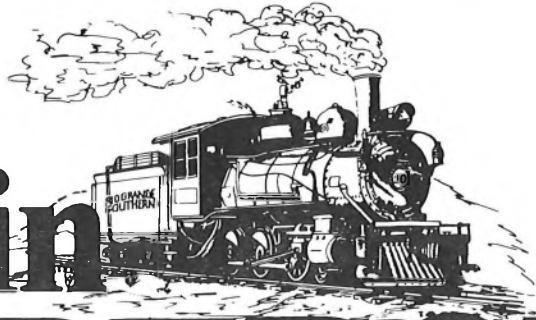


Rocky Mountain RAIL REPORT



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB

MEETING SCHEDULE:

August 11, 1992 -- 7:30 p.m.

Southeast wing of Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University at Bates. Off-street parking at rear (east) of meeting hall. Please use the building's south entrance.

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AUGUST 11 PROGRAM

Club Member, Jim Jones, has researched the Denver and New Orleans Railroad and will present a slide program on the railroad and the communities it served between 1881 and 1936. The D&NO RR was the forerunner of the Colorado and Southern "Falcon Line" through Sullivan, Melvin, Parker, Hill Top, Elizabeth, Elbert, Eastonville and Falcon. Begin with A May, 1882, special train from Union Depot, as the first standard gauge

railroad between Denver and Pueblo, and, learn about why the unlucky railroad had a short life. Few of the physical remnants exist today. Join Jim for a trip to yesterday and maybe a few tips on where you can find traces of the D&NO. (Frank Stapleton)

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JULY PROGRAM

Our thanks to Bryan Bechtold for a very interesting program on Belgium railroading. While there was some unique steam and diesel operations shown, the program was especially orientated to the electric and trolley buff. The vast majority of the Belgium systems has been converted to electric operations and, as Bryan pointed out, has ties to American practices, equipment and builders. While some standard gauge was seen, it was the meter gauge that held the night. The program was well received and, once again, our thanks to Bryan for his time and effort in presenting this wonderful program.

(Jim Trowbridge)

JULY MEETING

In addition to the regular program, Keith Kirby presented a preview of the fall trip to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa for the annual Old Threshers Reunion. At the time of the July meeting, the Club was still short eight or ten folks to run the trip and so those at the July meeting were advised to make a decision about joining the excursion. There may still be seats available by the time this issue of the Rail Report is received by the membership-at-large. Should you be interested in this trip, please contact the Club immediately on its telephone. Al Miller or Keith Kirby will get back to you with all the pertinent information.

FUTURE PROGRAMS FOR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

The experience of building and presenting a program for fellow Club members is a rewarding experience. Based on the input from the QUESTIONNAIRE in the July issue of the Rail Report, as well as those of you who "volunteer" to put on a program, the 1993 program schedule is now being assembled. Anyone interested in being one of the 1993 presenters should contact Frank Stapleton as soon as possible. Frank can be reached at Club meetings, through the Club's post office box or his personal phone number, 988-9347.

NEW MEMBERS

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club wishes to enthusiastically welcome the following new members:

Eldon Jones	Littleton, CO
Walter Weart	Westminster, CO

RE M I N D E R

QUESTIONNAIRE

Have you filled out the Questionnaire that was part of the July newsletter? Have you sent it in? If not, PLEASE take the time to sit down and fill it out!! Your input is very necessary in determining the direction of the Club in the next few years and beyond! We would have liked to have had a large number of these in by August 1st, but do not let that date stop you from assisting your officers and board members in knowing what you want out of YOUR club. Won't you complete the questionnaire today and mail it in?!!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We are always happy to receive information about railroading in the Rocky Mountain region and, very often, as space permits, use other regional data. We encourage our members to participate in the newsletter. Should you have something you wish to share with fellow members, please send it to the attention of the editor, ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL REPORT, 502 South Cody St., Lakewood, Colorado 80226.



COLORADO MIDLAND FIELD TRIP

It's time once again for the RMRRRC's annual field trip along one of Colorado's many abandoned railroad grades, to be held on Saturday, August 22, 1992. This year's trip will pick up where last year's left off, beginning at the town of Divide and following the historic Colorado Midland Railway grade to the summit of Trout Creek Pass.

Highlights of the trip will include Florissant, Lake George, Elevenmile Canyon, Dam, and Reservoir, Hartsel, and the Midland's fabled crossing of the Denver, South Park, and Pacific atop Trout Creek Pass.

The cost of the trip is just \$8.00 per person, which includes a delicious hot lunch provided by the Club's famous Ranniger's Roadbed Commissary and trip handouts. Please fill out the attached coupon and send it along with your remittance (payable to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club) to: Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, c/o Hugh Alexander, Ticket Chairman, 700 S. Elizabeth, Denver, Colorado 80209. PLEASE include a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope along with your order.

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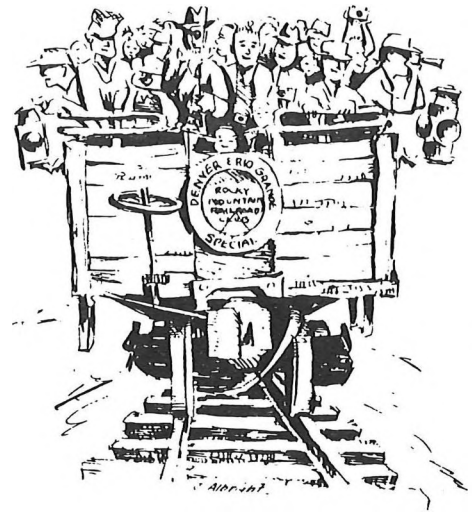
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1992 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- August 11 Regular Monthly Meeting
- August 22* Colorado Midland Field Trip
- September 4-8* Old Threshers Reunion, Mt. Pleasant, IA--AMTRAK
- September 8 Regular Monthly Meeting
- September 26 Photographer's Day: Joint Line to Palmer Lake
- October 24* ANNUAL BANQUET
- November 10 Regular Monthly Meeting
- December 8 ELECTIONS and Regular Monthly Meeting

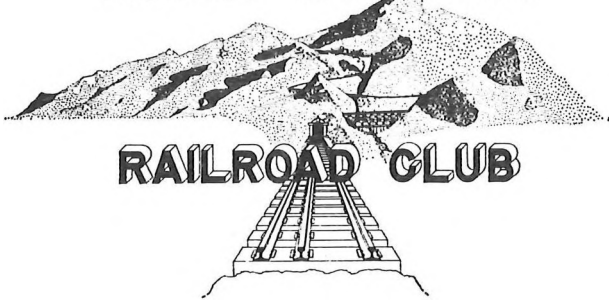
* Please note these changes: The Georgetown/Silver Plume Sojourn is one week later than previously scheduled. The Colorado Midland Field Trip is one week later than previously scheduled. The Mt. Pleasant return is on Tuesday, not Wednesday. The Annual Banquet had to be changed due to a scheduling conflict at the Denver Athletic Club.

SWAP 'N SHOP

Personal ads are accepted from members for items to be listed for SALE or TRADE or WANTED. We cannot enter into any correspondence, nor will we appraise them.

FOR SALE: William Henry Jackson's Rocky Mountain Railroad Album, excellent condition, \$350.00 plus shipping. Jim Bower, 31551 Horseshoe Drive, Evergreen, Colorado 80439. (303) 674-3700.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN



RAILROAD CLUB

ANNUAL BANQUET

You are cordially invited to attend the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club's Annual Banquet on Saturday, October 24, 1992.

This gala event will be held at the Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Place. Cocktails will be available at 6:00 p.m. at a cash bar; Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. with the evening's program following dinner and door prizes.

Free parking is available at the Denver Athletic Club's indoor facility. Entrance is made off 14th Street, between Glenarm Place and Welton. Please mention that you are with the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club should an attendant be stationed at the entrance.

Our Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom. Those attending the Banquet the past few years can attest to the outstanding accomodations!

Dinner will consist of sliced tenderloin of beef with cabernet sauce, and, grilled breast of chicken with fruit chutney; twice baked potato; colorful DAC house salad with assorted dressings; seasonal fresh vegetables; rolls and butter; choice of coffee or tea; and, dessert of brownie fudge moussecake.

A very special program has been arranged for this year's banquet. Entitled "Rio Grande --- Scenic Line of the World," it is a production of Hyrail Productions, publishers of CTC Board--Railroads Illustrated Mark Hemphill and Dale Sanders will provide a last look at the complete Rio Grande

System prior to the recent abandonment of the Denver & Rio Grande Western name in favor of Southern Pacific. As stated, we will look at the entire system, part-by-part, and finish up with a look at the Grande during the four seasons. This program will be worth the price of admission alone!!

The cost of this evening of great food, outstanding entertainment and good conversation with wonderful people is only \$25.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the August meeting or by mail. Please order as soon as possible. We must submit a head count by Wednesday, October 14th. We cannot seat people who arrive without a reservation!!

Send your reservations, along with a check or money order to: ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, c/o Hugh Alexander, Ticket Chairman, 700 So. Elizabeth, Denver, Colorado 80209.

[Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order to reduce the work load for Hugh. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.]

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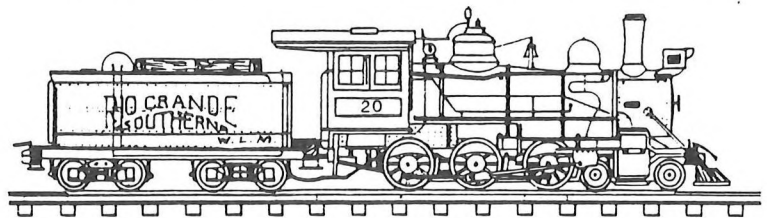
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The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club special train on the Wyoming-Colorado Railroad stops for one its first runbys out of Laramie on Sunday, June 28, 1992. Here we see enthusiastic railfans deboarding and forming the photo line. The bright red FP7 locomotives and clean stainless steel passenger cars made for a colorful consist. (John Holzman Photograph)



REPORT ON THE WYOMING-COLORADO EXCURSION

The Wyoming-Colorado Railroad has been the scene for a number of Rocky Mountain Railroad Club excursions dating back to the steam days in 1956. Our last excursion prior to the June 28, 1992 trip over this line was in 1989 and the Club went all the way to Walden, Colorado from Laramie, Wyo.

The Wyoming-Colorado Railroad still runs a freight operation to Walden and intermediate points, hauling wood chips, coal and CO2 tank car shipments. Today, an aggressive marketing campaign has turned the passenger operation into what seems to be a very thriving tourist railroad from Laramie to Fox Park.

Since our 1989 trip, it is evident that there has been a great improvement in the passenger equipment. It is now all vintage 1938 and 1946 ex-Santa Fe streamlined cars. Two of the cars have been converted to first class parlor cars that give extra fare food service in arm chair comfort for 35 passengers in each car. From the looks on the faces of our passengers, they were thoroughly enjoying the experi-

ence. The other three passenger cars are coach class that seat 70 people in good comfort. For the railfan, three new open gondola cars have been converted to open observation cars for viewing the ever-changing scenery and animal life that abounds along this line. The cars are probably among the best open observation cars seen on a tourist railroad today. Two of these cars were used for our special. The "stars" of the train consist, of course, are the FP7 units, #1510 and #1512, formerly Alaska Railroad engines. The "B" unit was out of service for the time being. A surprise was in store for passengers regarding the horn installation on the road engine on our excursion. Dr. Bob Packer, former board member of the Club, is an expert on and restorer of air horn equipment. Bob installed his Nathan Air Chime M5, 5-chime locomotive horn. These horns were designed and developed to simulate steam locomotive whistles and were used in early generation diesels on passenger runs. Most people on the trip were intrigued by its unique and distinctive sound. In addition, bringing up the rear of this special train was the historic Rocky Mountain Railroad Club tailplate, developed years back by Ed Haley for special excursions of the Club. Today, Darrell Arndt is the custodian of this treasured artifact of the RMRR Club.

In a year when rain has been so prevalent, the weather held out, providing us with sunshine and interesting clouds. The open cars provided us with opportunities to see eagles and antelope up close. A new addition along the right-of-way was a huge spread Texas Longhorn steer that refuses to believe that the train has a right to cross his pasture. He practically had to be nudged by the plow on the front of the locomotive before he left his domain. The cattle ranches from Centennial to Albany offer vistas of great hay meadows and mountain playgrounds.

The most spectacular part of the trip was the great mule shoe curves above Albany. The two-percent grade and 10 to 12-degree curves allows the train to ascend 1,017 feet in ten miles. We had a number of photo runbys in this spectacular location. The runby of the day occurred in the afternoon. A Laramie-bound coal train met us at Fox

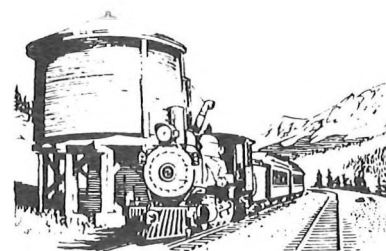
Park, our turnaround destination. Powered by leased Union Pacific locomotives, the train followed our special to the curves. Our conductor, Butch Penno, put together a very rare photo opportunity. The coal train was halted on one of the upper curves while we did a photo runby about three levels lower with the RMRRC special in the foreground and the UP engine and train way up the mountain in the background. A rare scene such as this would be difficult to duplicate. It must be mentioned, however, that the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club is well known for its great photo stops!! This had to be one of a kind. A big thanks is due to the Wyoming-Colorado operating crew.

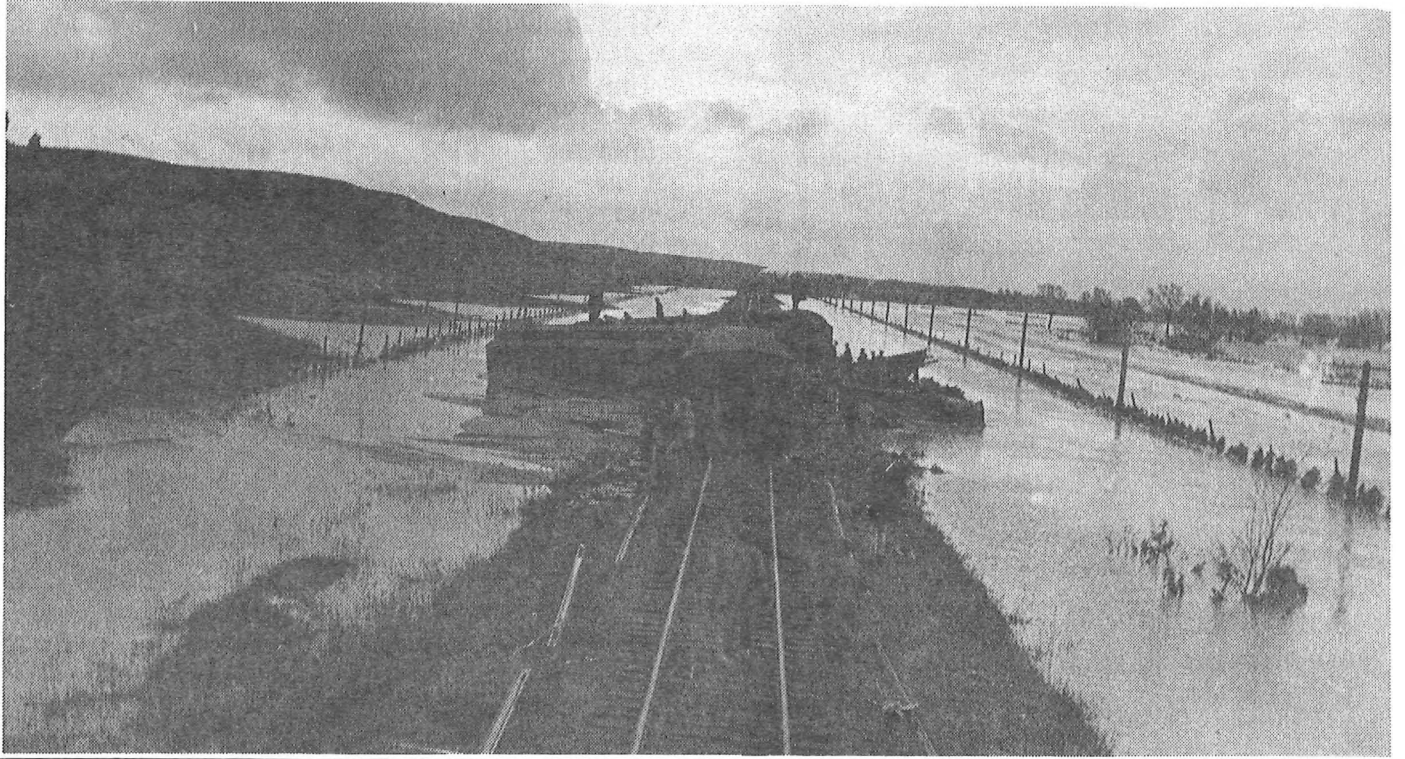
It should not go unsaid about the on-board crew headed up by Bob "Handlebars" Johnson for their fine service and warm and friendly manner with the passengers. Many of them exclaimed that working a special train such as this was a "blast!"

The Club also wants to thank RMRRC crew as well. This crew included: Joe Priselac, Pete West, Roger Callender, Jim Ehernberger, Bud Lehrer, Bill Gould and Bryan Gould.

We should also mention that many of our passengers were people attending the Union Pacific Historical Society's National Convention in Cheyenne. It was a pleasure to have them be a part of this special excursion.

As we headed back into Laramie after a long 108-mile trip, everyone agreed that it had been a fun trip on a railroad that boasts great scenery and vintage equipment on a standard gauge mountain line. We hope that the Wyoming-Colorado Railroad will continue to be on our list of Rocky Mountain Railroad Club special excursions in future years. (Bud Lehrer)

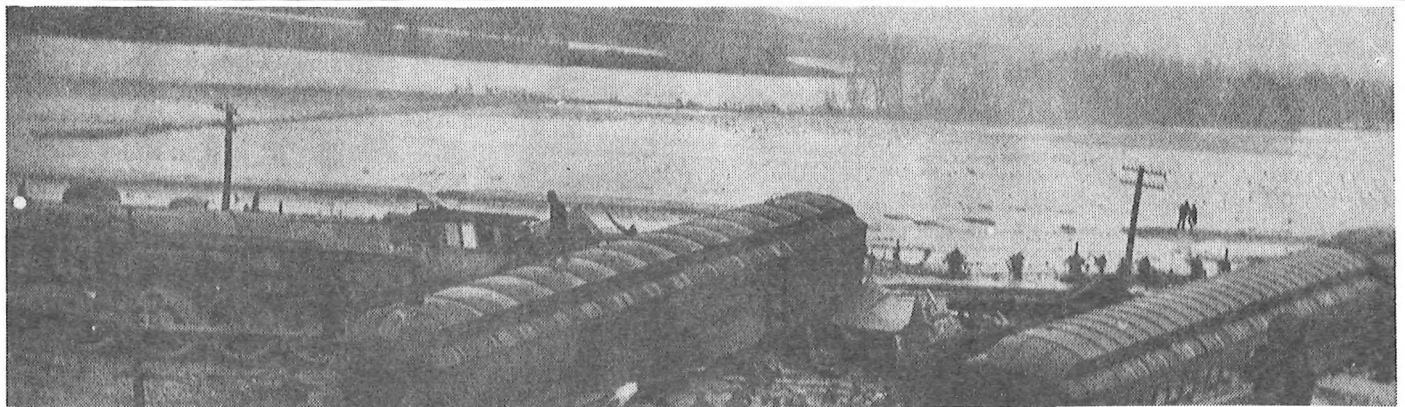


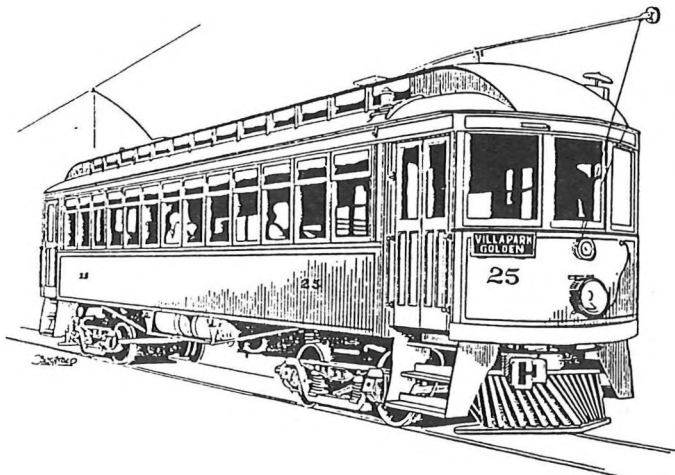


**CAN YOU IDENTIFY?—
MEMBERS' HELP REQUESTED**

The two photographs on this page were submitted by Bob Griswold with a request for

any information Club members might have. The two views of the same wreck are purported to be on the Burlington, northeast of Denver in the 1930's. Can you help to identify the scene and shed some light on the wreck?





PROJECT "25" RAFFLE

Caboose Hobbies of Denver has graciously donated a Bachmann G-Scale Streetcar (\$100 suggested retail value) to the Club with a raffle in mind to provide additional funds to the Club's Interurban #25 project. The Club has budgeted close to \$50,000 of its funds to this project, but costs continue to rise and every additional contribution is welcomed.

The Bachmann trolley (Walther's #160J93939) is the "closed streetcar" version and is painted and lettered for the "United Traction Company." This car is a beauty and can be used as a conversation piece, desk or mantle decoration as well as an operating railroad vehicle.

Chances are \$1.00 each. You may enter as many times as you wish, using the coupons provided or photo copies or similar sized sheets of paper with identical information.

The drawing will be held at the ANNUAL BANQUET as part of the festivities of the evening.

Entries should be sent, along with remittance to: ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAILROAD CLUB, Attention Roger Callender, P. O. Box 2391, Denver, Colorado 80201.

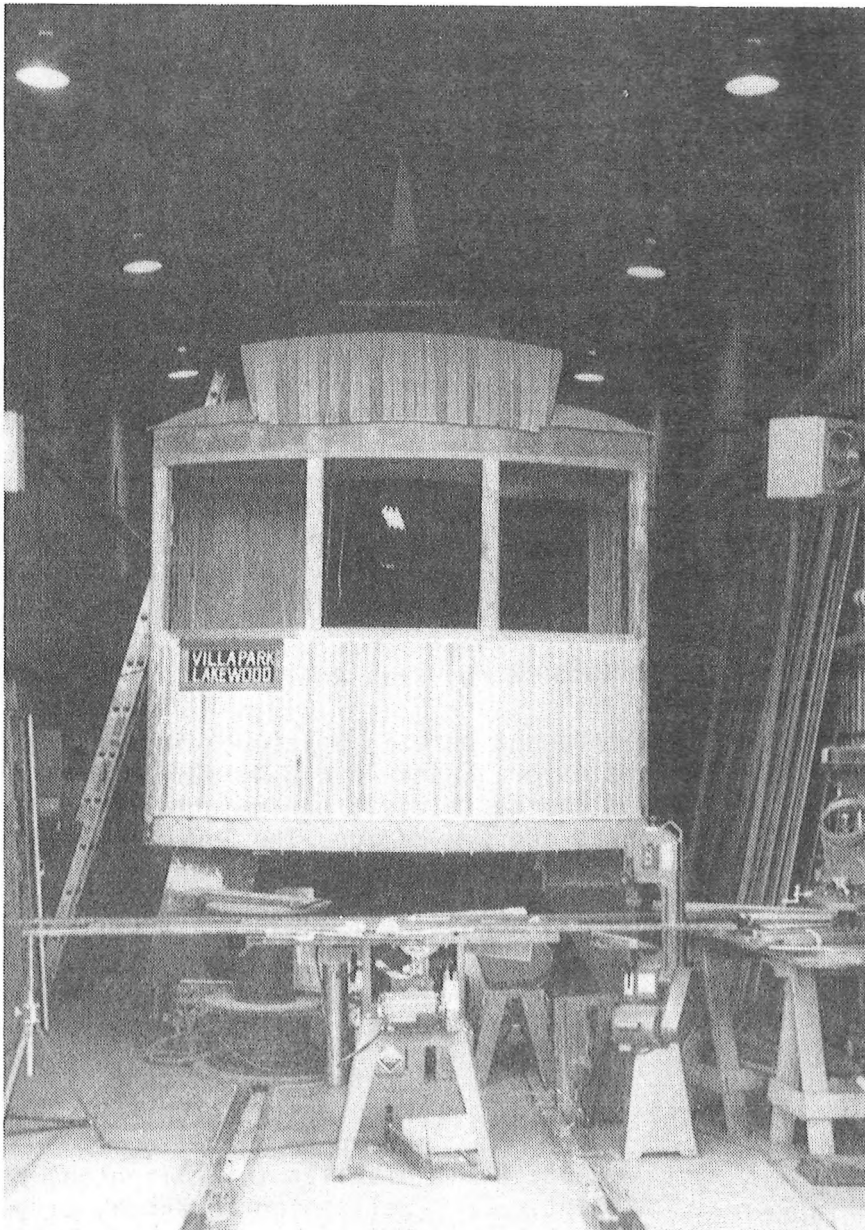


BOOK, VIDEO & AUDIO REVIEWS

Ticket to Toltec by Doris B. Osterwald. \$9.95, plus \$1.05 postage. Western Guideways, Ltd., P. O. Box 15532, Lakewood, CO 80215. (Colorado residents add CO tax).

This is a second edition of a now familiar book. The new edition (July, 1992) has many more photographs with quite a number in color. Current information is included, such as the new purchase of "White Pass" tank cars and the K-36 for K-37 exchange with the D&SNG. This is one of those "must" books for your library. (Jim Trowbridge)



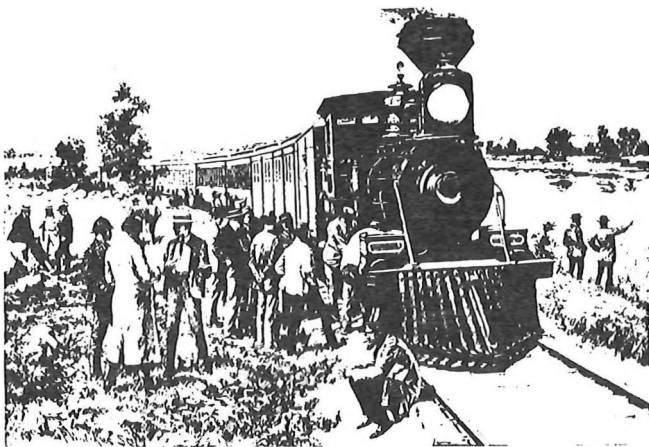


INTERURBAN NO. 25 NEWS

The photograph, taken by Darrell Arndt, was to be in last month's newsletter; however, even with the 20 pages

The photograph to the left was taken by Darrell Arndt and was to be inserted in last month's newsletter with Darrell's update article. The view is of the newly paneled "B" end of the car. You will also note the refinished roof end. The car is beginning to take shape as parts are replaced and structural components are refurbished and replaced.

A very nice article was printed in the Summer, 1992 issue of The Colorado Time-Table, authored by Darrell Arndt. It covered the interurban history as well as the cars that ran on the line, including No. 25. It also told the story of the preservation and restoring of Car #25, and, how it will fit into the picture with the current Denver Rail Heritage Society's trolley run. Anyone interested in this publication can obtain a subscription for \$5.00/year (4 issues per year): The Colorado Time-Table, P. O. Box 28072, Denver, Colorado 80228-0011.



LATEST TRIP INFORMATION

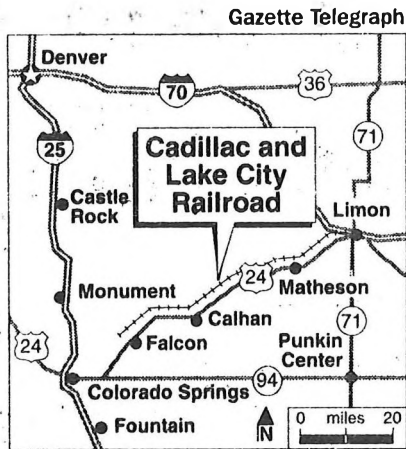
OLD THRESHERS REUNION/MT. PLEASANT, IOWA, via AMTRAK: This Labor Day weekend to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the site of the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion, will be run from September 4th through the 8th, 1992. On display will be an incredible array of steam, gasoline and diesel tractors and farm machinery with parades, outstanding

COLORADO MIDLAND FIELD TRIP: Full information is contained under separate heading elsewhere in this issue of the Rail Report.



PHOTOGRAPHER'S DAY: JOINT LINE AT PALMER LAKE: This is an opportunity for photographers to spend the day photographing trains as they pass through the Palmer Lake region, hopefully in full fall color!! A short description of the area and photographic tips will be provided. Cost has yet to be determined.

BUYER PLANS RAIL SERVICE FROM FALCON



Club member, Mike Johnson of Colorado Springs brought a new clipping from the July 11th Gazette Telegraph to the July 14 Meeting which reported that Phil Buchez did finalize the purchase of the old Rock Island line between Falcon and Limon for \$1,125,000 and plans to run passenger and freight service over the 60 miles of track.

First on the agenda is to get the necessary permits from the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Public Utilities Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission. The sale was finalized on July 7th, but Buchez, president of Mile-Hi Transportation Consultants Inc., does not have any details of what he plans to do or when.

Buchez was the only bidder interested in keeping the railroad operational. The other two bidders wanted to sell the iron rails

and wooden ties for salvage. One of the problems of running this trackage is the lack of access to Colorado Springs; the eight miles between Falcon and the Springs is controlled by at least three owners. Besides paying \$1.1 million, Buchez also agreed to give depot buildings to the towns of Calhan and Limon for use as museums. Limon's museum is already open with exhibits of eastern Colorado farming and ranching and railroad history. El Paso County will get several thousand dollars in back taxes and the deed to eight acres on a siding in Peyton. The county Department of Public Works plans to use the land for a road maintenance equipment storage lot.

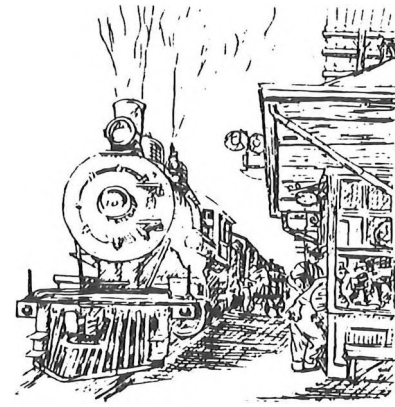
SpikeBuck by Clay Rollins

As forecast here in SpikeBuck in the May newsletter, Santa Fe 4-8-4, #3751, is indeed coming to visit our neighbors in Kansas and New Mexico. The locomotive returns to home rails to run a series of ATSF employee specials linked together to take it to Chicago and back with a longer stop at Topeka's Railroad Days. Gentlemen, start your engines! (but drive safely) Here is the current schedule of the trip:

Aug. 30	LA to Needles, CA
Aug. 31	Needles to Belen, NM
Sept. 1	Belen to Amarillo, TX
Sept. 2	Amarillo to Wellington, KS
Sept. 3	Wellington to Kansas City
Sept. 4	Kansas City to Topeka, KS
Sept. 5/6/7	on display at Topeka
Sept. 8	Topeka to Ft. Madison, IA
Sept. 9	Ft. Madison to Chicago (Corwith)
Sept. 10	Chicago to Ft. Madison, IA
Sept. 11	Ft. Madison to Kansas City
Sept. 12	Kansas City to Wellington
Sept. 13	Wellington to Amarillo, TX
Sept. 14	Amarillo to Belen, NM
Sept. 15	Belen to Needles, CA
Sept. 16	Needles to LA

In other news, the SP is preparing to paint its first D&RGW unit gray and red. Contractor Liberty Rail Services of Pueblo is at this writing ready to do the honors to GP40, #3086.....Another Burlington SD60MAC passed through Denver July 4th on the way to test-

ing in Pueblo. That makes three BN AC-powered locomotives at the Test Center..... RTD's Light Rail Line "MAC" continues on schedule. The final design phase will be complete this month. Construction started on the cars in July. If the additional Southern Extension is approved by the Denver Regional Council of Governments this fall, the car order will be increased to 12 units.



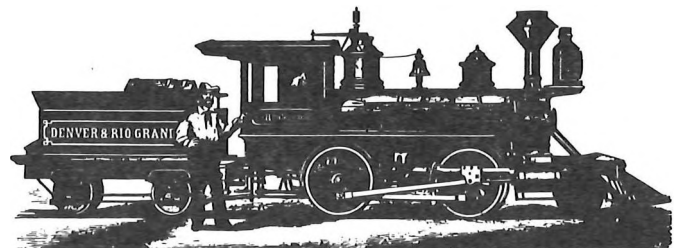
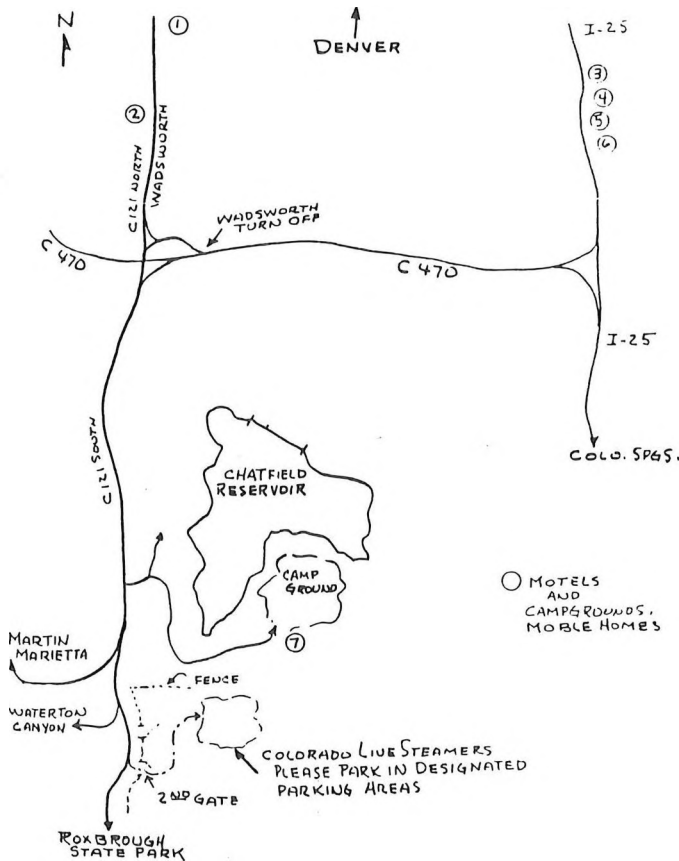
COLORADO LIVE STEAMERS OPEN HOUSE

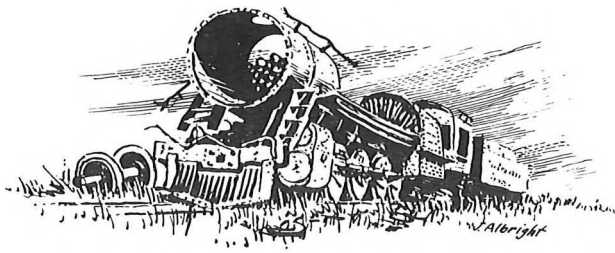
We wish to announce the annual "Live Steam Run Day" of the Colorado Live Steamers at their facility in Waterton Canyon.

This will be the tradition event with all three scales running: 3½-inch, 4 3/4-inch, 7½-inch gauges. Free rides will be provided for all visitors. Food and beverage will be available for purchase (and we suggest that Club members support this activity as it does provide some revenue for the upkeep and expansion of the Colorado Live Steamer's outstanding layout). The date of this event is Saturday, August 15, 1992 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you can arrange to make this outing, you will not be disappointed!! Club members have always commented on the fun they had and enjoyment of seeing such fine live steam equipment up close. This is also an outstanding event to introduce children to the hobby of railroading and this is where the next generation of railfans, modelers and live steamers will come from!! See you there!

COLORADO LIVE STEAMERS





Russel Clay / Official Railway Equipment Guide, 1/65

John Rus / Official Guide, Jan/Feb, 1992

John Holzman / C&O Steam Locomotive Ash Tray

Russ Paris / Ticket to Toltec (Osterwald, July, 1992, 2nd Edition)

If members have items they wish to donate for monthly drawings, such as railroad books, pamphlets, timetables, maps, etc., they may contact Roger Callender at his home address, 2573 So. Williams Street, Denver, Colorado 80210, or, phone (303) 722-4733.

PRESERVATION FUND AND BOOK DRAWING

Prizes and winners at the July 14, 1992 meeting are as follows:

John Bowles / The Economic Theory of RR Locomotion (1899)

Russell Clay / Set of B&W Neal Miller prints

George Hinds / Set of 17 post cards & MoPac Ticket

Tom Caldwell / UP System Timetable #7 and MoPac ticket

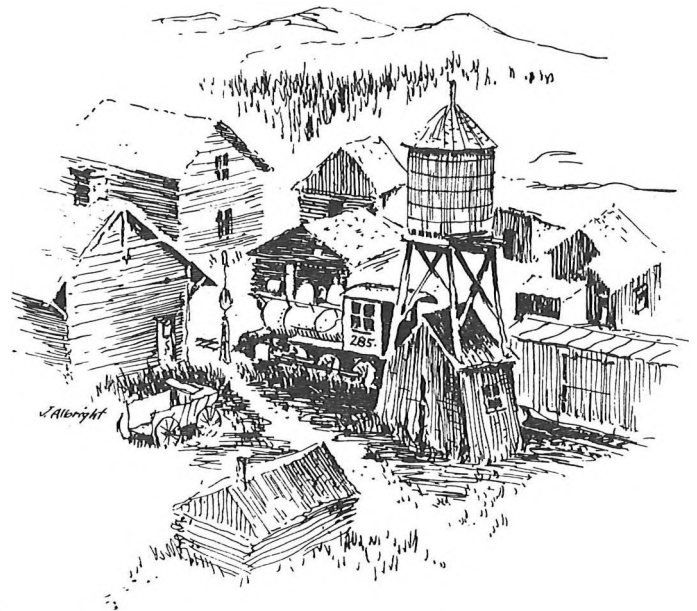
Hugh K. Wilson / Colorado RR & The Colorado RR Museum

Wally Weart / Set of magazines (CTC Board, Passenger Train Journal, Rails Northeast, etc.)

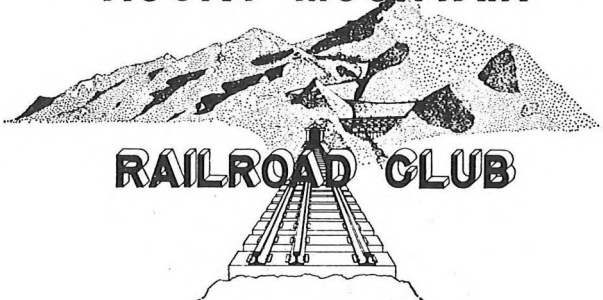
Hugh H. Wilson / Set of two magazines: 1937 Railroad Stories and 1950 Railroad Magazine

Charles Baker / Long Island RR Memories

Warren Hidahl / High Iron (Beebe)



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