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Amtrak: The First 40 Years – 1971-2011

Presented by Rich Luckin

January 10th, 2012 • 7:30 PM

This DVD presentation takes a look inside Amtrak's past, present and future through the eyes of those who have shaped it and will lead it through generations to come.

The program covers Amtrak's 40 years with interviews, historic film, pictures and current operation shot in HD format. Twenty-three people were interviewed including Vice President Biden. After the showing, producer Rich Luckin will share some thoughts on the production of this 53-minute documentary.

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

February 14th Meeting and Film, "Maine Two-Foot Narrow Gauge."

March 13th Meeting and Program.

April 10th Meeting and Program.

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.



New Club and Foundation officers and directors back row, from left: Nathan Zachman, Pat Mauro, Michael Tinetti, Roger Sherman, John Charles, Dave Schaaf, Dave Goss, Randy Worwag. Front row from left: Keith Jensen, Bernie Watts, Andy Dell, Nathan Holmes. – Photo © 2011 Jean Gross.

Election Results For Board Members And Officers For 2012

New Directors: Michael Tinetti, Nathan Zachman, Dave Schaaf, Randy Worwag.

Current Directors continuing for the second year of their term:
John Charles, Nathan Holmes, Andy Dell, Bernie Watts.

As Officers: Secretary: Roger Sherman Treasurer: Keith Jensen
Vice-President: Pat Mauro President: Dave Goss

We would also like to thank those finishing their current terms for their service to the club. Our appreciation goes to Dave Schaaf for three years as club president, and to Dave Wagner, Michael Tinetti, and Dave Goss for their recent two years of service to the board.

Membership Renewal For 2012

The membership year is January 1st through December 31st of each year. There will be no increase in dues for 2012. To maintain membership in RMRRC, your dues for 2012 should be paid by January 31st, the end of the grace period for renewals. The renewal application insert was enclosed in the November 2011 *Rail Report*. Please fill out the information requested on the form and mail to address provided.

The re-sequencing of seniority numbers is performed the first weekend in February. Membership cards will be mailed out with the March Rail Report.



Outgoing Club President, Dave Schaaf (left) receives an appreciation plaque from new Club President, Dave Goss. – Photo © 2011 Jean Gross.

Notes From The President

By Dave Goss

It's an honor and pleasure to have another opportunity to serve as your President for the next year or so. I want to thank Dave Schaaf for his three years of leadership and to the Board of Directors who supported his work. Though a few may not agree, I firmly believe Dave helped the Club through a challenging time in finding an excellent home for Car #25. The thousands and thousands of hours and dollars spent restoring D&I Car #25 to pristine, museum quality condition have been protected by transfer of the car to the West Corridor Historic Rail Cooperative. The partnership this organization represents will ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to appreciate and enjoy

this historic piece of equipment, as did its many travelers and Club members in times past.

Additionally, the task of President goes beyond the emcee duties at Club meetings and includes many hours involved in coordinating with outside rail interest groups, planning Board meetings, ensuring that Club trips and events are planned and well executed, keeping an eye on finances, picking up mail from the Club PO Box, and a list of other things longer than space permits. Let it be noted that Dave did all these tasks with enthusiasm and commitment. Dave is going to continue providing news information in the *Rail Report* as he has in

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Last year's Annual Banquet at the Arvada Center with members and guests enjoying good food and conversation. – Photo © 2011 Nathan Holmes.

the past and we sincerely appreciate his willingness to continue this important element of the newsletter.

As we look ahead to 2012, the Board will be planning trips and events that will bring back memories and maybe even test new ways to introduce technology to our monthly meetings. The Board will also be working on the planning of the Club's 75th anniversary celebration that may include some memorable activities that will surprise and impress

the membership. I encourage anyone, members or friends of the Club, to contact me (or any member of the Board) with suggestions, ideas or comments on ways to make the Club more responsive to your interests or to give us ideas for future events.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at dave@dcgoss.com or call me at 303-693-9933. I look forward to celebrating this New Year with you all.

In Remembrance Albert Holliday Fowler

Long time Club member Albert "Al" Fowler passed away last July. He joined the Club 26 years ago and held Club membership number 212.

Al traveled from California to attend the Club's 50th anniversary celebration in 1988 where he met Zona, a Club member, who he married later that year. He enjoyed many of the "big" Club trips including the Club trip east to Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania and the cross-Canada rail trip with his wife. He was a volunteer and instructor with the Pacific Locomotive Association at the Niles Canyon Railway in the Bay area.



WAMX 3021, GP30R (ex-Pennsylvania RR), is operated by WATCO at the new Swan Ranch Business Park near Speer, Wyoming. On December 7, 2011, Union Pacific 6842 West on a potash empty passed WAMX 3021 still lettered for Yellowstone Valley Railroad (Montana operation - headquarters at Sidney, Montana, two separate segments, Glendive to Snowden and Bainville to Plentywood, Montana). The Swan Ranch operation is accessible at High Plains Road exit off I-25 near Speer, Wyoming. December 7, 2011. – Photo © 2011 by Chip.

Railroad News And Notes

By Dave Schaaf

At the Georgetown Loop, work continues on WSL Shay #9. They have discovered more issues with the boiler, but are optimistic about getting it running next summer. The Loop had a good year in 2011, with ridership near 100,000. Rumors of getting yet another steam loco have not come true as of now.

Watco Transportation Services has formed a short line, the Swan Ranch Railroad, to operate in the new Swan Ranch Industrial Park southwest of Cheyenne, Wyoming. When fully developed, the area will encompass approxi-

mately 7,200 acres. The first phase of development is the Cheyenne Logistics Hub, which will total 1,300 acres and include a transloading terminal. Watco has recently acquired Birmingham Southern Railroad in Alabama, as well as a 90 percent interest in Wisconsin & Southern Railroad.

The Yreka Western Railroad is for sale. The 9-mile Yreka-Montague, California route has been mothballed for several years. Still on the property is Yreka Western 2-8-2 #19, which operated in tourist service on the line until it

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Union Pacific is building a new yard west of Havana Street on the Limon Subdivision (AKA Kansas Pacific). UP 6292 West on the Energy Mine coal empty passed the newly graded yard (left of train) as ties were unloaded on December 18, 2011. This view is from the new Central Park Boulevard overpass (under construction). The wye to the former Rocky Mountain Arsenal is in the upper left near the Denver County Jail.

Denver RTD's 22.8-mile commuter rail transit corridor between Denver Union Station and Denver International Airport (DIA) tracks will be built at lower right, south side of UP's Limon (soon to be double track!) line. The East Rail Line will have five intermediate stations, located at 38th and Blake, Colorado Boulevard, Central Park Boulevard, Peoria Street, and 40th and Airport Boulevard.

– Photo © 2011 by Chip.

was shut down in 2009. Yreka Western has been embroiled in litigation over the past several years involving its owner, the Rocky Mountain Mining and Railway Museum, and its principal, Court Hammond. It also suffered lost freight revenue when a connecting railroad ceased service in 2008.

At Knott's Berry Farm in California, January 12th, 2012 is the 60th anniversary of the Ghost Town & Calico

Railroad's golden spike ceremony. The G.T.& C. could be thought of as a descendant of the Rio Grande Southern Railroad. There will be special events to go with this occasion.

The National Chamber Foundation recently presented Union Pacific Railroad its "Hiring Our Heroes Award" for post-9/11 veteran employment and internships. More than 7,000 UP employees hired since 9/11 have military expe-

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Amtrak's California Zephyr had two of the five Heritage units handling train 6 at Denver on December 2, 2011. Amtrak 66, Phase II scheme, and Amtrak 184, Phase IV scheme, wear 40th Anniversary Heritage paint schemes. Other units commemorating Amtrak's 40th Anniversary; 156 Phase I, 145 Phase III, 406 (F40PH) Phase III, and 822 (P40) Phase III. Amtrak 406 and 822 are assigned to the Exhibit Train. – Photo © 2011 by Chip.

rience, and overall, about 20 percent of the Class I's 45,000 employees are veterans. Union Pacific celebrates its 150 year anniversary in 2012, and has some commemorative items for sale through its website, UP.COM. Other U.P. news finds them building a massive new intermodal refueling facility in southern New Mexico. The work is spread out over 2,200 acres, nearly 12 miles in length and a mile wide.

The city of Englewood, Colorado, has put its former Santa Fe depot up for sale. This rare Mission-style station had been a restoration project of the local historical society, but that group disbanded.

Former Alaska Railroad 2-8-0 #557 will soon return by barge and rail to Alaska and eventual operation. Built in 1944 for the U.S. Army as #3523, this Baldwin was the last steam locomotive to see service on the ARR. The family that has donated it stipulates that it must be restored and operating within eight years.

You may not be aware, but there is a South Dakota state railroad museum in Hill City. Online at <http://sdsrm.org>

From its launch in 1971 until 2011, Congress has spent \$37.9 billion on Amtrak. By comparison, it spent more than \$40 billion on highways just in 2010.

Union Pacific 1950s Wyoming Action



UP 19 is westbound in the mid 1950s crossing the Dale fill after traversing the then relatively new Harriman line from Speer to Dale. Note its train in the upper right. – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klinger collection.



UP 71 and 4024 are pulling out of Cheyenne. The C&S bridge is on the far right as the westbound tonnage heads for Laramie on October 9, 1955. – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klinger collection.

Union Pacific 1950s Wyoming Action



UP 835 and 51 are westbound in the mid 1950s at Dale after traveling across the then new Harriman line. If you look closely, you can see the Sherman line at the bottom left of the pilot of UP 835. – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klinger collection.



UP 56 and 4000 are westbound at Harriman, on the Harriman line, on their way to the top of the grade at Hermosa Tunnel on the by-pass of Sherman Hill on Christmas Day in 1956 – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klinger collection.

Current Railroad Events



Army Humvees moved west on Union Pacific's Limon Subdivision over Bijou Creek (near Byers, Colorado) on November 30, 2011. An M996 mini-ambulance, 2-litter, basic armor crosses bridge. Underneath are concrete signal bases dumped after UP removed signals along the Kansas Pacific line. UPRR now operates dispatcher controlled Centralized Traffic Control (CTC) islands with tri-light signals at sidings along this line. – Photo © 2011 by Chip.

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KCS 4620 west moved High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) from Fort Polk, Louisiana, to Fort Carson, Colorado, on November 30, 2011. The HMMWV's mission is to provide a light tactical vehicle for command and control, special purpose shelter carriers, and special purpose weapons platforms throughout all areas of the modern battlefield. It is supported using the current logistics and maintenance structure established for Army wheeled vehicles. The HMMWV is equipped with a high performance diesel engine, automatic transmission and four wheel drive that is air transportable and droppable from a variety of aircraft. The HMMWV can be equipped with a self-recovery winch capable of up to 6000 pound 1:1 ratio line pull capacity and can support payloads from 2,500 - 4,400 pounds depending on the model. The HMMWV is produced in several configurations to support weapons systems; command and control systems; field ambulances; and ammunition, troop and general cargo transport.

– Photo © 2011 by Chip.

LTV HMMWV M998-series multipurpose wheeled vehicle variants include:

- M998 cargo/troop carrier without winch
- M1038 cargo/troop carrier with winch
- M966 TOW missile carrier, basic armor, without winch
- M1036 TOW missile carrier, basic armor, with winch
- M1045 TOW missile carrier, supplemental armor, without winch
- M1046 TOW missile carrier, supplemental armor, with winch
- M1025 armament carrier, basic armor, without winch
- M1026 armament carrier, basic armor, with winch
- M1043 armament carrier, supplemental armor, without winch
- M1044 armament carrier, supplemental armor, with winch
- M996 mini-ambulance, 2-litter, basic armor
- M997 maxi-ambulance, 4-litter, basic armor
- M1035 soft-top ambulance, 2-litter
- M1037 S-250 shelter carrier, without winch
- M1042 S-250 shelter carrier, with winch
- M1069 tractor for M119 105-mm light gun

(Info on Army vehicles courtesy of Federation of American Scientists website)

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The Colorado Midland depot still stands at Hartsel, Colorado, on November 29, 2011. – Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf.



The Leadville flanger was built at Burnham in December 1909 as D&RG #063 and rebuilt with a steel frame in 1941. The Rio Grande sold it to the Colorado & Southern in 1975 and the Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad, the current owner, got it when it acquired the C&S Climax branch. It is shown here at Leadville, Colorado, on November 29, 2011.

– Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf with historical information from Jerry Day.



The historic 1906 Moffat Road (DNW&P) depot at the Heritage Park Museum in Kremmling, Colorado, with the new permanent, fake shingle roof thanks to the grant from the UP Foundation. – Photo © 2009 Jim Yust.

Grand County Historical Association News

By Jim Yust

With the generous assistance of the UP Railroad Foundation, the Grand County Commissioners and others, the Grand County Historical Association (GCHA) has moved the historic 1906 Moffat Road (DNW&P) depot to the Heritage Park Museum in Kremmling, Colorado, installed a new roof and restored the original paint scheme at a cost to date of some \$40,000.00. In order to open the building to the public, it needs a concrete foundation at a cost of \$76,000.00 (followed by extensive interior renovation) toward which the UP Foundation has donated \$5,000.00.

Donations and assistance of money, volunteer work and in-kind services

are very much needed and appreciated. GCHA also has the Ski Train caboose at the Pioneer Village Museum in Hot Sulphur Springs which needs touch-up paint, and the D&RGW 044 Spreader purchased from club member Dan Quiat which is in desperate need of renovation (roof, wainscoting and interior). Any and all assistance will be greatly appreciated.

If you can help, contact Club member, Jim Yust (GCHA VP of Museums and Photographer GCHA) at 970-724-3578 or the Grand County Museum at 970-725-3939. Information on the web at:

<http://grandcountymuseum.com>

Annual Jeffco Train Show

January 7, 2012

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
15200 West 6th Avenue, Golden, Colorado

Early-bird Admission \$10 – 7:15 to 9:00 AM.
Public Show Time – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
General Admission: \$5.00 per adult; \$1.00 children 5 thru 12; under 5 free; \$10.00 Family Maximum. For Additional Information, Contact the Intermountain Chapter, NRHS, 4303 Brighton Blvd., Bldg. # 3, Denver, CO 80216 (Phone: 303-298-0377)

We expect to have an operating model train display and door prizes. The Snack Bar will be open for breakfast, hot lunch and snacks!

Colorado Railroad Museum 2012 Scheduled

Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

2012 SCFD Free Museum Admission Days

Saturday, January 7, March 3 & May 5
(Rides on the Galloping Goose must be purchased separately on SCFD free days)

Saturday Special:

Ride in Goose 7 or in a 19th century passenger coach pulled by Locomotive No. 4.
Rides begin at 10:00 AM Every Saturday,
Weather Permitting
Adult / Senior Fare: \$4 per ride
Child Fare: \$2 per ride

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.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS

2012 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

Dinner Meeting At Lone Star Steakhouse

January 20, 2012

We kick off the new year's dinner programs with G. Steve Patterson. Steve was part of a small group that toured four countries in Africa by rail in May and June 2011 – Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and South Africa. His program is a glimpse of that trip (can't show all 2605 images brought home!), and includes several Garratt-powered excursions, as well as a round trip from Pretoria to Cape Town on the world's most luxurious train "Rovos," returning on the country's "Premiere" train. They spent one afternoon on a game reserve which concluded with a bush dinner.

Steve and his wife settled in Arvada in 1979, and after a 42-year career with the AT&SF (and successor BNSF), he retired four years ago. In each of those years he have taken rail trips to Europe, South America, Central America, and now Africa.

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. "Social Hour" and dinner ordering will be from 6:00 to 7:15 PM. The evening's program begins at 8:00 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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