

Friends of the Burlington Northern RR 2017 Convention Denver, Colorado



Denver Union Station
Paul Brennecke Photo



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Globeville Yard office sign

Introduction

The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad (FOBNR) historical society was chartered in 1993 to gather, preserve, and share information about the history and the current operations of the Burlington Northern Railroad. In 1996, following the merger between Burlington Northern and Santa Fe, the group voted to follow the Burlington Northern from 1970 to 1995 and the BNSF from 1995 to the present. The Group's quarterly publication, The BN Expediter, is the voice of the organization that shares news about the group's activities, BN historical data, and current operations of the railroad. The society also has an annual convention at some location on the BNSF system with programs, tours, displays, a banquet with a keynote speaker, lots of railfanning, and a business meeting. Continued:

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Introduction

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This PowerPoint presentation highlights the June 6-10, 2017 Friends of the Burlington Northern RR (FOBNR) Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado. The convention planning committee from left to right, Rodney Black, John Parker, Travis Searls, and Patrick Lana. We hope you
N-Joy!

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Tuesday evening June 6, 2017

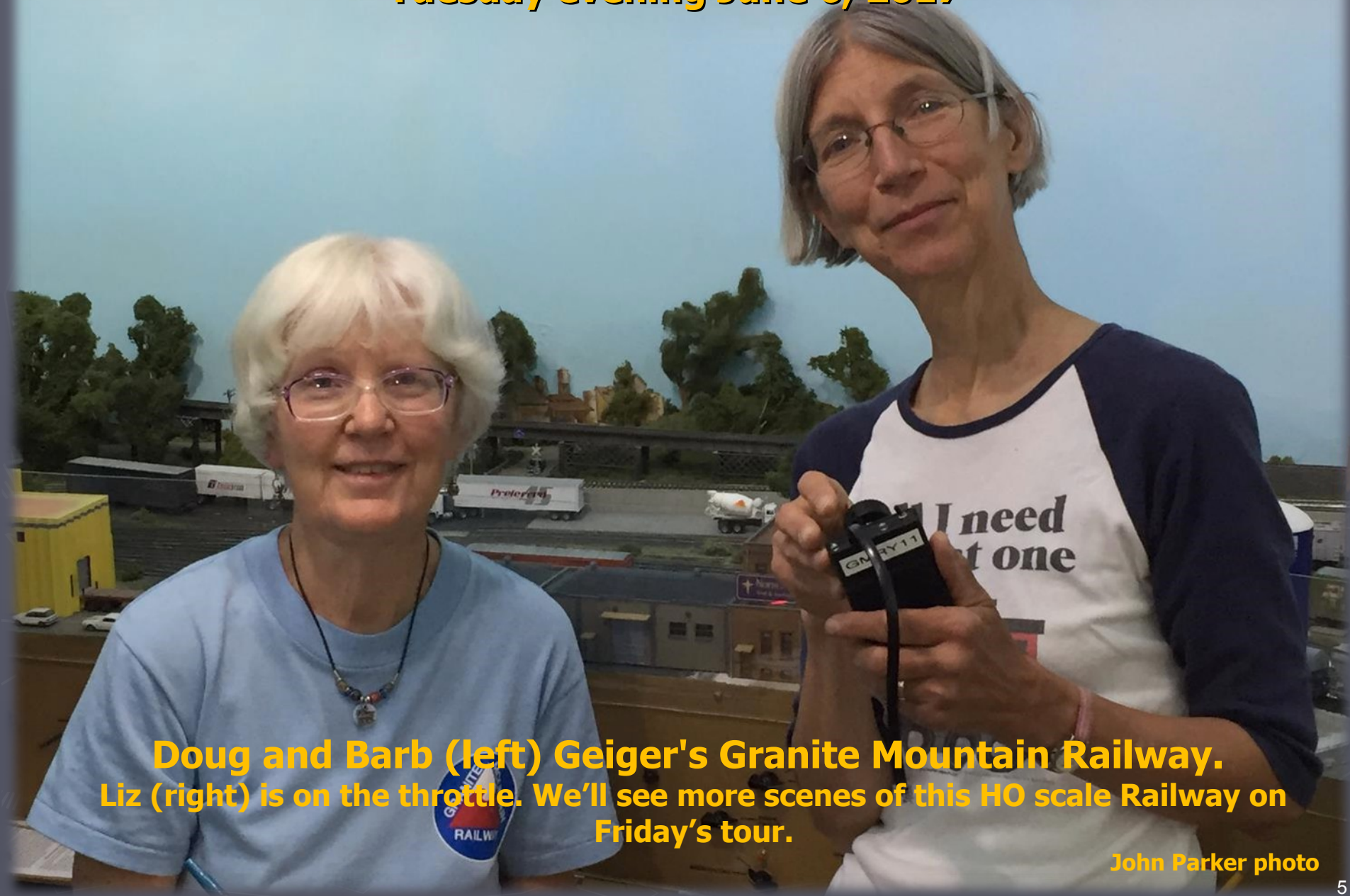


Two model railroad operating sessions were held before the convention started.
The first was on Tuesday evening at
Doug (left) and Barb Geiger's Granite Mountain Railway.
Vasyl (right) is on the throttle.

John Parker Photo

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Doug and Barb (left) Geiger's Granite Mountain Railway.
Liz (right) is on the throttle. We'll see more scenes of this HO scale Railway on Friday's tour.

John Parker photo

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Hwy 287 blocked by MOW equipment on the way to
John Parker's BNSF Fall River Division.

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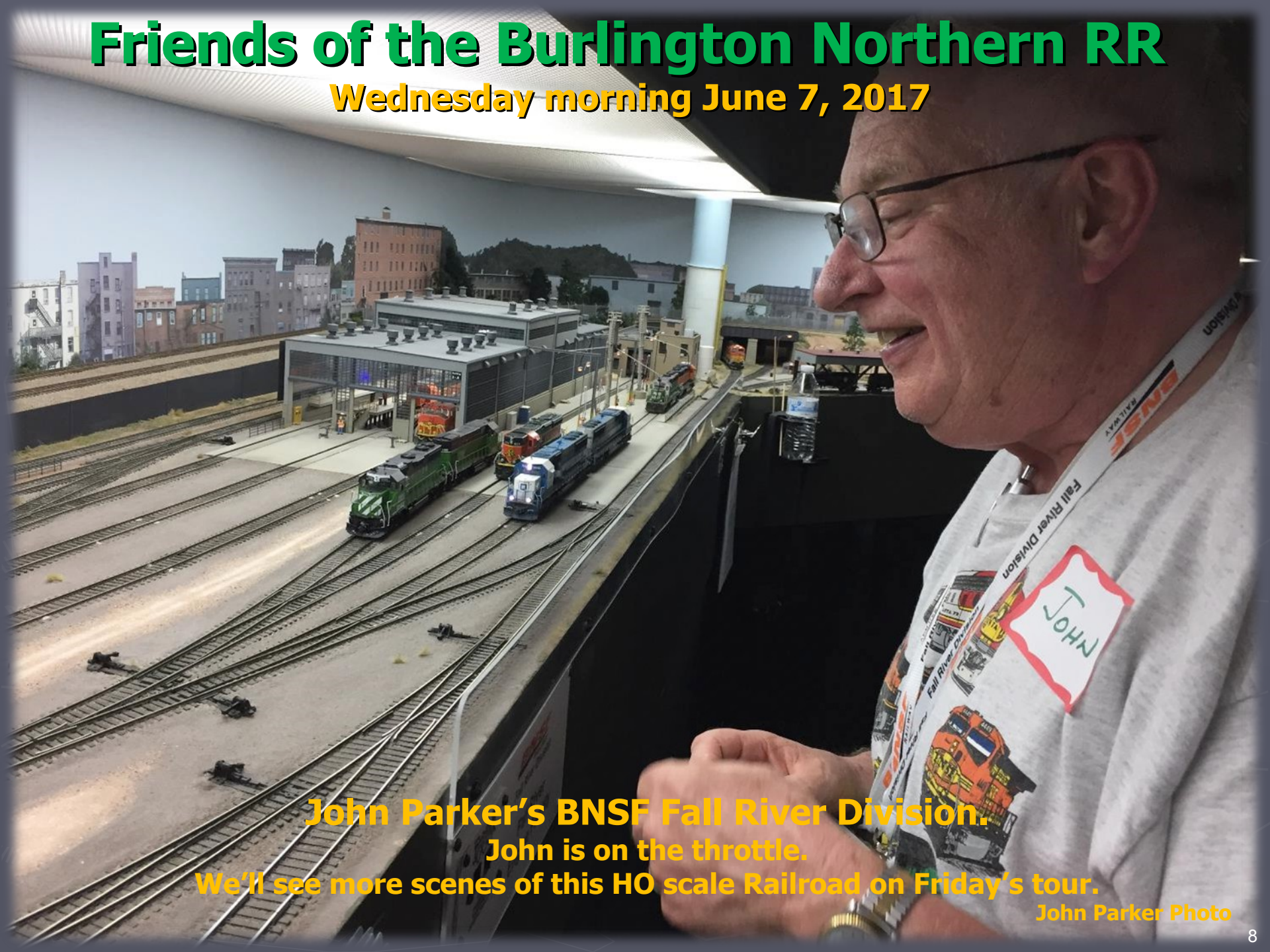


The second operating session was on Wednesday morning at
John Parker's BNSF Fall River Division.
Taylor is on the throttle.

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John Parker's BNSF Fall River Division.

John is on the throttle.

We'll see more scenes of this HO scale Railroad on Friday's tour.

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The LA QUINTA INN CENTRAL DENVER, the Convention hotel.

Source: <http://www.laquintadenvercentral.com/>

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Our first railfanning stop was the 3rd floor on the backside of the La Quinta Inn Central Denver which overlooks the BNSF Denver Yard. While we were railfanning, convention registration was held in the hotel lobby.

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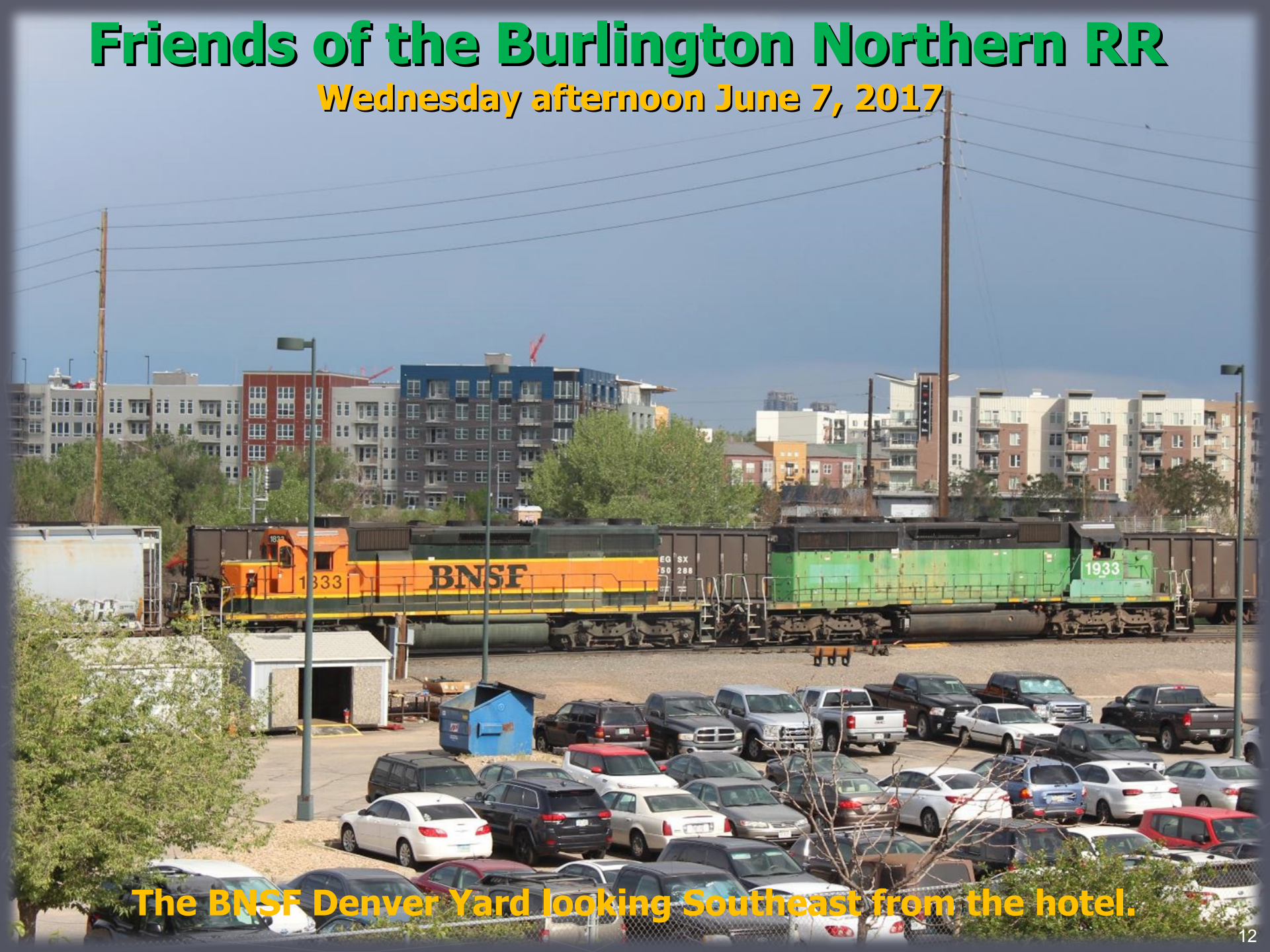
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The BNSF Denver Yard looking North from the hotel.

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The BNSF Denver Yard looking Southeast from the hotel.

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"All Aboard Dinner"
A time to renew old
friendships and make new
acquaintances.



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Welcome and Agenda Review
Conducted by John Parker (right, orange shirt).

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Colorado Railroading

Kevin Morgan - ColoradoRailfan.com

Railroading and Railfanning around Denver by Kevin Morgan

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DS87 Brush Dispatcher

2006-2007



Dispatching the BNSF Brush Subdivision by Jay Morgan

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Key facts:

Power Production Capability: 505 megawatts

Commercial Operation: 1981

Generation Type: Steam turbine

Fuel Source: Low-sulfur coal from the Eagle

Butte Mine near Gillette, Wyo

Location: Brush, Colorado

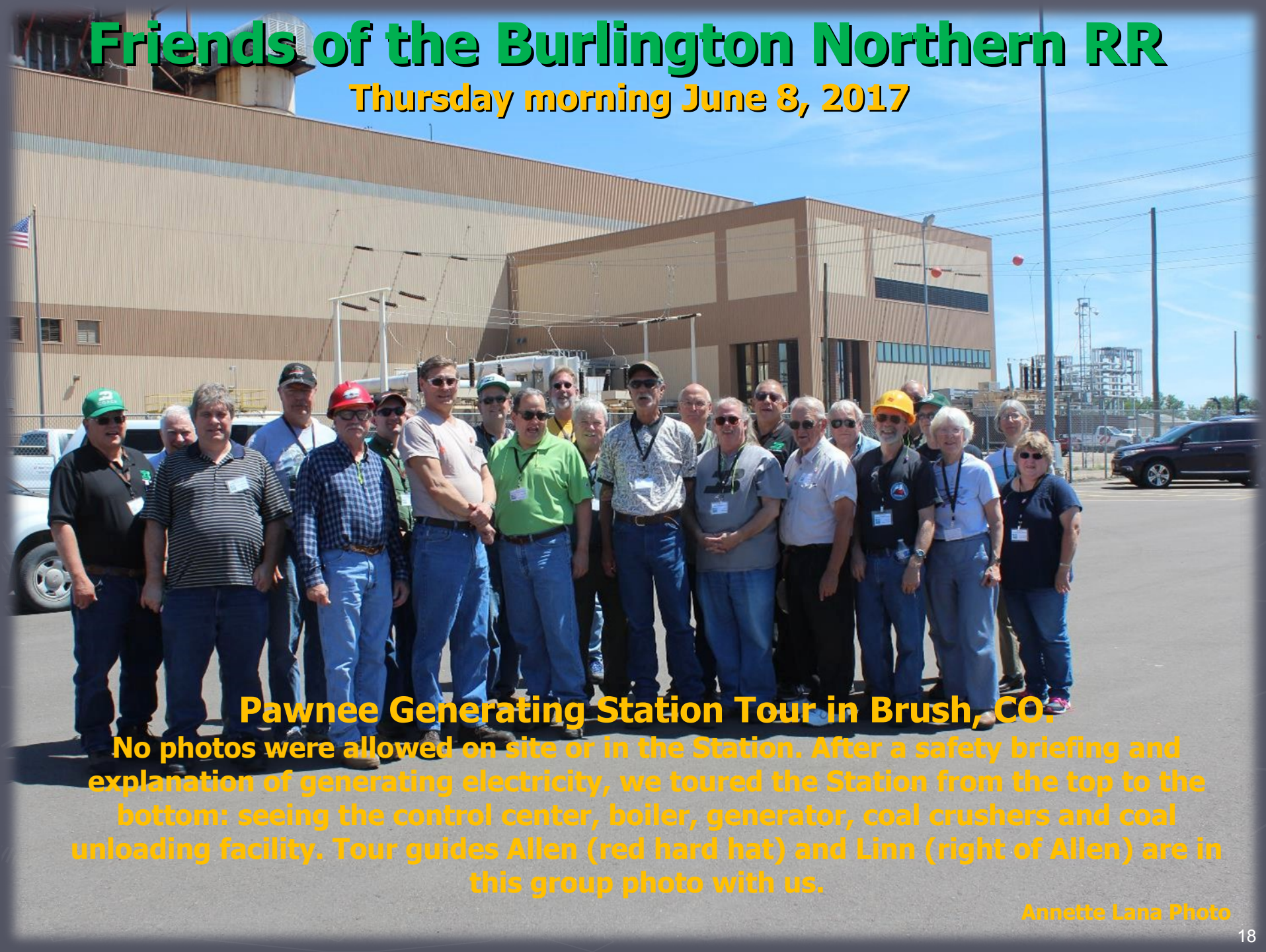
Source:

https://www.xcelenergy.com/energy_portfolio/electricity/power_plants/pawnee

Pawnee Generating Station Tour in Brush, CO.

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Pawnee Generating Station Tour in Brush, CO.

No photos were allowed on site or in the Station. After a safety briefing and explanation of generating electricity, we toured the Station from the top to the bottom: seeing the control center, boiler, generator, coal crushers and coal unloading facility. Tour guides Allen (red hard hat) and Linn (right of Allen) are in this group photo with us.

Annette Lana Photo

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RTD Light Rail Shops Tour in Denver

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RTD Light Rail Shops Tour in Denver
Welcome and Safety Briefing.

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RTD Light Rail Shops Tour in Denver
Touring the parts department.

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RTD Light Rail Shops Tour in Denver

Our tour guides: Matt Younce, Tim Walker, & Juston Hrubes

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A group of us having
dinner on our own
at the Roo Bar.

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After Mark Demaline presented his slides on Colorado railroads,
President John Adams (center) leads
the Membership Meeting

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BNSF Denver Intermodal Facility

Bing Streetside

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BNSF Denver Intermodal Facility
Close-up of straddle crane loading container from Chassis.

Travis Searls Photo.

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BNSF Denver Intermodal Facility

Yard Dogs, Terminal tractors are some of the names these trucks go by.

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Straddle crane



Sidelifter crane with arms down.

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BNSF Denver Intermodal Facility

Photo below by Kent Charles



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1. Crane "grabs" container and trailer at lift points.



2. Crane lifts container and trailer.



3. Crane lifts container and trailer to full height.



4. With trailer raised, crane begins turn to reposition trailer.



5. Trailer being lowered into new position.



6. Trailer released by crane.

BNSF Denver Intermodal Facility
Sidelift crane demonstration using top lift points on container.

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1. Crane arms in Up position



2. Crane arms begin to drop
closest to crane



3. Crane arms now dropped on
both sides of trailer and can begin
to lift.

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Sidelift crane demonstration using bottom chassis lift points.

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BNSF Denver Intermodal Facility
Sidelifter crane cab closeup.



Truck chassis to haul containers.

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Amtrak Westbound.

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1. Yard Dog backing under trailer.



2. Yard Dog coupled to trailer. Driver attaches air hoses and raises landing gear with hydraulic fifth wheel.



3. Yard Dog pulling trailer to assigned spot with hydraulic fifth wheel keeping the trailer landing gear off ground.



4. Yard Dog pulls trailer to assigned pickup or setout spot.

BNSF Denver Intermodal Facility
Terminal tractor (Yard Dog) demonstrates how trailers are coupled up.

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BNSF Denver Intermodal Facility
Wind Turbine train on adjoining UP track.

Rodney Black photo

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BNSF Denver Intermodal Facility

Our BNSF tour guide, Ben Thomas is second from left.

Joe Sloan photo

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BNSF Globeville Yard in Denver, CO.

BNSF 1933 is an EMD SD40-2, former BNSF 7134/BN 7134 built in Jan 1979.

BNSF 1833 is an EMD SD40-2, former BNSF 6700/BN 6700 built in Dec 1974.

Locomotive information from Kent Charles.

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BNSF Globeville Yard in Denver, CO.

Briefing by Luke Johnson (standing left), Terminal Superintendent, and Joe Sloan (standing right), Public Relations.

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**Denver Regional Transportation District Light Rail
Over Globeville Yard.**

Travis Searls Photo.

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BNSF Globeville Yard in Denver, CO.

The yard we visited is generally referred to as the Globeville Yard, the main building is 3700 Globeville Road. The Engine House is 3190 Fox St. I think 38th street is the north end of the Globeville yard. Some people do refer to the entire yard as 38th St. Information from Kent Charles.

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BNSF
RAILWAY
DIESEL SHOP
3190 FOX STREET



Overhead crane is still BN.

Kent Charles Photo

BNSF Diesel Shop in Denver, CO.

Also known as the BNSF Engine House, Roundhouse or Diesel Shop. The tour guides were Bob Coon (left in photo below) & Josh Freshower (sp?) on the right.



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BNSF Diesel Shop in Denver, CO.
Traction motor replacement by Hulcher Professional Services.

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BNSF 2854 is an EMD GP39-2, former
ATSF 3640/3140 built Mar 1975.

Locomotive information by Kent Charles

BNSF Diesel Shop in Denver, CO.

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BNSF Diesel Shop in Denver, CO.

BNSF 1812 is an EMD SD40-2, former BNSF6357/ATSF5043 built in Nov 1977.

Locomotive information by Kent Charles.

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BNSF Diesel Shop in Denver, CO.

BNSF 1812 is an EMD SD40-2, former BNSF6357/ATSF 5043 built in Nov 1977.

Locomotive information by Kent Charles.

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**BNSF Diesel Shop in Denver, CO.
Refueling Facility**

BNSF 2778 is an EMD GP39-2, former ATSF 3409/3119/3619 built in Jan 1975.

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Locomotive information by Kent Charles**

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**BNSF Diesel Shop in Denver, CO.
The remaining original roundhouse stalls.**

Kent Charles Photo.

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BNSF Diesel Shop in Denver, CO.

Wes (left) worked in these Denver shops here in the late 60's/early 70's. Here he discusses shop history with Josh, one of our tour guides. Wes retired from the BNSF shops in Lincoln, NE. We were fortunate to have him attend and provide his insight into our convention.

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Intermountain Railway Co. tour in Longmont CO.

Intermountain produces and distributes model railroad products. Lee Ryan (production assistant) and Gene Fusco (vice president of research and development) were the hosts at Intermountain. Our tour included research and design areas, modeling machines, as well as product storage & distribution and administration.

Rodney Black Photo

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Intermountain Railway Co. tour in Longmont CO.

Lee Ryan of Intermountain leads us on a tour of the Intermountain facility. Photos could be taken for personal use only and are not to be placed on the internet. (This photo used with permission.)

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Granite Mountain Railway Tour
Scenes from Doug and Barb Geiger's HO scale layout.

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Granite Mountain Railway tour

Scenes from Doug and Barb Geiger's HO scale layout. Ben at the CTC machine.

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Travis Searls Photo.



BNSF Fall River Division tour
Scenes from John Parker's HO scale Layout.

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BNSF Fall River Division tour

Scenes from John Parker's HO scale Layout. Dave in the dispatcher's hot seat.

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Member Photo Show

Kent showing slides from Intermountain Collection Rodney brought.

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Member Photo Show

Rodney showing photos from his brother's collection.
Following his presentation the FOBNR Board held its Annual Meeting,
teleconferencing in the board members not present.

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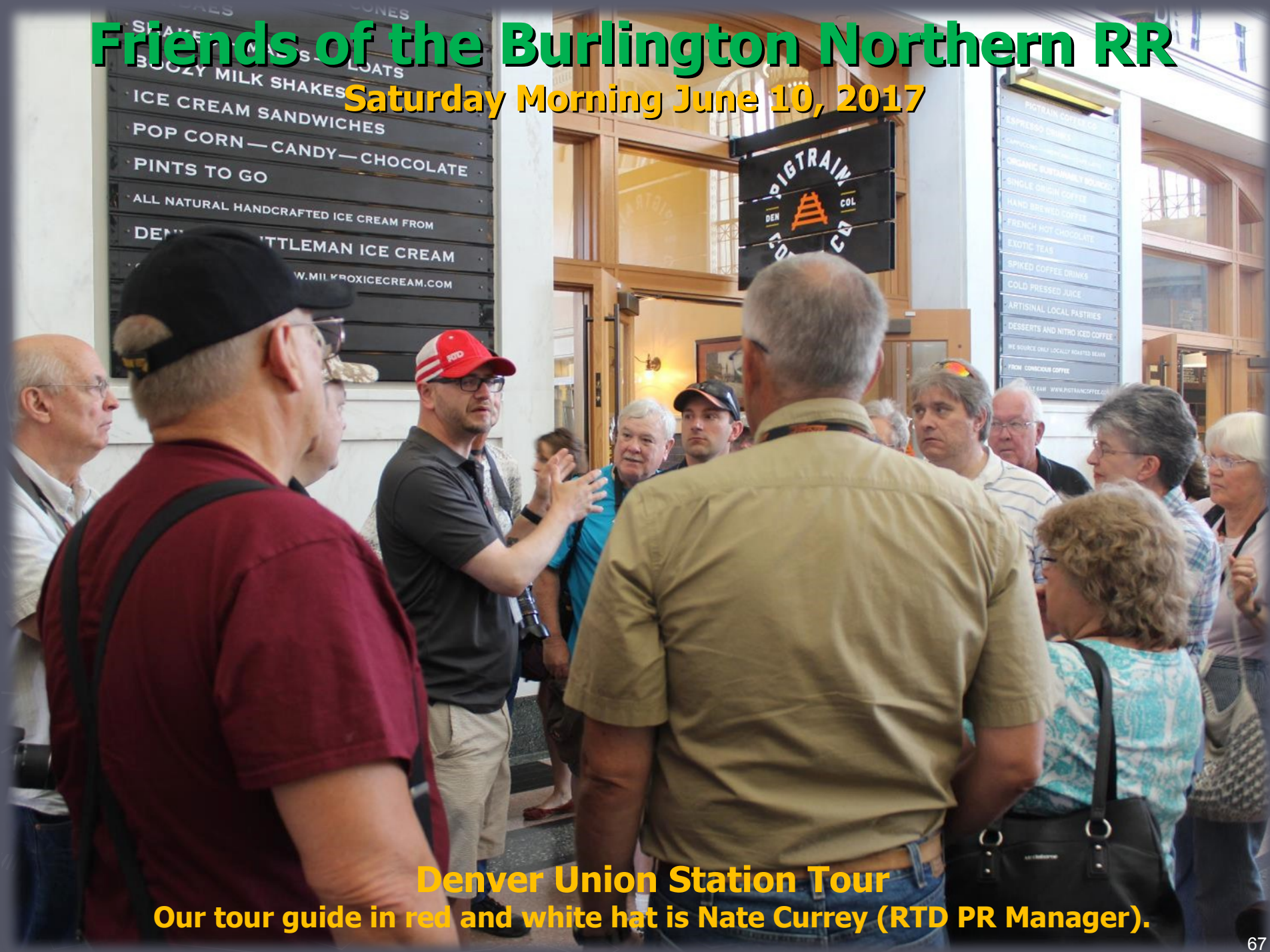
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Our tour guide in red and white hat is Nate Currey (RTD PR Manager).

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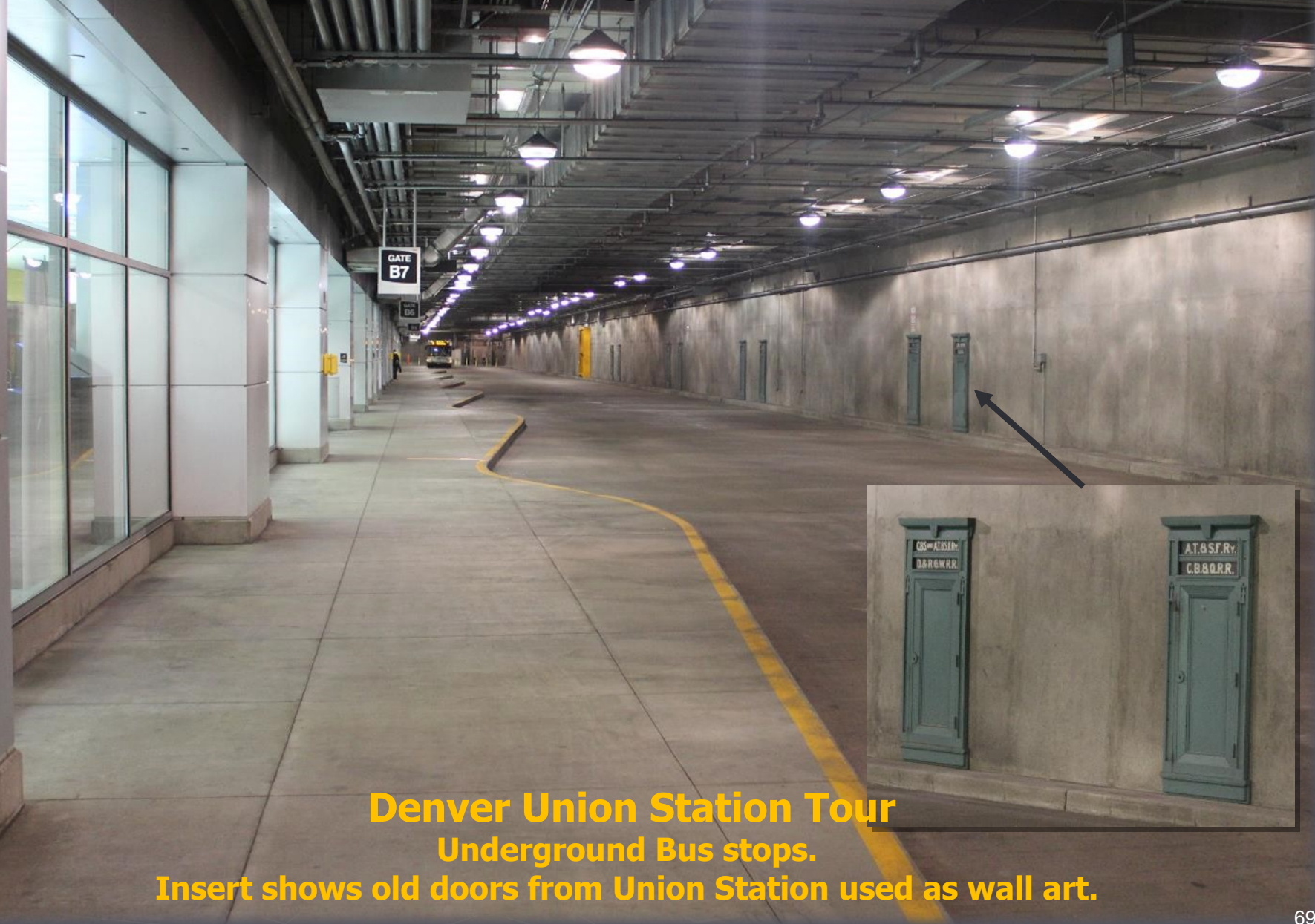


Denver Union Station Tour

Group photo by Nate Currey

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Denver Union Station Tour
Underground Bus stops.

Insert shows old doors from Union Station used as wall art.

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Denver Union Station Tour
Commuter rail to airport.

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Walking back from
Denver Union Station Tour

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 Walking back from Denver Union Station Tour.
BNSF 573 is a B40-8W, ex-ATSF.

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Caboose (Hobby Shop) in Lakewood, CO.

While convention attendees went to Caboose (hobby shop) at 10:30am to use their convention 10% off coupon; Annette, Paul and I went to D'Deli in Golden and picked up the sack lunches.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/caboose.hobbies.9/>

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Lunch at Colorado Railroad Museum.

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Lunch at Colorado Railroad Museum.

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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour

Docent Ed beginning our tour in the picnic pavilion where we had lunch.

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Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Observation Car Navajo (above right) This stainless steel streamlined observation and sleeping car ran between Chicago and Los Angeles on the Super Chief. Native American heritage was reflected in the interior decor and name of each car.

Denver & Salt Lake caboose 10060 (below right) is one of three existing steel cabooses of the four that D&SL built in their shops.

Colorado & Southern Rotary Snowplow No. 99201 (below) operated over a number of Colorado mountain lines from 1899 until 1965.

Source: <http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org>



Colorado Railroad Museum Tour

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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour

Denver & Rio Grande Western Coach No. 284 seated up to 44 passengers. A stove at the end of the car provided heat during the winter while open windows cooled the car during warm summer months. The plush velvet seats had backs that reversed so passengers could always face in the direction of travel.

Photo and information from <http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org>

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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour

Inside Denver & Rio Grande Western Coach No. 284. Ed gives us the history and points out details of the coach.

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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour
Denver & Rio Grande Western Coach No. 284

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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour
At the Roundhouse

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Colorado Railroad Museum
Tour
At the Roundhouse



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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour
At the Roundhouse

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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour
At the Roundhouse

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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour

Chicago Burlington & Quincy Business Car No. 96 was built by CB&Q as a traveling office with overnight accommodations and kitchen facilities. Up to twelve officers, board members or friends of the railroad could travel in quiet comfort to cities and towns served by the railroad.

Photo and information: <http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org>

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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour
Chicago Burlington & Quincy Business Car No. 96



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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour
Chicago Burlington & Quincy Business Car No. 96 Bedroom

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Colorado Railroad Museum Tour

Chicago Burlington & Quincy Business Car No. 96 Dining Room

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Coors EMD SW900 C988 was bought by Coors in 1981 from the Rock Island.

Information from: <http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org>

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Colorado Railroad Museum steam train ride.

Denver & Rio Grande Western Steam Locomotive No. 346 is the oldest operating steam locomotive in Colorado. Built by Baldwin in 1881, No. 346 ran for the D&RG until 1947. For our event, the whistle was replaced with a CB&Q whistle in honor of the BN.

Information from: <http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org>

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Colorado Railroad Museum
FOBNR folks on the steam train ride.

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Colorado Railroad Museum
End of the steam train ride and our visit to the Museum.

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Paul Brennecke 2016 Photo

Tour of Patrick Lana's Cedar River and Iowa Central Railway
Added to the schedule the last day was a tour of this N scale layout between 4 and 5pm.

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**Social Hour and Banquet at White Fence Farm Restaurant in
Lakewood, CO.**

Source: <http://whitefencefarmco.com/locations/lakewood-the-farm-restaurant/>

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**Social Hour and Banquet at
White Fence Farm**

**Included viewing the HO scale Platte
Valley Railroad at the Farm.**

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/pvwrp/photos>



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WHITE FENCE FARM
6263 W Jewell Ave, Lakewood, CO

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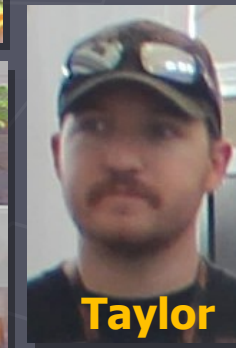
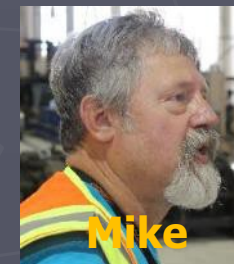
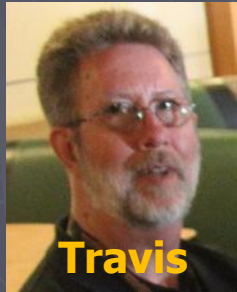
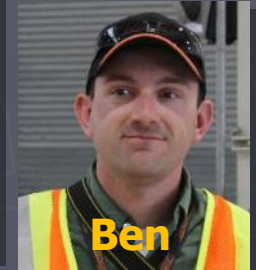
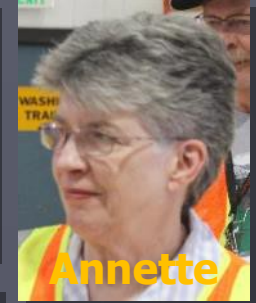
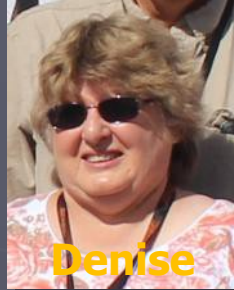


Banquet at White Fence Farm

Our banquet speaker was Luke Johnson (standing), Denver Terminal Superintendent. Following the speaker and banquet, the convention auction was held. Our thanks to Jim and Denise Cunningham for donating so many BN and BNSF items for the auction.

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2017 Convention Attendees



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2017 Convention

Denver, Colorado



Credits

My Thanks to:

- **John Parker for his leadership in organizing this great convention.**
- **The contributors (Rodney Black, Paul Brennecke, Kent Charles, John Parker, Travis Searls) who provided excellent photos and information to use in this presentation.**
- **Kent Charles for identifying various locomotives in the presentation and allowing me to carpool with him for the tours.**
- **Dave Poplawski for posting this PowerPoint on the FOBNR Website.**
- **and most of all, to the Officers, Board Members and volunteers who keep the FOBNR running well.**

Great Job, Guys!

Some Final Notes:



Why do I attend conventions like the FOBNR?

- Because of the lifelong friendships I form,
- the places I can get into that I normally would not be able to see, and
- because of the knowledge I gain.

What more could you ask for?

I managed to take more than 375 photos so what you see here of my photos is only a small sample. I am sure others took many more.

**Hope to see you in the Chicago area
for the 2018 FOBNR Convention!**

Patrick G. Lana

