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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

Annual Meeting

Goose Fest at the Colorado Railroad

Museum and Norfolk Southern display of Heritage Units

Presented by Nathan Holmes and Nathan Zachman

December 11th, 2012 • 7:30 PM

Over the summer of 2012 Nathan Holmes and Nathan Zachman were able to attend a couple very rare events. The December show will feature their best photographs from both events.

In mid June the Colorado Railroad Museum held Goosefest, six of the seven ex-Rio Grande Southern Motor Cars “Galloping Geese” were gathered for the event.

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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.**

RMRRC 2013 Calendar

January 8th Meeting and Program, “The Santa Fe Railroad over Raton Pass” presented by Dave Gross.

February 12th Meeting and Program, “History of the Ski Train” presented by Steve Patterson.

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.

Goose Fest at the Colorado Railroad Museum



Rio Grande Southern Geese at dawn during “Goose Fest” at the Colorado Railroad Museum on June 17, 2012. – Photo © 2012 Bruce Nall.



Rio Grande Southern Goose 5 backing off the turntable during “Goose Fest” at the Colorado Railroad Museum on June 16, 2012. – Photo © 2012 Bruce Nall.

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The only missing Goose was the Number 3 from Knott’s Berry Farm in Southern California. Folks who purchased a special rail pass were able to attend night photo sessions and ride in the cab of any Goose plus other great activities.

Norfolk Southern display of Heritage Units

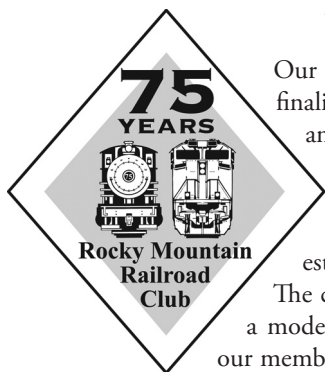


Norfolk Southern honored many of their predecessor railroads in 2012, its 30th anniversary year, by painting 20 new locomotives in commemorative schemes that reflect the heritage of those predecessors. 10 new GE ES44AC's and 10 new EMD SD70ACe's were used for the Heritage Fleet and will operate on NS Coal Trains. Several locomotives have passed through Colorado on their way to Montana, here waiting at West Brush. – Photo © 2012 Karl Rethwisch.



Norfolk Southern (NS) 8104 in the Lehigh Valley scheme with BNSF 6198 were on the BNSF's Lincoln, Nebraska, to Laurel, Montana, train H LINLAU1 15. The train was held at East Calhoun, for two BNSF coal empties on the Brush Subdivision on July 16, 2012. – Photo © 2012 Karl Rethwisch.

Over the 4th of July Holiday the Norfolk Southern Railroad held a 30th Anniversary event in Spencer, North Carolina, to present all of their brand new "Heritage" Locomotives. The railroad painted 20 brand new locomotives in special "Heritage" schemes to include railroads that were merged into the Norfolk Southern Railroad. This event would be the only time all 20 Heritage Locomotives would be at the same spot at the same time.



75th Anniversary Committee

Our thanks to Hugh and Mary Sue Alexander for finalizing the Club's 75th Anniversary logo seen here and on your recent membership invoice. Based on input from members of the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee and the Board of Directors, this design reflects our Club's interest in railroading aspects, from steam to diesel. The classic outline of a Consolidation sitting next to a modern, high-horsepower diesel reflects a portion of our membership's interests. This diamond shape is another way of conveying 75 years of celebration, a remarkable achievement for an all volunteer organization.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

It would have been difficult, if not impossible, to design a logo that might encompass all the varied interests of our members. From photography, to writing, to traveling, our members enjoy many railroad topics, ranging from narrow gauge and mainline, to electric traction, model railroading and foreign power. We are a diverse group of enthusiasts. In some ways, this anniversary marks a transition as many of our older members who recall the golden years of this Club are unable to participate or are no longer with us.

The Internet has opened portals to information that in the past was only available at face-to-face gatherings or by reading extensively researched books on treasured subjects. Photos once only seen in screen-projected film images are now abundant through searches of the Internet. We still enjoy our monthly meetings but is it time to ask ourselves, what do we do next to ensure our collective knowledge is not lost to future generations?

Mainline rail excursions are difficult to arrange and steam power is becoming rare. We all wish we could bring back trips behind locomotives such as UP's No. 9000, Great Western's No. 90, C&S's No. 909, D&RGW's No. 3618, D&IM's Car No. 25 or RGS's No. 74. Thankfully, we live in a state still known for its narrow gauge steam railroading, but even that is something that should not be taken for granted.

Perhaps 2013 will become a year for reflection and visioning. As we plan next year's events, we are doing so with the realization that our world is considerably different than it was in 1938 or the 1950s and 1960s when the Club was known for its unique trips and remarkable published histories.

Communication today is dominated by electronic media as opposed to celluloid film and printed words. We need to adapt our historical perspective in ways that take advantage of modern

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methods of information exchange. We need to consider ways to attract people whose lives have been transformed by iPads, smart phones, Facebook, YouTube and other social media. We need to reform our historical interests in ways to be relevant to both current members and potential members.

It won't be easy, but we are serious

about changing some of our practices to reach out to another generation of Club members who might see us (in the future) to be as visionary as were the Charter members 75 years ago.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at dave@dcgoss.com or call me at 303-693-9933.

Renewal Season for the 75th Anniversary of the RMRRC Is Here Membership Renewals Are Due By December 31st

Next year is the 75th anniversary of the club and time for our every five year publication of the membership roster. This publication is given only to members. It provides a reference for members to contact each other.

This year the club sent a renewal invoice to each member in a separate mailing. Some households will receive more than one renewal. Each renewal form has spaces provided to correct any errors about your contact information. Many members have changed their phone numbers as well as their e-mail addresses, if you have one, in the last five years. In some households each member has a different mobile phone number.

The membership year is January 1st

through December 31st of each year. There will be no increase in dues for 2013. To maintain membership in RMRRC, your dues for the upcoming year should be paid by December 31st. Multimember households should return each membership form, but a single payment for the household is desired.

The club would greatly appreciate if all of our members renew by the end of year. We do allow for a month grace period in January. The re-sequencing of seniority numbers is performed the first weekend in February.

Membership cards will be mailed out with the March Rail Report. Your membership card will be in the envelope.

Notice Of Annual Meetings

The annual meetings of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 7:30 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. These meetings are called for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors for both organizations. At these meetings the Club or Foundation may conduct any other business as may properly come before these meetings.

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CLEAR BOARD! The brains and the hoghead have compared time; the cartoads have taken down the blue flags; the air has been tested, and the bell is ringing. ALL ABOARD, and we're off on our first run. As we steam out of the station for the first time, we may seem somewhat jerkwater in our dimensions, but we ask your indulgence, good passengers, and beg to remind you that we hope we'll be able to fill up a few more coaches next trip. Who knows? We might even need a helper engine.

Scanning Historical Newsletters

At the October meeting, the Board decided it was time to scan into electronic format (as PDF files) back issues of the Rail Report. Nathan Holmes has agreed to head up this project and will begin by scanning the oldest issues first. Although it was not until 1966 that the Rail Report took its name, the Club has issued newsletters since 1938, albeit sporadically in the 1940s and 1950s. For that reason, we are asking any Club members that might have newsletters dating from 1940 or 1950 to contact Dave Goss (303-693-9933 or dave@dcgoss.com) or Nathan Holmes (maverick@drwgw.net) to see if we have a copy of the same newsletter that you have.

We believe we have a complete set of newsletters, but in the 1950s, in particular, many of the Club's activities were publicized by individual letters announcing events, rather than by a single newsletter. Additionally, we do not have a complete set of the postcards that members were sent as meeting reminders in those days. If you would be willing to donate or loan us any of these items for the scanning project, we would be most appreciative. Once the scanning is complete, the newsletters will be available to download on the Club / Foundation website. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

A Call For Nominations For Officers And Directors For The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and The Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

The election of all officers and three directors will be during the annual meetings of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 7:30 PM, at Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. Although all the current officers and directors have agreed to serve another term, we will accept nominations from the floor.

Any member wanting to volunteer or nominate another member for either an officer or director position should contact the nominating committee, Andy Dell or Nathan Holmes.

Trip Report – Greeley Freight Station Museum

By Dave Goss

On a beautiful Saturday morning, more than a dozen Club members were treated to a behind the scenes tour of the Oregon, California and Eastern Railway Company in Greeley, Colorado. This scale model railroad is simply amazing. If you've had a chance to visit the San Diego Model Railroad Museum in Balboa Park or the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, you have seen some world class exhibits.

The O, C & E in Greeley is every bit as noteworthy, but much closer to home. This 5,500 square foot HO scale railroad operates much like a full scale railroad, with dispatchers, yard masters, engineers and train orders.

Measuring over 23 scale miles of track, the volunteers can operate 10 to 12 trains simultaneously through spectacular scenery and many towns and cities of Oregon. The ship Edmund Fitzgerald receives ore at a dock in Coos Bay and freight and passenger trains behind Southern Pacific, D&RGW, Northern Pacific and other western lines traverse terrain that reminds one of John Allen's Gorre & Daphetid. The volunteers who operate this layout (built by Greeley business man David Trussell and managed by Michelle Kempema) are friendly; love



On November 17, 2012, Club members enjoyed a tour of the Oregon, California, and Eastern, a 5,000 square foot HO scale layout located at the Greeley Freight Station Museum. The railroad represents a fictional route through the Pacific Northwest with a 20.53 scale mile main line.

– Photo © 2012 Nathan Holmes.

to talk about their operations and willing share their information to anyone who asks. It is difficult to put in words the remarkable buildings and countless details that give life to this railroad as if it were real. Smoke from a forest fire and a burning building is accentuated by the flashing light of fire trucks and smoldering embers.

We thank Michelle, David and the volunteers who gave us this experience and also thank them for the donation of Museum passes for the last two years used as banquet door prizes. If you think this is just another big layout, you are underestimating what is truly an outstanding model railroad and museum, comparable to anything one might find at the Smithsonian or other internationally acclaimed museum.

Camelback Season



Central Rail Road of New Jersey, #292, a 0-8-0. So you want to drive a camelback?
Camelback's wide fireboxes restricted driver visibility to the rear.
– Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



Central Rail Road of New Jersey #592, a 4-4-2 fast passenger camelback engine.
Note the railing along the firebox for fireman access.
– Photo, Tom Klinger collection.

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Central Rail Road of New Jersey #788, a 4-6-0 camelback on a passenger train. The wide firebox was needed to burn the region's anthracite coal.
– Photo, Tom Klinger Collection.



Central Rail Road of New Jersey #20, a 0-6-0 camelback switcher. The fireman froze and the engineer roasted. – Photo, Tom Klinger collection.

Camelback locomotives were also known as a Mother Hubbard or center-cab locomotives because the cab was placed near the middle of the boiler.

Union Pacific 844 Travels South

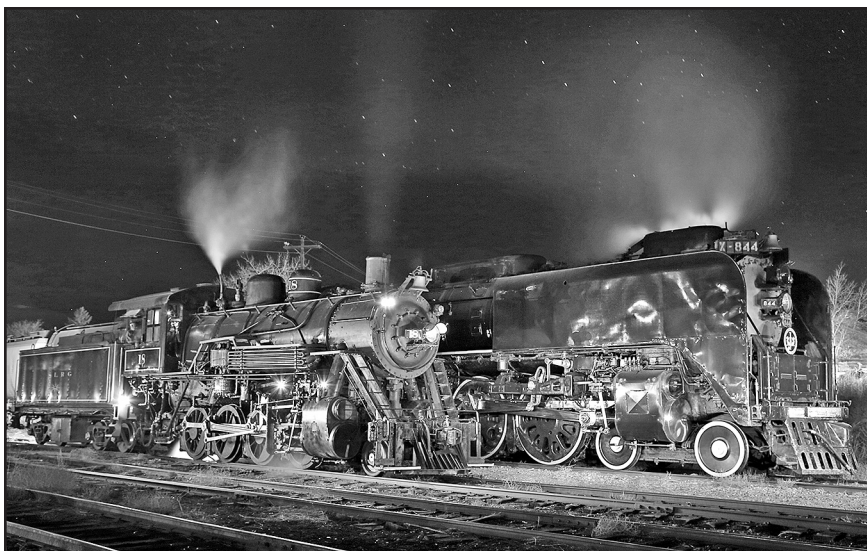


The Union Pacific 4-8-4 #844 shoving back into the Pueblo Yard on November 5, 2012. – Photo © 2012 Karl Rethwisch.



Union Pacific 4-8-4 #844 shoving past the Pueblo Union Depot on November 5, 2012. – Photo © 2012 Karl Rethwisch.

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A rare event on Sunday, November 4th, 2012. The Union Pacific 4-8-4 #844 laid overnight in Walsenburg, Colorado, and the San Luis & Rio Grande sent their steam engine over from Alamosa to pose next to the 844 in the ex-Rio Grande Yard. – Photo © 2012 Nathan Zachman.



UP 844 and 7947 were backing onto Pig Ramp Two at Utah Junction north of Denver at dusk on November 7, 2012. UP 844 had covered some 15,000 miles in 2012 celebrating Union Pacific's legacy – 150 years! Next day it ran north to Cheyenne, Wyoming, for a well deserved rest. Congratulations to UP 844's crew – great job! – Photo © 2012 by Chip.

Union Pacific 844 Travels South



Union Pacific 844 pauses in front of the ex-Rio Grande Station in Walsenburg, Colorado, while a switch was lined for the UP 150 Anniversary train to back from the BNSF main line into the Rio Grande Yard on the west end of town. Many years have passed since the last time a steam locomotive plied these rails.

– Photo © 2012 Nathan Zachman.

Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation Mission Statement

In the last two months, the Board of Directors has been reviewing the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation's mission and functions. We looked at the original bylaws and held a brainstorming session where several members (Jim Ehernberger, Jean Gross and John Dillavou) joined in discussions. As a result, we have revised slightly the Mission Statement, which is presented below in draft form. If any member would like to offer comments or suggestions, please just let a Board member know your thoughts.

1. To promote and encourage public interest in railroad history and the impact of railroads upon the Rocky Mountain region.
2. To support the preservation of historical railroad artifacts for restoration, exhibition and/or operation.
3. To cooperate in the public education efforts of organizations with a complementary interest in the Foundation's mission.
4. To develop written and video materials relevant to railroad history to be distributed to other organizations or the public for educational purposes.

Current Railroad Events



Southern Pacific 4449 operated on the BNSF round trip from Portland, Oregon, to Bend, Oregon, in late October. On Sunday, October 20th, the train crossed a large steel bridge over Willow Creek west of Madras, Oregon.

– Photo © 2012 Nathan Zachman.

Information For The Rail Enthusiast

By Dave Schaaf

As of November, Pullman Rail Journeys has begun offering first-class sleeper service attached to Amtrak trains between Chicago and New Orleans. As a subsidiary of Iowa Pacific Holdings, these cars are in the orange and brown colors of the former Illinois Central. IPH is owner of the largest number of original Pullmans, with approximately 70 cars in various stages of restoration and service use out of only 500 known Pullman cars. On occasion, they have been seen moving through Colorado to the shop facility in Alamosa on the San Luis & Rio Grande. On the web at www.travelpullman.com

Tourist Railway Association and the Association of Railway Museums have voted to merge. After years of talks, the group will be called the Association of Tourist Railroads and Railway Museums.

We had reported earlier this year that the Reno Fun Train would cease to run. With new agreements, the gambling and snow trains will mark their 50th anniversary in 2013.

White Pass & Yukon in Alaska has decided not to resume freight service next year, which had been considered.

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BNSF has acquired the agricultural Nebraska Northeastern Railway, which owns 120 miles of track.

The suspension of production at the New Elk coal mine near Trinidad, Colo-

rado will extend until markets improve.

The Dunsmuir Railroad Museum in California recently acquired pre-1957 archives of the Southern Pacific Shasta Division.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2012 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

Santa Claus Special
December 8, 15, 16, 22

Galloping Goose Rides
December 1, 29

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

2012 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

The Intermountain Chapter takes December Off

The Next Event Is The
15th Annual Jeffco Train Show
Saturday, January 5, 2013
at the
Jefferson County Fairgrounds

The annual modal railroading and memorabilia extravaganza will be held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall in Golden, Colorado, at 15200 W. 6th Avenue. This is a one day event.

Early-bird access to vendors:

From 7:15 AM to 9:00 AM. Admission is \$10 and good for all day.

Public Show Time:

From 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission: \$5.00 per adult; \$1.00 children 5 thru 12; under 5 free; \$10.00 Family Maximum.

There will be door prizes.

The Snack Bar will be open for breakfast with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and donuts! Hot lunch and snacks also will be available!

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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.

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Newsletter contributions and items for publication should be sent to:

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