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Steam Over Cumbres

2006 C&TS Steam Freight Special and Convention

Chama, NM Friday through Sunday, June 9, 10, and 11, 2006

The Rocky Mountain Region is hosting it's 2006 convention in Chama, New Mexico. The emphasis is on a NARROW GAUGE STEAM FREIGHT – FROM CHAMA, OVER CUMBRES PASS, ALONG TOLTEC GORGE, TO BIG HORN WYE, AND RETURN.

In addition to the all day Saturday train trip, activities include yard and shop tours, welcoming get together on Friday night with a guest speaker from the C&TS RR, NMRA contest, RMR board meeting, and an extra fare Sunday morning breakfast.

The Saturday train trip will be a mixed freight run on an 89 mile round trip. There will be several organized photo run-bys. Lunch and snacks are included. Bring lots of film as there is lots of scenery as well as rail operations. **Want a caboose ride?** A drawing will be held among the first registrants for caboose passes. Here is a chance to ride part of the trip in style. (You must be over 18 years old for this.)

Our headquarters will be the Branding Iron Motel. They have offered us a rate of \$71.10 + tax for a single, \$80.10 + tax for a double and \$8 for each additional person. Their reservation line is 1-800-446-2650 or use the web site: www.brandingironmotel.com Be sure to specify you are members of the “**Cumbres Steam Group**”. No one will answer a phone call as this is the off season. But, they will get the messages. The mail address is PO Box 557, Chama NM 87520.

For more information on the convention and train, your contacts are:

US Mail: Steam Over Cumbres, 832 Geneva Street, Aurora CO 80010-3941

Web site: www.SteamOverCumbres.org E-mail: info@SteamOverCumbres.org

The foregoing is the plan. It is subject to availability of locomotive power and cars, approval by the C&TS RR Commission, and affordable insurance. Prices will be available as soon as we get the insurance rate. Check the web site, send email request or SSAE for prices and registration form if it is not included in this Callboard.

The foregoing information is where we stand as of going to print on Monday, October 24.

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The Callboard has a **NEW EDITOR: Kurt Kramke** is succeeding me as editor of the Callboard. This is the twelfth issue (third year) edited by me. With it, I wish Kurt good luck in keeping us members informed as to what is going on in the Region. Contact information for Kurt is shown above. (Richard Hunter)

Mainlines to Cheyenne – 2005 Convention Wrap Up

By: Bob Sherwood

June 23-26 saw 54 rails, 11 non-rail, 3 youth and 3 non-NMRA members converging on Cheyenne for the 2005 RMR-NMRA convention.

In addition, nine vendors made the trip to Cheyenne. Among these were Intermountain Railway Co, Yester Year Models, Jones Custom Train Cases, Don Meeker, Wolf Designs, Challenger Press / UP Historical Society, TrainMaster of Denver, AJ Wolff, Wild West Scale Model Builders, Caboose Hobbies and LaBelle Woodworking.

Four modular layouts were on display at this year's convention. There was a father and son N-scale layout, two HO-scale layouts and an LGB layout.

Three prototype tours took place on Friday. 39 people took advantage of the Tour to the Union Pacific Railroad's steam shops and heritage equipment. 14 went to tour the refinery of Frontier Oil. 16 went to tour the facility of Granite Quarry. All of these tours were well received. (I enjoyed two of the three. Well done. Ed.)

Clinics were presented on both Friday and Saturday with most being done twice. The subjects ranged from DCC Installation, to Model Photography, to discussing Prototype Methods. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the Northern Colorado Model Railroad Club for volunteering to present clinics.

Saturday evening found 83 attendees at the Terry Bison Ranch for a three meat Western BBQ with all the trimmings. The guest speaker was Mr. Frank Angstead, President & CEO of Intermountain Railway Company. He talked about how model companies get started and progress.

Out of several of the evening's highlights, the one that stands out the most to me is when Frank presented a coupon for a free "car of choice" to each of the banquet's attendees. This is the first time I can recall this happening at a convention.

Sunday morning found us at a Hobo Breakfast. The buffet provided a good solid meal for those taking advantage of it.

All in all, this was a very successful convention.

(Editor's note: I have never been to a bad convention but some stand out from the rest. This was one of those. Prototype tours and railfanning are not always as available as the Cheyenne folks provided for us. My thanks go to Bob and his crew for the hard work that makes a successful convention. Dick Hunter)

New RMR Treasurer

Don Francis has been appointed to fill out Jock Peters' term of office. Don has been the Superintendent of Sunrise Division for several years.

Wallace J Alspach 1924 – 2005

Wally passed away on June 14, 2005. He served the RMR in a number of capacities including the Company Store for the 1991 NMRA National Convention in Denver.

See you at the 2006 RMR-NMRA convention.

Upcoming Events

June 9–11, 2006 – Steam over Cumbres – RMR Convention – Chama, NM Narrow Gauge Steam Freight, Chama – Cumbres Pass – Toltec Gorge – Big Horn

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November 4-6 – Wasatch Division Show – Utah State Fairpark

Grand Building

Info: Mike Meiser – PowderRiver Rail@aol.com

November 5 – Pikes Peak Division annual train show – Colorado Springs

Knights of Columbus, 158 Widefield Blvd, Security CO

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November 12-13, December 10-11 – Pikemasters Model Railroad Club – Colorado Springs

City Auditorium, 221 E Kiowa Street

Info: Jack Sousa, 719-576-7017

Saturdays, November 26 – December 17 – Sunrise MRR Club Open House – Aurora, Colorado

10 am – 2 pm – East Wing, Buckingham Square Shopping Center, Havana & Mississippi

Info: Dick Hunter – hunterrl@ecentral.com

December 3 – Sheridan Model Railroad Assoc. Open House – Sheridan, Wyoming

1030 N. Main

Info: Harold Huber – sarge9@bresnan.net

December 8-17 – Roadrunner modular setup – Carlsbad Mall

Info: Bill Roberts – 505-887-1229 – billstrains@warpdriveonline.com

January 22 – Roadrunner Division Meet – Alamogordo

First National Bank, 414 10th Street – Structure contest – entrants contact Jim O'toole at

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February 18-20 – Sunrise Division's 25th Annual Buckingham mall Show – Aurora, Colorado

Buckingham Square Mall, Mississippi & Havana – Info: Chuck Shell cshell3933@msn.com

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