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Trolley, The Cars That Built Denver

Presented by Bruce Vincent

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This will be a combined presentation of an historic DVD on trolleys interspersed with then and now photos of Denver in the days of the Denver Tramway Company and what that site looks like now.

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

April 9th	Meeting and Program, "Farewell to the Apache Railroad" presented by Chip Sherman.
April 20th	Excursion, Inaugural trip on the RTD West Rail Line.
May 11th	Saturday Movie, "Ticket to Tomahawk" with popcorn in Barnes Hall.
May	Motor Car Excursion, Wagon Wheel Gap line.
June 11th	Meeting and Program, "Denver's Union Station" presented by Jim Havey.
June	Tour of Como, Colorado, and the King Mine.
October 12th	Annual Banquet Luncheon at the Denver Chop House.

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.

Trolley, The Cars That Built Denver



At 6th and Downing in Denver, work is underway on the joint Harman – Washington Park line on April 27, 1907. The track at the lower left goes to Downing Street and the crew is working on 6th Avenue.
– Gilbert Davis Photo, Colorado Railroad Museum collection.

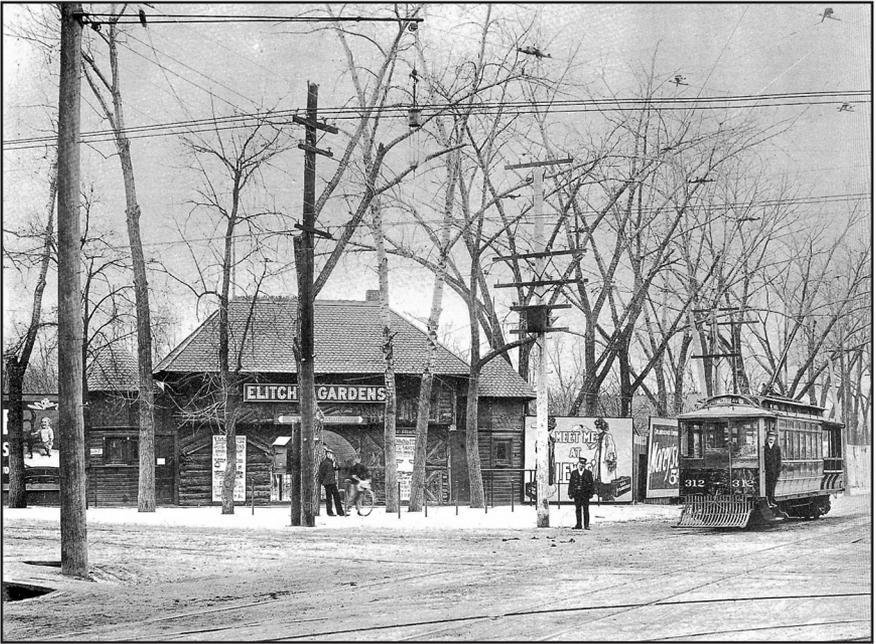


6th and Downing in Denver as it is today. – Photo © 2013 Bruce Vincent.

75th Anniversary Masthead Photo Notes

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, we will be featuring railroad equipment numbered 75 or with 75 in the number. This month features a Bob Andrews view of Denver Tramway #75 from the Tom Klinger collection.

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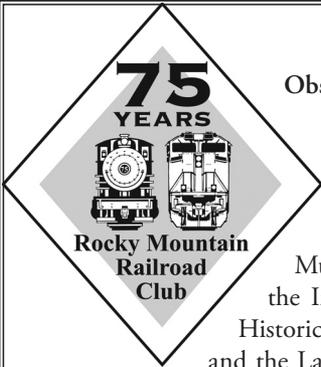
Streetcar 312 is on West 38th before crossing Tennyson Street on the West 38th Avenue Line by the original Elitch's Zoological & Floral Gardens main gate location at 38th and Tennyson Street in Denver.

– Photo from the James Kunkle collection, Colorado Railroad Museum.



38th and Tennyson Street in Denver as it is today.

– Photo © 2013 Bruce Vincent.



75th Anniversary Events

Observations About The West Rail Line Excursion

As you can see from the enclosed insert, we are jointly planning and sponsoring an excursion on the soon to be opened West Rail Line. The Club, in partnership with the Colorado Railroad Museum, the Denver Tramway Heritage Society, the Intermountain Chapter of the NRHS, the Jeffco Historical Commission, the Lakewood Heritage Center and the Lakewood Heritage, Culture and the Arts Alliance, will host a rail enthusiast's special on Saturday, April 20th. Each of the partners has a role in planning and conducting the trip. I have been most impressed how each partner has agreed to work together with each other in a way that has probably never been tried before. There is a lot of overlap of members between these seven organizations as well as common interests that transcend individual agendas. We've all agreed that any profits from this trip will be shared equally among each group. Perhaps this collaboration will lead to more jointly sponsored events in the future. It only makes sense to combine resources and energy when working on historic preservation and educational outreach.

We will meet at the Jefferson County Government Center at 100 Jefferson Parkway at the west end of the new light rail line. The event will start at 9:00 AM with an historical presentation and other information before riding the train. A light Continental breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:30 AM.

A special website has been set up to order tickets for this event. Go to the Club website www.rockymtnrrclub.org and click on the link to the RTD Excursion on the home page. That will direct you to the website that will take your payments and make your reservations. All trip information will be available on the Club website.

**Tickets will not go on sale until March 15th.
We will close out sales on April 15th or when all tickets are sold.**

All tickets are non-refundable. Each ticket is \$25 and a portion of the proceeds will go to historic preservation for the partner organizations

In Remembrance Glenn Faxon

The club was informed of the loss of Glenn S. Faxon. Glen joined the Club in 1960 and was a 53 year member who held seniority number 37.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

Our thanks to Steve Patterson who provided a most informative and interesting program on the Ski Train, a Denver tradition for 73 years. Combining historic photos and color images, Steve gave a comprehensive presentation that was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, a few members may have missed the Club meeting on February 12th as the church, at the last minute, moved us to the Music Room on the west end of the building. Signage was makeshift and we apologize if you could not find us. We hope that will not happen again.

At a very busy Board meeting on February 18th, a number of upcoming events and activities were approved. Dave Goss and Rich Luckin are assembling a video to commemorate our 75 years, including movie clips from Otto Perry and other historic images. We are planning a unique motor car excursion over Memorial Day weekend at Wagon Wheel Gap and are working with the Cheyenne Depot Museum to join them on a one-way trip from Denver to Cheyenne behind Union Pacific steam on July 21st. We are also planning a special outing in late September on the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad with the potential for rare mileage between Monte Vista and

Center, Colorado. Two driving field trips are being put together over former parts of the Denver, South Park and Pacific and the Florence and Cripple Creek lines. As you can see from the program lineup, we have a number of excellent presentations planned, including a Saturday daytime event in May at the Church to see a special showing of the movie, *Ticket to Tomahawk* featuring Rio Grande Southern locomotive No 20.

Our project for scanning in historical editions of the Rail Report dating back to 1938 is progressing (and complete through 1963). Later this year, we should have almost a complete collection of the Club's newsletters accessible on-line that will be searchable and printable. In the future, we will be adding historic trip flyers, excursion information and other Club memorabilia. I think you will agree, we are busy and hopefully offering Club members some unique experiences during this year's celebration. Several more are in the preliminary planning stages, so stay tuned. Join us if you can for any of these events.

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

From *The Cheyenne State Leader*, Friday, March 7, 1919 (By Associated Press.)

—History Item From Jim Ehernberger

Engineer And Fireman Marvelously Escape

DENVER, March 6. — The engineer and fireman of Denver and Rio Grande train No. 315 westbound escaped miraculously today when the locomotive of the train was swept

from the track by a snow slide to the ice clad Gunnison river 37 feet below. None of the passengers was hurt. The accident occurred in the Black Canyon.

Current Railroad Events – RTD West Rail Line



The west end of the RTD West Rail Line is the Jefferson County Government Center – Golden Station, where our April 20th excursion will start.
– Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.



The RTD West Rail Line Indiana Street / 6th Avenue flyover.
– Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.

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The RTD West Rail Line 6th Avenue bridge.
– Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.

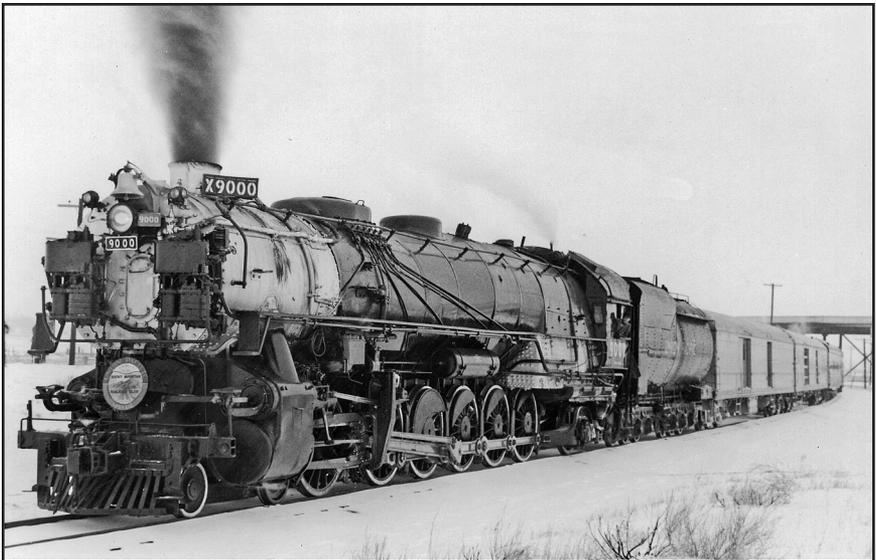


The RTD West Rail Line Lamar Station, a typical W Line Station.
– Photo © 2013 Bruce Nall.

RMRRC March 11, 1956, Trip Photos By Neal Miller

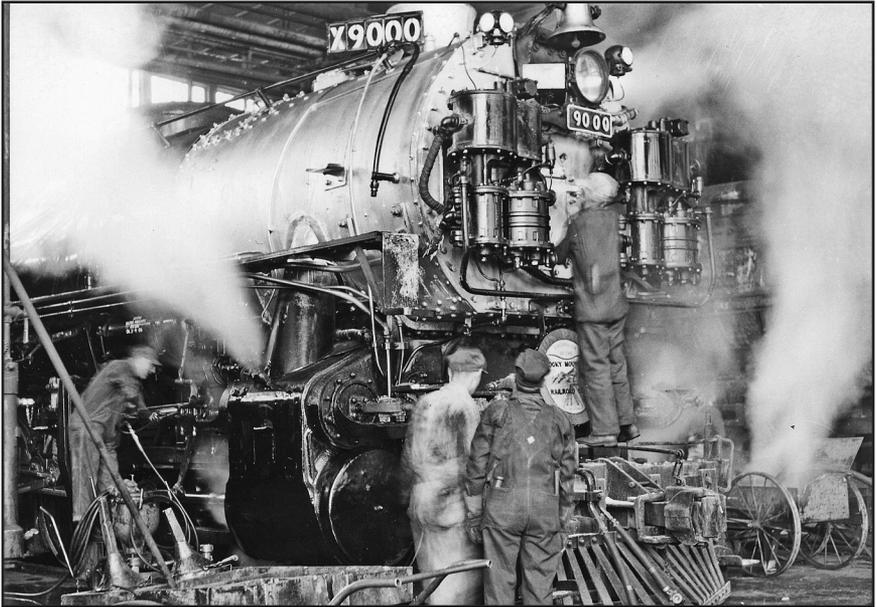


UP 9000 at Denver Union Station before the Denver to Cheyenne round trip excursion. The RMRRC ran their excursion trips in rain, sun or snow. This one was in the snow. – Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



There is always a photo stop on a Club trip. This one was a very, very cold photo stop that tested the mechanics of cameras and the endurance of the members at LaSalle, Colorado. – Photo, Tom Klinger collection.

RMRRRC March 11, 1956, Trip Photos By Neal Miller



Servicing is taking place on UP 9000 in the Cheyenne roundhouse and the weathered club drum head gets a brief respite from the snow.

– Photo, Tom Klinger collection.



Final servicing is being done on the UP 9000 at Cheyenne for the return trip to Denver. What a March excursion that had to have been 57 years ago!

– Photo, Tom Klinger collection.

Current Railroad Events



Rio Grande Scenic (AKA San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad – SLRG) 1100, FP10, made up the 3-car micro-breweries beer train from passenger cars stored in the three track car shop at Alamosa, Colorado, on February 2, 2013. Observation lounge car Calumet Club, SLRG 3378, ex-Illinois Central 3378 were behind SLRG 1100. The passenger cars on this train wore Illinois Central colors (orange, brown with yellow stripe). Passengers departed Alamosa at 10:00 AM, for trip to La Veta, Colorado, and return that day. The car shop was temporarily closed during the winter months. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

75th Anniversary Year Commemorative Membership Cards *Watch For The Special Envelope With Your Commemorative Card*

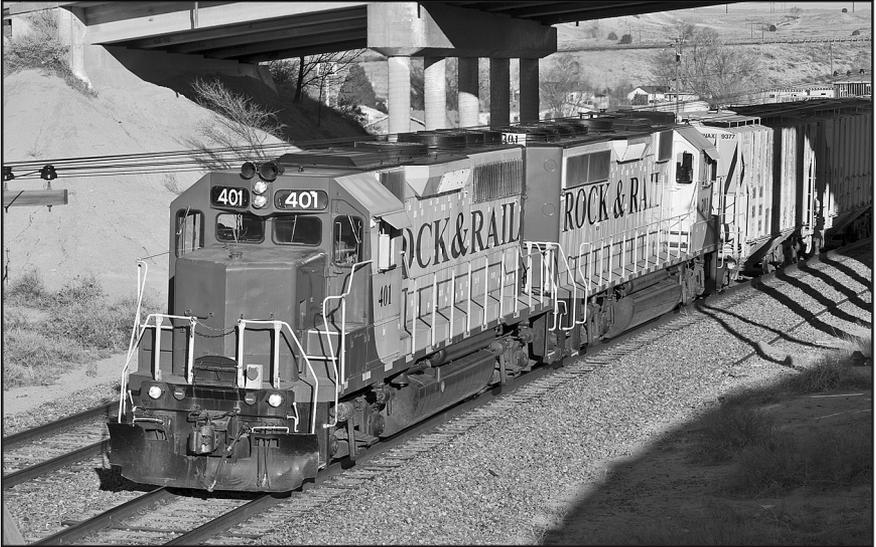
The membership cards for the last three years have been enclosed with the March edition of the *Rail Report*.

This year the membership cards will be sent separately. The 75th Anniversary commemorative membership cards should be mailed around the second week in March. Watch your mail for a standard number 10 business envelope.

Please note that it will not be possible to replace any commemorative cards lost or discarded by accident.

Members whose renewals were not received by the January 31st renewal grace period deadline will receive either a hand completed plastic card or the card stock business card type cards we have used for the last few years.

Current Railroad Events



Rock & Rail 401, GP40 (built by EMD 1968 as Penn Central 3128, later purchased by Denver & Rio Grande RR renumbered 3140) and RRRR 201, GP40-2, rolled east into Pueblo, Colorado, on February 19, 2013 with covered hoppers loaded with cement. Rock & Rail is on duty at Portland, Colorado, before sunrise for early morning runs into Pueblo most weekdays. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.



Union Pacific's Pueblo, Colorado, yard was busy with UP 5901 (right) yarding an empty AZEX coal train as yard job (left) UP 1348, GP40-2, worked cut of cars on February 19, 2013. The Pueblo Yard is slow compared to the days when the Tennessee Pass line was open. UP stores coal trains in yard until coal mines are ready for loading. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

Current Railroad Events



A new Army vehicle, The Oshkosh Defense® FMTV, was delivered by rail from Oshkosh at Kelker, Colorado, on February 1, 2013.

The Oshkosh® Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) stands alone as the get-things-done resource for military operations. Crew-protecting armor and advanced technologies work in concert to provide the capability, versatility, mobility and protection to move troops and supplies, recover vehicles and weapon systems or haul equipment wherever the mission requires. (Information courtesy Oshkosh Defense) – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

The Printed Page Bookshop

The Colorado Railroad Museum now has space at the Printed Page Bookshop, 1416 South Broadway in the heart of Denver's Antique Row. All profits from the sale of their out-of-print railroad books directly benefits the CRRM. A wide variety of titles on many aspects of railroading is always available. This location will be convenient for longtime

CRRM supporters in the south Denver area. Plan to stop there soon!

The Printed Page also features antiquarian books in many other subjects. It is open Monday – Saturday, 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Noon to 5:00 PM on Sunday. Visit the website at www.Printedpagebookshop.com.

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Kyle Railroad 9282, SD40T-2 ex-Southern Pacific, passed Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific RR installed US&S target signal knocked over by Kyle RR at Ruleton, Kansas, on January 27, 2013. Kyle RR management had the signals removed for various reasons. Kyle RR moved an unusually large 100-car train from Goodland, Kansas, to Limon, Colorado, where most cars were interchanged with Union Pacific RR. Kyle RR and other regional lines once owned by RailAmerica came under the Genesee & Wyoming Inc., umbrella as of February 4, 2013. Watch for a Kyle locomotive to wear the distinct Genesee & Wyoming orange and black scheme in coming months. – Photo © 2013 by Chip.

Rio Grande Southern Locomotive No. 20 Restoration Fund Raising Campaign

As you know, the Club purchased Rio Grande Southern locomotive No. 20 in 1952 and later donated it to the Museum which is now in the process of restoring this historic locomotive to operating service. It is a costly task.

The Museum has raised over \$900,000 but the total cost is expected to be closer to \$1.4 million dollars. Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Foundation is offering the members a challenge. The board will match dollar for dollar up

to \$10,000 any donations made by our membership in 2013. All donations are tax deductible and will allow the Museum to continue this important project.

Please use the insert in this *Rail Report* to send in your donation to the Museum which will be recorded toward the matching gift. Additional brochures will be provided at each Club meeting this year. This is a meaningful opportunity to bring to life a true gem of Colorado railroad history.

Colorado Railroad Museum 2013 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

Open Car Saturday	March 16
Bunny Express Train	March 30
Wild West Day	June 22
Dinosaur Express	July 20
Open Car Saturday & Antique Power Day	August 17
Day Out With Thomas	
September 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29	
Trick or Treat Train	October 26, 27
Open Car Saturday	November 16
Santa Claus Special	December 7, 14, 15, 21

Colorado Rails & Cocktails An Evening Of Colorado History

April 19, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Denver Union Station

June 7, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Ghost Towns of the Rockies

August 16, Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Rollins Pass

2013 SCFD Free Museum Admission Days Saturday, May 4

Ride The Rails Saturday

Train rides every Saturday. Catch a ride behind one of the Museum's steam or diesel locomotives in passenger cars from different eras in Colorado railroad history or on the uniquely Colorado Galloping Goose. Rides operate 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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

2013 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

Dinner Meeting and Program at IHOP March 15, 2013

Program: *Tour of the Turbo*. This DVD program is about United Aircraft's Turbo Train that toured America shortly after Amtrak was started. The tour was jointly sponsored by United Aircraft and Amtrak. This particular train was in service on Penn Central between Boston and New York City (on the New Haven) and the same version of the train was used in Canada.

PLEASE NOTE:

Dinner meetings are now at the IHOP, 5280 Wadsworth Bypass (one block north of the old Lone Star) in Arvada. Go to 53rd and turn east, you will be there. Lots of parking and well lit. The meeting room is large. The food is good and priced right. The menu is varied from breakfast, lunch, and dinner items available all day.

CHANGES TO DINNER MEETING PROCESS:

No reservations at the Chapter office for head count required, though IHOP management has been informed to expect 20-25 people, so please plan to attend the program and support the Chapter. When you arrive, tell the IHOP personnel you're with the railroad club.

No minimum dollar amount of food to purchase is required to attend, but please order something. The gratuity will not be pre-added to your dinner check. You'll calculate your own.

Dinner ordering will begin at 5:30 and the program will begin at 7:00. So please arrive accordingly to be served in time to enjoy both your meal and the program.

For more details, please call the chapter office at 303-298-0377.

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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.

Newsletter Contributions

Newsletter contributions and items for publication should be sent to:

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