



# RAIL REPORT

December 2019

No. 710

**Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation**

## **Annual Business Meeting and Programs**

December 10, 2019 • 7:30 PM

### **An Interview With Cornelius Hauck**

Presented By Rich Luckin

*An Interview With Cornelius Hauck* recalls the early days of the railroad museum in Alamosa, as well as the relocation to Golden. To celebrate the Colorado Railroad Museum's 60th anniversary, Rich Luckin went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to interview Corney, the co-founder of the museum. Corney shares some little known facts about the early years of the museum.

### **2019 Railroad Photos**

Presented By Dave Schaaf

Dave will present some recent railroad photographs.

Please join us for an enjoyable, educational evening at Christ Church at 2950 South University Boulevard (University Boulevard at Bates Avenue) where there is plenty of off street parking at the rear of the complex. 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 2019 Calendar**

January 14, 2020: Monthly meeting and program, "Recent Railroad Photos" presented by Alex Funderburg.

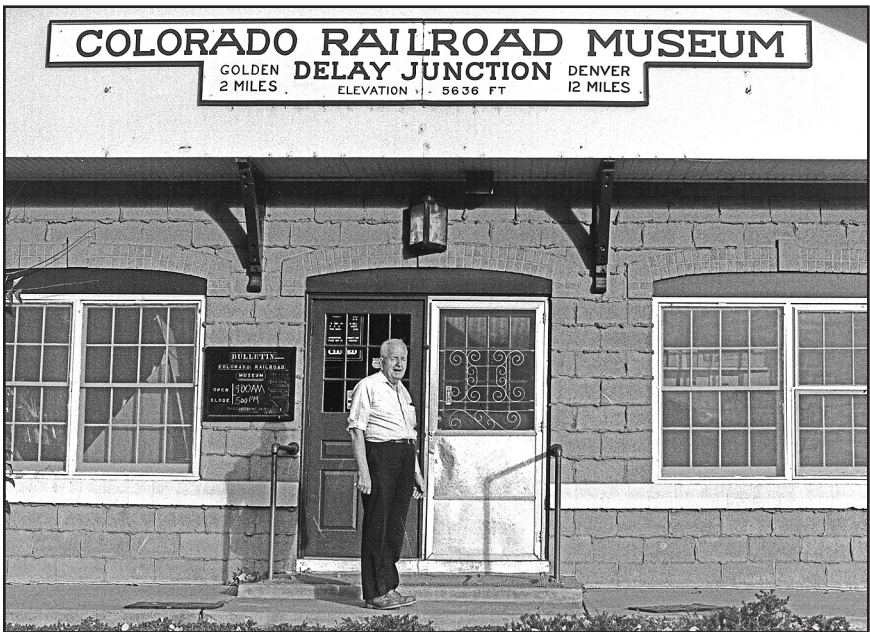
February 11, 2020: Monthly meeting and program, "Morris Abbott's Rail Rambles 1936-1955" presented by Bill Jones.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, programs and dates are subject to change without notice. Please contact Dave Schaaf with program ideas at [ds5280@comcast.net](mailto:ds5280@comcast.net) or 303 988-3456.

## An Interview With Cornelius Hauck



Robert (Bob) Richardson (left) and Cornelius Hauck at the Colorado RR Museum.



One museum co-founder, Robert (Bob) Richardson, shown here at the museum in Golden. Rich Luckin went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to interview the other co-founder of the museum.

For Rail Report 710, the masthead features Western Maryland engine 710 at Port Covington, Maryland, on April 26, 1947.

— Photo from the Tom Klinger Collection.

## 2019 Railroad Photos



On April 5, I happened upon this GP30, a former Rio Grande unit. It was working on the Cimarron Valley RR, passing the abandoned carbon black plant a few miles northwest of Satanta, Kansas. – Photo © 2019 Dave Schaaf.



On August 20, 2019, Union Pacific had a special train ready to move west on the Moffat Line. The lead unit was UP 1943, a tribute unit to military veterans. – Photo © 2019 Dave Schaaf.





The little church in Lake City on Denny's model Lake City and Ouray Railroad.  
– Photo © 2019 Denny Leonard.

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The little church in Lake City is starting to show its Christmas glow and soon snow will accent the eaves.

Our banquet was well attended and those present heard a presentation led by Vice President and General Manager Jeff Johnson of the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Paul Conner and Mike Ramsey joined Jeff in sharing their experiences starting with the 1981 Charles Bradshaw purchase of the Silverton branch of the D & RGW. Starting with rejoining 473 and its drivers, revenue service slowly resumed. Soon the D&SNG became known and the schedule quickly expanded. Future trips will be interesting as diesels and an oil burning K37, #493 will provide other motive power options. If there is interest, a trip next year to Durango could

include a private visit and tour of the entire roundhouse facility as well as a trip on “The Silverton Train.”

This year saw some great programs and trip a trip to Como to ride the first train this year. We participated in the train show in March at the Mart to advertise the club and support railroad history. We also visited Backshop Enterprises to see Westinghouse air brake compressor rebuilding. Thanks to our Vice President Dave Schaaf and our board this year for good programs and good guidance.

I personally appreciate the opportunity to serve the club this year and thank all for the many contributions of time and material.

Our organization has helped pre-



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serve the history of Colorado railroads and continues to by our yearly grants. There are many worthy projects for the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Historical Foundation to consider. Grants soon will be requested so they can be considered this spring. Please consider year end giving to the historical foundation. It is tax deductible.

Oh, and please pay dues by the end of the year to protect your seniority numbering and so we can run the club. You will note with your dues notice that dues are the same as last year!

It is good to again remind our membership that at our December meeting

we will vote for four officers and three board members for the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation to serve for 2020 year. Nominations will be made by our nominations committee headed by Nathan Holmes and also may be made from the floor. Please attend to vote and enjoy good short programs, cookies and Christmas greetings.

I appreciate your opinions and knowledge, please feel free to contact me by email at [denny@amerm.com](mailto:denny@amerm.com) or on my cell, 303-809-9430.

Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2020 to all.

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### Thanks To Annual Banquet Door Prize Donors

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad	
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### Decommissioned Cars From The Manitou And Pikes Peak Cog Railway Find New Homes

Car #14 from the Manitou Springs Cog Railway is being placed behind the depot at Bergstrom Park in Woodland Park on appropriate rails and ties. Intended to be a tourist attraction, the railway car is the latest project led by the

Downtown Development Authority.

Another car was donated to Manitou Springs and a third retired car is expected to become part of the new downtown Colorado Springs soccer stadium.

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### 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 10, 2019, 7:30 PM at Christ 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.

## Month Two of the Renewal Process

The renewal invoices were sent out last month. If you cannot find yours please contact us by sending an email to [rails@rockymtnrrclub.org](mailto:rails@rockymtnrrclub.org) and request a replacement which will be sent to you. If you do not use digital media you can sent us a request for a new invoice to the club post box at:

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club  
Membership  
PO Box 2391  
Denver, CO 80201-2391.

Each renewal form has spaces provided to correct any errors with your contact information. This includes the spelling of your names and addresses. Members if you have an email account please make sure we have the correct information. We use an email notification service.

On the home page of our club web site, [www.rockymtnrrclub.org](http://www.rockymtnrrclub.org) you may renew electronically. Click on the highlighted **Renew Now** and fill in the information requested. Payment is by

Master Card and Visa only when using the renewal page.

The membership year is January 1st through December 31st of each year. There will be no increase in dues for 2020. To maintain membership in RMRRRC, 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 week in February. If you wish to keep your seniority, please make sure have renewed by then.

Membership cards will be mailed out to each household in the first half of March.

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## Nominating Committee Report

By Nathan Holmes

As the year comes to a close, it once again is time to think about leadership candidates for the Club and Foundation for 2020. The election will be held at the annual business meeting in December.

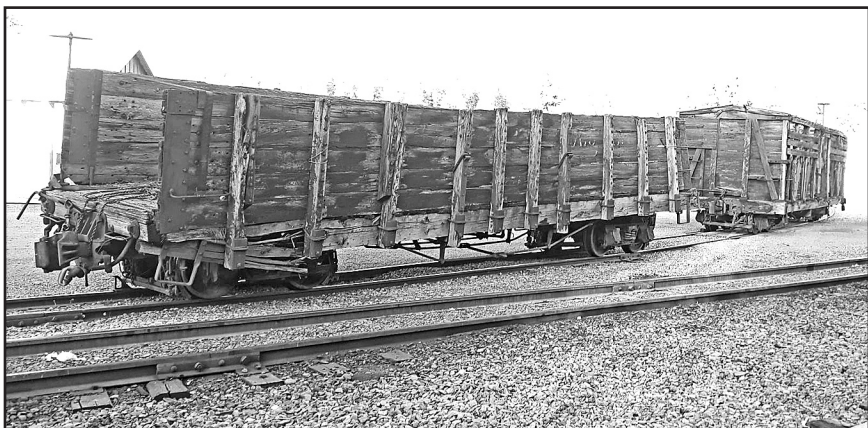
We would like to thank all of those, officers and board members, completing their term for their service this year. That includes officers Denny Leonard, President; Dave Schaaf, Vice President; Andy Dell, Secretary; and Keith Jensen,

Treasurer. In addition, board members Debbie MacDonald, Nathan Holmes, and Pat Mauro are completing their 2-year term this year.

The Nominating Committee has asked each of them, and all are willing to serve again if elected. Thus, the Committee proposes a slate of candidates consisting of the above for the same position they held this year.



“Rider” gondola 1754 with the Club drumhead on the Club’s May 31,1947, excursion over the Rio Grande Southern.



Gondola 1754 at Rockwood on the D&SNG before relocation to Como.

## D&RGW Highside “Rider” Gondola 1754

By Jason Midyette

D&RGW highside gondola 1754 was recently relocated to Como. It was the rider gondola used on the Club’s May 1947 excursion over the Rio Grande Southern.

The original plan was to use the car as a parts source, but after finding out its history the new plan is to try to find a way to restore the 1754 to its May 1947 appearance.





The George M Pullman car at Turner, Kansas, on September 12, 1964.  
– Photo © 1964 Joe McMillan.

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## Pullman: America's Hotel on Wheels

Rich Luckin received news that his current film project has been funded. Called *Pullman: America's Hotel on Wheels*, this PBS-style documentary will be produced for Kalmbach Media under the banner of *Classic Trains* magazine.

For the last several months, Rich has been busy conducting interviews with the expectation that the program would be funded. The people interviewed are: Peter A. Hansen, editor of *Railroad History*; Michael Davis, passenger train expert; John Hankey, historian; John White Jr., retired, Smithsonian; William Howes, retired CSX; Alan Bliss, Executive Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society; Marc Magliari, Amtrak; and Robert West, railroad artist.

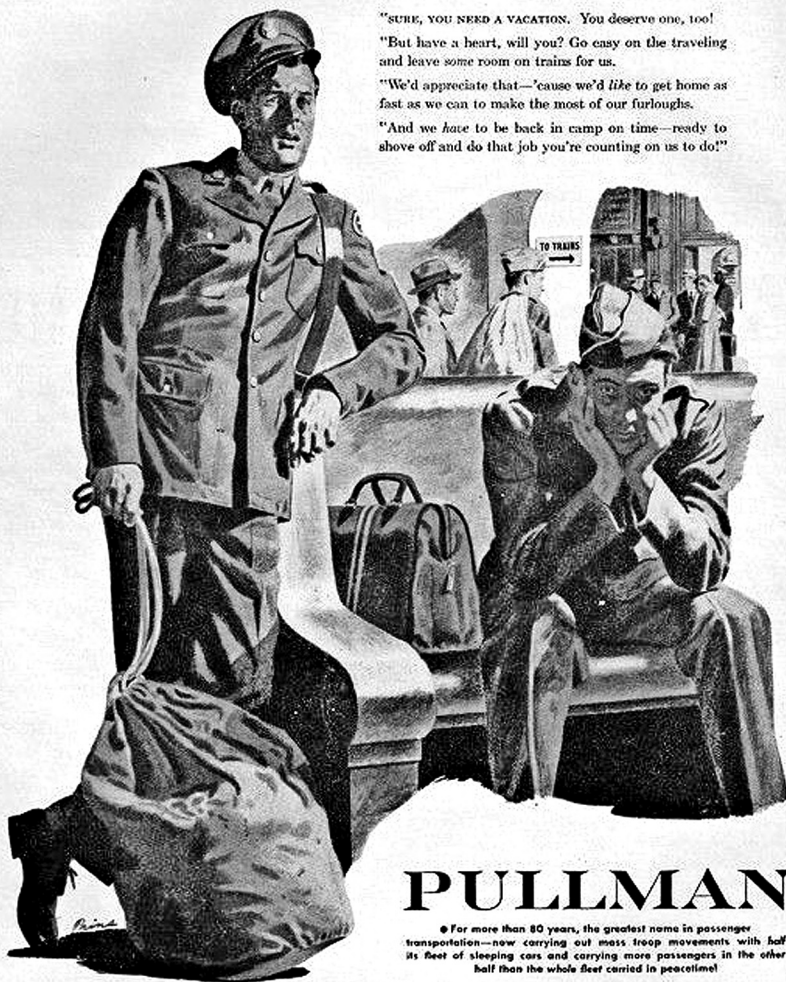
The video will cover the inception of

the Pullman railroad passenger car, the peak of travel by rail in the 1920s when 100,000 Americans bedded down each night nationwide on a Pullman sleeper. It will also tell the story of founder George M. Pullman and his controversial planned city in the Chicago suburbs.

The video will focus on the lives, challenges, and opportunities of Pullman porters, a mostly African-American workforce, and their struggles which led to the creation of the U.S. civil rights movement under A. Phillip Randolph. More than a railroad story, Pullman the video will combine transportation and social history.

You can contact Rich Luckin at: [r.luckin@centurylink.net](mailto:r.luckin@centurylink.net) or 303-748-3877 with ideas and support.

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During World War II, most troops were moved around the country by train. Standard passenger service and passenger cars were used where possible, making it difficult for other passengers to find space.





## The Ridgway Railroad Museum's Gathering Of The Flock



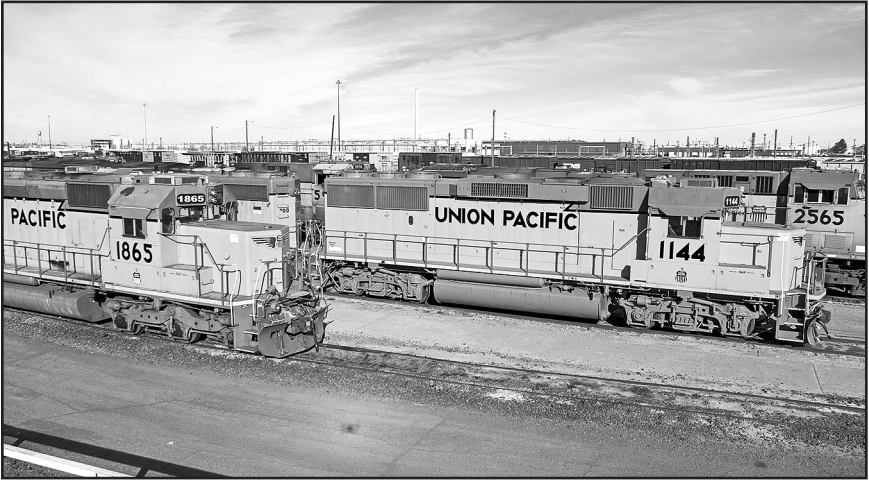
Galloping Goose #4, running and carrying riders. Authentic RGS geese 4, 5, and 6, as well as recreations of RGS Motor 1 and RGS Inspection car 1 operated over the weekend of October 12 and 13, 2019. – Photo © 2019 Jim Pettengill.



Work Motor #6, from the Colorado Railroad Museum, was running and carrying riders over the weekend of October 12 and 13, 2019. – Photo © 2019 Jim Pettengill.



## Current Railroad News



UP's Jenks Shops at North Little Rock, Arkansas, released refurbished UP 1144, GP60E ex-Cotton Belt 9737, in October 2019. The 1144 arrived Denver about November 10, 2019. Freshly painted 1144 joined the North Yard assigned locomotives where it was parked November 17, 2019. At left is UP 1865, SD40-2, used by the South Lead switch job DV32. – Photo © 2019 by Chip.



Workers installed new switches at Denver Stockyards on November 13, 2019. Denver Rock Island RR (DRIR) will shift to new trackage in 2020 and abandon the National Western Drive and Platte River tracks as part of the National Western Complex redevelopment project. The new track alignment begins at National Western Drive/Franklin Street and Race Court intersection.

– Photo © 2019 by Chip.

## Denver RTD's N Line



Denver RTD's 13-mile N Line underwent testing with commuter cars 4039 (left) and 4065 at Eastlake – 124th Station in Thornton, Colorado, on November 15, 2019. – Photo © 2019 by Chip.

The Regional Transportation District's commuter rail line through the northern suburbs, the N Line, will likely open in May or August of 2020, rather than the first quarter of 2020 as previously planned.

The currently funded 13-mile section is an electrified commuter rail line from Denver Union Station to the Eastlake – 124th Station in Thornton. When construction and testing are complete, RRP will turn over the line to RTD for operation. Construction of key elements is still underway by Regional Rail Partners, with extensive testing also required, and RTD must follow mandated labor scheduling windows when new services like the N Line open. May or August of 2020 would be the first months available to coordinate service change needs with the N Line.

A September 6, 2019, incident on the overhead equipment that supplies electricity to vehicles interrupted testing and prompted a full review of the system. That assessment has been completed, and testing has resumed.

RTD officials said they understand that riders in the communities north of Denver are eager to see rail service begin, after recent agency openings of the G Line to the northwest suburbs and an extension of the E, F and R Lines through Lone Tree.

While trains are running on the line for testing, construction continues on station platforms, Park-n-Rides and other support systems.

– Information courtesy Denver RTD.

## Events in Railroad History: Santa Fe Engineers in Open Revolt

*Denver Post*, March 30, 1900

Contributed by Dan Edwards

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There was an incipient rebellion in the Seventh street yards of the Colorado & Southern this morning. Two Santa Fe engineers refused to obey new instructions issued to engine crews and left their locomotives snorting in a lonesome, indignant manner after a refusal to take them to the shops at Fortieth street.

General Superintendent Dyer has been asked to settle the difference. In talking of the matter this morning he said: "The only trouble is with the Santa Fe engineers. The engineers of the C&S have been taking their engines to the shops for years, and we have asked the Santa Fe engineers to do the same thing. When the track-age agreement [between Denver and Pueblo] went into operation between the two roads, it was my plan to have the men of the Santa Fe follow the Colorado & Southern custom, but Mr. Dunaway said no, hostlers would be furnished." There has recently been issued an order dispensing with that accommodating genius, the locomotive hostler. The men running the Santa Fe engines into the Colorado & Southern yards decided to kick, after a meeting. They claim that under an agreement between the Santa Fe and its employees, a fireman is not required to throw switches, and hostlers take charge of locomotives when they are received at terminal points in the city, subject to superintendent's orders especially

covering that part of the work. Heretofore engineers have taken their locomotives to the union depot or, if on freight trains, to the Seventh street yards and then left them. Hostlers immediately took charge, taking them to the shops on Fortieth street.

Now, the engineers claim, the hostlers have been withdrawn, a pilot boards the cab to teach each engineer the way to the shops until he can find the tracks himself, and the fireman must attend to the switches. Under the present arrangement, the engineer cannot make his way unless the fireman acts as switchman, and the firemen's complaint is that this is a violation of the agreement on the company's part.

The men state that other roads use the hostler. The Union Pacific engineers, before they leave their cabs at the depot, don a white shirt and collar and either meet their wives in the depot or take a car to their homes, their responsibility having ceased.

General Superintendent Dyer is arranging to meet the committee of employees representing the request of the men for new schedules. The schedules have been drawn up and are ready for consideration by the general superintendent. The changes proposed are far-reaching.



*In Remembrance*  
**Ardie J. Schoeninger**

Ardie Schoeninger passed away on September 2, 2019. He served as Club and Foundation treasurer for many years and was Chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration. He was a 44 year member joining the club in 1972. Due to Alzheimer's, his last active year with the club was 2015 at which time he held seniority number 78.

**Colorado Railroad Museum 2019 Special Events**

**Friday Tours**

December 13 – Railroad Post Office Cars

Each Friday, enjoy an hour of exploring a different aspect of Colorado's railroad history. Each tour covers a specific theme and focus. Friday Tour Tickets are \$3 each plus General Admission. Tickets are available for purchase at the door, no reservations required.

**Santa at the Station**

December 21 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

(Santa will take a short lunch break around noon)

Santa is making a special stop at the Colorado Railroad Museum to pose for photos with visitors. Tickets are available for purchase at the door, no reservations required.

**Winter Wonderlands: Scenes from Howard Fogg's Holiday Cards**

November 2, 2019 to January 4, 2020

Acclaimed railroad artist Howard Fogg produced a large body of work over his lifetime. Leanin' Tree Publishers used many of them to produce holiday cards for the public. Railroad modelers have chosen three of Fogg's cards from the museum's collection to produce three dimensional dioramas inspired by the scene depicted. They still inspire today!

Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 kids (2-17), \$8 seniors. Museum Members, active military personnel and Children under 2 are free.

For information call 303-279-4591 or visit <http://www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org>

**Colorado Railroad Museum Admission**

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.

**Intermountain Chapter, NRHS Events**

For information call 303-883-2435 or see <http://www.cozx.com/nrhs>.

Dinner Meeting at Red Lobster, 4455 Wadsworth Boulevard, Wheat Ridge, Colorado

The Program is *Como Railroad History*, a recorded presentation by Bob Schoppe detailing the history and resurrection of the Como railyard right up to July, 2019.

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### **Club and Foundation Officers**

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### **Club and Foundation Directors**

Nathan Holmes, Ron Keiser, Pat Mauro,  
Debbie MacDonald, Steve Subber, Michael Tinetti.

### **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. New members who join in-person at a meeting will be given a free copy of the Club history book

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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