



RAIL REPORT

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Rocky Mountain Railroad Club • Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation

There Will Be An April Meeting In Barnes Hall

Pullman: America's Hotel on Wheels

Presented Live and Online Via Zoom by Rich Luckin

April 12, 2022 • 7:30 PM

This DVD, from Classic Trains and Rich Luckin, covers the full range of activities that comprised the Pullman Company and its related firms. The enterprise was part heavy industry, part fine hotel chain, and part vehicle for social change.

See travel on Pullman trains, Pullman-built rail cars and accommodations, preserved Pullman cars, Pullman's factory and company town near Chicago and learn how African American Pullman porters advanced the cause of civil rights. Also included are interviews with passenger-train experts who paint an informative and entertaining picture of this unique American institution.

See Page 10 for new information on how to participate online. Online, the April meeting will only be available on Zoom and will not be streamed on YouTube.

Please join us for an enjoyable, educational evening at Christ Church at 2950 South University Boulevard (University Boulevard at Bates Avenue) where there is plenty of off street parking at the rear of the complex. 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 2022 Calendar

May 15th Annual Picnic at the Colorado RR Museum, There will not be a separate May meeting.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, programs and dates are subject to change without notice. Please contact Dave Schaaf with program ideas at ds5280@comcast.net or 303 988-3456.

Pullman: America's Hotel on Wheels



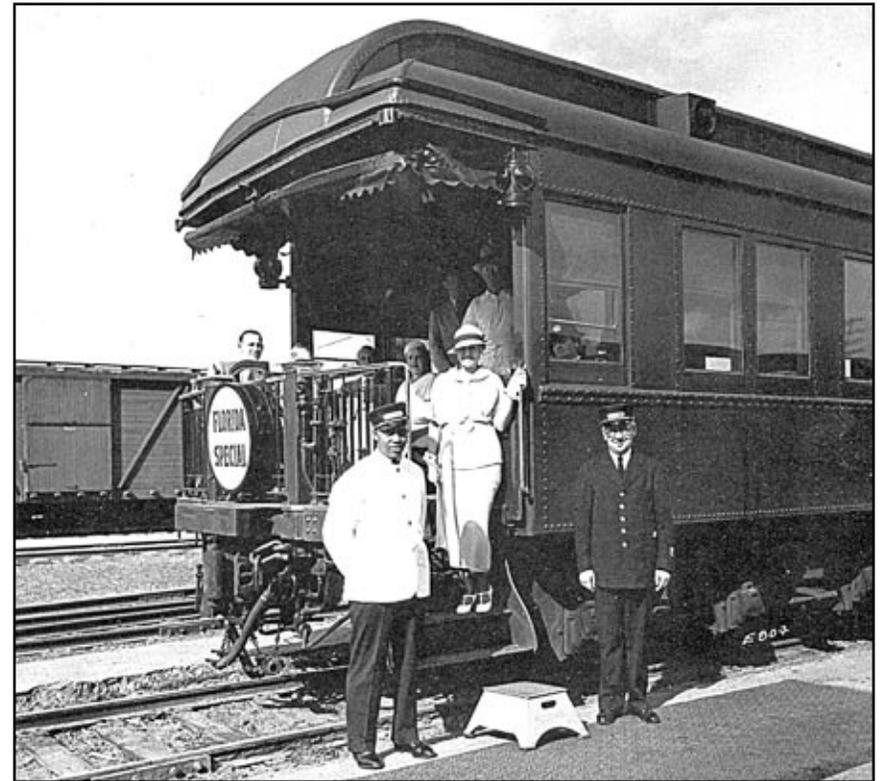
A Pullman Porter serving meals.



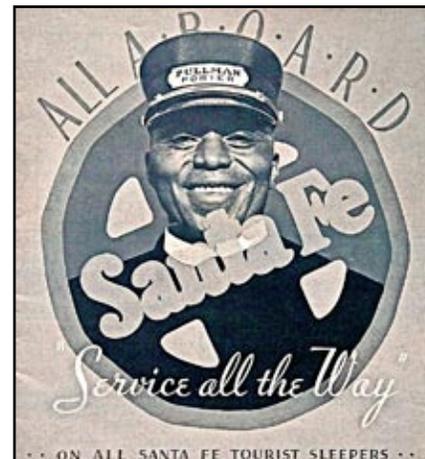
Pullman Porters.

The masthead features Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad locomotive 738.
– Photo from the Tom Klinger Collection.

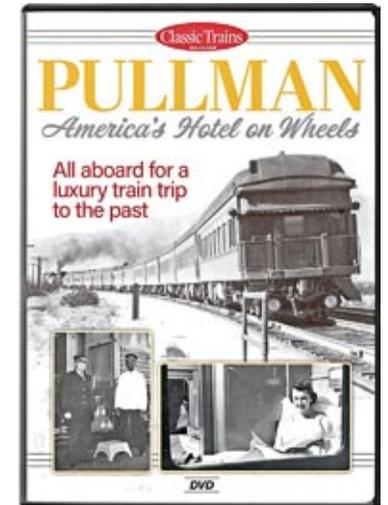
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The Florida Special.



Pullman porter featured in advertising.



Colorado Railroad Museum Activity



Rio Grande Southern No. 20 running on the Colorado Railroad Museum loop counter-clockwise, opposite of their usual way. – Photo © 2022 Dave Schaaf.



Rio Grande Southern business car "Rico" in the CRRM roundhouse, due for repainting. It is likely to reappear in a shade of green. – Photo © 2022 Dave Schaaf.

Club Picnic and Steam Up at the Colorado Railroad Museum

— Sunday, May 15th —

Grounds Open at 9:00 AM for Parade, Lunch Buffet at Noon

The Club has an opportunity for another daytime picnic at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden. On Sunday, May 15th, we will have the use of the pavilion at the Museum, and their train will be steam-powered that weekend.

As with any event using antique equipment, there is the possibility of changes to the engines and cars being used but they expect to have two steam locomotives hot for the occasion. The plan is for Rio Grande Southern #20 to pull three passenger cars – D&RGW 280, 284, and B-21. Rio Grande engine #491 is also likely to be steaming near the roundhouse.

If you want to get there early, the Museum plans a parade of three RGS Geese and the two steam engines before 10:00 AM Sunday morning.

The Museum runs the option of an additional-cost train ride for most visitors. These depart on the hour and half-hour through the day. Because those rides often sell out, we have set up three special runs for our members and guests in the morning at 10:15, 10:45, and 11:15 AM only.

You and everyone in your party will need to check-in with our Club representative near the ticket window in the Museum store. We will make sure that you are on the list of paid participants and put a wristband on you. The wristband is required for admission, our train ride, and your meal. Please wear your Club name tag.

Tickets are \$40 per person including the lunch buffet with your choice of BBQ Brisket or BBQ pulled chicken. We also plan to have burnt end baked beans, cole slaw, slider buns, individual chip packages, cookies, and Pork Barrel BBQ sauce. There will also be water and soft drinks.

Order tickets online by May 7th and pay with a credit card through PayPal on the Club website at: www.rockymtnrrclub.org or mail your check in time to arrive by May 7th to:

Rocky Mountain RR Club – May Picnic
PO Box 620953
Littleton CO 80162-0953

Please include attendee name(s) and dinner choice(s) of BBQ Brisket or BBQ pulled chicken with your order.

Note: Tickets will not be available after May 7th or at the event.

This event will take the place of our regular monthly meeting for May.
(There will not be a meeting at Barnes Hall in May)

Cog Equipment Moves at the Colorado RR Museum



The Colorado Railroad Museum moved this Pike's Peak cog rail locomotive to a new steep grade track display on March 14, 2022. – Photo © 2022 Dave Schaaf.

Current Railroad Happenings



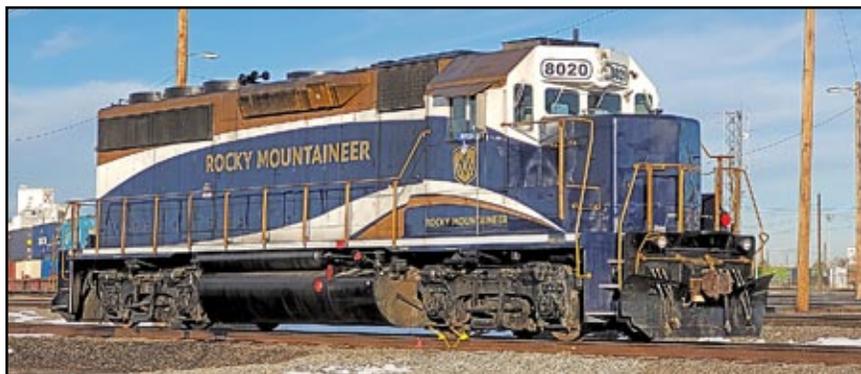
The BNSF Golden local was switching a lumber facility near 44th and McIntyre Street in Golden, Colorado, on March 14, 2022. – Photo © 2022 Dave Schaaf.

Cog Steam Locomotive No. 1 Moved at the Colorado RR Museum



The Colorado Railroad Museum moved the Manitou & Pike's Peak Railway steam locomotive to a new hillside display track near their library on March 14, 2022. – Two photos © 2022 Dave Schaaf.

Current Railroad Happenings



The first Rocky Mountaineer painted diesel unit in Colorado, RMRX 8020, shown here in Denver on February 18, 2022. – Photo © Dave Schaaf.



Freshly outshopped from MEI, Rocky Mountaineer RMRX 8021, a GP40-3, was moved into Colorado on Union Pacific's North Platte, Nebraska, to 36th Street Yard, Denver, train M NPDV-16. The train was held north of Ault, Colorado, during the snowy morning of March 17, 2022, waiting to meet a hot northbound Z-train out of Denver. This is the second of the two Rocky Mountaineer locomotives in Colorado for their Rockies to the Red Rocks service. – Photo © 2022 by Chip.

Contact Email Correction For Mike Butler's Request For Photographs Or Written Memories

Club member Mike Butler is requesting photographs or brief written memories from Club members for any of the Club excursions listed on page 8 of the March *Rail Report* for his new book titled *Rocky Mountain Railroad Club Golden Anniversary Excursions*.

Unfortunately Mike's email address in the March *Rail Report* was incorrect. Please email your submissions to Mike at: michaelbutler@q.com

Events of Railroad History:

Rio Grande Has Issued 45 Movies on Territory

From the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, May 13, 1945

Contributed by Dan Edwards

Thousands of persons in all parts of the United States are being given an opportunity to view the unlimited agricultural and industrial potentialities of the Rocky Mountain West, as well as its scenic splendors, as the motion picture program inaugurated several years ago by the Rio Grande Railroad is expanded.

The recent completion of a new film showing the San Juan Basin Empire brings to 45 the total number of pictures the Rio Grande has produced to advertise the territory it serves.

While designed primarily to stimulate interest in and create additional markets for the products of this area, the program also has had the effect of increasing travel in the Rocky Mountain West and of encouraging new settlement.

Until the war, these pictures were shown all over the country by traveling projectionists, working in cooperation with the 27 Rio Grande "off-line" travel agencies in eastern, southern, and far-western states. Now these men no longer travel, but the projection equipment and films are constantly being shipped from point to point and are always enthusiastically received.

Some of the more popular films are those showing Utah's agricultural program, the peach "industry" of western Colorado, the productive paradise of the Upper Arkansas Valley and the vast potato production of the San Luis Valley. Other subjects covered include the cattle and sheep production, and the

now world-famous apples produced in this region.

In addition to the agricultural and industrial films, there are others devoted primarily to the scenic wonders of the west, such as Utah's "Desert Empire" and the famed Pikes Peak region.

One example of the far-reaching effect of the program may be found in the fact that at the Golden Gate International Exposition more than 200,000 persons attended the Rio Grande exhibit to see films relating to this region.

The program is under the direction of George F. Dodge, director of public relations, and Carlton T. Sills, advertising manager for the Rio Grande. Several years ago, they retained the services of R. B. (Bud) Hooper, who has spent many years in Hollywood's studios and who has built up an enviable nation-wide reputation for his color photography.

The films, which run approximately 30 minutes, and most of which have "sound," are always shown without charge.

The Rio Grande, one of the first railroads in the country to develop an extensive motion picture program, also has several special films covering safety, courtesy and other related subjects that are used as part of an educational program for its proud employees.

Question: Does anyone know whether any of these films have been preserved?

2022 Mini Grant Applications

Do you have a railroad history-related project that could use a small grant for this summer? The Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation is looking for up to five individuals or organizations who have a summer project that could use up to \$1000. Full details and the application form can be found on our website:

www.rockymtnrrclub.org/index.htm

Applications must be received by USPS or email no later than April 30, 2022. The board will review applications at the May board meeting, and the 2022 recipients will be announced in the June 2022 *Rail Report*.

Virtual Meeting And Program Access Instructions

You won't need to send an email to reserve a virtual interactive spot at a Club meeting. All members who provided an email address to the Club were sent the Zoom invitation and login information for 2022 in a February 22nd email.

Make sure your membership email information is up to date so you can receive Club emailed communications.

Most Meetings Are Archived on YouTube

Archived meetings are available to watch any time you like. Just search for "Rocky Mountain Railroad Club" on YouTube, click on "Videos" at the top, and you can replay any meeting since we started going virtual back in 2020.

The board believes live streaming may increase membership and make our meetings available to members who find it difficult to attend in person meetings.

Colorado Railroad Museum

A mask is required for Museum entry. They are currently operating at a reduced capacity. An advance admission purchase reserves entry at your desired time.

For information call 303-279-4591 or visit <http://www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org>

Colorado Railroad Museum Admission

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.

Intermountain Chapter, NRHS Events

The next chapter meeting will be at Malones Clubhouse Grill.
For current meeting information email railbob@icloud.com or call 303-883-2435

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Membership Information

Membership in the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club may be obtained online at www.rockymtnrrclub.org or by sending the annual dues to the Club membership address:

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An associate membership for spouses and children is \$25.00 additional.

Regular membership dues are \$30.00 with email delivery of the *Rail Report* and \$45.00 if a printed, mailed *Rail Report* is desired.

Members joining after June may send a payment for half of the dues level they wish to join at for the remainder of the year.

International membership dues are \$45.00.
Contributing membership is \$50.00.
Sustaining membership is \$75.00.
Patron membership is \$100.00.

Members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club are also members of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Historical Foundation, a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

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:
Bruce Nall, Editor – Email: selectimag@aol.com

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Items for the May *Rail Report* should be sent by April 8th.