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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

We Will Not Have A September Membership Meeting In Barnes Hall

Annual Luncheon Banquet

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Lakewood Country Club, 6800 West Tenth Avenue, Lakewood, Colorado

Banquet Program — Remembering Otto Perry

Presented by Ed Gerlits

Otto is a legend in railfan and historical circles. We see examples of his photographic expertise in books, magazines, videos and DVDs. Unfortunately it has been 37 years since we have been able to associate with this fine and talented man and most of us never met him.

The banquet program will acquaint us with Otto through his wonderful 16mm movies. Dave Gross and Ed Gerlits spent many hours researching his movies and discovered that Otto had many other interests in addition to his love of trains.

Please come to the banquet and enjoy an afternoon of Otto Perry stories and examples of his fine movies and various interests.

2007 RMRRC Calendar

October 9 Meeting	To Be Announced
November 13 Meeting	To Be Announced
December 11 Meeting	Annual Meeting – Winter Program

The Club's future program listing is limited to three or four months. This will provide members adequate advance information for planning. Proposed 2007 meeting dates are shown. Due to circumstances beyond our control programing and dates are subject to change without notice. Please contact Joe McMillan at jmcmillan20@comcast.net or phone 303-456-4564 with program ideas.

From the President

By Jim Ehernberger

Whew! This has been a busy summer. Since our last meeting held in May, many of us enjoyed the Como field trip on June 16th which was handled by Board Member Pat Mauro. And, of course, the visit to the original stone roundhouse at Como was the highlight of this event, although other historic points were included.

The weather warmed up considerably, and due to other conflicts on July 21st, perhaps this was a reason for the low attendance during the Club Day at the Colorado Railroad Museum. However, several familiar faces were seen there, so it was not a total failure. Perhaps some different plans need to be devised, as we may want to look at this further to plan something special next year.

However, the August 18th annual rollout of Denver & Intermountain Car 25 at the Federal Center was very successful. The temperature reached ninety degrees, but that did not prevent a large crowd from attending this event. Everyone enjoyed visiting the trolley and taking rides. The little ones got to ride the miniature trolley too. We are pleased to report the restoration efforts have really shaped up. Hopefully, by the end of 2008, Car 25 will be completed signifying the 20th anniversary of this project. Because of the large crowd our merchandise sales went quite well, bringing in additional revenue toward this project. We sold over half of the great items graciously donated by members, such as books, magazines, pictures, etc. All of the volunteers did a great job, and their

efforts are appreciated. Without them it would have been difficult. Our thanks must go out to Darrell Arndt, and everyone else involved, including members and friends who attended. This event is the beginning of our fall fund raising campaign.

And, don't forget our annual luncheon banquet which will be held on Saturday, September 29th at the Lakewood Country Club. In this newsletter we are including another flyer so you may place your order for tickets. Tickets will be mailed, except those requests received late, which can be obtained at the event. Herb Edwards has been instrumental making arrangements for this event. This date had to be set because we were not able to reserve the facility at any other time, due to their current expansion, creating demands on early reservations. We will plan to make our reservations for 2008 earlier.

The program for the banquet has been specially prepared by Dave Gross and Ed Gerlits, who have worked very hard gathering material from the Otto Perry film collection owned by the Club. Ed, former president of the Club, will be the presenter, so this is one event you will not want to miss. Hopefully we will have several long-time Club members in attendance and they will be able to relate their personal experiences with Otto. Additionally, it is planned to provide each person attending this event with a "gift item" currently being put together.

Looking back on the Club, beginning

From the President

in January of this year, we have had great programs which Joe McMillan has been able to recruit. The doors now open at 6:45 PM allowing time for members and friends to socialize. The brief meeting covering Club related business starts at 7:30 PM, with the program starting at 8 PM. This way we can shut down about 9 PM and put our equipment away. We have an obligation under our contract with the church that we will no longer stay in the building after 9:30 PM.

In February, working with Herb Edwards we moved Club property (book inventory and records) into a smaller storage unit to realize an annual savings of \$780. We will continue to down-size in the future and may consider another move at a later date to reduce storage expenses.

The format change for the newsletter was made at the suggestion of our editor Bruce Nall, based upon present and, of course, future costs for producing this publication. The newsletter is one of our major annual expense items. There is no change in its content, as you may have noticed, because the newsletter is now 16 pages, instead of 8 pages. We received only one written complaint, and many verbal comments expressing positive opinions praising the publication in its new format. Like all changes it takes time. Due to the fact summer meetings were curtailed, and only events were scheduled for June and August, some newsletters were consolidated and postcards mailed as reminders for the events. You may have noticed postage stamps are now affixed instead of the permit.

We found there was no savings using the first class permit (actually cost us extra to have the permit), and it appears using stamps has provided better delivery service than the former method.

During general conversation with members I have been able to clarify some of the reasoning we follow in making decisions regarding the future of the Club. In these conversations I've often referred back to the 2002 survey we conducted. We mailed 780 forms to our membership, and had an overwhelming response. 505 surveys were returned (7 were incomplete making 498), indicating members under age 40 were 14; ages 40 to 60 were 204; and those over age 60 returned 280 forms. It is interesting to note 430 favored steam as their main interest. Narrow gauge was higher than standard gauge, but over 300 preferred both gauges. More members were interested in locomotives. About an equal number were interested in rolling stock and structures. More than half of those members responding indicated they were also modelers. The reason for our concern is based on the recent mailing to membership for the annual fund raising drive which consisted of 610 names. Obviously younger people are not joiners like many of us were and we are not the only organization facing this situation. The computer age is here and it has changed a lot.

The Car 25 rollout was the beginning of our 2007 fund raising campaign for donations toward the Denver & Inter-mountain Railroad Car No. 25. While on this subject, I want our members and

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friends to know I have personally supported this project for over ten years. I would not ask anyone to donate unless I was willing to do so myself. I will put "my money where my mouth is" by personally covering all printing and mailing costs involved in the fund raising letter. I truly hope we can count on your continued support. This year's fund raising is, without a doubt, one of the most critical since we are looking toward the final hurdle getting Car 25 completed. We've had wonderful support from our members and I can assure you that your donations have been used wisely. Please do give this request your attention.

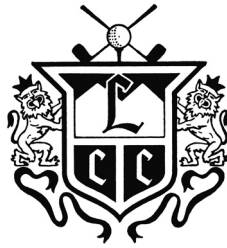
The Club will be celebrating our 70th anniversary in 2008. We will be working toward that goal in the near future and you will be advised as things progress.

At this time I want to express my appreciation and thanks to all of the Board of Directors and Officers of the RMRRC and RMRRHF for a wonderful working relationship. The same appreciation goes to committee chairs and other volunteers. Without them many things could not have proceeded.

This letter provides you with a look at our mid-year 2007. Thank you very much.

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Annual Luncheon Banquet Saturday, September 29, 2007



The Rocky Mountain Railroad will again host the Annual Banquet at the Lakewood Country Club.

Please join your fellow Club members and guests for a cash bar at noon and lunch at 1:00 PM. Enjoy visiting with your railfan friends. Posters and prints will also be available.

This year long-time Club member Ed Gerlits will present the program, "Remembering Otto Perry," featuring film clips from the pioneer Denver railroad photographer. You will not want to miss this presentation.

Guests will have their choice of:

**Roasted chicken breast with herb
roasted potatoes.**

OR

**Medallions of beef marinated and
grilled with savory mushroom gravy
and rice.**

The menu also includes a house salad with your choice of two dressings, market vegetables, Petit Pans, rustic bread and butter, coffee, decaffeinated coffee or tea and chocolate mousse with whipped cream for dessert.

Please look for further information on the insert in this Rail Report and return your reservation no later than September 20, 2007.

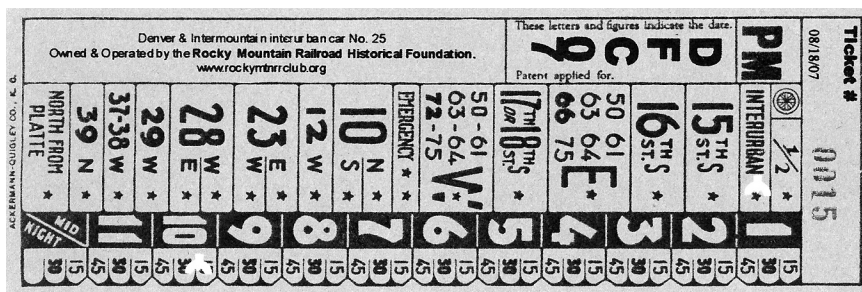
The Colorado State Fair Express



UP 844 and UP 1989, the specially painted diesel in a Rio Grande tribute scheme are on display in Denver on August 24, 2007. The train is in Denver for a passenger special, The Colorado State Fair Express, from Denver to Pueblo, Colorado. – Photo © 2007 Dave Schaaf.



The inaugural trip of the Colorado State Fair Express passes behind Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colorado, en route to Pueblo, Colorado, on August 25, 2007. – Photo © 2007 Bruce Nall.



Denver & Intermountain Car 25 Roll Out Report

By Darrell Arndt

Clear blue skies provided a great day to show off Denver & Intermountain Interurban No. 25 to visitors at the Denver Federal Center on August 18. People of all ages came out to experience the fun of “stepping back into time”. The car looked great and we received many compliments.

Adding to the enjoyment of the open house this year were a couple of other attractions. Long time Club member and contributor to the Club and Foundation, Joe Priselac, presented an art show of his transportation paintings. It seemed like there was seldom an empty spot on the floor in front of the paintings as visitors gathered around to view the paintings and visit with the artist. His selection of paintings including a wide variety of rail and non-rail subjects including CB&Q 4-8-4, No. 5629, the tramway at Leyden Jct. with the C&S narrow gauge, and a Rio Grande freight and the Rio Grande Zephyr in the foothills west of Denver. The Trailways bus atop Loveland Pass and a Greyhound bus heading down Route 66 were certainly windows to the past as was the United Airlines DC-8 over Grand Lake. Thanks to Joe for a great presentation.

Gary Collins brought his miniature yellow trolley No. 25 and pulled it behind his garden tractor. This 400 pound replica of a trolley included a real controller, gong, cane seats and authentic advertising car cards. It can be operated with railroad wheels or on rubber tires as was done for the open house. It is an ingenious model that Gary built in 1985 to give the “little ones” a taste of our trolley heritage. It proved to be quite popular to many children. Transportation of the trolley and tractor to the open house was provided by Rich Berens.

Vintage cars stopped by during the day including those from members from the Model A Club. Their great restorations complemented No. 25.

Numerous volunteers helped make the event run smoothly this year including Jim Ehernberger, Dave and Jean Gross, Mike Tinetti and Jimmy and Carolyn Blouch who managed the sales tents. Tom Peyton spent much time cataloging and pricing the numerous items and transporting them all to the site. There was a large selection of books and other items thanks to the generous donations from numerous people including Chuck Baker, Tom Lawry, Erma Morison in



The nearly completed interior of Denver & Intermountain Interurban No. 25 between trips down the short Federal Center tracks. – Photo © 2007 Bruce Nall.

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Gary Collins pulling his miniature No. 25. – Photo © 2007 Bruce Nall.

memory of Jack, the Dais family in memory of Rich, Dave Salter, Herb Edwards, John Holzman, John Dillavou, Richard Erickson and Dell McCoy. Thanks to the Denver Rail Heritage Society for the loan of two canopies for shelter.

Preparation of the car during the weeks prior to the open house was accomplished by much work from Tom Peyton, Bob Dunmire, Des Sainsbury, John Russell and Bob Blair. The Denver Federal Center tidied up the area around the building. Don Hulse cut weeds and cleaned up the inside of the car including cleaning of the windows while Lee Ryan cleaned all of the outside windows.

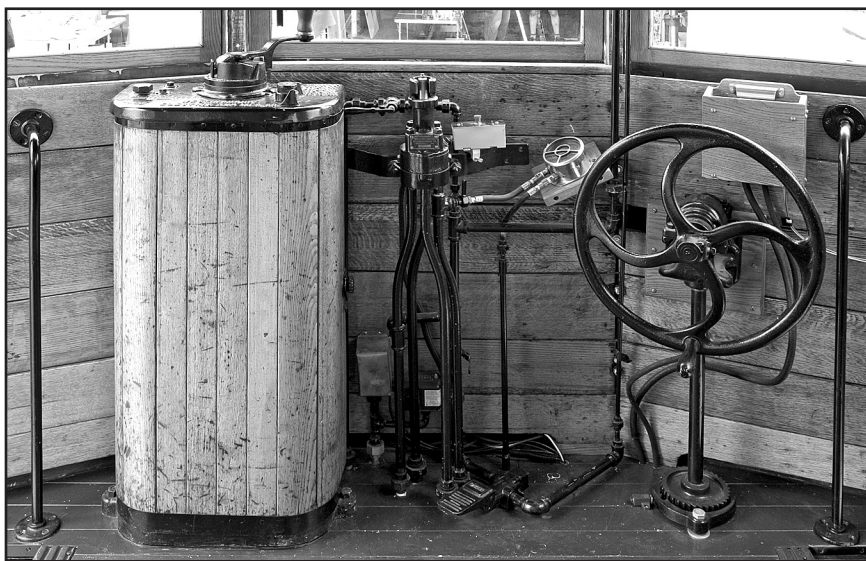
Of course motormen and conductors are needed and those duties were han-

dled by Irwin Chaim, Lee Ryan, Gene McCullough and Bruce Vincent. These fellows are also operators on the Platte Valley Trolley. Tom Peyton was the conductor and provided his latest open house commemorative tickets to about 245 passengers. Tom had also done the flyer announcing the event. Keith Kirby managed the operation of the steps and safe boarding of people.

The No. 25 donation box received generous contribution from the visitors. The funds received will fund the final work on the car and its storage in Building 78. Work that remains includes installation of exterior door hardware and windows, mirrors, floor traps, fabrication and installation of some interior molding, window shades, platform area light-



Members of the Model A Club brought their restored cars to help recreate a scene when the No. 25 operated in daily service.



The “business end” of No. 25 shows the attention to detail evident in the restoration of the Motorman’s controls. – Two photos © 2007 Bruce Nall.

ing and wiring, roof wiring, gear covers and some miscellaneous hardware.

sible and to all who came out and shared in the experience of No. 25 rolling down the rails at the Denver Federal Center.

Thanks to all who made this event pos-

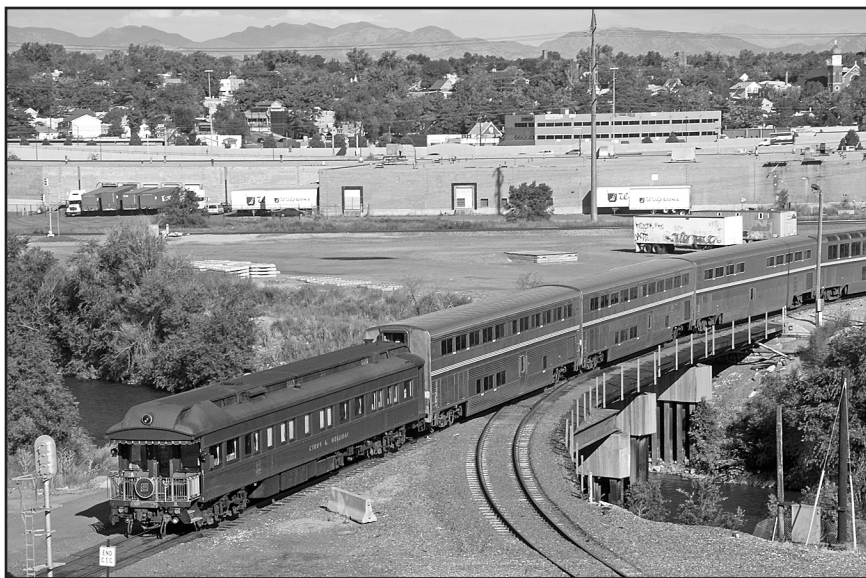


The Potash Local moves down the Colorado River canyon west of Arches National Park in Utah on former Rio Grande trackage near Moab on 8-17-07.



After several years of rebuilding, D&RGW 346, sporting a new green boiler jacket, is tested at the Colorado Railroad Museum on 8-24-07.

– Two photos © 2007 Dave Schaaf.



Former Soo Line business car 25, now privately owned and named CYRUS K HOLLIDAY, arrived in Denver from California on Amtrak train 6 on 8-18-07 for an overnight stay at Denver Union Station. Amtrak 6 arrived early that evening. The car was left on track one readily available for the trip west Sunday morning on the westbound California Zephyr, train 5. CYRUS K HOLLIDAY crossed the South Platte River Bridge in Denver on 8-19-07 for a daylight journey over the Colorado Rockies. The train departed about 50-minutes late. The car is based in San Diego, California.



Private varnish CYRUS K HOLLIDAY passed Union Pacific distributed power unit on an eastbound coal train near Federal Boulevard 8-29-07. Car made a weekend trip to Denver on Amtrak's close to the timetable operating California Zephyrs. –Two photos © 2007 by Chip.



Former D&RGW engine 315 sits under its tent in Durango's Santa Rita Park where it is being restored by the Durango Railroad Historical Society. Built by Baldwin in 1895 for the Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad it was later acquired by the Denver & Rio Grande and served as the yard engine in Durango for several years. — Two photos © Neal Reich

D&RGW 315 Restoration

By Neal Reich and George Niederauer

After over six years of work, the Durango Railroad Historical Society completed restoration of the 1895 D&RGW locomotive 315, Class C-18. The 315 was restored to the look and operating configuration of 1940, with historical faithfulness and high standards of quality work. This locomotive has not operated in 58 years and has undergone major rebuilding of all systems.

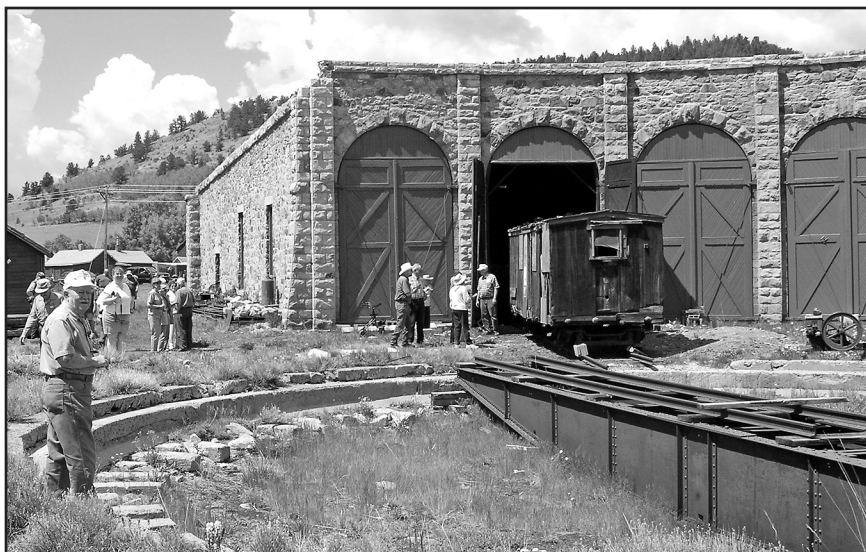
DRGW 315 was moved by highway to the Durango rail yard in mid-August to



D&RGW engine 315's tender sits outside the tent used to protect the engine during the restoration

start test runs.

Trains Unlimited, Tours plans to operate a Durango to Silverton round trip using No. 315 as power.



South Park Adventure participants look over an original DSP&P boxcar in front of the Como Roundhouse. – Photo © 2007 Bob Wilson.

South Park Adventure Summer Field Trip

By Pat Mauro

The first summer field trip of the Park County Historical Society (PCHS) was combined with the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club on June 16, 2007. Nearly 50 people enjoyed a lovely morning tour of historic locations along the Denver South Park & Pacific narrow gauge route from Bailey to Como. Beginning at McGraw Park in Bailey, the group inspected the old Colorado and Southern (C&S) caboose there as well as the Glen Isle way station that was moved to the park.

Next the field trip proceeded to Kenosha Pass to view the reconstructed wye switch and interpretive historic markers showing old photos of stations, track routes and trains. At Jefferson we all thanked the Maverick Real Estate for allowing the group to tour the Jefferson Depot that now functions as the realty office. We also inspected the former site

of the old Jefferson Station Water Tank (now just a pile of old wood).

At the Como Roundhouse we were treated to many railroad relics and a photographic display of DSP&P / C&S railroad history. The group then had the pleasure of rolling old Boxcar 608 out of the roundhouse to inspect and photograph. The original boxcar built by Litchfield in 1879 finally made it back to Como in 2006 thanks to the donation by Gary Rosenberg. After its 25-year use as DSP&P-C&S rolling stock, Boxcar 608 began its long alternate use: 16 years as a storage shed and then 83 years as a summer cabin. Old boxcars rarely die they are just rolled away. We are happy to see it back on the line, so to speak.

Watch for news of the next field trip to see more Colorado railroad history.

Trains Unlimited, Tours 2007 Tentative Trip Schedule

Discounts on tours are available to Club members.

Just provide your Rocky Mountain Railroad Club membership number.

For TUT information call 1-800-359-4870

or visit our Club web page at: www.trainsunlimitedtours.com/rmrrc/

September 21	Rio Grande La Veta Pass II
September 26-28	Rio Grande Durango Rail Adventure
October 6-14	New England Fall Colors
October 12-17	New Zealand Steam Spectacular
October 13-18	Rocky Mountain Express

Oct. 26 - Nov. 10	Great Argentinian Rail Adventure
November 8-15	Mexican Copper Canyon Rail Adventure

Tentative Early 2008 Trip Schedule The complete 2008 trip schedule is available

February 16-18	Snowflake Express
March 15	Yosemite Express
April 12	Domes Down The Valley

Colorado Railroad Museum

2007 Scheduled

Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

http://www.crrm.org/train_trips.htm

Day With Thomas	September 15-16, 21-23
Trick-or-Treat Train	October 27
Santa Claus Special	December 1 - 2

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, telephone 303-279-4591.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS

2007 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

Friday, September 21, 2007: Dinner meeting at Rossi's Catering. *Selling the Dream... Television Advertising and Toy Trains*. Take a fond look back at another era when Lionel led the way in promoting the idea of the All American Family at play. Chapter vice-president Gerry Lemmons leads this tour down the tracks of his early, and somewhat remote, youth.

The dinner meeting is \$14 per person. Reservations only, no drop-ins. No-shows are billed by the Chapter. Call the Chapter office (303-298-0377). All reservations and any cancellations must be made by Noon, Friday, the day of the program. If you must call Rossi's (303-296-1144), please make sure they take your name along with the number in your party. The cash bar opens at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, program at 8:00. If you are not joining us for dinner, but want to see the program, you should arrive by 7:45 PM.

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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.

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