

Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

MEETING SCHEDULE:

May 12, 1992 -- 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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Membership in the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club may be obtained by sending \$19.00 (\$15.00 annual dues plus enrollment fee of \$4.00) to: ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, P. O. Box 2391, Denver, Colorado 80201. An Associate Membership for Spouses and Children is also available for a yearly rate of \$7.50. On regular memberships, new members joining after April of each year may obtain membership for a payment of \$4.00 enrollment fee plus \$1.25 for each month remaining in the calendar year. Dues for the next year are solicited in November of the current year.

MAY 12 PROGRAM

Join Ed Gerlits for a rail fan escorted tour of some of the fascinating little railroads, shops, museums, and, behind-the-scenes operations of some rather unique and delightful railroads in England and Wales.

This is what happens when die-hard English rail enthusiasts repay an American counterpart for providing an insight into the narrow gauge operations in Colorado and New Mexico. (Frank Stapleton)

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APRIL PROGRAM—POTPOURRI NIGHT

Eighteen Club members provided one of the best Potpourri programs ever!! A brief review of each contribution follows:

FRANK STATPLETON, JR. / 1981 Private Train Tour of Mexico, including scenes from the Grand Canyon of Mexico which is some 170 times the size of the United States Grand Canyon.

ED HALEY / Club trip of May 30/31, 1958 when the train was forced to forgo the Silverton Branch due to flooding and side-trip on the Farmington Branch.

JIM JONES / The ATSF has sold the line to its namesake, Santa Fe from Lamay and Jim provided scenes prior to that sale showing Santa Fe Trains over the line.

TOM KLINGER / Coverage of the May 4/5, 1991 Rotary Snow Plow Train on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

LEE WHITELEY / Copies of 1920's/30's Union Pacific "Lantern Slides." These were hand-tinted promotional slides of the nation's National Parks--served by the UP and other western railroads.

JACKSON THODE / August, 1991 trip to England including the National Transportation Museum.

ALLEN HEYL / Narrow Gauge Railroads in the West, early 1950's to the mid-1950's including the D&RGW, RGS, Eureka Hill NG, Caliente & NW RR, Eureka & Palasaides and SP's Carson & Colorado as well as the unique Newfoundland Railway (NG).

JOE PRISELAC / Summer of 1991--Discovery of ex-Denver Tramway trackage during reconstruction of north Denver streets.

SHEM CONNERS / Additional coverage of the May 4/5, 1991 C&TS Rotary Snow Plow Train.

JOHN DILLAVOU / Trains in Nebraska and around Council Bluffs, Iowa.

JACK HETTINGER / Black & White photos of excursions in the 1920's and 1930's made into slides.

KEITH KIRBY / Promotional presentation of scenes at the Mt. Pleasant Old Threshers Reunion--one of the Club's 1992 trips.

BOB ANDREWS / Scenes along the Joint Line--Denver to Pueblo.

BOB PACKER / November, 1991, 25th Anniversary of steam excursions over the Norfolk Southern and the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum.

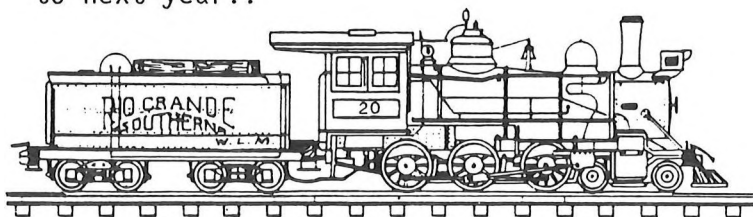
CHIP SHERMAN / A potpourri of artistic photography-- D&H, C&LC, C&TS, GL, GW & Amtrak.

ERWIN CHAIM / Moving the Club's No. 25 from the Colorado RR Museum to the Denver Federal Center to be refurbished.

AL DUNTON / Coverage of the Dallas McKinney Avenue Transit Authority (Trolley).

CHARLES MAX / D&RGW Main Line (Standard Gauge) steam from the Burnham Shops to Pueblo.

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to this outstanding program. We look forward to next year!!



JUNE WORKDAY AT THE COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM

We need your HELP! Please sign up at the May meeting if you can give some time to working on equipment that day. Here is a chance to meet other Club members while making a contribution to our equipment restoration. (Hugh H. Wilson, Equipment Chairman)

NEW MEMBERS

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

Barry Cirillo	Denver, CO
Robert J. Hanson	Boulder, CO
Jeff Jackson	Lakewood, CO
John Lombard	Tulsa, OK
Robert Sunderland	Houston, TX
Douglas Van Valkenburgh	Denver, CO

PRESERVATION FUND AND BOOK DRAWING

Prizes and winners at the April 14, 1992 meeting are as follows:

Sherm Conners / Official Guide of Railways,
June, 1964

Tom Peyton / Santa Fe List of Stations/
Travel Guide

Douglas Van Valkenburgh / Sketch: D&SNG

Jim Bratton / Jim Beam Laramie, Wyoming,
Centennial Bottle

Jack Morison / $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch scale Carving of a
RR Coal Car out of a lump
of coal

Don Zielesch / German Model RR Book:
Eisenbahn-Modelle

Jeff Rothlisberger / Bag of RR Buttons

Doug Smith / Kid's RR (Engineer) Outfit

John Dillavou / 2 Children's books on
trains

Sherm Conners / Official Railway Guide,
November/December, 1991

Erma Morison / Joe Priselac Print--D&RGW
Std. Ga. Steam at Salida

Charles Baker / Set of Quad Maps--showing
miscellaneous CO RR grades

Since April's program was a potpourri, Roger Callender decided to use a potpourri of items and it made for an interesting drawing.

If members have items they wish to donate for 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.

EXTRA!

ANNUAL BOOK DRAWING

Another successful annual book drawing brought needed funds into the equipment restoration/preservation fund. Our thanks to all who participated--it was greatly appreciated.

The winners of this year's drawing included the following Club Members:

Douglas & Cheryl Gorton / Colorado Midland
Aurora, Colorado

Joseph Wagner / The Rio Grande
Huntington Beach, CA Southern Story,
Volume II

Lloyd Crews / Memorial Edition:
Littleton, CO Denver, South
Park & Pacific

James Hill / Georgetown and
Denver, Colorado the Loop

Ralph Vance / Denver & Inter-
Conifer, Colorado mountain RR #25
Print

Donald Robinson / Denver & Inter-
North Billerica, MA mountain RR #25
Print

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.

SWAP 'N SHOP

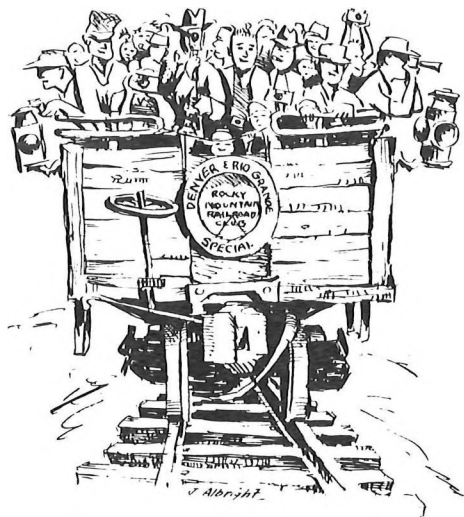
Personal ads are accepted from members for items to be listed for SALE or TRADE or WANTED. We cannot enter into any correspondence, nor will we appraise them.

FOR SALE: Approximately 50 full-size copy negatives on cut film of Steroscopic Views (both photos are included on negative) all by famous early day photographers such as Chas. Weitfle, Jas. Collier, Alex Martin and Chamberlain. All subjects are Colorado railroads and copies made by Charles Ryland. Five dollars each. E. V. Ryland, 1914 Nineteenth Street, Golden, Colorado 80401.

FOR SALE: Thirty-two 8 X 10-inch film positives and twenty-one 8 X 10-inch contact prints of Ute Indians in Colorado. Best offer for entire lot. E. V. Ryland, 1914 Nineteenth Street, Golden, Colorado 80401.

FOR SALE: Photographs, timetables, technical information, company publications, etc., memorabilia of Denver Tramways system collected by a soldier stationed at Lowry in WWII and never published. Please send a SSAE to Ron Dawson, 6021 Midas, El Paso, TX 79924.

FOR SALE or TRADE: James Beam's Baggage Car, Regal China Porcelain Decanter, 4th in Beam Train Collectors Series, New Jersey Central Railroad. Walter Dixon, HC 71, Box 1028, Capitan, New Mexico 88316. Phone (505) 354-3161.



BURLINGTON NORTHERN SHOP TOUR

Reports suggest that those who attended the Burlington Northern Shop Tour enjoyed the experience. If a report is submitted, we will print it in the June newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PLATTE VALLEY TROLLEY OPERATIONS

Want to operate a trolley? Contact the Platte Valley Trolley through the Denver Rail Heritage Society, 2785 North Speer Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80211, Suite 220. Phone 455-3933.

1992 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 12	Regular Monthly Meeting
May 30	Colorado RR Museum Tour and Picnic
June 6	WORKDAY at the Colorado RR Museum
June 9	Regular Monthly Meeting
June 28	Wyoming-Colorado RR Trip
July 14	Regular Monthly Meeting
July 18	Georgetown/Silver Plume Sojourn & RR Trip
August 11	Regular Monthly Meeting
August 22*	Colorado Midland Field Trip
September 4-8*	Old Threshers Reunion, Mt. Pleasant, IA--AMTRAK
September 8	Regular Monthly Meeting
September 26	Photographer's Day: Joint Line to Palmer Lake
October 24*	ANNUAL BANQUET
November 10	Regular Monthly Meeting
December 8	ELECTIONS and Regular Monthly Meeting

*Please note these changes. The Colorado Midland Field Trip is one week later than previously scheduled. The Mt. Pleasant return is on Tuesday, not Wednesday. The annual banquet had to be changed due to a scheduling conflict at the Denver Athletic Club.



The "Writing is on the Wall," literally, as SOUTHERN PACIFIC replaces the familiar RIO GRANDE on the letterboard area of the KANSAS, the classic open-platform, sleeper-observation-lounge car owned by Philip Anshutz, owner of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad which bought the Southern Pacific Railroad. In this March, 1992 photograph, the car is coupled to the rear of the "Ski Train," observation platform forward, in Denver's Union Station. The 20th Street viaduct is shown in the right background.

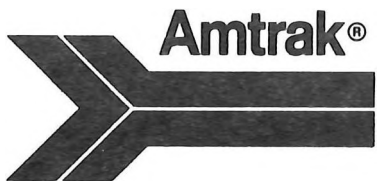
(Joe Priselac Photograph)

SpikeBuck by Clay Rollins

This column is a collection of the latest gossip heard in the yards and is submitted with one foot firmly planted in reality and the other in one's mouth.....The AnSCO Investment Co. has announced that the Ski Train equipment will run to Winter Park on July 11 to coincide with the American Music Festival (which will feature some great acts by the way).....And in case you didn't notice--all Rio Grande private cars were repainted Southern Pacific in March. Employees of the Ski Train were seen hawking "Grande" items on the last run this year and claiming that next year all would be SP.....The Atchison & Topeka Railroad? The ATSF no longer goes to its name sake city of Santa Fe. Actor Michael Gross and others have purchased the ATSF line from downtown Lamy, where the branch meets the Glorieta

Pass mainline. The Santa Fe Southern, as the railroad is now known, plans to continue freight operations three days a week. Future plans include some sort of rail car to meet Amtrak's Southwest Chief and provide excursion service.....Speaking of the Southwest Chief, if you are looking for the new Amtrak GE P32BH units, head for Raton Pass.....Look for Southern Pacific (read Rio Grande) to run a system touring promotional train into Denver from Kansas City. The train will consist of two new GP60's in the "speed lettering" scheme, 8 Golden West Service cars for display, SP Biz cars 298,295,290,289,291, Kansas, and 150 (The Sunset). The schedule calls for the train to come up the joint line sometime on May 19th. It will lay-over all day at DUT on the 20th, and leave for Salt Lake on the Moffat Road at 8:00 a.m. on the 21st--You can thank Chip Sherman for that one!..... Sources at Burnham Shops claim that D&RGW/

SP will concentrate on rebuilding the SP loco fleet at the output rate of one a day. We are told there are no plans to repaint any locomotives from D&RGW to SP any time in the near future. In fact, no locomotives will be painted when shopped. The D&RGW has always cared more for mechanical soundness than appearance (good luck finding a clean one!) so that may prove true. Still, get your photos now--or regret it later. The GP30's still have a place on the roster.... Rumor Central has it the D&RGW "F" units have been sold to a short line. Anybody know anything more concrete? It's not the first time we have heard that one since 1983.....The BN has run a few of its 2000 series Caterpillar-re-engined locomotives through town as of late.....Big Steam in Kansas? ATSF 4-8-4 #4375 may visit the land of OZ this summer. We'll keep you posted.



THE AMTRAK PENNY

For most of Amtrak's 21 years of existence, it has had to fight annually for money from Congress to survive. Yet, despite this funding uncertainty, Amtrak has done a remarkable job of turning around America's rail passenger system. However, funding problems do remain, especially a lack of money for new equipment.

While Amtrak has on order 140 new Superliners, most of these cars will go to re-equip trains like the Capital Limited, the City of New Orleans and Auto Train. Some western trains will get an additional sleeping car but no new routes are planned. Additionally, the eastern trains that run with 50-year-old equipment are in desperate need of new cars. Also, Amtrak's engines, the F40's are getting old and are in need of replacement by more efficient motive power. Despite the recession, Amtrak ridership remains strong and equipment shortages remain a big problem.

What can we do? Congressman Al Swift of Washington (state) has proposed a bill

(HR 4414) which would earmark one penny from the current gasoline tax to an "inter-city rail passenger trust fund." This fund would provide money to Amtrak to purchase new equipment, to start new trains, and allow development of high speed rail service in the U.S. This bill would NOT increase taxes; it would just dedicate a penny of the current gas tax to rail passenger transportation.

This bill needs the support of our representatives. Therefore, I urge all of you to write your Congressman (their address: U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 25515) and ask them to support or co-sponsor bill HR 4414. It is important that we let our representatives know that we support rail passenger transportation. The passage of this bill would bring Amtrak into the 21st century and enable us to develop a rail system like that of Europe and Japan. Please write. Thank You.
(Hugh K. Wilson)

MISCELLANEOUS

COLORADO LIVE STEAMERS SWAP MEET

The Colorado Live Steamers have extended an invitation to the RMRRC Members to participate in their annual swap meet and run day. This event will be held on Saturday, May 16, 1992, at the CLS Club track site from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be large scale live steam, diesel and electric equipment operating on their beautiful outdoor layout consisting of 7½", 4 3/4" and 3½"-gauge track.

There is plenty of parking and swap spaces are free, but, you must provide your own table or ground cover on which to display your items. Only trains and train related items are allowed. This includes live steam, electric trains of all scales, tooling, machinery, books and memorabilia and the like.

So, be sure to go through your extra train stuff and bring what you can to make this an exciting event. If you have any questions or need further information, call Dave Fidelman at 986-1091 or Jim Fyles at 428-6860. (Dave Fidelman)

The Union Pacific Historical Society
 Sponsoring Union Pacific Railroad equipment
 Presents a rare opportunity to:
RIDE The 1950's Nostalgia Express
 Kansas City to Coffeyville
 Tuesday August 11, 1992



Ride behind the world's Largest Operating Steam locomotive pulling a beautifully restored air-conditioned streamlined train with coaches, lounges and dome cars.

This wonderful train will operate Tuesday, August 11, 1992 from Kansas City to Coffeyville, KS over 191 miles of former Missouri Pacific high speed main line. No passenger train has operated over this trackage in nearly 40 years.

We will travel through the fertile farms and rolling hills of Eastern Kansas and see the towns of Paola, Osawatimie,

Neodesha and Independence. Photo run bys will be provided so we can see and photograph the magnificent Union Pacific locomotive #3985 in action. Continental breakfast and box lunch are included.

Our train will depart Kansas City at 8 a.m. Exact Boarding Location information and train details will be sent with your ticket. Dome seats are reserved and are \$50.00 extra per seat.

We cannot assume responsibility for missed travel connections. Purchasers are subject to all requirements and conditions of the Union Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Historical Society.

The Society is not liable nor responsible for any inconvenience caused by trip cancellations or delays or changes in equipment or schedule or anything beyond our control.

REFUND POLICY: A \$25 handling charge will be deducted from each ticket where refund is requested. No refunds will be made after July 11, 1992 unless the seat/ticket can be resold prior to operation of the trip. Full refund will be made if the trip does not operate.

Steam Train Kansas City to Coffeyville \$114.00

Return Air- Conditioned Charter Bus Trip \$20.00

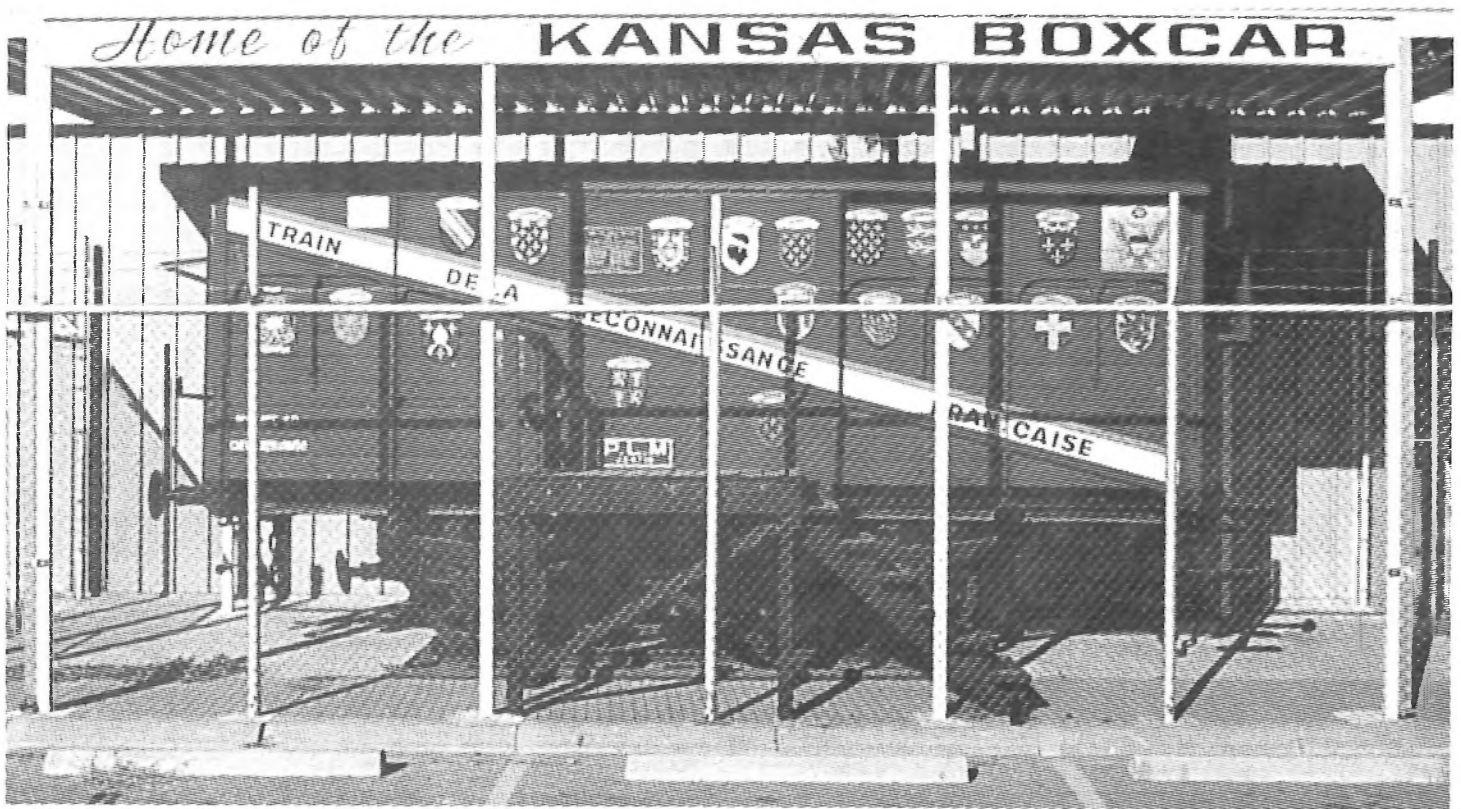
Please Send _____ Train Tickets from Kansas City to Coffeyville Aug. 11, 1992 @ \$114.00 \$ _____
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TOTAL \$ _____

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ORDER FROM: Union Pacific Historical Society, 1540 Routh Street, Lakewood, CO 80215
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The Kansas "40 & 8" Box Car at Hays, Kansas. The car carried 40 men and eight horses to the front lines in 1918. It was given to Kansas in 1949 as a part of the gratitude train in appreciation for lend/lease in WWII. The Coat of Arms represent 40 provinces in France. It has a unique feature that only three of the 49 cars shared...a doghouse on top of one end for a brakeman!!
 (Photograph from the Mike Heroy Collection)

THE KANSAS "FORTY & EIGHT"

In some previous Rail Reports, we have given information on the Forty & Eight cars from France. Club member, Mike Heroy of Oakley, Kansas, sent in the following information and photograph of the Kansas car along with some history of the car and how Kansas celebrated its arrival. While we will not be able to do this for each state, this information seems typical and may be of interest to other members, perhaps giving some insight as to how their state's car was probably handled.

BRIEF HISTOTY OF THE "KANSAS BOX CAR"

La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
 High Plains 1543

In February 1949, a merchant ship docked at Weehawken, N.J. to deliver its cargo of 49 railroad boxcars that were marked on one side "Train de la Reconnaissance Francaise"

and on the other side "Gratitude Train." These boxcars were laden with gifts from the French people in gratitude to the American people for aid rendered during and after World War II.

The boxcars were stenciled on their sides "Hommes 40 Chevaux" indicating the capacity of 40 men or eight horses....but the cargo was otherwise...gifts given from the hearts of children and their elders. Distribution of this precious cargo was to be made by giving one boxcar to each state and one for the District of Columbia. The boxcar for Kansas toured the state and distribution of gifts was made in over 100 cities/communities.

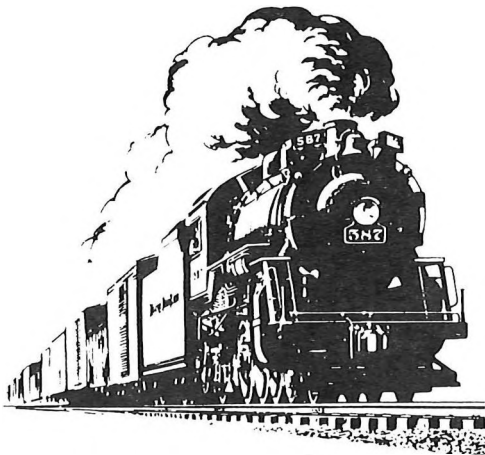
On November 11, 1949, Armistice Day was celebrated in Hays, Kansas with an all-out parade through town which ended at the Ft. Hays Kansas State College. The main attraction in the parade was the "Kansas Box Car" which was about to be placed on

the campus of Ft. Hays. Among the dignitaries present were Drew Pearson, noted news commentator for ABC news and Chef de Gare, Walter Ward, who accepted the boxcar on behalf of the state of Kansas, the city of Hays, Dt. Hays Kansas State College, the Ellis County Voiture 40 et 8 1197, and the people of the state of Kansas.

After years of exposure to the Kansas weather elements, a dire need for repairs of the KANSAS BOX CAR became necessary. In 1975, the boxcar was moved to a new home...The American Legion Post 173 at 13th and Canterbury, Hays, Kansas. It was during this year of 1973 that Hi Plains Voiture 40 et 8 #1543 was chartered (V-1197 surrendered its charter in the mid 1960's) Minor repairs were made in the following years but it was determined that in order to save the boxcar, major repairs were essential.

In 1985, a "Save the Boxcar" campaign was implemented which resulted in obtaining sufficient funds (approximately \$12,000) to restore the Hi Plains boxcar. On November 11, 1987, the boxcar was rededicated by Grand Chef de Gare Richard Hill. We now have a completely rebuilt and sheltered "KANSAS BOX CAR" which has been designated as a walk-in museum containing memorabilia of the past wars.

Voyageurs of the Hi Plains Voiture la Societe des Quarante Hommes et Eight Chevaux 1543 conduct their promenades in the boxcar. We are constantly reminded of the discomfort of the troops that were transported in this small conveyance and we will never forget the sacrifices that they made in the "War to End All Wars!!"



UPCOMING RAILROADS SHOWS IN THE DENVER AREA

SOUTH LAKEWOOD OPTIMIST MODEL RAILROAD SHOW: The South Lakewood Optimist Club is holding its third annual Model Train Mania at the 1999 Braodway building during April and May. Based on the deadline of this Rail Report, the one remaining weekend for taking this show in will be May 9 & 10. The show features 13,000 square feet of layouts, featuring operating model railroads, train art exhibits, contributions from seven model railroad clubs, and more. Neil Cleary will work a train repair table for children 1-12 and seniors over 55. Donations will be taken at the door for the Optimist Club youth programs. Adults will be asked to donate \$3.00, children (6-12) will be asked for \$2.00. Children under 6 will be admitted free.

2ND ANNUAL DENVER RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW AND SALE: Over 200 tables of railroad dining car china, silver, lanterns, timetables, books and much more will be available at the Denver Merchandise Mart, Terrace Gardens. The Mart is located at I-25 and 58th Avenue.

The date for this show is Sunday, May 17, 1992 and costs \$3.00 per person. The Club will be participating in this event. The show is NOT a model railroad show, but deals in prototype memorabilia only.

RAILFAIR: July 18 & 19, 1992 has been set aside for Railfair at the National Western Complex at I-70 and Brighton Blvd. Both model railroading and prototype memorabilia will be represented at this show.

CALIFORNIA RAILROAD FESTIVAL

The California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento will host the California Railroad Festival, June 12 to 14, 1992. Beside the regular exhibits at the Museum, there will be handcar rides, model live steamers on display, railroad film festival and exhibits of toy and model trains. Friday hours: noon to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Bob Griswold)



**THE CLUB'S 1992 GEORGETOWN/
SILVER PLUME SOJOURN**

How many times have you sped along I-70 and have not taken the time to exit and really see what the Georgetown/Silver Plume National Historic District is really about? This district is considered to be one of the finest examples of preservation in the United States of an area from the early mining and Victorian era. Its architectural heritage gives one a feeling of stepping back in time to Colorado's early days.

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club will host a day in this colorful historic district taking in the highlights of some of the things that contributed to its rich history. Our tour will begin at the Silver Plume Depot of the Georgetown Loop Railroad with a 9:20 a.m. departure. Enroute to Georgetown, we will stop at the Lebanon Mine for a guided tour of this 1880 silver mine which was typical of the mines of the district. This tour gives one a feel for the contributions and sacrifices the miners made to Colorado's development. We will continue our journey aboard the train over the famous Devil's Gate Trestle and into the Georgetown Terminal. The return to Silver Plume is a struggle for the narrow gauge steam locomotives to make the four and one half miles with a gain of 638 feet of elevation.

Upon our return to Silver Plume, we will have a tour of the engine house, followed by a picnic in Dingers Park. After a relaxing lunch, we will visit the Silver Plume Museum, housed in Silver Plume's historic school house.

From Silver Plume, we will continue on to the Clear Creek Valley Overlook off of I-70 for a spectacular view of this historic valley that we have just traversed by train. One of our Club members will point out and explain the sights.

In Georgetown, we will visit the jewell of

Georgetown's Victorian homes, the Hamill House, which dates back to 1867. This fascinating structure, its grounds, office building, stable and carriage house, and several other out buildings, provide a three-dimensional glimpse of a wealthy family's life in early-day Georgetown. We will wind up our exciting day at the old Railroad station (ex-Alpine Inn) with a short slide program on the Georgetown Loop Railroad. From there you will be on your own to enjoy Georgetown's many wonderful shops or take your own walking tour of this delightful Victorian mountain town, or, better, yet, take the Rutherford's Belgian Horse-powered trolley for a narrated tour.

We will be limited in the number of participants for this trip, so...get your reservations in early.

The cost for this excursion will be \$25.00 for Adults and \$21.00 for Children (ages 4-15). The cost includes 1) Trainfare; 2) Mine Tour; 3) Engine House Tour; 4) Lunch; 5) Silver Plume Museum; 6) Hamill House Tour; 7) Program at the Old Georgetown Railroad Station.

The Date is Saturday, July 18, 1992.

Please fill in the coupon provided and send it, along with your remittance, payable to the ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, c/o Hugh Alexander, 700 So. Elizabeth, Denver, Colorado 80209. (Bud Lehrer)

GEORGETOWN/SILVER PLUME TOUR ORDER FORM

Please Print or Type

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Zip _____

TELEPHONE _____

_____ Adult tickets @ \$25.00 \$ _____

_____ Children tickets @ \$21.00 _____

Total \$ _____

Please enclose a large stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order. Thank You!!

LATEST TRIP INFORMATION

WYOMING-COLORADO RAILROAD: A flyer was sent to each member in the April mailing of the Rail Report. Additional flyers may be acquired by writing or phoning the Club. The trip is on Sunday, June 28, 1992. The excursion will run between Laramie, Wyoming and Fox Park and return. Photo runbys and lunch are included in this all-day, 108-mile journey through the Medicine Bow National Forest. Costs: 1) FIRST CLASS service in private parlor cars which includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, beverage and cash bar. Price: Adults \$42.00; 2) STANDARD PASSENGER COACH accommodations with snack/bar car. Price: Adults \$30.00, Children ages 5-12 \$24.00. Children 4 years and under are free; however, they may have to sit on parent's lap. CANCELLATIONS: Prior to May 28, 1992, there will be a handling charge of \$10.00 per ticket for cancellations. There will be NO REFUNDS made on tickets after May 29, 1992.

Please fill in the coupon provided and send it with your remittance (payable to the ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB) to: Hugh B. Alexander, Ticket Chairman, 700 So. Elizabeth, Denver, Colorado 80209. Please include a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order.

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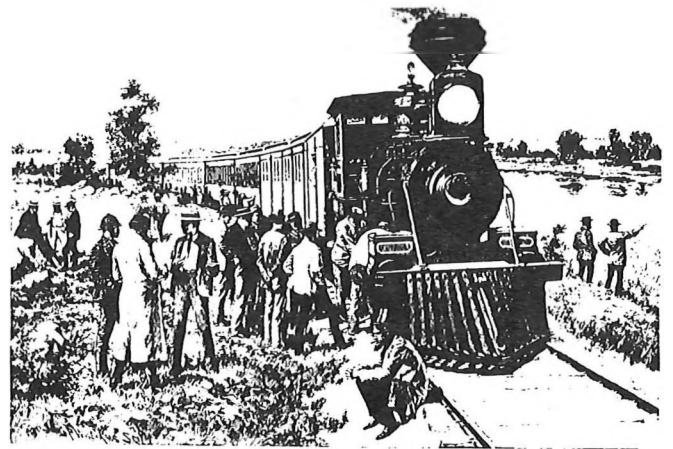
Zip _____ Telephone () _____

_____ 1st Class Fares @ \$42 \$ _____

_____ Coach Fares @ \$30 _____

_____ Child Fares @ \$24 _____

Total \$ _____



COLORADO MIDLAND FIELD TRIP: This all-day activity is the second segment in a series of scenic and historic hikes along the route of the Colorado Midland Railroad. It will follow up where the group left off last year at Divide and progress as far as possible with details to come later. The cost of \$10.00 per person includes lunch at the Ranniger's Roadbed Commissary.

OLD THRESHERS REUNION/MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, via AMTRAK: This Labor Day weekend to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the site of the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion, will be run from September 4th through the 8th, 1992. On display will be an incredible array of steam, gasoline and diesel tractors and farm machinery with parades, outstanding food, country music performances by leading artists, and, a steam railroad (3 ft.) and trolley line. Plans include a countryside tour along the Mississippi River from Burlington to Hannibal, MO by motor coach and evening dinner aboard a riverboat cruise. Transportation to and from Denver will be aboard Amtrak's California Zephyr. Costs: \$325.00, double occupancy; First Class rail fare extra. A Flyer with complete details will be forthcoming.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S DAY: JOINT LINE AT PALMER LAKE: This is an opportunity for photographers to spend the day photographing trains as they pass through the Palmer Lake region, hopefully in full fall color!! A short description of the area and photographic tips will be provided. Cost has yet to be determined.

COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM TOUR AND PICNIC and the GEORGETOWN LOOP RAILROAD TRAIN TRIO have separate stories elsewhere in this issue of the Rail Report.



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**MAY 30th COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM
TOUR AND PICNIC**

Why not start the summer season with a family picnic!?

The Club has made arrangements to have a TOUR and PICNIC at the Colorado Railroad Museum on May 30, 1992. Come and spend the entire day!!

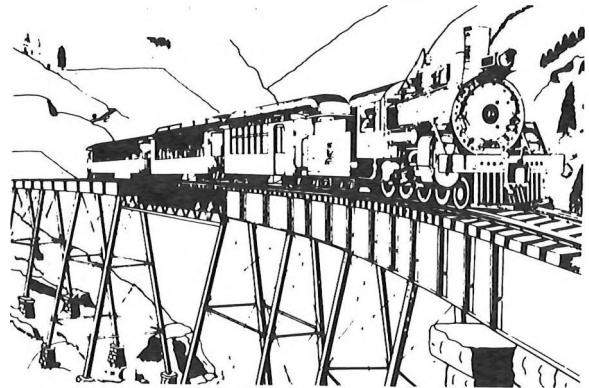
Here's what you'll get: A brief description of the Museum's equipment will be provided and a handout listing all equipment and its location will be provided for self-guided tours. Most of the equipment will be open to view its interior. A "Galloping Goose" from the Rio Grande Southern Railroad will be in operation to provide rides and photographs. The HO Model Railroad Club will have their layout operating and TRAIN VIDEOS will be constantly projected in the Museum's basement "theatre."

A picnic box lunch will be available for \$5.00.

Please sign up at the May meeting or use the coupon provided and send in your money and reservation to: ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, P. O. Box 2391, Denver, CO 80201. As we get close to the May 30th date, you may call and make a reservation using the Club Telephone number: (303) 431-4354.

Naturally, we need to know as soon as possible how many folks to expect. PLEASE RESPOND QUICKLY!!

This outing will also give everyone attending an opportunity to inspect the Club's equipment and get some idea of the work needed to be done the next weekend at the annual WORKDAY. Won't you please select a project or two and sign up to help!? You may sign up at the May meeting or call the Club's phone and leave a message stating that you will be there on June 6th.



**KEEPING TRACK OF THE GEORGETOWN
LOOP RAILROAD**

With summer just around the corner, the Georgetown Loop Railroad is preparing for another good season and winding down from winter. During the winter, the recently opened Old Georgetown Station Visitor Information Center kept its doors open for visitors to the area. People are pleasantly surprised to find a number of interesting things to see in Georgetown's original depot. In addition to the railroad gift shop, there is an exhibit area displaying "Loop" memorabilia from the turn of the century. In the Depot Express Cafe, an LGB layout suspends from the ceiling while a replica of the C&S #9 circles overhead.

In conjunction with the Georgetown Christmas Market, the GLRR invited Santa Claus aboard for the first ever scheduled winter runs. The train departed from the Devil's Gate boarding area, operating over half the line before returning.

By mid-summer, Engine #40 (2-8-0 Baldwin) will be sporting new wheel centers and new tires. The entire engine was trucked down to the Durango & Silverton shop which is better equipped to handle extensive maintenance jobs. New wheel centers were cast from wood patterns and soon the new tires will be pressed back on to the axles. No. 40's tender will also have the wheels re-machined. After a test run, #40 will return home sometime in July.

Since the Georgetown Loop had frameless tank cars, acquired in 1975, it was possible to do a swap with the Colorado RR Museum who recently took delivery of narrow frame tank cars from the White Pass & Yukon. Now both locations have examples of each. Located at the Loop are the UTLX 11022 (White Pass and Yukon narrow frame) and UTLX 11050 (frameless). (Rosa Ashby)

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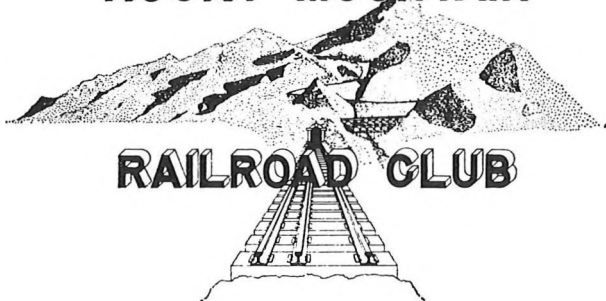
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