



Thursday-Train Rides Plus Thomas Returns!

Happy July! This month promises a continual schedule of fun and adventure at the Colorado Railroad Museum, with trains operating every Thursday-Sunday through mid-August. And, tickets for Day Out With Thomas™ at the Colorado Railroad Museum go on sale in just weeks! Here's a preview of what's heading our way this month and next:

- **Train Rides every Thursday-Sunday:** All month long and continuing through Sunday, August 10th, enjoy a leisurely train ride and experience special activities every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday!
- **Day Out With Thomas™:** This popular, annual event returns to the Museum the first three weekends in September. Tickets go on sale to the public starting Tuesday, July 29. This year's theme is "The Party Tour," celebrating 80 years of Thomas and Friends™! Museum members, you'll be receiving a separate email very soon with details about your special advance purchase and discount opportunity!
- **Colorado Rails & Cocktails:** The first Friday of August, our popular lecture series continues! Join us on August 1st for Scenic Trips and Picnics: Train Tourism in the Rockies with historian and professor Dr. Meg Frisbee.
- **Gold Rush Days!** The Museum's popular late-summer event returns again on Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10. Enjoy steam train rides pulled by an authentic Colorado coal-burning locomotive, plus fun and engaging activities for the whole family centered around Colorado's gold mining past.

Read about all these and more in this issue of the *Telegrapher*. Thank you for your continued support of the Colorado Railroad Museum and its mission of bringing Colorado's rich railroad heritage to life all year long. We hope to see you soon in Golden!



Paul Hammond
Executive Director

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Thrilling Thursdays, Thursday-Sunday Train Rides, and more!

All Month during July!

During the summer months, Train Rides at the Colorado Railroad Museum aren't just on Saturdays. Join us Thursday-Sunday through August 10, and enjoy not only a train ride but other activities! 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 step 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. Advance ticket purchase is recommended, especially if you have a preferred time to ride; on busy days, the most popular departure times often sell out. Members, don't forget that you can also book your tickets in advance, at no charge, for regular train rides!

Train 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 [ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org/membership](https://coloradorailroadmuseum.org/membership) to learn more, or call us at (303) 279-4591 during business hours. [Click Here to Visit our Live Calendar](#) and choose which days you'd like to visit. All Aboard!

Day Out With Thomas™ Returns!

Tickets On-Sale to Public Tuesday, July 29th

All Aboard! Thomas the Tank Engine, everyone's favorite #1 blue engine, is coming back to town for a party you won't want to miss!



This year, Day Out With Thomas™ is bigger than ever with **The Party Tour**, celebrating 80 years of Thomas & Friends™. The Party Tour will be stopping at the Colorado Railroad Museum on the weekends of **September 6-7, 13-14, and 20-21, 2025**.

Day Out With Thomas™ offers families and friends the chance to celebrate with one of The Biggest Friends of All, Thomas the Tank Engine! Every ticket includes an interactive train ride with a life-sized Thomas. You'll also enjoy live entertainment, stage shows, lawn games, party-themed activities at Celebration Station, and plenty of photo opportunities!

Tickets for this Day Out With Thomas™ event go on sale to the public beginning Tuesday, July 29. Ticket prices are \$25 for ages 1 and up (service charges and fees may apply). **Capacity is limited, and advance tickets are required—walk-up sales will NOT be available.** This event has **sold out well in advance the past four years**, so don't wait to grab yours! For more information, and to purchase tickets (beginning July 29 for non-members), visit www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org/day-out-with-thomas/.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR MUSEUM MEMBERS:

Current Museum Members, did you know that you will have the opportunity to **purchase tickets for Day Out With Thomas™ in advance**? Starting one week before the public on-sale date, ticket sales will open exclusively for members (that means you can purchase starting Tuesday, July 22). In addition to this exclusive advance purchase opportunity, you'll enjoy a limited time-only offer to receive a **discount of \$2 off every ticket purchased!**

Watch your email inbox for a special notification that will be arriving in the coming weeks. If you are a current Museum Member and don't receive this email, please call us during business hours (closed Mondays) at (303) 279-4591 so we can help. Stay tuned for further emails!

Not a Museum Member? Membership in the Colorado Railroad Museum has its benefits, and you also gain the satisfaction of knowing that you're supporting a great cause, too! Learn more about Museum Membership by [Clicking Here](#).



Colorado Rails & Cocktails

Friday, August 1, 2025

Enjoy an evening of Colorado history! Our August topic is [Scenic Trips and Picnics: Train Tourism in the Rockies](#). Join professor and historian Dr. Meg Frisbee as she explores how railroads helped turn the Rockies into a sought-after destination for adventure and relaxation. Through stories, images, and historical insights, she will reveal how train travel shaped the way

people experienced Colorado and helped define the American West as a place for leisure and escape.

Admission: \$20 Adults (ages 21+ only). Includes 2 beverages of your choice (beer, wine or soda) and snacks. Doors open at 6 p.m., presentation begins promptly at 7 p.m. The presentation will take place in the Museum's Pavilion.

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)

Gold Rush Days return!

Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10, 2025

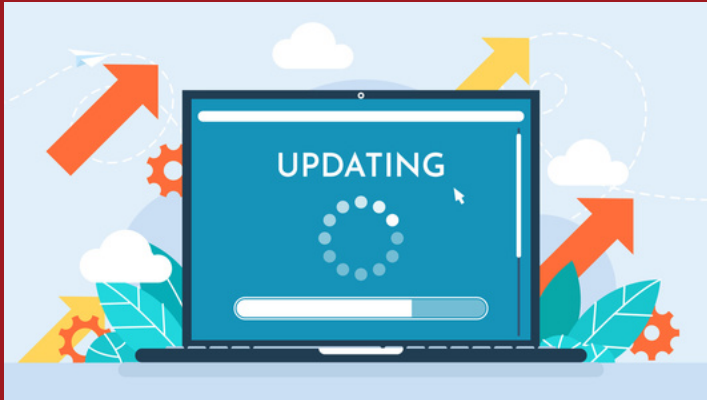
As summer begins to wind down, join us at the Colorado Railroad Museum for **Gold Rush Days**, featuring special programming plus steam-powered train rides!



Celebrate Colorado's Gold Rush heritage, and ride behind one of the last coal-fired steam locomotives operating in Colorado. Activities will include Gold Panning demonstrations, turntable demonstrations, and more happening around the Museum's 15-acre railyard. Plenty of photo opportunities will of course also be on hand—including the Museum's very own mascot, Spike the Railroad Dog! Food and tasty treats will also be available for purchase.

Grounds open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with special programs and activities taking place both days between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Train Rides depart every half-hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and Train ride \$14 adults, \$7 ages 2-17, \$12 seniors ages 60+. Please note that this ticket includes a train ride with a scheduled departure time. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your departure time. Admission and Train Rides free for members. All Aboard!

Advance purchase of admission and train ride tickets is recommended, especially if you have a specific Train Ride time in mind. Capacity is limited, so don't delay. Book your tickets online today for *Gold Rush Days* by [Clicking Here!](#)



Continuing to Build a Better Museum!

New Customer Interface coming soon!

As part of the 10-year strategic plan adopted in 2024, the Colorado Railroad Museum is in the

process of upgrading its membership, ticketing, and donor systems to better serve you. These updates will make it easier and faster to buy tickets, renew memberships, and support the Museum online.

You may also notice some changes on the Museum's website soon. These updates are designed to create a smoother, more user-friendly experience for all. We appreciate your patience and support as the Museum rolls out these updates later this month. Get ready for a smoother, more streamlined Museum experience!



Introducing the Colorado Railroad Museum *Rail Report*

A New Chapter for a Historic Newsletter

The Colorado Railroad Museum is excited to launch a new monthly e-newsletter: the Colorado Railroad Museum *Rail Report*. Although new to many, the *Rail Report* carries a rich legacy as the longtime newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, which is now formally joining forces with the Museum.

As part of the Club's transition into the Museum, the *Rail Report* is being reimagined and relaunched as part of the Museum's e-programming. Each issue will feature the latest railroad news, behind-the-scenes updates on rail preservation, fascinating tidbits from the Club's rich history, and much more.

Ideal for railfans, history enthusiasts, and curious readers alike, this newsletter is a great way to stay connected with the people and stories keeping Colorado's railroad heritage alive.

Want to receive the *Rail Report* in your email inbox monthly? [Click here](#) to opt in!



The Latest Online Content

Virtual Programs Available 24/7!

During the month of June, the Colorado Railroad Museum's staff has yet again created a lineup of new programs that YOU can experience in the comfort of your own home. All Aboard, Online!

Catch the latest installments of all your favorite series now available online, including a brand-new **Story Time & Craft** episode perfect for young children and families. Craving something tasty? Be sure to check out our newest Dining on the Rails episode, **Potato Salad and Colorado Railroad Heritage Week**, where railroad history meets a delicious summer staple. Another new taste sensation will debut next month! [Click Here](#) to search the latest offerings on our website.

There's Lots More Content to Like, Share and Follow! Whether you're on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, or TikTok, 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 June this was a roundup of all of the Museum's previous Railroad Attractions of the Month) and preview a "Highlight of the Collection" each month (for June this was the Rio Grande F-Units), 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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