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View From the Caboose

I am anticipating a long road trip to San Jose to meet the newest member of our family, a little girl born January 28th. She arrived a little early after some complications, but in good health and has been welcomed by her almost all of her family except us, her great grandparents. In fact, we will see 4 other great grands before we return home.

We will be back in time to be at the Rocky Mountain Train Show helping to set up and make it as awesome as Scott and DeAnn usually do. I know we need more help especially on Saturday and Sunday mornings (April 6 & 7th) Some of you might help with the kids corner.

Some run your own train (we have 8 tracks to keep going),

If we are lucky, Scott and DeAnn may be able to come see us at the train show for a bit. Scott got to go home and as of this writing has spent one night in his own house. Unfortunately, not in his own bed. It turns out it is not as comfortable as he remembered. I'm thinking that having broken ribs makes beds, chairs, and most everything uncomfortable. I know some of you will be checking in with DeAnn to help support her as she helps him through his recovery.

We have a full summer lined up. If you are needing something to do, just wander out to the museum. DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME BADGE! (I keep mine in the car). I think you will always find that there is plenty of work to do done there. I hope to get out there to help get the pond area cleaned out and perhaps plant some of our planters. I think we can have some spectacular flowers this year! There is never a shortage of leaves and debris to be removed from around the buildings and track, but as you all know, we can always make it better with just a little more effort. So, just jump in! You may want to keep a pair of knee pads in the car too, or just use one of the kneeling cushions that someone has left there for us to use as needed.

Craig has painted his Heisler and it is sitting on the island in our kitchen. I am suppose to print and cut out the letters he wants to put on the locomotive. I will see what I can do. Maybe that will happen sometime before the summer is over. He has moved on to his next project, which makes no sense to me at all, except that he wants the challenge.

He is going to make another steam locomotive that runs on a 3 1/2" track. There are no such tracks here in



Colorado, and are very few in the United States, but reducing the plans to 1 3/4" is not so simple as just reducing everything by one half. Who ever claimed that adults playing with trains make sense anyway! See you at the Train Show!

Cherylene Evans

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Garden Trains on Facebook and YouTube

Facebook has Public and Private Groups.

A Public group on FaceBook allows anyone to see who's in the group and what they post. It is visible to anyone. A Private Group allows only members to see who's in the group and what they post.

Most Groups are visible and anyone can find the group. When you join Facebook, you do not have to provide any information that you do not want to share with others.

This is a Public Group: GRNews on Facebook, and you do not need a Facebook account to view.

The following are **Private Groups**, and you need a Facebook account and join the group to see what is posted.

DGRS has a Private group page (Denver Garden Railway Society). Videos of the operations and others are posted there. https://www.facebook.com/groups/970224199655068/

These are other Private Groups:

G Scale Trains: https://www.facebook.com/groups/248809748503280/
https://www.facebook.com/groups/52647946993/

LGB Train Sales & Trades: https://www.facebook.com/groups/316404888778962/

GScale.Net: https://www.facebook.com/groups/gscale/

G-Scale- Garden Trains: https://www.facebook.com/groups/268889036532980/

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club:https://www.facebook.com/groups/rockymtnrrclub

There are many other groups on Facebook that have similar interests.

YouTube

You do not need an account to see posts on YouTube. There are a lot of posts on YouTube that have nothing to do with our hobby.

Programs

March 26

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Michelle Kempema from the Greeley Museum will present a talk on the Greeley Museum Trains.

April 30

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Sean Jackson, who is one of the leaders at the Durango & Silverton railroads car shop, will do an overview of the recent projects in the car shop as well as the roundhouse.

May 28

We will find a nursery where we can meet and learn some new stuff about plants for our layouts.

June, 29, Saturday

Picnic and swap meet at the CRRM. Refer to the Hospitality report for more info.

July 30

Short meeting and Ice Cream Social at Michel Miller's home.

August 24, Saturday

General Meeting at Larkspur, LCRR, Bob & Glenn Leise's home. Meeting, lunch and G Scale and 7 ½ trains.

September 24

Our first fall regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Richard Luckin will present our September program about the Pullman Car company and its history.

October 29

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Paul Hammond from the CRRM will talk about the museum and its programs.

November 19 NOTE Date Change due to Thanksgiving

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Bill Robie and Dave Ropchan will talk about the beginning of the Georgetown Loop.

Ron Keiser



Hospitality

Here's what Hospitality has planned in the coming months:

GENERAL MEETING: March 26, Easter's early this year—bring a favorite springtime treat to share (and if not top secret, a copy of the recipe for people to snap a photo of!).

GENERAL MEETING: April 30, If so led, this day is National Oatmeal Cookie Day. Bring your creative twist on this cookie, or bring a special treat with oatmeal. Or, there are many other yummy food choices featured each day in the month of April. Bring one of those! I'm eyeing a chocolate mousse, pretzel, or caramel corn, all featured on different days...so hard to choose!

GENERAL MEETING May 28, - Typically sends us back to the great outdoors-look for meetings at a plant nursery. Water and cookies will be provided for our summer kick off at Jared's Nursery in Littleton. More details to follow as Betsy prepares for us. If any particular plant topics you'd like to hear about, let me know and I'll pass it on!

GENERAL MEETING/ DGRS SUMMER PICNIC and SWAP MEET June 29, -Not to be missed! Set aside the whole morning and plan on eating after our abbreviated 11:00 am General Meeting. As in past, meats and sodas/ water provide by the DGRS.

RSVP form will be available starting in April. No extra per person charge for those with Family memberships, but those with Individual memberships will need to bring \$5 for each extra person.

Please bring a side dish to share by your Last Name beginning with:

A-K: Dessert

L-Z: Salad (pasta, fruit or vegetable, beans).

We're trying something new this year-as buying & selling will be concentrated around the Pavilion area. This should make it easier for those buying and selling to grab something to eat in between transactions! Stay tuned for details...

GENERAL MEETING and ICE CREAM SOCIAL July 30, Hosted by the Millers. Details to follow...

GENERAL MEETING/ TRAIN DAY Saturday August 24 at the Larkspur Consolidated Railroad. A great way to close out the summer meetings!!! Bob and Glen Leise and the rest of the Larkspur crew are preparing for a day of fun at the Leise Farm. Hot dogs and beverages per DGRS, side dishes alphabetically - we'll switch things around from the picnic:

A-K: Salads (pasta, fruit or vegetable, beans, etc)

L-Z: Dessert

Don't forget to bring a copy of recipes to place by the dishes, which was a huge success last year!

Like the picnic, an RSVP will be required so we have enough to eat.

More details to follow...

Keep coming to the meetings to hear of any changes or more details for the more distant events. And no food/drinks unless you wear your DGRS Badge.

If for any reason you're unable to make the meetings because of transportation issues, we already have several carpool groups that have developed. Let me know if having a ride would make a difference in your attending, and we'll make sure to facilitate that!

We hope to see you at the upcoming meetings. It's the best way to hear about changes or get more details as events approach. As always, find me if we haven't talked in a while, or if you're new to the DGRS.

There are a good number of new members. Please remember to wear your badge if you already have one, so we can put names together with faces. For those who have ordered badges and picked them up, THANKS! A good number are still in the Layout Alpine Tunnel Building, awaiting their homes. If you'd like it brought to the next meeting, let us know and we'll get it to you.

Can't wait to see everyone - reach out if any questions!

Michele Miller

OUTREACH:

It's all about FUN (with some engineering, modeling, and gardening thrown in!). The upcoming Rocky Mountain Train Show on April 6 - 7 is always a great time to connect with folks interested in the hobby.

Museum DGRS Layout opportunities continue on days of regular operations. All it takes is a rail truck, trolley, or small engine on Track 7 and a friendly face to help people run it! The snowy weather has interfered on some of the days folks would be out, but warmer days are ahead...

In addition to operators helping out at the DGRS layout, the club continues to look for community based outreach. Terry Foley, Outreach Chair, has his sights set on planned Rec Center events (starting with South Suburban as a pilot) this spring. Stay tuned, and let him know if you'd like to be involved in the planning! This will hopefully attract people (individuals and families) to the hobby.

The Outreach Committee is also eager to hear any ideas club members might have as to school or community events that DGRS could travel to. Please let us know of these, and we'll do our best to make it work!

Outreach also includes helping those in our club who might need help with a specific project that would allow for railways to be built or continue operating. But we need to hear from you! Talk to Eric Petty, Terry Foley, Alan Olson, or Michele Miller if wanting more information.



Attention 2022 NGRC Layout Tour Hosts

The 2022 NGRC award plaques to recognize your participation as a layout tour host will be available at the March, April and May general membership meetings and the DGRS swap meet/picnic in June. If you do not claim your plaque by then, they will donated to the club to be sold at future swap meets

or given to new members. Please pick-up in person - mailing is not an option. Thanks,

Doug Mayes, 2022 NGRC Chairman

EXHIBITS

Rocky Mountain Train Show - Spring 2024, April 6th & 7th

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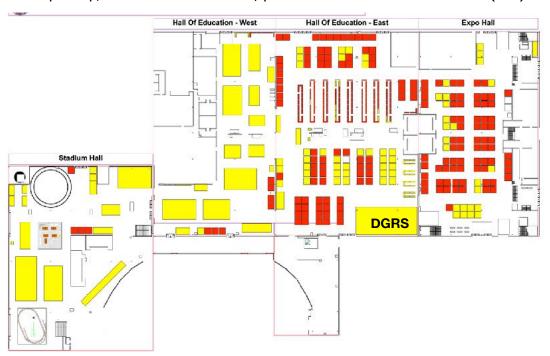
National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt St., Denver, CO 80216

DGRS will be setting up on April 5, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

There will be 9 tracks to run on Saturday and Sunday AM and PM shifts for both days. Takedown will be on Sunday at 4 PM.

Come run trains with us and enjoy having conversations with people that also love trains.

If you wish to help setup/take down or run trains, please contact Dale Underwood at (303) 619-4014



CLINICS

Rocky Mountain Train Show Clinics - Saturday 4/6 and Sunday 4/7 at the National Western Stock show site

I have been in charge of the clinics at the train show for ten years and am always looking for new presenters.

The most popular clinic is always the Union Pacific Historic Steam program presentation by Ed Dickens. This year he has a new presentation that will go into technical details about firebox work on the 844 and the 4014 and how he changed the water treatment after 2011. This clinic will be at 1 PM on Saturday in the NW Club room (on the first floor.)

There will also be presentations about modeling and railroad history. These clinics will be in the Centennial room and the Coors Art room (on the second floor, which is served by an elevator.)

For the complete listing of clinics visit: https://rockymountaintrainshow.com/Event/Clinics.aspx?EventID=31 (Note: if you click on the disclosure arrow on the left side of the clinic listing it will show a summary of the clinic and information about the presenter.)

James Mackay

Rocky Mountain Train Show Clinics

~			Saturday, April 6, 2024		
	>	10:00 AM	Colorado Rail Prototype Meet	Michelle Kempema	Meet N' Greet
	>	11:00 AM	Micro-Mark	Donald Becker	Meet N' Greet
	>	12:00 PM	Second Section Podcast	Michael Ostertag	Meet N' Greet
	>	1:00 PM	Meet Hyce	Mark Huber	Meet N' Greet
	>	1:00 PM	Union Pacific Historic Steam for 2024	Ed Dickens	NW Club
	>	2:00 PM	The Gold Spike (and the Transcontinental Railroad)	Ken Valles	Coors Art Room
	>	2:00 PM	"The Last Zephyr" book signing	Brad Swartzwelter	Meet N' Greet
	>	3:00 PM	Soundtrack Blunami!	George Bogatiuk III	Centennial Room
	>	3:00 PM	The Railroad Chapel Cars	Ken Valles	Coors Art Room
	>	4:00 PM	The Moffat Road - Denver Northwestern Pacific	Doug Geiger	Centennial Room

>		Sunday, April 7, 2024					
>	10:00 AM	Colorado Rail Prototype Meet	Michelle Kempema	Meet N' Greet			
>	11:00 AM	Women in Model Railroading	Cinthia Priest	Meet N' Greet			
>	12:00 PM	Second Section Podcast	Michael Ostertag	Meet N' Greet			
>	1:00 PM	Model Railroad Operations: A basic introduction using Java Model Railroad Interface (JMRI)	Mike O'Neill	Coors Art Room			
>	1:00 PM	Meet Hyce	Mark Huber	Meet N' Greet			
>	2:00 PM	The Gold Spike (and the Transcontinental Railroad)	Ken Valles	Coors Art Room			
>	2:00 PM	"The Last Zephyr" book signing	Brad Swartzwelter	Meet N' Greet			
>	3:00 PM	The Railroad Chapel Cars	Ken Valles	Coors Art Room			

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Activities at the Museum

Repairs are being made to the DGRS California Zephyr Locomotives.

Sam Kunugi found out that the power truck frames on the USA Trains locomotives that DGRS uses to pull our version of the California Zephyr were causing the axel bearings, stubs and gear shafts to wear and misalign resulting in the axel



mounted gears wearing sooner than they should. USA Trains sell both of these parts and several new parts have already been changed out. The new frames come with new axle stub bearings and springs.

Examination of all of the frames indicated that more frames will need to be replaced soon along with some electrical work.

At this point we have a set of smooth running A and B units. These can be used to pull only 3 Zephyr passenger cars for now. When more locomotives are repaired, longer Zephyr trains can be pulled.

Al Blount, Marilou and Pete Hendel replaced the light fixtures in the Alpine Tunnel building. Let their be light!!! The work benches along the railings need to be replaced/fixed so that a usable work surface can be used. We are looking into alternatives that will provide a reliable all-season surface to put your equipment and trains on. Suggestions are welcome.

We will need to start some spring ground keeping real soon. Ground keeping will start with the leaf filled pond and water feature.

We are hoping that we don't have to delay these projects like last year when we had so many rain delays! Saturday work sessions need to be carefully tailored to make sure that we can still run trains for visitors. Weeding, fence repair, rolling stock cleaning are some examples.

The Bunny Train! March 30. Please bring your bunny trains to show the kids.

Remember that **Rail Days are on April 25th and 26**. Steamers #20 and #491 fire up to pull trains around the CRRM loop. Several display locomotives and cars are open for visitors to climb into including steam engines, diesels and cabooses. A working hand pumped track maintenance car is in action and the turntable will moving around.

Alan Olson

Train News

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club

The Rocky Mountain Railroad club has had a page on their web site for years that has had excellent photos of trains. Recently the club has removed those pages and posted the photos on their Facebook page. You have to be a member to see the photos. https://www.facebook.com/groups/rockymtnrrclub

Rail Pictures and Videos

Photos from all over the US. You can select the locomotive type, railroad, location, etc.

http://www.railpictures.net

Colorado Railroads

Colorado Railroads, a site for the fans of past and present railroads serving the Centennial State.

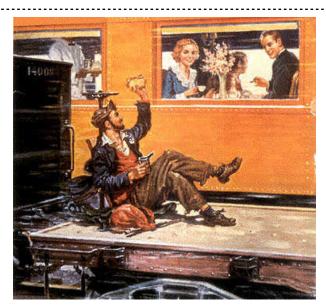
http://www.corailroads.com/

Abandoned Rails

Featuring thousands of miles of abandoned railroad routes in North America, illustrated with maps, pictures, and history.

https://www.abandonedrails.com/

Hobo Brunch



The Hobo Brunch Group meets on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Next meeting **April 13** at Valley Inn. Just show up, no reservations necessary!

Location: Valley Inn,

1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood

Please contact Byron & Marta Fenton with questions.



Easter is coming

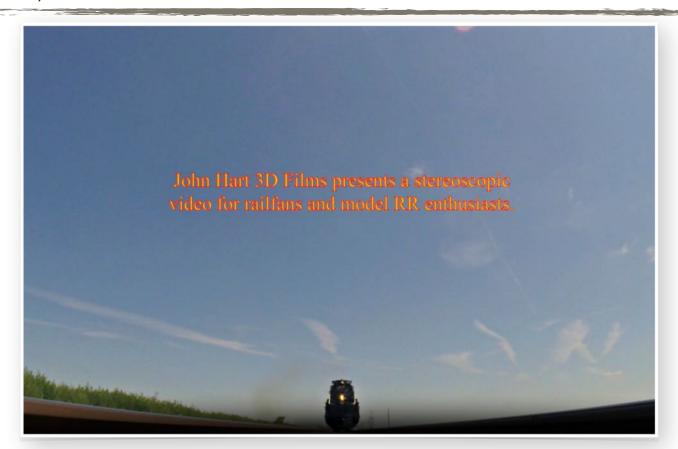


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Or move to Nebraska?
Order Union Pacific Railroad
Museum Plates Online

NEBRASKA



Rollins pass, Moffat road 1906 James. Mackay



Colorado Garden Rail

Twelve indoor and outdoor layouts in the Denver area bring the colorful history of times-past to life. https://denvergardenrailway.org/summer_tours/Colorado%20Garden%20Rail.mp4

SUMMER TOURS

Summer Tours 2024

Summer tours are on the horizon and it is time to consider opening your line to club members. As we have done in the past, we are trying to cluster tours by region, so our members have a shorter drive and hosts have a better attendance. The tours are assigned on a rotating basis and this year the first tours are:

- June 8/9 and are in the Southeast quadrant, which is South of Colfax and East of Santa Fe
- July 13/14 tours are in the Northeast quadrant, which is North of Colfax and East of Wadsworth
- August 10/11 tours are in the Northwest quadrant, North of Colfax and West of Wadsworth
- September 14/15 tours are in the Southwest quadrant, South of Colfax and East of Santa Fe.

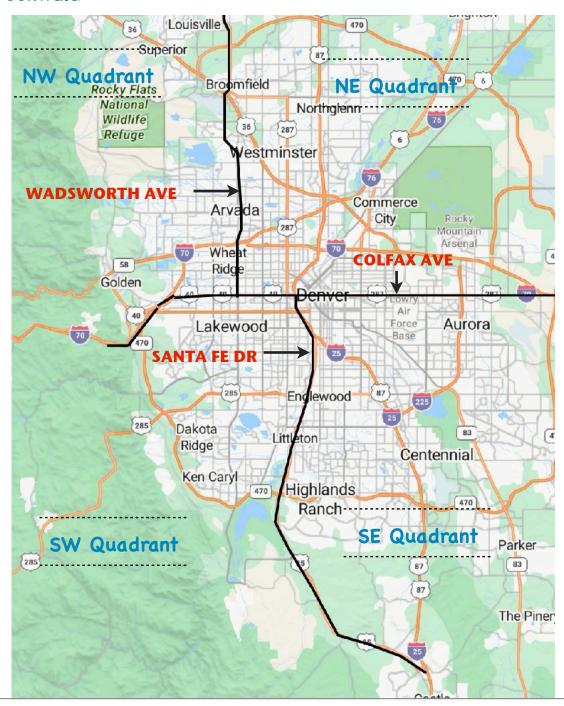
As always, you can run on other dates. You might have a lower attendance than if you were in your quadrant. You can run multiple days or any day you want, just tell me and I will get the word out.

I will start gathering names of interested persons at the next meetings and then will do follow-up calls later. Please see me at the meetings and indicate if you have an interest or not, otherwise I have to call you.

We want everyone that has a layout to open their home, especially if you have never opened before. It is nice to see newer layouts so we can see improvements next year. I need you to email or call me to tell me if you are interested. I will distribute the open house tour addresses prior to the prior month's club meeting via email. If you have never opened before, I will need a brief description of your line, directions to your home from a major intersection, and what time of day on Saturday and/or Sunday you want to be open. Typically we would like you to be open at least 4 or more hours. If you have a layout that presents better at a particular time of day or evening, please tell me.

Contact me if you have any questions

Chris Greenwald



Garden Railway Club News

This section is an opportunity for our members to learn from the efforts, tips, techniques, and news of other garden railway clubs. Please Click on each club name below **Or** go the following link to access all the clubs:

https://www.denvergardenrailway.org/index.php/links-to-other-clubs/

Northern Colorado Garden Railroaders



Mile High Garden Railway Society

THE GARDEN WHISTLE

New Zealand Large Scale Newsletter

Bay Area Garden Railway Society



Rose City Garden Railway Society



Gold Coast Garden Railway Society



Puget Sound Garden Railway Society



North Texas Garden Railroad Club



Northern Ohio Garden Railway Society



Garden Railroading News (GR News)
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Central California Coast Garden Railroad Society





Public Model Train Auction

COLORADO TRAIN FOUNDATION

March 30th

Viewing 8 am. Auction 9 am.

American Legion Post # 161 6230 West 60th Avenue, Arvada, CO

425 lots of 0, G & S gauge trains

- =52+ lots of Steam & Diesel engines, all sizes & eras including MTH UP Railking Big Boy, a G-scale USA UP GP-30 & a diesel BNSF SD40-2
- =140+ lots of freight cars and sets of all eras
- =40 lots of passenger cars & sets, all eras including MTH 30-2197-1 UP M10000 Diesel passenger set w/ Proto 2.0 & Lionel 7-11020 Hogwarts Express
- =49 lots of track, switches and power
- =82 lots vehicles, accessories, buildings & scenery
- =67+ lots of miscellaneous items both new and used
- =Included are large custom G gauge buildings

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Get Registered early

Questions, contact Tony: 1-609-865-2766

or Anthony.dower3rd@gmail.com

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Publications

The best experience of the DGRS newsletter is to read it online or download it and read it on the computer or tablet. Articles and topics provide links to photos, videos, additional information and enhanced content that supplements the article.

If you print it and read it off-line, you will miss a lot of the content. As an example, there may be links to other web sites, documents and movies that you would not be able to access if the newsletter was printed.

Any links in this newsletter were active at the time of publishing. In some cases, the web site may have ceased operation, the material was removed or expired, and it is no longer available. We have no control over these issues, but try to make sure the links are active at publication time.

The newsletter content is for DGRS members and all Garden Railroad club members. We do not share email addresses nor telephone numbers within the general part of the newsletter. For DGRS members, there is a Members Only section that is not distributed to other organizations.

If you need to contact DGRS, the following email addresses are available:

Club President: president@denvergardenrailway.org

Web Site: webmaster@DenverGardenRailway.org
Newsletter: publications@denvergardenrailway.org



Its Winter!!!

Oh Crap! It's winter and now he is inside.

We all love Colorado for the wonderful 4 seasons... but not if you're married to a train man.

That means winter holds a whole new outlook for you. He's inside the house...all the time. He is now lost into his basement sanctuary, his workshop. I'm glad we don't have a kitchen downstairs or I may never see him from December through March.

First of all, there is a lot of noise especially if he has a layout in the basement. He can't run outside so inside it is and it can be loud, really loud. He has to try all those train effects to make sure they work. He has to make sure multiple times that the horn



blows. Grease everywhere from him working on his trains getting them ready for Spring.

I've said good-bye to my nice towels. I'm learning new swear words as he drops those tiny screws or springs. I smell the paint, alcohol to clean the tracks, or smoke lofting up from the basement. He's got one-track hearing meaning he's so intent on working on his trains that he can't hear me. Certainly it can't be selective hearing, right?

At least I know where he is and he's having fun. Isn't that what this hobby is all about? Having fun, running or working on trains, and spending it with other like-minded train people at the few winter events or meetings. Spring is right around the corner and he'll be outside once again when he can share the noise and swear words with the neighbors and not just me.

Sara Burns



James Mackay: Illinois Central Railroad Scrapbook://www.facebook.com/1448037331/posts/pfbidOCUHyx2YfpF1UP2coCoMnKx7rPvQAzGYxf2A5ZKtcB9JuKwJU4onEXE4qo6YLHfh6l/





Liam Wright's Plymouth Switcher







On the western bluff as you enter Nebraska on I-80 from Iowa are these two stops in one location. The park contains UP Big BOY #4023 & DDA40X Diesel locomotives.

Across the parking lot is Lauritzen botanic gardens which contains a large G scale layout. Please see pictures. It's worth the stop.

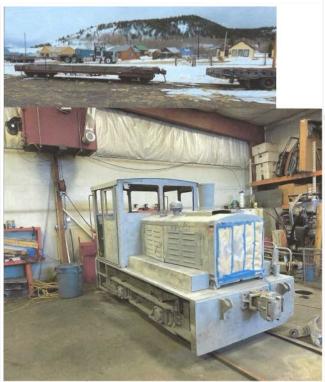
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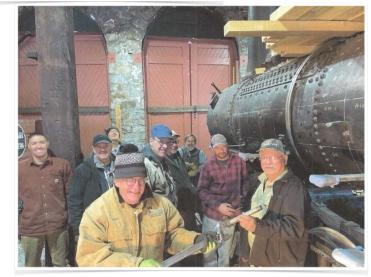
Progress In Como Work Days











2024 DGRS Calendar

DATE **EVENT DETAILS** The DGRS will need operators for all days, from Mar 19-22, Spring Break at the CRRM. Bring your train and 10am to 4pm. Contact Alan Olson if you are entertain kids at the museum Tues- Fri available to run trains. General Meeting, Our regular General Meeting will Mar 26. be held at the Clements Community Center. Michelle 7:00 PM, Clements Community Center Kempema from the Greeley Museum will present a 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, CO 80214 Tuesday program on the trains at the Greeley Museum. The DGRS will need operators from 10am to 4pm. Mar 30. Contact Alan Olson if you are available to run Bunny Train at the CRRM Saturday trains. April, 2, 7:00 PM, @ Doug Mayes Office. 7114 W. Jefferson **DGRS Board Meeting** Ave, Suite 210, Lakewood 80235 or via Zoom Tuesday Apr 13, Hobo Brunch; Members get together and swap 8:30 am at the Valley Inn, 1997 S Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO Saturday stories at breakfast. Contact Cherylene Evans for time and details: Apr 18, Choo Choo Sew 8061 W Grand Ave, Littleton CO 80123 Everyone is invited and will be welcome. Thursday Members are requested to sign up to run trains Apr 25 & 26, on the club layout for this event, 9am - 3pm. Rail Days at the CRRM. Steamers #20 and #491 Most of these operating shifts are 4 hours long. Thurs & fire up to pull trains around the CRRM loop. Please call Don McCullough or Alan Olson to Friday support these activities at the museum. General Meeting, Our regular General Meeting will Train T-SHIRT Night be held at the Clements Community Center. Sean Apr 30, Jackson, who is one of the leaders at the Durango & 7:00 PM, Clements Community Center Tuesday Silverton railroads car shop, will do an overview of 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, CO 80214 the recent projects in the car shop as well as the May 7, 7:00 PM, @ Doug Mayes Office. 7114 W. Jefferson **DGRS Board Meeting** Tuesday Ave, Suite 210, Lakewood 80235 or via Zoom Hobo Brunch; Members get together and swap 8:30 am at the Valley Inn, 1997 S Wadsworth Blvd, May 11, Saturday stories at breakfast. Lakewood, CO Contact Cherylene Evans for time and details: May 16, Choo Choo Sew 8061 W Grand Ave, Littleton CO 80123 Everyone is invited and will be welcome. Thursday