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Milwaukee Road Electrics In Montana And Idaho

Presented by Dick Bell

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A photographic journey across the 437-mile electrified section of the Mountain Division of the Milwaukee Road between Harlowton, Montana, and Avery, Idaho, primarily taken in the early 1970s.

Views include: various electric locomotives with a few period diesels; various structures including stations, roundhouses and turntables; unique equipment and track arrangements.

Please come join us for an enjoyable, educational evening at Christ Episcopal Church at 2950 South University Boulevard, University at Bates, where there is plenty of off street parking at the rear of the complex. Enter into Barnes Hall, where we hold the monthly meetings, on the mid-south side doors. Please bring a guest. **All programs are intended to provide an educational experience on railroading. The general public is welcome to attend. There is no charge for this meeting.**

RMRR Calendar

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| June 14th | Meeting and Program: "New Rail Transit Lines In The Denver Area" |
| July 24th | Denver to Cheyenne Steam Excursion. |
| August 13th | Annual open house with interurban car #25 at the Denver Federal Center. |
| October 15th | Annual banquet at the Arvada Center. |

Due to circumstances beyond our control, programs and dates are subject to change without notice. Please contact Pat Mauro at pkmauro@yahoo.com or phone 303-838-7740 with program ideas.

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A Milwaukee Road E70 at Missoula, Montana. – Photo © Dick Bell.



Harlowton Station on June 9, 1974. – Photo © Dick Bell.

Due to the UP steam trip, there will not be a monthly meeting in July.



UP Steam Locomotive #844 is positioned in the Denver yards after a July 2006, trip from Cheyenne. The train is being prepared for the Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train. – Photo © 2006 Bruce Nall.

Newsworthy Notes From The President

By Dave Schaaf

In years past, there had often been a railfan trip to Cheyenne from Denver using the positioning move of the U.P. steam train that runs as the Denver Post special to Frontier Days. The Rocky Club last took part in this move in July of 2003. This year, we will have a trio of groups to work together to promote this one-way steam special. The Cheyenne Depot Museum will be the main sponsor, with the Rocky Club and the Sherman Hill Model RR Club as partners. More information is on Page 6.

Depot days May 21st and 22nd – This years depot days is a special huge event celebrating railroads around Cheyenne. The Sherman Hill club will have the

fantastic model railroad show at the Taco John's Events Center, near the west end of the yards on Highway 30. The historic depot will be open with vendors, history and model railroad displays and a railroad art show. Anna Lee Ames will give a presentation about her ancestor Oakes Ames of the UP and Ames monument. The steam shop and roundhouse will be open all weekend giving tours, and the Car 57 project will be open for viewing and have a live steam miniature railroad in the parking lot. Cars can be parked and left at the Taco Johns Center and trolleys will provide transportation between all points every 30 minutes.

Also in southeast Wyoming, the

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Don Shank works on Rio Grande Southern #252 in Monte Vista, Colorado, in late March 2011. The narrow gauge coach was built by Jackson & Sharp in 1880 as D&RG #37 and is on the roster of the revived D&RG Creede Line.
– Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf.

second annual Terry Ranch railroad history walk is June 11th. See the remains of the 1869 Denver Pacific up to the summit at Athol near Cheyenne, explore the section house remains and the newly discovered wye, and look at the remnants of the Colorado Central as well. Walk is about a mile and a half, and a bus will be provided to get walkers to the railroad from the ranch. Dinner at the ranch is available for walkers afterward (not included). Places are limited to approximately 40. Price is \$10 per person. Call Mike at 307-221-2371.

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad at South Fork, Colorado opens their season on May 28. They have a diesel-hydraulic motor car that travels over a portion of the original D&RG Railroad, founded in the late 1800s. Depot phone number is 719-873-2003, web site is denverandriogranderrailroad.com Daily departures at 10 AM and 3 PM from the depot, which

had originally been at Hooper. The railroad is accumulating larger rolling stock, both standard and narrow gauge, which will be used in the future on this line to Creede.

Georgetown Loop Historic Mining & Railroad Park, expanded season runs from April 30 to December 30, 2011. Steam trip prices for this year are \$5 less than 2010. Phone is 1-888-456-6777

Lionel Collectors Club of America and the Colorado Toy Train Group, LLC, are co-sponsoring a 2-Day Toy Train Auction. The auction will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 2011, in Westminster, Colorado. There will be over 700 lots of toy trains available. The majority of the items are O-gauge, with a few lots of G, S, and HO-gauges. All bidders must register prior to May 11th, as seating is limited. Bidder registration is \$10, and a buffet lunch is

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D&RGW class K-27 locomotive #463 is having an overhaul being done by the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in Monte Vista, Colorado.

– Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf

available on both Saturday and Sunday for \$15 each day. Auction information and registration forms are available from Jim Cathcart at 303 425-1198, e-mail jimdcard@yahoo.com

Out west, the McCloud River RR 2-6-2 #25 has moved more than 400 miles to the Oregon Coast Scenic RR, being temporarily housed in a blimp hangar in Tillamook, Oregon. It should be under steam again this month. A few wooden narrow gauge flat cars from the West Side Lumber Company of California have been rescued in Montana, and will be moving to the Sumpter Valley Railway in Oregon for restoration. Donner Pass in California is the snowiest summit traversed by any North American railroad. It averages 450 inches of

snow per winter, and this season it has gotten more than 550. In March, Union Pacific brought its ex-Southern Pacific rotary plows from Roseville to clear the line, the first time the machines have moved snow since 1998.

The Federal Railroad Administration's permanent ban on use of electronic devices, including cell phones, became effective March 28. It prohibits the use of an electronic device - whether personal or railroad supplied - if it interferes with that employee's or another employee's performance of safety-related duties.

Please have a look at the Club's web pages now and then. Members may contact me by e-mail at ds5280@comcast.net or by phone at 303-988-3456.

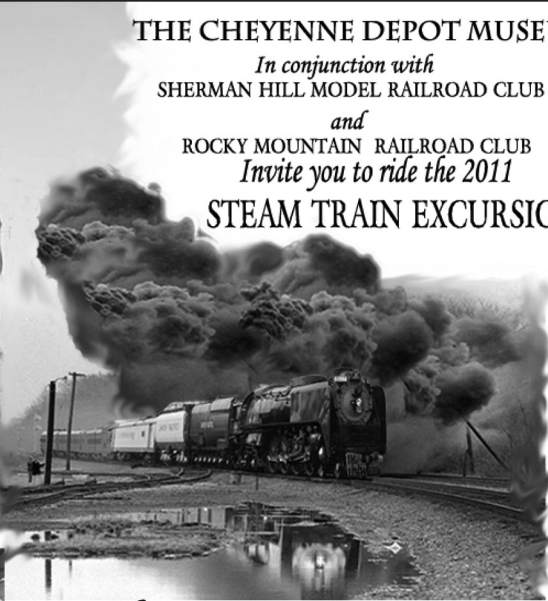
Sunday
July 24th

THE CHEYENNE DEPOT MUSEUM

In conjunction with
SHERMAN HILL MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

and
ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

Invite you to ride the 2011
STEAM TRAIN EXCURSION



Dome Seats



Non-members \$170

Members \$140

Coach Seats



Non-members \$110

Members \$90

*Train departs Denver at 1PM
arriving at the
Cheyenne Depot approximately
5:00 PM. A photo run-by
will be provided to passengers.*



To make reservations please contact the Cheyenne Depot Museum at 307-632-3905 or return order form to:

PO Box 2160*Cheyenne*WY*82003

info@cheyennedepotmuseum.org

www.cheyennedepotmuseum.org

One-Way train ride. Bus transportation is available for \$30 from Cheyenne to Denver.

The Rocky Club has participated in many events like this over its 70+ year history. Three groups are involved this year.

Club members should receive by separate mail a flyer and a ticket order form for the July steam trip. All ticketing will be handled by the Cheyenne Depot Museum, and they have member lists to know who qualifies for discounts. You may order via the Depot's web site, or mail in the form. Their phone number is listed above, in case you have questions.

RTD-guided tour of the West Corridor

As a companion tour to the Club's June meeting program, members can sign up for an RTD-guided tour of the West Corridor on Friday, June 17, 2011. These monthly tours are open to the general public and may fill quickly. Other months could be an option if June is already at capacity.

There is not an option to register by telephone, only online, but this can be done by anyone that has an e-mail address. This is so that RTD can keep you informed about times and locations and tour availability. Members, or their internet savvy friends, can sign-up at: http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_106

West Corridor Historical Rail Cooperative

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation jointly agree to match up to \$25,000 of the funds raised by the West Corridor Historical Rail Cooperative between February 19th and May 30th (100 days for 100 years) that will be used for Car #25's future plans.



All donations are tax-deductible. No donations for the interurban car or its future house should be sent to the Rocky Club. Checks can be made out to WCHRC, LLC and mailed to:

West Corridor Historical Rail Cooperative, LLC
Attention: Michelle Nierling
480 S. Allison Parkway
Lakewood, CO 80226

For more information, call 303-987-7800, e-mail RailCoop@lakewood.org or see the website at <http://www.historictransit.org>.

The Oak Street Project Is Now Eligible For Tax Credits

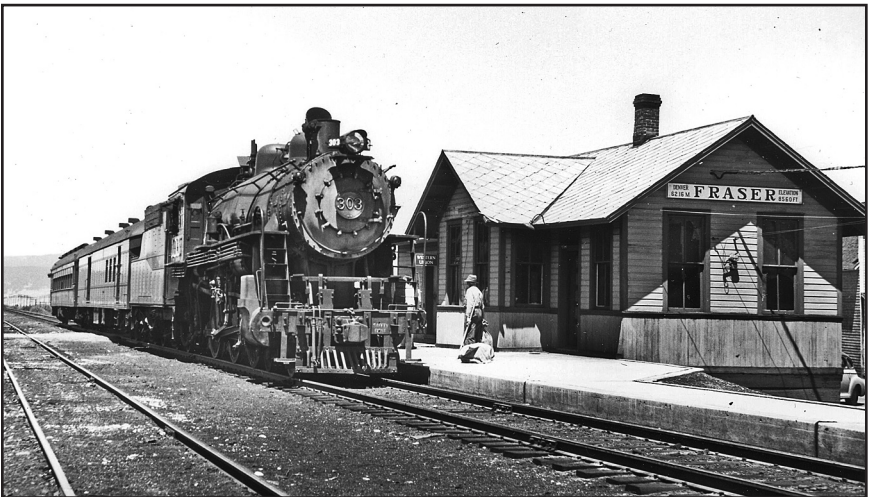
WCHRC Historic Transit Contribution Project

Contribute to preserving historic transit, boost the economy and benefit from a Colorado tax credit! Donors to the West Corridor Historic Railroad Cooperative (WCHRC) can now benefit from State Income Tax Credits for cash or in-kind services supporting the project. Cash contributions are eligible for a 25% income tax credit on your Colorado income tax up to \$100,000 annually. In-kind contributions receive a 12.5% credit up to a maximum value of \$50,000. Credit claims of \$250 (\$1000 cash or \$2000 in kind) or more will receive a contribution certificate. When making a contribution, please note "WCHRC Historic Transit Contribution Project."

Steam Locomotive Photo Gallery



D&SL engine #119 is on the head end of a winter special at Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado, on February 26, 1939. You may be able to distinguish skis propped up on the side of the baggage car. These wintertime excursions were run to Hot Sulphur Springs for a number of years. This train has been turned on the wye and is ready for its return to Denver. – Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



D&SL engine #303 made a station stop at Fraser on its run from Craig to Denver, Colorado. The Fraser sign board indicates Denver is 62.16 miles and that Fraser has an elevation of 8,560 feet. Note that the agent has two bags of mail to be placed on the eastbound RPO car. – Photo, Tom Klinger collection.

Steam Locomotive Photo Gallery



D&SL engine #302 on train #1 with three cars is nearing the west end of Byers Canyon on its way to the end of the track at Craig, Colorado, on February 20, 1938. – Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



D&SL engine #122 was the power for train #1 on its daily run between Denver and Craig, Colorado. In July 1947, photographer Bert Ward captured the train in the afternoon at the depot in Craig. – Photo, Tom Klinger collection.

Current Railroad Events



Originally ATSF PA-1 59L, built in October 1948, rebuilt in Boise, Idaho, to PA-4 status by Morrison-Knudsen in June 1974. The Alco unit shell was en route in mid-April to a museum in Frisco, Texas, seen here near Palmer Lake, Colorado. – Photo © 2011 Nathan Holmes.



UP7348 is shown pulling an Eastbound Z train of double stack containers, on UP's Huntington Sub at MP 535. The rear of the train can be seen crossing the famous Snake River, which in this part of Idaho also serves as the border between Oregon and Idaho. While the front of the train is in Idaho, the rear of this train has just departed the town of Huntington Oregon proper. The Snake river in the background is usually a very busy waterway for anglers and outdoor enthusiasts, but on this 100+ degree day in July 2010, many people opted to stay home instead. – Photos © 2010 Bill Cronenberg.

Current Railroad Events



Alaska Railroad 3008 and 3007 have been freshly painted and are ready for shipment back to Alaska. – Photo © 2011 Bill Cronenberg.

News And Notes From Motivepower Inc.

By Bill Cronenberg

Motive Power of Boise, Idaho, is currently involved in several locomotive projects, including an order for 28 switcher locomotives for the New York Transit Authority. At the time of this writing, the under frame construction for the first locomotive has begun, and the entire order will take a year and a half to complete.

At present the engineering team is designing 20 new commuter locomotives for Boston's MBTA. These locomotives are a joint venture between G.E. and MPI, and will feature GEVO prime movers instead of EMD. The first locomotive is scheduled to be completed by December 2012.

In late February, MPI was awarded a

contract to build 22 freight locomotives for an Australian grain transporter called CBH Group. The locomotives will be designed by the engineering team at MPI in Boise, but will be built in Australia. The locomotives will be both standard and narrow gauge.

Over the winter, the Alaska RR., contracted with MPI to re-paint two GP40's, and after two months of work, the locomotives emerged from the locomotive shop in late March.

MPI is also currently negotiating for possible commuter locomotive contracts for Central and South Florida. A potential contract to re-build 500 locomotives for the Canadian Pacific is also in the works.

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Treasurer's Report

2010 Income

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Advertising Income | \$ 75.00 |
| Book Sales | \$ 107.91 |
| Donations | \$ 262.30 |
| Dues | \$ 18,951.00 |
| Interest Income | \$ 94.30 |
| Trips & Events 2010 | \$ 3,625.00 |
| Video and DVD Sales | \$ 386.99 |
| Video Royalties | \$ 1,776.89 |
| Total Income | \$ 25,279.39 |

2010 Expenses

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Accounting & Bookkeeping | \$ 2,937.00 |
| Advertising | \$ 25.00 |
| Bank Charges | \$ 525.47 |
| Charitable Donations | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | \$ 501.90 |
| Depreciation Expense | \$ 270.93 |
| Insurance | \$ 3,961.50 |
| Inventory Adjustment | \$ (1,666.35) |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 3.40 |
| Office Expenses | \$ 26.07 |
| Postage | \$ 2,770.14 |
| Printing | \$ 10,720.84 |
| Rent | \$ 2,506.00 |
| Taxes and Licenses | \$ 281.63 |
| Trips & Events 2010 Costs | \$ 2,717.31 |
| Website | \$ 150.00 |
| Total Expense | \$ 26,730.84 |
| Net Loss | \$ 1,451.45 |

Club Balance Sheet –December 31, 2010

Assets

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Checking/Savings | \$ 156,740.56 |
| Inventory | \$ 2,841.28 |
| Audio Visual Equipment | \$ 3,250.20 |
| Film Archives | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Total Assets | \$ 167,832.04 |

Liabilities

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Unearned Dues | \$ 13,900.00 |
| Sales Tax | \$ 7.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 13,907.00 |
| Total Equity | \$ 153,925.04 |

Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

Profit & Loss 2010

2010 Income

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions | \$ 20,609.29 |
| Interest | \$ 30.15 |
| Total Income | \$ 20,639.44 |

2010 Expense

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Bank Service Charges | \$ 1.00 |
| Gain/Loss on Sale of Asset | \$ -7,458.35 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 0.00 |
| Postage and Delivery | \$ 1.22 |
| Professional Fees | \$ 762.50 |
| Rent | \$ 870.00 |
| Total Expense | \$ -5,823.63 |
| Net Income | 26,463.07 |

Foundation Balance Sheet

December 31, 2010

Assets

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Checking/Savings | \$ 93,872.76 |
| Total Assets | \$ 93,872.76 |

Total Liabilities \$ 0.00

Total Equity \$ 93,872.76

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 93,872.76

Note: The Club's profit and loss statement is highly variable from year to year because the end of the fiscal year coincides with the collection of membership dues. The percentage of dues deposited to the Club's account in any given year varies with the speed of members returning their membership renewals. The loss of \$1,451.45 for 2010 compares to a profit of \$6,997.48 for 2009.

Please refer questions to the Club and Foundation Treasurer, Keith Jensen, preferably by e-mail kjensen@earthnet.net or phone 303-781-8616.

Current Railroad Events



The Fort Collins Municipal Railway begins their 26th season on May 1st in northern Colorado. – Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf.



The Fort Collins Municipal Railway maintenance motor car has a special attachment to keep the flangeways clear for the trolley line, shown here on April 16, 2011. – Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2011 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

<http://www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org/event-listings>

German Heritage Festival:
Cultural Event June 25 & 26

Buffalo Bill Wild West Days:
Steam-Up Event July 30 & 31

Colorado Wine & Music Train:
Cultural Event August 20

Day Out With Thomas: Themed Event
September 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25
Reserved Admission Tickets Required

Trick or Treat Train:
Steam-Up Event October 29 & 30

Santa Claus Special:
Steam-Up Event December 3, 10, 11 & 17

SCFD Free Days – Saturdays:
January 8, March 12 & November 12

Saturday Special:

Ride in Goose 7 or in a 19th century passenger coach pulled by Locomotive No. 4. Rides begin at 10:00 AM Every Saturday, Weather Permitting
Adult / Senior Fare: \$4 per ride
Child Fare: \$2 per ride

Operate A Locomotive:

Call for reservations to operate Locomotive No. 4. \$150 puts you in the Engineers seat of this diesel for an hour!

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Members in good standing, and upon presentation of a current membership card, are entitled to free admission. Members are invited to join the Colorado Railroad Museum (a Museum membership provides certain merchandise discounts), and members may participate in restoration or other maintenance programs as volunteers. Please contact the volunteer coordinator at the CRRM.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS

2011 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

<http://www.cozx.com/nrhs>

Dinner Meeting at Lone Star Steakhouse May 20, 2011

We're in for a real treat, so get your dinner reservations in on time! Retired *Denver Post* journalist Dick Kreck and Richard Luckin will present Luckin Productions' newest program, *Rails to Rodeo*. This 39-minute documentary traces the history of The Denver Post Cheyenne Frontier Days Train from its beginning in 1908 to the present time.

On-screen interviews include former Colorado Governor Roy Romer, former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, and Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. The last third of the program tells of the rebirth of the train in 1992 and its continued operation.

This will be the Denver premiere, because the DVD will not be available until the train runs this July.

PLEASE NOTE: Dinner meetings are in the Alamo Room of the Lone Star Steakhouse at 7450 W. 52nd Avenue, Arvada (exit north on Wadsworth off I-70). Reservations are STILL necessary, so call the office (303-298-0377) EARLY in the week, or by Noon on Thursday, before the program. "Social Hour" and dinner ordering will be from 6:00 to 7:15 PM. The evening's program begins at 8:00 PM and should end around 9:00 PM. Supporting our guest speakers also supports your Intermountain Chapter. Because Lone Star provides us with a private room without charge or set-up fees, we have guaranteed them that each attendee will spend a minimum of \$10.00 in the purchase of food and/or drink, excluding the 18% automatic gratuity.

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Membership Information

Membership in the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club may be obtained by sending the annual dues to the Club address listed above.

Regular membership dues are \$35.00. Overseas regular membership dues are \$45.00.

Contributing membership is \$50.00. Sustaining membership is \$70.00.

Patron membership is \$100.00. Golden membership is \$500.00.

An associate membership for spouses and children is \$25.00 additional.

Members joining after April may send a payment of \$3.00 for each month remaining in the year.

Members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club are also members in the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club.

Board Meetings

Members are always welcome to attend any board of directors meeting. Please contact any Club officer for the date, time and location.

Newsletter Contributions

Newsletter contributions and items for publication should be sent to:

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