



Rocky Mountain Railroad Heritage Society

# Newsletter

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## President's Letter

First off I apologize for the tardiness of the newsletter, it should have been out three months ago. I guess I can say "mea culpa, mea culpa", as I kind of had a health problem which literally was the most painful I have had in a long time.

But, things are better and I will be trying to catch up on items which sadly, were placed on the back burner. So to bring all up to date, we had the Army Reserve come out to Calhan and help us greatly. They moved us about six months to a year forward, and the guys were super nice, and knowledgeable.

They put roofing paper on the coach, dug the bed for the tracks we are going to lay, laid the pavers, fixed the West baggage room door, and helped put the "sisters" up on the roof.

In addition to their help we had some great donations from "Rock and Rail" which donated 40 tons of ballast. C & C Stone and Gravel Company, which donated sand and weed liners, and some pavers.

Eian wired up one of the poles, and is poised to wire the other two for us. Greg and Bill Lugg painted the steel caboose bright red, removing the graffiti.

John Emmott did the society well by overseeing the work we accomplished since June as did Greg also.

On the following pages are some pictures of the happenings at the Calhan, Rock Island Depot.

Jim





# Progress at Calhan Depot

Over the last few months there's been much activity at the Rock Island Railroad Depot in Calhan, CO.

Many thanks to the Army Reserve for the manpower and the heavy equipment.

Thanks to Wayne Kemp for the photos.



The Army Reserve skid steer loader grading the right of way for the new siding prior to the delivery of the ballast.

A bit hard to see but the pavers for the waiting platform are partially laid. We are short about 660. We used over a 1,000. After this picture was taken they laid some additional. We are waiting to put the gutters and soffit on in prep for the new roof that will be on shortly. We intend to put post lights at the end of the pavers, and a bench under the train board.



## Upcoming Dates

October 8, 2022: Work Day on Calhan.

October 15-16, 2022: PMRA TECO Joint Model Train Show in Pueblo, CO.

October 22, 2022: RMRHS Board Meeting in Castle Rock. Contact Jim Jordan to attend in person or by Zoom. 12pm.





The Army Reserve really came through for us and delivered about 40 tons of FRA-approved granite ballast donated by Rock and Rail in Canon City. Now we just have to spread it on our new ROW.

## Many to Thank!

CJ Cullian- \$300 for porta-potty.

Steve Wadle - \$50.

Roy's Trains - \$100.

Roy and Margaret Thompson - \$150.09.

Bill Lugg - \$120 for bedding sand.

The School District in Calhan, special program donated \$600.

We are waiting for confirmation from BHS Trash for donation of a 12 cu yard roll off dumpster.

Sturgeon Electric—They kindly replaced the old poles which were removed due to rot.



New telephone pole last April.

## CRI&P Fairmont speeder



The 1943 CRI&P Fairmont speeder is loaded and ready to go on its trip to Ft. Lupton for repairs. In the background is Larry Trosh who was instrumental in arranging the assistance of six football player from Calhan School to help us get it out of a dark corner of the depot and onto the trailer. They made short work of the job. Photo by Bill Lugg.



The CRI&P speeder has arrived in Ft Lupton and is being unloaded. A light rain has started to fall, just to make things interesting. Photo by Dana Stephens.



The CRI&P Fairmont speeder in its temporary home while repairs are made by Al Rodi in Ft. Lupton. It is expected to take three to four months to complete. Thanks to Dana Stephens for the loan of her trailer to get the speeder up there. Photo by Dana Stephens.



# Signal Pole for Calhan

This signal pole was donated by the UPRR signal department at Denver. The structure formerly stood at 9th Street in Cañon City, Colorado on the Tennessee Pass subdivision. It likely dates to the D&RGW Railroad days.



Bruce Yelin and Gregg Roberts unload the motorized unit from the delivery truck, to begin repairs on it.



## Calhan on October 1st:





# More at Calhan

On 30 August 2022, Bill Lugg added names to the two cabooses at Calhan. The wood caboose (brown) was named "The Leonard Walmsley" and the steel caboose (red) was named "The Tom Mars".

Photos on this page are by Bill Lugg.



After six months of work sand blasting and painting components of the Estate 249 caboose stove, assembly was finally completed on 7 September 2022 by Bill Lugg in his shop. The stove was placed in the wood caboose by John Emmot and Bill Lugg on 10 September. All it needs now is the chimney work completed.

# Calhan on October 1st:



On 30 August 2022, the RMRHS received a second delivery of 47 tons of ballast from Rock and Rail as a most generous donation. It was deposited at the east end of the newly graded roadbed. Our thanks to Mark Furstenberger of Classic Homes for help in arranging its transport from Parkdale to Calhan.



# Craig Depot is No More

Sadly, the UPRR recently tore down the Craig Depot. We tried so very hard to save that depot. We made at least seven or eight trips to Craig for meetings with everyone who might have an interest in saving it. Bret Johnson, Doug Cohn, Wayne Kemp, and Jim Jordan lobbied the Town Managers, City Council, UP's Greg Larson, Manager of Real Estate, CPI, and a great many townspeople tried to find a way to save it. But, we lost. What a shame.



# Steamboat Springs Depot

Member Jamie Foster visited the Steamboat Springs Depot (pictured at right) in September 2022. It was built in 1909 by the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, but rail service ended by April of 1968, and by 1977 the building housed a theater. Today it's a very nice art gallery and events center. For more photos and story, visit: [ToShinyRails.com/?p=1701](http://ToShinyRails.com/?p=1701)



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Bill Lugg and Greg Roberts try to figure out how to remove the signal lights for refurbishing.

## C&SRy #65

C&S RY Engine 65 in Clear Creek Canyon just west of Golden on a warm summers day, July 22, 1938. Ten cars, speed 10 mph.

Photo by R. H. Kindig



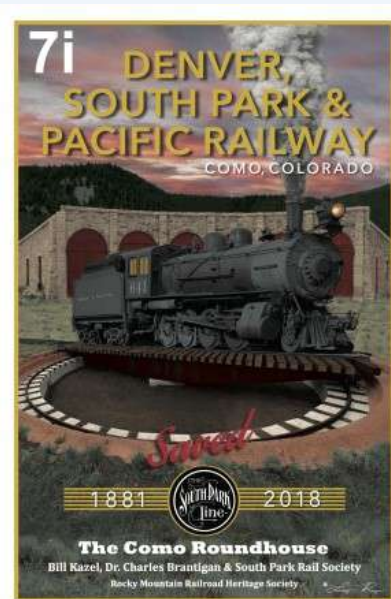
## Caboose Stove

Yesterday we took our "new" caboose stove down to Calhan, so that Bill Lugg can clean and paint it. This is from a RR caboose, and once the dirt and rust is removed, and it's painted, we will place it in position in the wood caboose. We are thankful that Robert of "ALLPHASE ELECTRIC" assisted us in obtaining this great addition. Robert also has a side braced Rock Island caboose up by Como.



## Posters For Sale

Unsigned posters are \$10 each. Posters signed by Lindsey Runyan are \$15 each. Shipping and handling is \$5/poster. When ordering, please note the poster number (7a, 7b, etc.) and indicate signed or unsigned. Actual poster size is 12" x 18". Ten to choose from. Visit: [RMRHS.org](http://RMRHS.org) For Sale page.





# Ghostly Trains and Haunted Rails: Along the Denver, South Park & Pacific Line

By L. Keipp

A ghostly sighting is attributed along the rails of the Denver, South Park and Pacific Railroad, which ran from Denver along the South Platte River and into Waterton Canyon, then over Kenosha Pass and through South Park and eventually ended in Gunnison. The Gunnison segment was abandoned in 1927, with the Denver, Kenosha part abandoned in 1939.

But in the 1890's, William Westwal, an engineer on the line in the 1880's told the following story to a reporter for the Rocky Mountain News.

A man named Ike Taylor lived with his wife and three children in a small cabin in the small town of Webster. Ike got into a fight with a man from Como named Steve Smith. Apparently the fight was so terrible that Smith declared he would kill Turner, and burn his cabin down. One day when Ike Turner was in Breckinridge, Steve Smith did just that. He burned Ike Turner's Cabin down, killing Ike's wife and three children in the fire.

Smith fled down Platte Canyon with Turner hard on his trail, eventually finding the villain Smith. Both men fought. Sadly Turner's body was found by a pursuing posse in a gulch, broken as if it had been thrown there and stabbed numerous times. Eventually Smith was found and hung after a miner's court rendered him a murderer. His body was left to feed crows and rot.

Now these doings happened before the railroad laid track, but the engineer told of an evening as he slowly drove his train through Platte Canyon at Dome Rock, and he and his fireman saw what looked like a man throwing himself off the rocks onto the tracks below. A few nights later in the exact same area, the same men saw more of a scene, two men fighting upon the rock, one stabbing the other and throwing him off the rock.

The engineer told that he ran that route, and every time he did, he saw the same battle enacted on Dome Rock and knew it was a ghost scene.

Another time, Westwal and his fireman saw a cabin burning near Webster, as they brought their train near the top of Kenosha Pass, heading towards Denver. As they passed the burning cabin they could hear screams from a woman and children, but when they asked in Denver the next morning, they were told that not only was there no fire, there hadn't been a cabin on that location for a very long time.

# Searchlight Road Signal

It's a vanishing relic from when railroad movements were controlled by signal lights. These very possibly are relics from the D&SL railroad which was acquired by the D&RGW.

Photo by Jim Jordan



# Mileposts

Check out this new section on our website ([RMRHS.org](http://RMRHS.org)). Along the way we may send out or receive miscellaneous communiques or hear stories from any number of sources that would be hard to categorize. So we put them here. This is Wayne Kemp's image of UP's "Big Boy" in Limon.





# TECO Show

Here are two photos from a recent TECO Show. There's another TECO Show coming up October 15-16, 2022 at the State Fair Grounds, 1001 Beulah Ave., Pueblo, CO, Saturday 9am-4:30pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. TECOshow.org



Here's a photo we recently acquired from Australia taken in 1940. This image will be one of 13 on the 2023 calendar. The highest point on the CRI&P is at 6,909 feet.

# Rare Sight

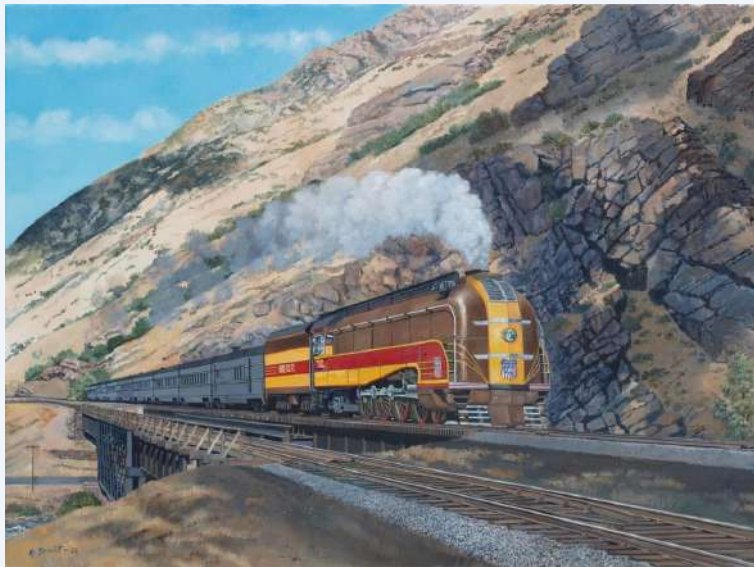
A BN steel caboose used in a BNSF transfer to the UP. April 5th, 2022. Denver, Colorado.





# Loco Artwork Series by Daniel Edwards

There will be 10 artwork pieces in this series coming out over the next few months. All are 5" tall by 26" long. Signed and numbered. Very limited supply. \$75 non-members, \$50 members. Print #1 for each loco is 48" x 6" at \$100. See the website for details: [RMRHS.org/for-sale.html](http://RMRHS.org/for-sale.html)



## By Gilbert Bennett

49er at Gateway, Utah. The train is the 1939 version. You can find the artist on Facebook.



## 2021 Member of the Year—John Emmott

John Emmott was voted by his peers as member of the year. John has consistently been a source of inspiration to the Calhan Project workers. He is professional in everything he does. Never one to anger, criticize, or complain. If something needs attention and no one has noticed it, John will take care of it. He is a true leader, and an all around good guy, and indispensable member.

John has led the work team in helping manufacture the caboose doors, has helped tar the roof of the coach. Installed the gates on the coach.

He has done so much to move the Society forward these past strange years.

The member of the year program was created to express the Society's appreciation for a job well done, going that extra mile that sometimes is necessary. We have had this program in play since 2015. There are and have been occasions when no award was given, and other years when more than one person has been voted member of the year.

Doug Cohn was the first member who was chosen for that distinction in 2015.



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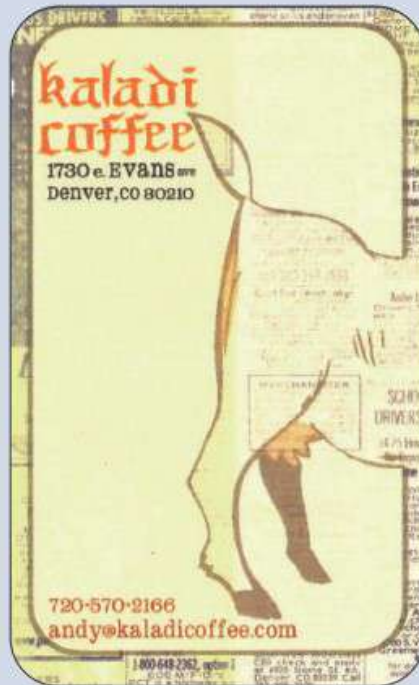
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