

# RAIL REPORT

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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

## Pueblo Railroad History

Presented by Larry Green

November 8th, 2011 • 7:30 PM

From 1872 to today, a quick look at the history of the railroads that have served Pueblo, Colorado. The presentation will include historic and contemporary maps and photographic images.

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.**

### RMRRRC 2011 Calendar

December 13th Annual Business Meeting and Film, "C&S Narrow Gauge."

### RMRRRC 2012 Calendar

January 10th Meeting and Video, "Amtrak 40th Anniversary."

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

March 13th Meeting and Program.

April 10th Meeting and Program.

May 8th 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](mailto:pkmauro@yahoo.com) or phone 303-838-7740 with program ideas.

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Eastbound manifest between Union Avenue and Main Street Bridges on the Loop Line. – Photo © Larry Green.

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### **Renewal Season Has Arrived 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 the upcoming year should be paid by December 31st. The renewal application insert is enclosed within. Please fill out the information requested on the form and mail to address provided.

The Club would greatly appreciate if all of our members renew by the end of year. We do allow for a month grace period in January. The re-sequencing of seniority numbers is performed the first weekend in February. Membership cards will be mailed out with the March Rail Report.

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### **Notice Of Annual Meetings**

The annual meetings of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 7:30 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. These meetings are called for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors for both organizations. At these meetings the Club or Foundation may conduct any other business as may properly come before these meetings.

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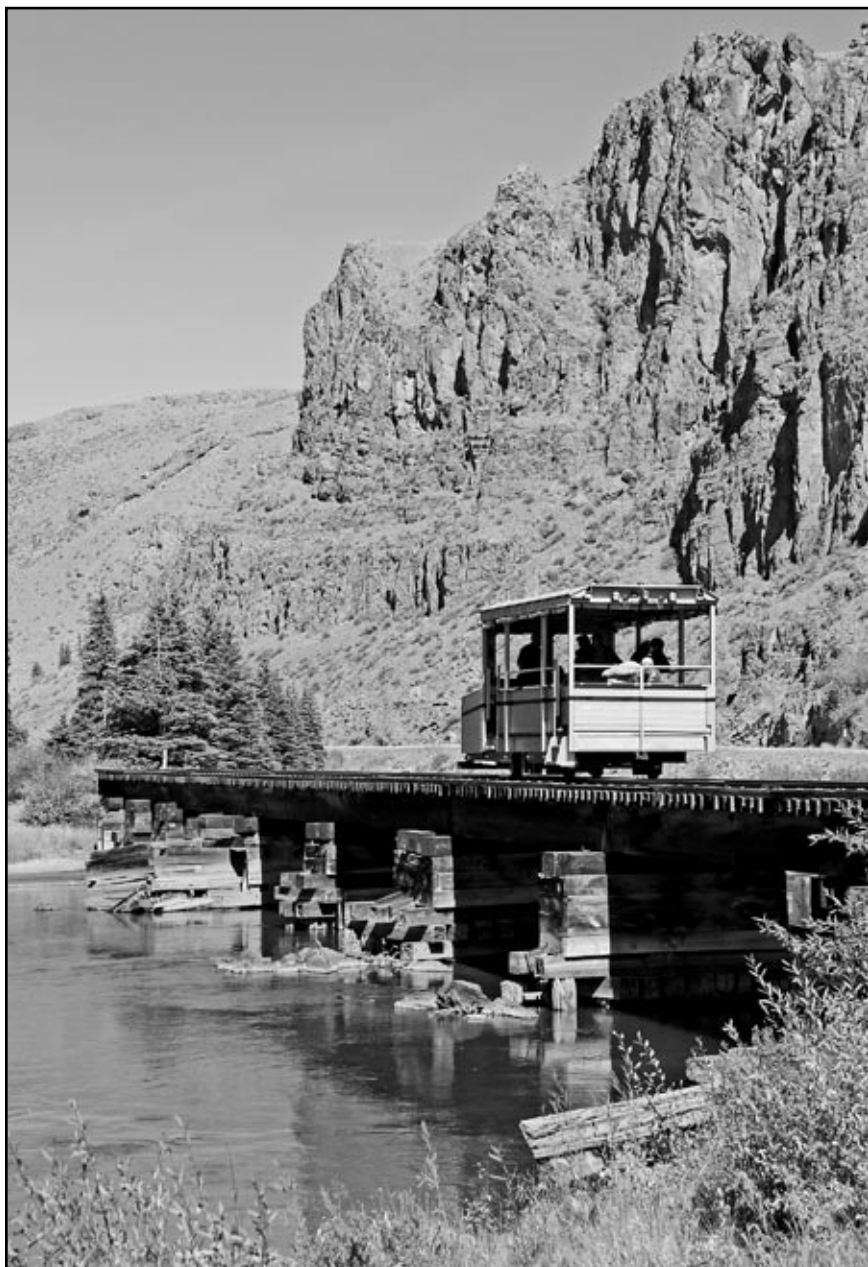


This was the first ATSF Depot in Pueblo, Located between 2nd and 3rd Streets near Court Street. It was built in 1876 and removed in 1902. It served as both a passenger depot for trains to Canon City and was the Freight Depot until it was replaced by the Stone Depot. – Photo from the collection of Larry Green.



The joint ATSF and C&S Freight Depot in 1921. This stone depot was located at 403 North Union Avenue. It was the ATSF operational headquarters for the Colorado Division. – Photo from the collection of Larry Green.

## Notes From The President



A D&RG tourist motorcar crosses the bridge over the Rio Grande River west of Wagon Wheel Gap on the Creede Branch in Colorado on September 28, 2011.  
– Photo © 2011 Dave Schaaf.



Pete Lerro operated a two day photo charter on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in late September 2011. On day one of the charter, C&TS 489 was re-numbered into Rio Grande 485, shown here at Cumbres Pass on September 21, 2011. As you may know, the 485 fell into the Salida, Colorado, turntable pit and was retired. Some of the parts from the 485 were used to rebuild the 489 in the 1950s. – Photo © 2011 Nathan Zachman.

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## Notes From The President

By Dave Schaaf

Union Pacific Railroad's steam locomotive #844 will travel through the southwestern U.S. to kick off state centennial celebrations in New Mexico and Arizona. It left Wyoming in late October on a 32-day, nine-state tour that will honor the rich railroad heritage of the scenic Southwest. This tour was announced on fairly short notice, and more details are on the U.P. website, but the engine will be on display in towns such as Dalhart, Alamogordo, El Paso, Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma, Bloomington, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, and Ogden. The special train will return to Cheyenne on November 29.

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission is finalizing the details to have American Heritage Railways be the operator of the Antonito to Chama line, starting in 2012. American Heritage operates the Durango & Silverton, as well as the Great Smoky Mountains Railway and Texas State Railroad. Stay tuned for updates.

On the first two weekends in December, Spokane, Portland & Seattle 4-8-4 #700 and former Southern Pacific 4-8-4 #4449 will pull special trains in the Portland area. The trips are fundraisers for the Oregon Rail Heritage Association, which is working to construct a

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Giuseppe's Old Depot Restaurant closed its doors October 24, 2011, to become a special events center called "The Depot." The popular restaurant in the former Denver & Rio Grande Railroad depot is closing after 38 years. UP 7314, C44/60AC, was tied up west of Giuseppe's Restaurant on October 21, 2011, at Colorado Springs, Colorado. UP 7314 worked the Colorado Springs Public Utilities coal empty back north. – Photo © 2011 by Chip.

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new home for these two and Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. 4-6-2 #197. The city of Portland owns all three steam locomotives.

The Museum of the American Railroad has signed a deal with the city of Dallas that it will move out of State Fair Park by the end of the year. The museum's new site in Frisco, Texas, is currently undergoing construction work.

Electro-Motive Diesel announced its development of a 'next generation' diesel passenger locomotive for the North American market at APTA Expo 2011 in New Orleans recently. The four-axle, streamlined diesel-electric loco is planned

for a capability of 120 mph. The diesel engine itself will likely be built by Caterpillar and meet the emission regulations which come into effect for new locomotives from 2015.

Amtrak carried just over 30 million passengers in the 2011 fiscal year, which ended September 30. In spite of a difficult year, this ridership represents a 44 percent system-wide increase over the 21 million passengers it carried in fiscal 2000. One example of troubles was the Empire Builder, the system's most popular long-distance train. Ridership fell 12% and revenue was down 8% from fiscal 2010 for the Chicago-Seattle/Portland daily service that was disrupted

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repeatedly by winter snows, summer floods, and freight congestion. Amtrak's Empire Builder should resume making stops at the Minot, North Dakota, station by Thanksgiving, where the train hasn't stopped since June, when record floods devastated that city and its depot.

Oregon's Coos Bay branch returned to service in October after being closed four years ago by former owner Central Oregon & Pacific for deteriorating conditions. This line runs 134 miles from Eugene to the port of Coos Bay, and will have speed restrictions as repairs are made by new operator Coos Bay Rail Link.

Historian and author David F. Myrick passed away on September 24th in California. During his twenty-nine year career with the Southern Pacific Railroad, Myrick collected photos, legal papers, maps & drawings, which he later donated to the Colorado Railroad Museum. An author of over one hundred articles and 17 books, he was 93. On that same day, veteran Colorado RR Museum volunteer Dick Ferguson passed away at 64.

Arthur Dubin, a leading historian of the golden age of American passenger railroads, recently died in Illinois at 88. An architect, he wrote two of the best-known works on passenger railroads: "Some Classic Trains" (1964) and "More Classic Trains" (1974). He had received two Bronze Stars for his Army service in the Pacific. Thomas Schlosser, who served as president of the Fort Worth & Western Railroad since early this year, died October 6 at age 61. From 2007 until 2010, he served as chairman of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association.

Due out in the next few weeks is an architectural interest book called, *Railroad Stations: The buildings that linked the nation*. It is by David Naylor, published by W.W. Norton & Company in association with the Library of Congress.

Please take an occasional look at the Club's website. Color photos of current events are updated every few days on the news page. If need be, members can contact me at ds5280@comcast.net or at 303 988-3456.

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### **A Call For Nominations For Officers And Directors For The Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and The Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation**

The election of all officers and three directors will be during the annual meetings of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 7:30 PM, at Christ Episcopal Church, 2950 South University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado.

Any member wanting to volunteer or nominate another member for either an officer or director position should contact the nominating committee, Andy Dell or Nathan Holmes at the November Club meeting or contact them through the Club website or by mail at the Club PO box.

## Steam Locomotive Photo Gallery



D&RGW #3301, a 2-6-6-2, is taking water at Helper, Utah, on an unknown date.  
– Photo Tom Klinger collection.



D&RGW spreader #042 and unit #3076 plowing westbound at west portal near Winter Park, Colorado on January 3, 1981.  
– Tom Klinger photo.

## Early Diesel Photo Gallery



D&RGW 5741 was caught by Neal Miller south of Buena Vista, Colorado, on its westbound run in the early 1950s. – Neal Miller photo, Tom Klinger collection.



D&RGW #5771 is westbound at Tennyson Street in Arvada, with a destination of Salt Lake City on December 6, 1982. – Tom Klinger photo.



Union Pacific 844 at Cheyenne on September 14, 2011, all polished up and looking like a million bucks, ready for Rail Fest in North Platte, Nebraska.

– Photo © 2011 Ed Gerlits.

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## Fun Does Exist Going East

By Ed Gerlits

I've always heard there is a lot to see and do if one goes east of Denver instead of west into the mountains with the multitudes who go to commune with nature. Seems as if driving I-70, the world's largest parking lot, and camping tent to tent in an overpriced campground appeals to many folks – and yet...

There is a fine Railfest in Durango, Colorado, but there is also a great Rail Fest in North Platte, Nebraska. Armed with maps, schedules, tourist brochures, and other rail oriented goodies, I headed for Cheyenne, Wyoming, to see Union Pacific's famous engine 844 as she, also, was going to Railfest. What a beautiful locomotive. She has never looked better. It was cold, wet, overcast and the crew suggested I get into the cab, warm up,

and ride with them in my quest to find fun in North Platte.

The trip was wonderfully smooth as we traversed the grasslands of eastern Wyoming. I could visualize the pioneers in their wagons crossing these beautiful hills. We stopped in the town of Lodgepole, where I saw the "Lodgepole National Forest".

After we arrived in North Platte, I checked into a comfortable motel and found a wonderful steak house, ending the day by tossing down a couple of brews and enjoying a sumptuous meal.

The next morning, I went to Cody Park, the center of most of the festivities. There I boarded a bus for the tour of the

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The Bailey Yard tour on September 16, 2011, included five of the six total Heritage diesel units on display at the shops in North Platte. – Photo © 2011 Ed Gerlits.

Bailey yard. I was pleasantly surprised to see that two other members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, who had decided to see what “going east” would provide, were also on the bus. The Bailey Yard is 8-miles long and 2-miles wide. It is the largest railroad hump yard in the world, handling and servicing about 140 trains daily. During our 2-hour bus tour, we visited the east and west hump yards, the coal yard, the container and piggy-back yards, the repair facilities, the loco shops and all 350 miles of track in the complex. We enjoyed seeing a locomotive crane lifting a locomotive. We also enjoyed the car repair demonstrations. There were five of the six Heritage Diesel Units on display. I enjoyed each and every moment I was there.

We spent the afternoon at the Armory where model railroad layouts were operating, visited the “village” of vendor tents and rail related exhibits. I checked in with my friends at the 844 engine

display and then went up the Golden Spike Tower, an eight story tower – there I watched this great and marvelous railroad work.

The events were mostly free or had only minimal charges. Among the free events: the tour bus ride, a pancake breakfast, free coffee, hot dogs and other sundry items.

Going to Buffalo Bill Ranch, I had hoped to see the ghost of the “old fella” himself; but enjoyed seeing the ranch and all the outbuildings.

Jim Ehernberger gave a historic tour and ride back to Cheyenne to pick up my car. Jim showed me the route of the original Lincoln highway, a lot of old grade and bridges and then the newer US 30. Some towns have nearly died and other are prospering. All in all it was a “heck” of a good trip and time, very educational and enjoyable.

## Current Railroad Events



Union Pacific's 1482, GP40-2, still wears the Southern Pacific speed lettering. The SP nose herald has been restored over the UP emblem. UP 1482 and UP 1517, assigned to the South and West Locals were used Sunday, October 9, 2011, to pull the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey red unit circus train from UP's Denver Locomotive Shop (AKA Burnham Shops) over to UP's 36th Street Yard. UP 1482 was basking in early morning light at UP's North Yard on October 9th. – Photo © by 2011 Chip.



Union Pacific 1517 and 1482, GP40-2, moved the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey (RBBB) Circus 34 coaches from UP's Denver Locomotive Shop (AKA Burnham Shops) via UP North Yard and Belt Line to 36th Street Yard. Train was re-assembled for trip October 10, 2011, Denver to St. Louis, Missouri. Train passed Prospect Junction in Denver on October 9, 2011. – Photo © 2011 by Chip.

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Private varnish enjoyed the golden aspens on September 29, 2011. Former Boston & Maine Salisbury Beach and Mid America's City of Angels ran east on Amtrak's California Zephyr, train 6, passing aspen trees and the Colorado Rockies at Winter Park, CO. Note the new ties. Union Pacific started a large wood tie replacement project September 23 which ran through October 2011 on the Moffat Tunnel line. – Photo © 2011 by Chip.



San Luis & Rio Grande (SLRG) 551 dome car has been restored to its Budd built stainless steel appearance by Central Car Repair, Alamosa, Colorado. The car now has "Iowa Pacific" in name board below the full-length dome. The car left Alamosa, Colorado, for Walsenburg, Colorado, on October 5, 2011, to interchange with Union Pacific RR. – Photo © 2011 by Chip.

## Colorado Railroad Museum 2011 Scheduled Special Operation Days

For information call 303-279-4591

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

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Trick or Treat Train:  
Steam-Up Event                      October 29 & 30

Santa Claus Special:  
Steam-Up Event    December 3, 10, 11 & 17

SCFD Free Days – Saturdays:  
January 8, March 12 & November 12

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### 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!

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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

### 2011 Event Schedule

For information call 303-298-0377

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

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### Intermountain Chapter, NRHS 50th Anniversary Party And Annual Banquet

Monday, November 7, 2011

At The Historic Denver Press Club

The annual banquet will be at the Denver Press Club in downtown Denver (1330 Glenarm Place, across the street from the Denver Athletic Club) in the upstairs large room.

The guest speaker is National Railway Historical Society President Gregory P. Molloy, who comes to present the keynote speech and the 50th Anniversary recognition. Mr. Molloy has served as National President of the NRHS since 1994. Prior to that, he served the NRHS as National Secretary and as Assistant Secretary. He is a member of the Cincinnati Chapter, and he chaired the 1984 NRHS National Convention in that city. His railroad interests are varied, including train travel, mileage collection, and photography. At last count, he has travelled by train in 43 countries and travelled behind 265 different steam locomotives.

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The evening's activities will begin with cocktail hour from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the cozy lounge (cash bar). Our buffet dinner will begin at 7:00 PM upstairs in the large room, and the program begins at 8:00 PM, which will include awards and our guest speaker. Richard Luckin will also present a commemorative video of the Intermountain Chapter. There will be door prizes as well.

Dinner is by reservation only at \$30 per person. Please pay at the door when you check in; NO drop-ins. Our menu is tossed salad with Ranch dressing, roasted breast of chicken with wild rice stuffing, green beans, rolls and butter, dessert, plus coffee or tea. Deadline for reservations at the Chapter office (303-298-0377) is Thursday, November 3, as the chef will need the final count by then.

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Nathan Holmes, Andy Dell, John Charles.

### **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**

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**Items for the December Rail Report should be sent by November 16th.**