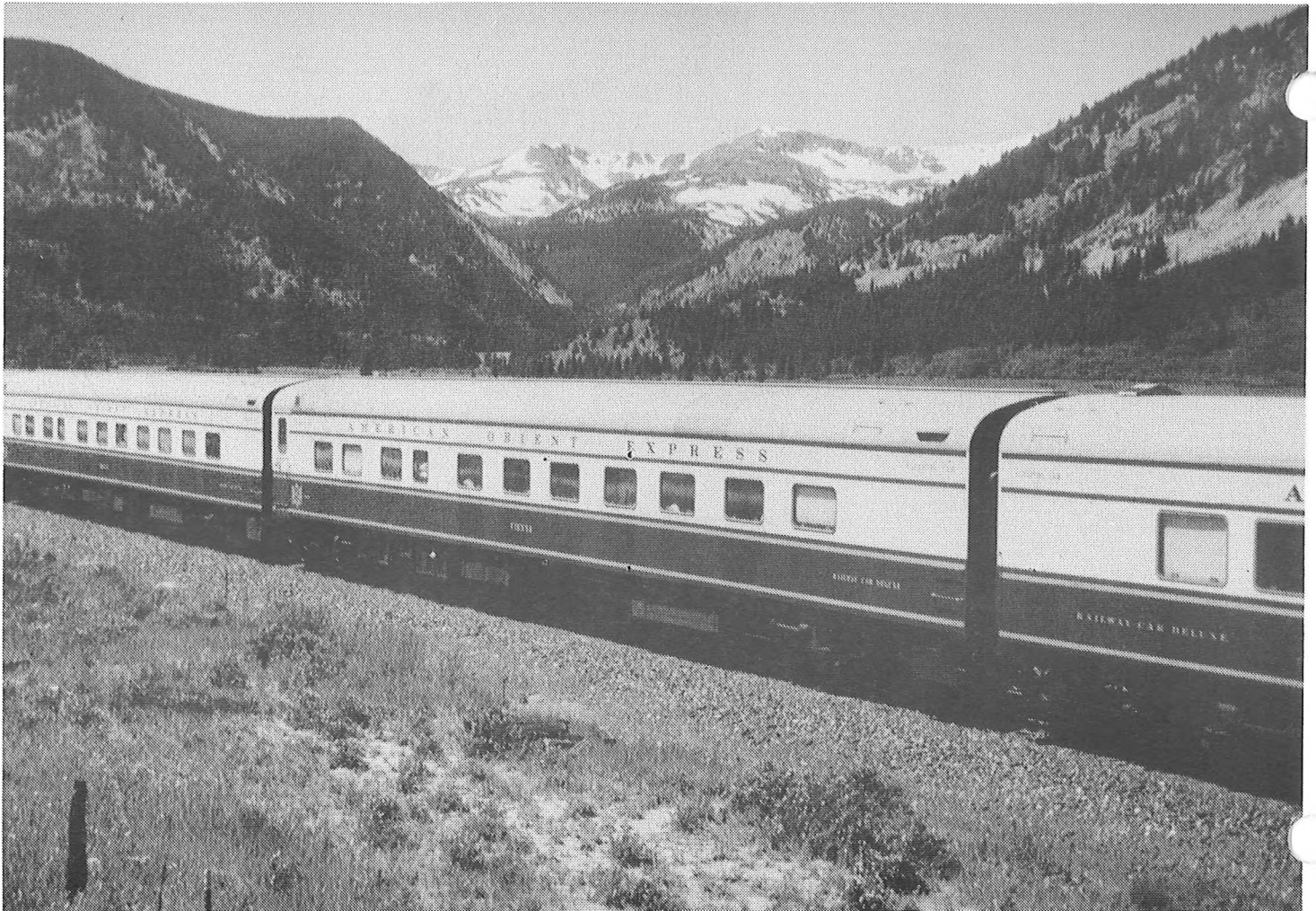
McCook, NE, at 7:35 p.m. Layover night at Denver Union Station.

AUGUST 24th. Departing Denver via SP's Moffat Tunnel Line, leaving at 7:00 a.m. as advance Amtrak #5.

SEPTEMBER 9-17th. Sacramento-to-Washington D.C. Arrive in Denver September 12th at 2:00 p.m. via SP's Moffat Tunnel Line. Departs Denver at 6:15 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16-24. Washington D.C.-to-Sacramento, CA. Arrives in Denver September 21st at 7:35 p.m. from BN's McCook, NE, line. Departs from Denver September 22nd at 7:00 a.m. from Denver Union Station.

The July 27th train used two Amtrak F40HP



A closeup look at American Orient Express sleepers, "Vienna" and "Berlin" as the special train was passing Tolland, Colorado on the SP's Moffat Tunnel Line, making its way into Denver. The train was completing a Sacramento, CA-to-Washington, D.C. journey. The date was July 27, 1995. (Chip Sherman Photograph)

Locomotives; 406/334. Behind the power was:

San Antonio	Baggage/Crew
Monte Carlo	Sleeper
Vienna	Sleeper
Berlin	Sleeper
Bay Point	Club Car
Chicago	Dining Car
Zurich	Dining Car
St. Moritz	Club Car
Washington	Sleeper
Istanbul	Sleeper
Paris	Sleeper
New York	Round-end observation parlor car

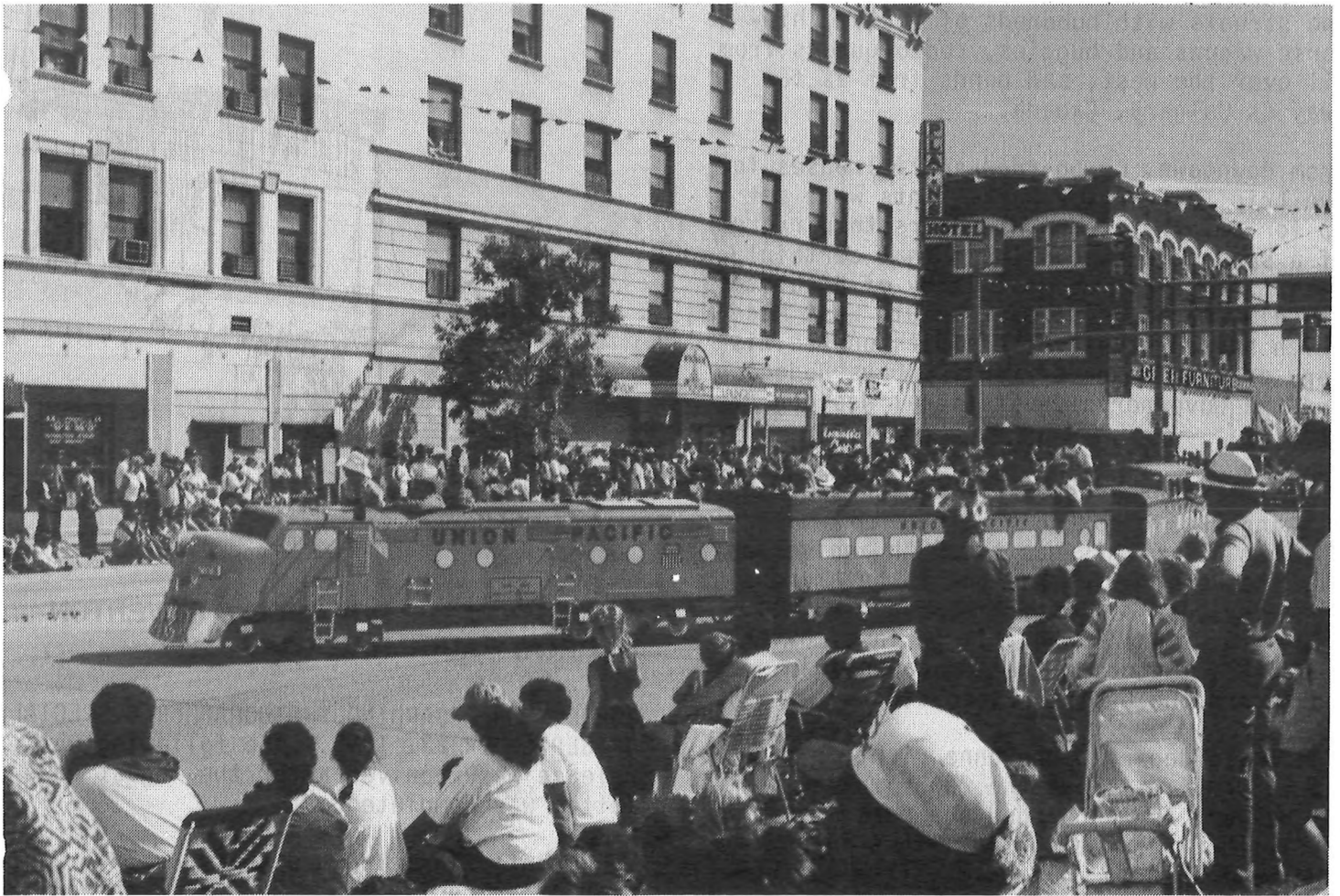
All cars are painted in an attractive blue with white paint scheme.

The train ran ahead of schedule over SP's

Moffat Tunnel line into Denver on July 27th. However, it encountered a 45-minute delay at Fox Junction waiting for Burlington Northern to get them over to 31st Street Yard and back into Denver Union Station. There they took on supplies and the 60 or so passengers partook of the Denver sights.

Don't miss this train on its future ventures through Colorado. Tours of the train are not allowed at Denver Union Station. What a way to travel! (The Colorado Zephyr)





Besides an outstanding train ride behind Challenger #3985 and UP's Centennial Locomotive #6936, Club members participating in the Denver Post/Cheyenne Frontier Days excursion were treated to a fun parade and rodeo. Here we see another train exciting the youngsters in the crowd....a miniature Union Pacific consist. The Frontier Days Parade wound its way through the streets of Cheyenne with hundreds of horses, historic wagons and buggies, rodeo queens from all over the West, and, bands from as far away as Calgary, Canada. (Bud Lehrer Photo)

REPORT ON THE DENVER POST/ CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS EXCURSION AND TRAIN

Saturday, July 22nd, was indeed a very special day for devotees of railroads, rodeos, and the Old West. The Denver Post special train, which dates back to 1908, was made up of Union Pacific Heritage Fleet equipment and Southern Pacific (Rio Grande) Ski Train equipment. Pulling this near 30-car consist were the two great UP locomotives, Challenger #3985 and Centennial #6936. This was the longest train to depart from Denver's Union Station. It even necessitated special permission to close 16th Street in order to get the whole consist into the depot. How long was it?.... Well, it was so long that according to one

of the Club's best photographers and an inveterate train chaser, he waited to get the whole train in a photo, and, by the time he could, he couldn't see the engines anymore!

The trip to Cheyenne drew great crowds of onlookers and chasers. The Colorado State Patrol was out in numbers and the passengers on the train had a ringside seat to see them in action. A short stop was made at Greeley to pick up Colorado's governor and rodeo committee people from Cheyenne and Greeley. A continental breakfast was served as we left Denver.

Upon arrival in Cheyenne at 9:30 a.m., we were treated to the colorful Frontier Days Parade which was winding itself through

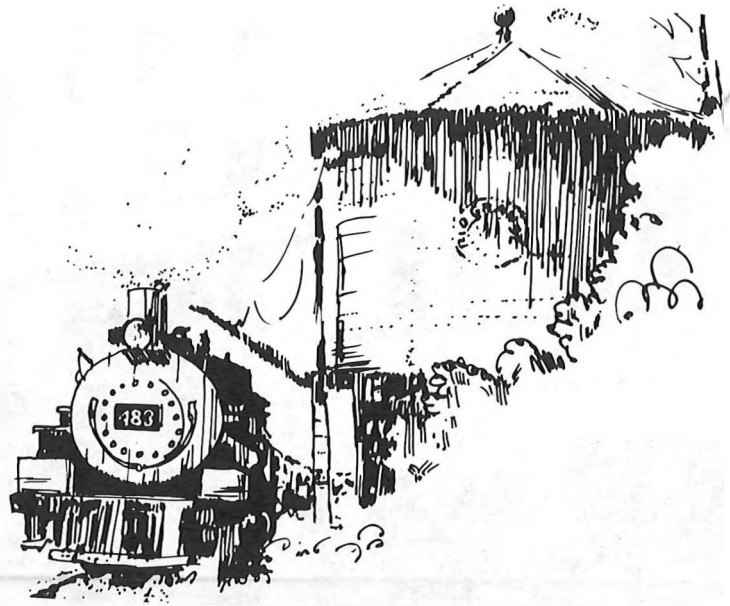
the streets with hundreds of horses, historic wagons and buggies, rodeo queens from all over the West, and bands from as far away as Calgary, Canada.

From downtown, we boarded special buses for the trip to Frontier Park. Tents were set up for all the train passengers to partake of a special barbeque lunch that certainly satisfied even the most hardy of appetites. Immediately adjacent was the Old West Museum which housed excellent exhibits on the history of the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeos and the Governor's Invitational Western Art Show.

The afternoon was spent in choice seats viewing the rodeo known as the "Granddaddy of Them All." This was the 99th anniversary for the Rodeo which has got to be among the very best of the professional rodeos in the U.S. and Canada. It is fast moving and wild, featuring the top cowboys in rodeo and the best in rodeo stock.

The train departed Cheyenne right on time at 5:30 p.m. without the #6936 in the role of helper. As we boarded our cars, we were met with a very delightful light supper and beverages to hold us until we got back to Denver. On the way back, the baggage car, Pony Express, was set up for dancing to the music of Southern Exposure, an exciting group in the mode of country-western and bluegrass.

It was a day that all of us would not soon forget. For those of us who have put together and run UP trips, it was easy to really appreciate the Denver Post's efforts in making this a first class operation. It was a wonderful day with even the weather cooperating 100%. The Club had 27 members and guests in our special UP coach. We will, no doubt, offer this trip again next year on July 20, 1996, when the Cheyenne Frontier Days celebrates its 100th Anniversary. Put this on your calendar. You don't want to miss the "big one!"



NEWS FROM THE DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

CORRECTION REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHER'S SPECIAL OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1995. The following news release was received after the August newsletter was completed:

We recently informed you that our 1995 Photographer's Special would be a tripleheader, but unforeseen circumstances has forced us to change that to a doubleheader instead.

So, on September 23, 1995, the Photographer's Special will depart Durango at 7:30 a.m. and return about 7:00 p.m. Several runbys and meets are planned. Fare will be \$65.00 for each adult.

For reservations, call 970-247-2733 and ask for Photographer's Special. (Amos Cordova)





**THE DURANGO & SILVERTON NG RR
WINTER TRIP**

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club presents its last railroading event of 1995 as plans proceed to ride the Durango & Silverton NG Railroad to Cascade Wye in the Animas Canon on December 2, 1995.

A three-day excursion to Durango from Denver is planned with several options being offered:

PACKAGE 1. This complete package includes deluxe motor coach transportation (Denver to Durango and return), two nights lodging at the Durango Lodge (1/2 block to the rail station), Durango & Silverton NG Railroad excursion, lunch and narrow gauge shop tour. Cost: \$179/person (based on double occupancy). Single supplement for lodging is \$45/person.

PACKAGE 2. Includes the same as package No. 1 except no transportation is provided to Durango and return. Cost: \$119/person (based on double occupancy) Single supplement for lodging is \$45/person.

PACKAGE 3. This package includes the Durango & Silverton NG RR excursion, lunch and the narrow gauge shop tour. Cost \$65/person.

Note: A minimum number of passengers is required to run this trip and the support

of the Club's members is needed to fill the necessary seats aboard the train. We encourage your full support.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Reservations and a deposit of 50% must be made by September 29, 1995. Full payment is due by October 16, 1995. Send the enclosed form and a check to Alpine World Travel, attention Al Miller, 1155 So. Havana, Aurora, Colorado 80012. [Telephone: 1-800-878-2468; Local: (303) 752-0900]

NO CANCELLATIONS after November 2, 1995. (In case the excursion is cancelled due to insufficient ticket requests, a full refund will be provided).

A trip flyer was mailed with the newsletter during August. Additional flyers are available upon request by writing to the Club at P. O. Box 2391, Denver, CO 80201-2391, or, calling the Club's telephone number: (303) 431-4354.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB
Durango & Silverton Railroad
1995 Winter Excursion Train

Reservation Form

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PHONE () _____

Please Print or Type

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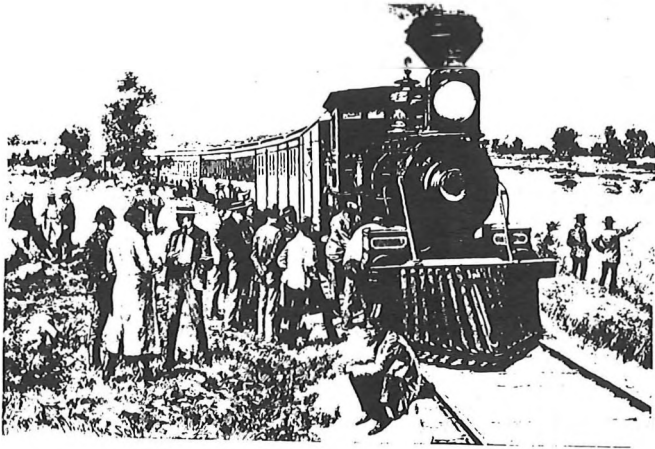
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**PHILATELIC EVENT—CELEBRATION OF
100th ANNIVERSARY OF ARRIVAL OF
THE MIDLAND TERMINAL RR TO VICTOR, CO**

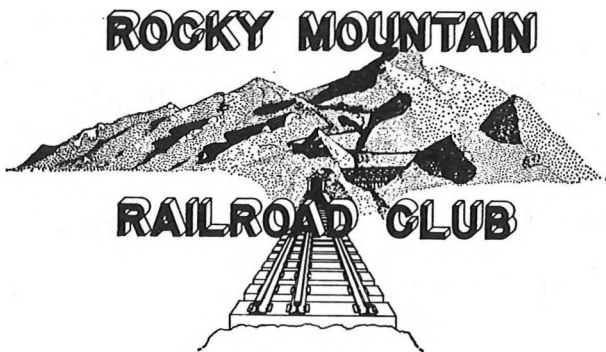
A pictorial cancellation stamp to celebrate the Centennial of the Midland Terminal Railroad arrival from Divide into Victor will be available August 26th, 1995. The cancellation depicts a Schenectady 2-8-0 engine of the type used by the M.T. A limited number of commemorative envelopes (size 10--business size) with a drawing of the Midland Terminal Depot may be purchased by mail from the Victor Centennial Committee at Box 559, Victor, CO 80860, at a cost of \$1.00 each. Please include address labels if you want them sent through the mail, or else a stamped, self-addressed envelope (large enough to hold the size 10 envelope) if you want them returned to you without

the risk of being cancelled again en route.
[Cachet available to September 26, 1995]



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 Rail Report, 502 South Cody St., Lakewood, Colorado 80226-3048.



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