

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Annual Banquet Luncheon

October 14, 2017 • Socializing at 11:00 AM, Lunch At Noon

The Denver Athletic Club • Petroleum Room • 1325 Glenarm Place • Denver, Colorado 80204

Guest Speaker – Jim Ehernberger – Presenting “Van Patten Slides”

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club will be celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2018.

The Club was founded by a group of rail enthusiasts who decided to meet once a month and share their experiences and photographs.

William L. Van Patten was one of those charter members who also served on the board in later years. Bill was like others, he took photographs, primarily of locomotives in black and white. Once he acquired a 35mm camera he started using Kodachrome, and made most of the Club's early excursions. These trips were documented on Kodachrome film in most instances. Like most fans of those early days, Bill was primarily interested in steam operations. Much of his interests also included a fine model railroad, along with collecting brass models.

The Club operated some very rare and unique excursions and because of this activity, membership grew. The annual Alamosa to Silverton three-day narrow gauge excursions were very popular. However, other events such as the Midland Terminal trip in 1949, and many in the Denver area utilizing the last electric cars were part of activities available through the Club's trips.

On the eve of the 80th anniversary, Jim Ehernberger has assembled a group of the photographs taken by Mr. Van Patten, along with a few other rare and unusual scenes made by other early members of the Club.

The lunch begins with a Caesar Salad, roll and butter. You will have a choice of London Broil (Marinated and broiled flank steak topped with mushroom Madeira sauce) served with oven roasted red potatoes and a fresh vegetable medley or Sesame-Crusted Salmon Pan seared in sesame oil and finished with ginger soy sauce; served with sticky rice and stir-fried vegetables. Coffee and tea will be included and a cash bar will be available.

Tickets are \$44 per person. Tickets will not be mailed but will be distributed at the Banquet.

Parking is available in the Denver Athletic Center Parking Garage for \$7.

The parking garage is at the northwest corner of 14th and Welton. There is an entrance both on 14th and Welton.

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Please use this order form or a copy to reserve your banquet ticket(s).

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Reservations must be received by October 8th. No refunds on cancellations received after October 8th.

Last minute orders must be prepaid by credit card.

Send your reservations to: Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, Banquet, PO Box 2391, Denver, CO 80201-2391

London Broil: Number of tickets at \$44 each _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Sesame-Crusted Salmon: Number of tickets at \$44 each _____ Total Amount \$ _____

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Questions or last minute reservations through October 7th? Call the Club Treasurer at 303-781-8616.