



Spring into Summer, in Golden!

Happy May! This month promises lots of fun and adventure at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Beginning in the middle of this month—on Thursday, May 15—trains will return to operation four days each week, joined by special activities every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The weekend of May 17-18 "Colorado Crossings," Metro Denver's biggest rail enthusiast event, returns! Experience an authentic, coal-fired steam locomotive and all three of the Museum's Galloping Geese in operation, plus a used railroad book sale that same weekend! Finally, during the first weekend of June, prehistoric fun will take over the Colorado Railroad Museum as the "Dinosaur Express Train" returns for families! Here's a preview of what's heading our way in May 2025:

- **Final Tuesday "Galloping Goose" Rides for 2025:** Since mid-January, the Colorado Railroad Museum has offered rides aboard "Galloping Goose" motor No. 7 on Sundays and selected Tuesdays, coinciding with family programming at the Museum. The final chance to take advantage of this unique ride experience until the fall is Sunday, May 11! After that, steam and diesel locomotives will take over operations for the summer season.
- **Train Rides every Thursday-Sunday starting May 15:** Enjoy a leisurely train ride, and experience special activities through mid-August! Looking for a fun family outing—or entertaining out-of-town guests? Make the Museum part of your plans!
- **Rocky Mountain Railroad Club to Join Forces with Museum:** Over the coming months, the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, a cornerstone organization in rail preservation in the Rocky Mountain region, will be joining forces with the Colorado Railroad Museum.
- **Colorado Crossings:** Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, the Museum will host Metro Denver's largest rail enthusiast event! This exciting weekend kicks off each

day with a parade of Galloping Geese and Steam, followed by Train Rides, special photographer's trains, historic railcar tours and more! This year's theme, "Fanning the Future: Colorado's Rail Enthusiast Legacy," highlights the lasting impact of groups like the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Intermountain Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

- **Used Railroad Book Sale:** Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18 (during Colorado Crossings weekend), the Colorado Railroad Museum is hosting a repeat of last year's "Big Boy of a Used Book Sale!" Hundreds of railroad publications will be on sale at bargain-basement prices.
- **Dinosaur Express Train:** On Saturday and Sunday, May 31-June 1, dinosaurs return to the Colorado Railroad Museum! Coal-fired steam locomotives and train rides will also be part of the prehistoric fun. This popular family event sells out quickly – reserve your tickets today.
- **Looking Ahead, June 2025:** Colorado Rails & Cocktails returns Friday evening, June 6 (Daughters of Daring – Women Railroad Heroines is the theme), and the Museum will host a Volunteer Fair the very next day! Mid-month, join the fun and ride behind an authentic, coal-burning steam locomotive during Colorado Power Days at the Museum on June 14-15. Finally, from June 24-30, "Colorado Rail Heritage Week" will celebrate the vibrant railroading legacy that has shaped Colorado's history and inspired generations.

Read about all these and more in this issue of the *Telegrapher*. We appreciate your interest in the Museum, and thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you soon in Golden!



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Last Chance: Sunday, May 11!

*Final Rides for the season
aboard Galloping Goose
No. 7*

On Sunday, May 11, the Colorado Railroad Museum will offer this season's final Galloping Goose rides. Since mid-January, the Museum

has operated rides aboard this Colorado original, known as the Galloping Goose. The last opportunity for a Tuesday Goose ride is May 6, and the final opportunity of the season is on Sunday, May 11. After that, steam and diesel locomotives will take over summer train operations four days per week!

Galloping Goose No. 7, built in 1936, offers a unique experience for riders. Converted from a four-door, 1926 Pierce-Arrow model 33 automobile, it was the final Goose to be built for southwestern Colorado's famed Rio Grande Southern narrow-gauge railroad. Want to learn more before your journey? [Click Here](#) to watch No. 7's Big Train Tour episode for a complete, illustrated history.

Goose rides will be offered from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Ride Tickets (in addition to regular admission) are \$4 adults, \$2 ages 2-17 and seniors.

[Click Here](#) to view our Train Ride calendar and reserve your tickets for the final runs of the Museum's Galloping Goose this season. All Aboard!

Thursday-Sunday Train Rides Launching!

Mid-May through Mid-August, with Activities Too!

Starting Thursday, May 15, Train Rides at the Colorado Railroad Museum aren't just on Saturdays—frequency increases for the summer, with Train Rides available Thursday-Sunday mid-May through mid-August 2025!

Trains depart every half-hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a lunch break for the crew at 12:30 p.m. (no departure at that time).



In addition to Train Rides, enjoy Thrilling Thursday activities every Thursday, with pop-up exhibits, re-enactors, and a variety of activities ongoing from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Every Friday, enjoy two separate Friday Tours with a different focus each week—[Click Here](#) to reserve your tour tickets in advance. And every Saturday and Sunday, enjoy Touring the Rails activities! Try your hand at pushing the Museum's "Armstrong"-powered turntable, for instance, or climb into the cab of a diesel-electric locomotive to experience a simulation of how it operates, or perhaps learn about the time-honored communication system of telegraphy and how it became a big part of railroading beginning in the mid-19th century.

The 2025 operating season features trains pulled by one of the Museum's trusty diesel-electric locomotives. We recommend advance ticket purchase, especially if you have a preferred time to ride; on busy days selected departures often sell out. Members, don't forget to book your tickets in advance, at no charge, for regular train rides. To reserve admission and train ride tickets [Click Here!](#)

Train Ride tickets (in addition to admission) are \$4 adults, \$2 ages 2-17 and seniors. Remember, Museum Membership provides free admission and regular train rides year-round! Not a member? Visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org/membership to learn more, or call us at (303) 279-4591 Tues-Sun during business hours. All Aboard!



Rocky Mountain Railroad Club to Join Forces with Museum

Continuing the Club's Legacy after 87 Influential Years

The Colorado Railroad Museum is proud to announce that the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club (RMRRRC), a pioneer in Colorado rail preservation for 87 years, will transition its legacy to the Museum over the coming months. This transition ensures the Club's historic contributions to preservation, excursions, and education will continue to inspire future generations.

The Club's extensive archives, assets, and selected financial resources will be transferred to the Museum, strengthening exhibits, restoration efforts, and public programs. Current RMRRRC members will become Museum members with full benefits.

This transition will be celebrated during Colorado Crossings, May 17–18, 2025. This year's theme, "Fanning the Future: Colorado's Rail Enthusiast Legacy," will honor the impact of rail enthusiast groups with special train parades and tours of railcars that have been preserved thanks to clubs like the RMRRRC and the NRHS Intermountain Chapter.

For more information, read the full press release on the Museum's website [HERE](#).

Colorado Crossings: Fanning the Future!

Metro Denver's Largest Rail Enthusiast Event Returns May 17-18

The Colorado Railroad Museum is excited to bring back Denver Metro's largest and most colorful festival of operating trains on May 17-18, 2025. This year's theme, "Fanning the

Future: Colorado's Rail Enthusiast Legacy," celebrates the enduring contributions of groups like the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Intermountain Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. The event will feature a coal-fired narrow-gauge steam locomotive, Rio Grande Southern No. 20, along with all three of the Museum's iconic Galloping Geese "motors" in operation. Enjoy a used book sale, railcar tours, special photography opportunities and more—making for an exciting weekend for railfans of all ages!



The weekend's activities include:

- Ride on a steam train pulled by a vintage, coal-burning steam locomotive! This weekend, trains will be pulled by Rio Grande Southern No. 20, which was preserved and later donated to the Museum by the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club.
- A "Parade of Geese and Steam" starting each day at 9:30 a.m. that will include three Rio Grande Southern "Galloping Geese" railcars, Nos. 2, 6, and 7, all built in Colorado in the 1930s (only seven Galloping Geese were ever built), plus 1899-vintage Rio Grande Southern steam locomotive No. 20. For rail photo buffs, this will be a unique opportunity to capture an impressive parade of vintage railroad equipment in operation.
- Turntable demonstrations will be ongoing each day, allowing visitors the chance to push a full-sized railroad turntable by hand.
- At the Roundhouse, guests can step inside the cab of a real steam locomotive! Denver & Rio Grande Western No. 491 will be open for cab tours daily from approximately 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., offering a unique, up-close look at this historic engine. In addition to the cab experience, visitors can also learn about the ongoing restoration of No. 491's tender tank and cistern.
- Historic railcars, including Business Car B-21 "Rico" and CB&Q Office Car No. 96, will be open for special tours throughout the event. Thanks to the preservation efforts of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club and the Intermountain Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, these rare pieces continue to tell the story of

Colorado railroading. Additionally, Uintah Railway Coach-Baggage Car No. 50 will be available for tours, offering guests a unique glimpse into Colorado's rail history.

- A Big Boy of a Used Book Sale, with hundreds of used railroad books available at bargain-basement prices, will be ongoing 10 a.m.-3 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday this weekend.
- Late each afternoon, once regular Train Rides conclude, special photographers' trains will operate. The focus will be on re-creating scenes from 1940s-1950s Rocky Mountain Railroad Club excursions.
- Plus, on Saturday only, catch a special appearance by the Colorado School of Mines' a cappella group, the Harmonic Miners, bringing their unique vocal stylings to the festivities with a live performance.

Food, beverages and treats will be available for purchase both days. Activities will be ongoing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (parade of locomotives and Geese kicks off at 9:30 a.m. both days) with photo train operating late each day (approximately 3:30-4:30 p.m.), after regular Train Rides end. This popular event has sold out for the past three years in a row, so advance ticket reservations are strongly suggested by [Clicking Here](#). Come join the fun!



Dinosaur Express Train

Saturday and Sunday, May 31-June 1

Dinosaurs are coming back to Golden, Colorado— only this time, they are arriving on the Dinosaur Express Train! On Saturday and Sunday, May 31-June 1, railroad tracks will meet dinosaur tracks for a day of family fun at the Colorado Railroad Museum, when the Dinosaur Express Train

chugs into the museum's station.

Golden, Colorado, is where the first T-Rex tracks were found and the world's first Stegosaurus and Apatosaurus fossils were found at nearby Dinosaur Ridge, so it's only fitting that two of every kid's favorite things – dinosaurs and trains – be brought together for this fun festival.

Activities will include:

- Rides on a train pulled by a coal-fired steam locomotive around the Museum's half-mile circle of track, with the Dinosaur Express departing every half-hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dinosaur-themed activities hosted by Dinosaur Ridge and the Morrison Natural History Museum.

- Loveable “Mr. Bones” and the Museum’s own mascot “Spike, the Railroad Dog” will be on hand for photo opportunities.

- Food, drink, and tasty treats will be available for purchase.

Capacity is limited, so don’t delay! Book your tickets online today for the Dinosaur Express Train by [Clicking Here!](#)

Looking Ahead – June 2025

Colorado Rail Heritage Week Returns!

Colorado Rails & Cocktails – Friday, June 6: Join us for

a fascinating evening as historian

and New York Times bestselling author Chris Enss brings to life the extraordinary world of women in railroading and stunt performance. In her presentation *Daughters of Daring: Women Railroad Heroines*, Enss will delve into the stories of courageous women who worked on the rails — from telegraphers and station agents to engineers and brakemen — as well as the trailblazing stuntwomen who captivated audiences with their fearless feats. Discover how these daring ladies defied conventions, broke barriers, and carved out their place in history alongside the railroads that helped build the nation.

Join the (Volunteer) Team! – The Colorado Railroad Museum will hold a Volunteer Fair on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn about volunteer opportunities, meet and talk with team members in person, and sign up for volunteer training classes. To learn more about volunteering and/or to sign up as a volunteer, please visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org/Volunteers, or contact Volunteer Manager Anna Holdeman at Anna@crrm.org or call (720) 274-5141. All Aboard!

Colorado Power Days, June 14-15, 2025. Enjoy a special outing with the whole family during “Colorado Power Days” at the Colorado Railroad Museum! This weekend, the focus will be on power of all types—check out antique tractors, diesel motorcars, hit-and-miss engines, Model A and Model T automobiles, even a fire truck. And of course, steam locomotion, too! There will be food, family-friendly activities, and steam train rides every half-hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Regular admission and train ride pricing applies. Advance purchase of admission and train ride tickets recommended.

Colorado Rail Heritage Week: More than any other undertaking, railroads have



transformed Colorado from a wild, isolated, sparsely populated and geographically challenging territory into a booming state. The Museum is promoting Rail Heritage Week all across the state as a time for Coloradans to reflect on all that railroads have meant to the Centennial State, and to make plans to ride an historic train, or visit a rail heritage site or museum. Rail heritage sites can be found just about everywhere in Colorado – from the eastern plains of Julesburg, Hugo and Limon, to the San Luis Valley in the south, to Western Slope communities from Dolores to Grand Junction to Winter Park, and along the Front Range from Fort Collins to Pueblo and Raton. Stay tuned for more details coming in early June!



The Latest Online Content & Virtual Programs

There's Lots More Content to Like and Share!

During the month of April, the Colorado Railroad Museum's staff has created a full lineup of new programs that YOU can

experience in the comfort of your own home. All aboard, online! Our newest Big Train Tour, "[Small Trains in the Basement: The Denver HO Model Railroad Club](#)," is now available. This program takes a look at the history of the HO model layout that has been a fan-favorite exhibit at the Museum since 1969.

Also available online are new posts in our popular, ongoing series, including the latest Dining on the Rails blog, which features [French Lemon Pie and Otto and Simonne Kuhler](#). A new culinary adventure will debut later this month! [Click here](#) to explore the latest offerings on our website.

Like, share, follow, and more! Whether you're on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube, the Colorado Railroad Museum posts interesting tidbits, stories, and videos throughout each week. Come along as we visit a "Railroad Attraction of the Month" (for April this was High Line Railroad Park) and preview a "Highlight of the Collection" each month (for April this was the Small Wonders Video Series), plus updates on programs, exhibits, and what's going on in the Museum Roundhouse. [Click here](#) to see a collected feed of all our social media channels and posts, and "find your follow!"



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