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Polish Steam Trains In The Spring

Presented by Dave Gross

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April will feature a program of the Polish narrow gauge lines and standard gauge Polish steam trains in the spring. It will be shown from a DVD and presented in Blu-ray and High Definition.

There is only one place in the world where non-tourist steam powered passenger

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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 2012 Calendar

May 8th	Meeting and Program, "Standard Gauge Steam of Cuba."
June 12th	Meeting and Program.
September 24 & 25	Cumbres & Toltec Narrow Gauge Fall Photo Charter Trip.
September 27 & 28	Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Fall Photo Charter Trip.

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.



A typical Polish steam train featured in April's program. – Photo © Dave Gross.

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trains still run in regular service – that is in Wolszyn, Poland. You will be able to see trains stop and depart at stations, then race through the countryside trailing great plumes of smoke. Come see the roundhouse full of steam locomotives and then a look at the trolleys on the city streets of Pozan.

Additional sequences are visits to five narrow gauge lines of three different gauges with sturdy little locos rambling through the rural farmland. We think you will enjoy these steam train adventures.

In Remembrance Frederick Bauer

Frederick Bauer, a 50 year member of the club from Dearborn, Michigan, holding membership number 61 passed away on 8/6/2011.

Fred was an avid railroad aficionado. He was the co-author of a full-length book, *The Moffat Road*, a history of Colorado mountain railroading, which won an award from the American Association of State and Local History. Fred's collection of forty railroad drumheads is on display in the Frederick Bauer Drumhead Gallery at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, Wisconsin. One of Fred's happiest days was spent as a guest engineer on the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad.

75th Anniversary Committee

The 75th Anniversary Planning Team (John Dillavou, Dan Edwards, Ron Kaminen, Dave Rasmussen and Ardie Schoeninger) will be meeting with the Board of Directors on May 21st to brainstorm ideas for next's year's Diamond (or Gold) celebration. A number of ideas have been suggested including several rail excursions within Colorado (Rio Grande Scenic Railroad, San Luis and Rio Grande, Union Pacific behind E-units, etc.) as well as commemorative events and memorabilia. Nothing has been decided and the purpose of the brainstorming will be to bring ideas up, sort out their practicality and then to assign tasks to individuals to gather more detailed information. We are still looking for volunteers and your suggestions so if you are interested, just contact one of the Board members.

Watch for 75th anniversary updates here.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

Where in the United States today can you see a pair of 2-10-2 double-heading revenue freight? In Iowa! Club members were treated to an excellent presentation at the Club's March meeting by Nathan Holmes and Keith Jensen of the two Chinese built QJ class steam locomotives. These two engines are on the roster of the Iowa Interstate Railroad (a subsidiary of Rail Development Corporation) along with 22 GP-38-2s, one GP-38, 8 SD-38s, a pair of slugs and 14 GE ES44ACs. The QJ's have no trouble bringing back memories of main-line steam operations with their elephant-ear smoke lifters and Americanized features. Keith's videos captured the superb sound of these locomotives working through Iowa on the former Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific lines. More rail fan information on the railroad can be found at <http://www.iaisrailfans.org>

Early in March, the Club received a call from long-time member Al Knicklebine. Al had decided to part with his

collection of railroad books and memorabilia and asked the Club for assistance. He wanted the Club to facilitate his gift to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation in support of Car 25. A Board member met with Al in his Pueblo home and picked up his donation and took it to Denver. The Foundation will be working with the City of Lakewood to explore ways to use Al's donation as part of an auction to raise funds for the continued preservation of Car 25 and the construction of a facility at Oak Street Station. Al's generosity has prompted several others to look at their own collection to see if there might be similar opportunities to donate items they have in support of an auction. If you are interested in this idea, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Board for information.

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



UP 7464 led track inspection car EC-4 southbound on the Joint Line for Leap Day. Location is north of Colorado Springs on February 29, 2012.

– Photo © 2012 Dave Schaaf.

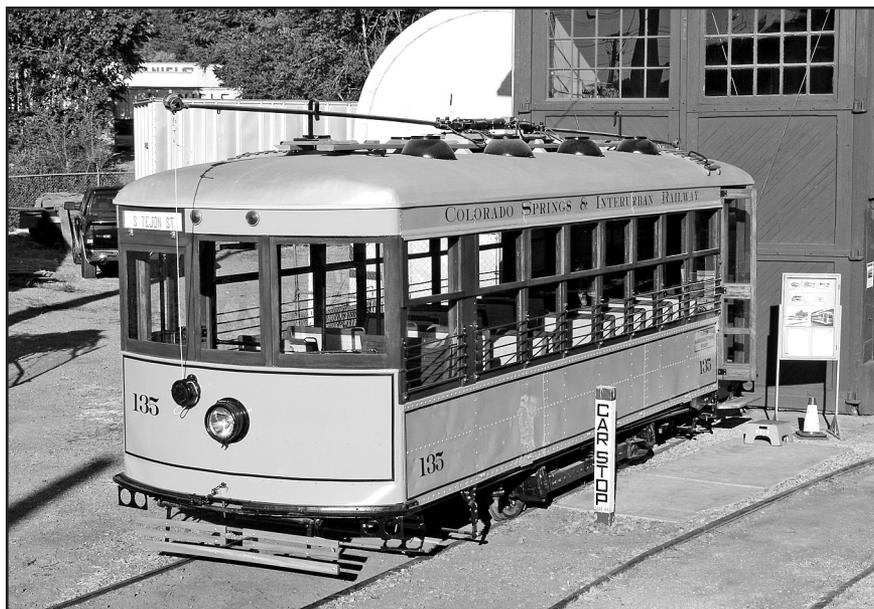
Travel To Club Events

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Board is considering possible events for Club members to attend. These include attractions like the Georgetown Loop Railway in the mountains and the Greeley Depot Museum in Greeley. One continuing question concerns how the members would like to reach outlying sites like these. In the past the Club has provided a bus to take participants to some events at an added cost. On other occasions ticket-holders use private cars, either individually or as car pools, to reach the event.

With present concerns about fuel costs, the Board is trying to decide which approach would be the best general policy to follow at this time when planning such trips. We would appreciate members letting us know which policy would best meet their needs. Please contact a Board member or Club officer to let us know, or drop us a line at the Club's Post Office Box: 2391, Denver, CO 80201-2391. E-mail suggestions can be sent to the Club secretary: sherman@atdenver.com.

In Remembrance Donald R Morgan

Donald R Morgan, a 52 year member of the club from Littleton holding membership number 38, passed away on 9/18/2011.



Former Fort Collins Municipal Railway “Birney” car No. 22 outside the Pikes Peak Historical Street Railway shops. – Photo courtesy of the Pikes Peak Historical Street Railway Foundation.

Fort Collins Municipal Railway “Birney” car No. 22 Update

By Gregory C. Roberts, Secretary to the Board & Restoration Shop Manager

In 1995, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club leased former Ft. Collins Municipal Railway “Birney” car No. 22 to the Pikes Peak Historical Street Railway Foundation for restoration and eventual operation on the streets of Colorado Springs. Due to their generosity and that of numerous donors the car now nears completion of that work. Eventually the RMRRC sold the car to the Colorado Springs group in recognition of their efforts.

Being the last Birney type car of over 6,000 built to operate in revenue service in North America and the last streetcar to operate in such service in Colorado, it is a rare vehicle. Since the last Birney

car to operate in the Springs was Colorado Springs & Interurban Railway No. 134, in accordance with typical railroad practice the car has been repainted and renumbered as CS&IR No. 135.

In recognition of its origins and the historical significance of the Birney design on street railway transport, the car has been placed on the National Historic Register as Fort Collins Municipal Railway No. 22 / Colorado Springs & Interurban No. 135. Our thanks to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club for having preserved this artifact for so many years and their enabling us and others to move it back towards eventual operation once again.

Midland Terminal Photo Gallery



A trim Midland Terminal engine #59 at Cripple Creek on February 6, 1949. Note some club members behind the rock on the far left of the photo.
–Bob Andrews Photo, Tom Klinger Collection



Midland Terminal #59, with its full consist, was photographed near Woodland Park on February 6, 1949. – Bob Andrews Photo, Tom Klinger Collection.

Midland Terminal Photo Gallery



The Club's drum head at Cripple Creek on the Colorado Midland #111 on February 6, 1949. This trip was made 11 years after the first RMRRRC meeting. CM #111 is now at the Colorado Railroad Museum.

– Bob Andrews Photo, Tom Klinger collection.

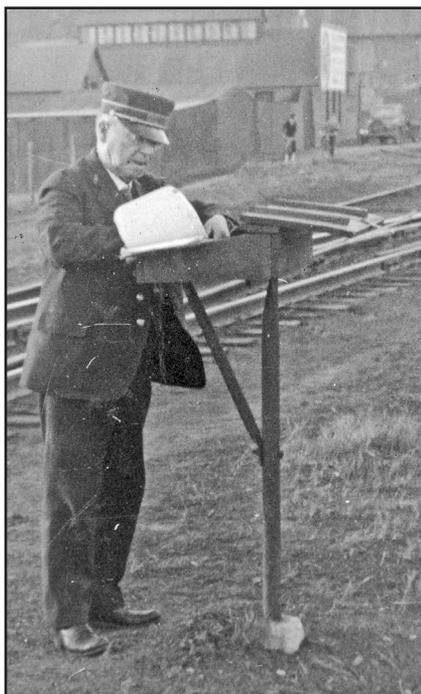


Midland Terminal #59, on the RMRRRC trip of February 6, 1949, is crossing the Manitou viaduct on the last run to Cripple Creek.

– Bob Andrews Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



Last Stop



Last Registry

South Park Junction
April 10, 1937

The Colorado and Southern Railroad Company Train No. 71

By Jim Ehernberger

75 years ago this month, on April 10, 1937, the last narrow gauge passenger train operated over the Colorado & Southern Railway between Leadville and Denver. A number of future club members were passengers on board this final trip.

An unknown photographer snapped these views at South Park Junction, located 2.17 miles from Union Station and assembled a photo folder. The first view, "Last Stop," shows the fireman leaning from the cab window of engine number 9, waiting for the Conductor to

The Colorado and Southern Railroad Company Train No. 71



Thru Last Switch

give them a proceed signal.

A train register was located at this junction, and Conductor St. John is signing that book, to indicate that this superior train had arrived. It is titled "Last Registry."

Leaving the junction for Union Station train No. 71 passes through the Last Switch as noted on the photo folder. Walker Edwards, father of current club

members Herb and Dan, and later a charter member, appears to be standing on the steps on the far side of the coach.

The time table scheduled arrival time is at 4:50 PM.

These views, probably taken with an inexpensive box-type camera, show that the subject matter the photographer recorded is an important part of Colorado railroad history.



Durango and Silverton Engine 486 crossing the Tefft Bridge on February 10, 2012.
– Photo © 2012 by Nathan Zachman. – Photo © 2012 by Nathan Zachman.



Durango and Silverton Flanger OF at MP474.2, "Ah Wilderness" on February 10, 2012. – Photo © 2012 by Nathan Zachman.

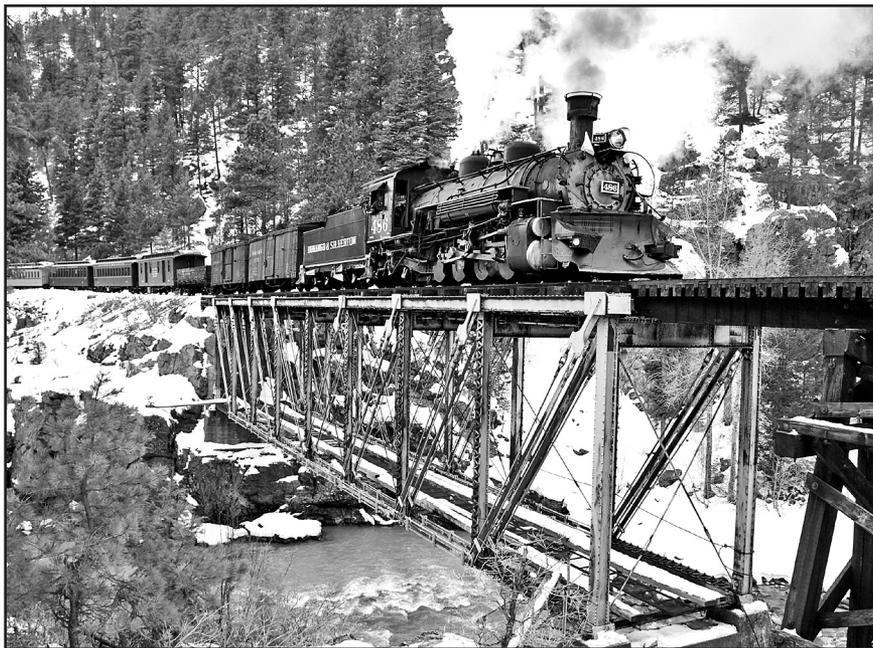
2012 Winter Flanger Special

By Nathan Zachman

On Sunday February 19, 2012, the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Scenic Railroad operated their 2012 Winter Flanger Special. This was the first time that the D&S operated a flanger train for the public. The train was a mixed extra, two boxcars, a drop bottom gon, the RPO "concession" car, three coaches, the flanger and a caboose where the operator for the wings ride.

We left Durango at 7:30 AM and headed up to the High Line Horse for our first runby. From there it was on to the High Bridge. The train was turned at the Cascade Canyon Wye and more runbys were made heading south. It was nice when the snow started to fall and the flanger went to work at the old site of the Ah Wilderness Guest Ranch!

2012 Winter Flanger Special



Durango and Silverton Engine 486 crossing the High Bridge on February 10, 2012.
– Photo © 2012 by Nathan Zachman.



Durango and Silverton Engine 486 at Tacoma on February 10, 2012.
– Photo © 2012 by Nathan Zachman.

Railroad News And Notes



UP 1996, a helper unit to the UP 844 Tour, idles while the 844 is serviced at Kelso, California (Mojave Desert), on November 20, 2011.

– Photo © 2011 Edward Arbuckle.



BNSF 5207 and 622 handled rerouted Denver to Chicago train (Z DENCHI9 24a) via Joint Line at Colorado Springs, CO, February 24, 2012. Reroute prompted by Mississippi River bridge work at Burlington, Iowa. BNSF 5207 South passed northbound BNSF 4455 on the unit wind energy blade train from Corpus Christi, Texas, headed for Pasco, Washington. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.

Railroad News And Notes



The Utah Railway added six helpers about 2/3rds back into the train at Martin Yard near Helper, Utah, on March 14, 2012. Right to left; Utah Railway 5005, MK50-3, 6060, 6062, 6063, 6064, and 6061. Wearing orange were 5005, 6060 and 6064. The 6000-series are SD50S – ex-Hamersley Iron Ore 6060-6064 built in Australia by EMD licensee Clyde Engineering. The train passed Castle Gate climbing Soldier Summit headed for Intermountain Power Project generating station near Lynndyl, Utah. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.



Utah Railways' Gordon Creek Bridge, located nine miles southwest of Helper, Carbon County, was damaged by a fire on July 31, 2005. The Gordon Creek Bridge never returned to service, the fire damaged track still remains, here on March 14, 2012. The line is not used south of Wildcat Loadout. – Photo © 2012 by Chip.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2012 Scheduled

Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

Bunny Express Train	April 7
Dinosaur Train	May 19
Goosefest	June 16, 17
Colorado Wine & Music Train (Fundraising Event)	July 21
Day Out With Thomas	September 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23
Trick or Treat Train	October 27, 28
Santa Claus Special	December 8, 15, 16, 22

Ride The Rails Saturday

April 21,
July 21, August 18,
October 20, November 17

Galloping Goose Rides

April 14, 28,
May 5, 12, 26,
June 2, 9, 23, 30,
July 7, 14, 28,
August 4, 11, 25,
September 1, 29
October 6, 13, November 3, 10, 24,
December 1, 29

2012 SCFD Free Museum Admission Days

Saturday, May 5
(Rides on the Galloping Goose must be purchased separately on SCFD free days)

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.

Colorado Railroad Museum Goosefest News

Knott's Berry Farm in California is sending Galloping Goose No. 3 for Goosefest in June! For the first time in history, all seven of the Galloping Geese will be waddling around the track of the Colorado Railroad Museum on June 16 and 17.

Having the seven Galloping Geese together and operating is an event of both National and International significance to the railfan community. People from around the world have contacted the Museum and are planning to "flock" to this once-in-a-lifetime reunion!

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS

2012 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

Dinner Meeting At Lone Star Steakhouse April 20, 2012

We are pleased to have Kevin Flynn of RTD as our guest speaker to present an update on FasTracks, so please come with your questions, which he may answer during his presentation or afterward.

PLEASE NOTE: Dinner meetings are in the Alamo Room of the Lone Star Steakhouse at 7450 W. 52nd Avenue, Arvada (exit north on Wadsworth off I-70). Reservations are STILL necessary, so call the office (303-298-0377) EARLY in the week, or by Noon on Thursday, before the program. **Change in following times:** dinner will be from **5:30 to 7:00 PM**. The evening's **program begins at 7:30 PM** and should end around 9:00 PM. Supporting our guest speakers also supports your Intermountain Chapter. Because Lone Star provides us with a private room without charge or set-up fees, we have guaranteed them that each attendee will spend a minimum of \$10.00 in the purchase of food and/or drink, excluding the 18% automatic gratuity.

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Membership Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Board Meetings

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

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