

# A Place For Those Born Too Late

Hidden away in a little-known corner of the southern Rocky Mountains on the border of New Mexico and Colorado is a precious historic artifact of the American West that time forgot. Built in 1880 and little changed since, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is the finest and most spectacular example of steam era mountain railroading in North America. Its equipment, structures and vast landscape exist today as if frozen in the first half of the twentieth century.

The time has long passed when the railroad last hauled precious metals over Cumbres Pass. But its steam locomotives still labor up steep grades carrying visitors over high trestles, through tunnels, and along narrow shelves above yawning gorges. In an era of strip malls, cruise ships and jumbo jets, the Cumbres & Toltec provides an experience for those seeking something different. It provides adventures that unfold in the easy cadence of Mountain Time.



## We're Looking to Stir Your Passion

Have you ever wanted to become part of a highly praised effort to pass on something of value for the generations to come? Does the notion of working on projects in stunning western high country locations with a dedicated team of interesting people stir your passions? If the answer is "yes," then we invite you to join the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Inc.

For over 15 years the Friends, a nonprofit corporation, has worked to preserve this national treasure. We are a diverse group of highly committed men and women from many walks of life, all with a shared vision and the tenacity to fulfill it. Our mission is a simple but challenging one: to preserve the C&TS as a dynamic, living museum for those who follow.

Our nearly 2,000 members come from across America, as well as from Canada and overseas. Some are rail enthusiasts, some are history buffs, and others are people who have fallen in love with the jewel that is the railroad. While many members participate directly in our activities, most simply support our work through the crucial financial investment that their membership provides.

As a member, you'll help to preserve this piece of the American heritage, and know the honor and fulfillment of sharing in that legacy. As a "shareholder" you'll neither accrue monetary dividends nor build any equity other than that of your own heart. Yet, the return on your investment will surely enrich your life. And the adventure you'll have along the way is one you'll never forget.

## JOIN THE FRIENDS TODAY!

YES! I want to become a "shareholder" in America's premier historic railroad. All members receive our quarterly publication *C&TS Dispatch*, discounts and premiums, invitations to special events, the privilege of participating in work sessions each summer, and the satisfaction of investing in America's historic and cultural heritage.

- BASIC/FAMILY MEMBER \$25
- BASIC/FAMILY MEMBER (OUTSIDE USA) \$35

### SHAREHOLDER MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

"Shareholders" receive a commemorative stock certificate symbolizing their "investment" in the mission of the Friends.

- SHAREHOLDER \$50
- INVESTOR \$150
- PARTNER \$300
- SENIOR PARTNER \$600

### GENERAL PALMER SOCIETY OF MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

General Palmer Society members receive a commemorative stock certificate with their name and honorary title etched on a brass plate.

- MAJOR SHAREHOLDER \$1,000
- HONORARY DIRECTOR \$2,500
- HONORARY CHAIRMAN \$5,000

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## A Record of Achievement

The Friends got its start in the early 1980's when founding president Bill Lock grew concerned that no one was caring for the railroad's irreplaceable collection of historic equipment and structures. Lock and a handful of friends began painting boxcars in the Chama yard, and the Friends' work session concept was born. Today the Friends host some 350 volunteers at six week-long sessions each year, pursuing projects that encompass virtually all of the railroad's historic assets.

In recognition of its efforts, the Friends has received awards from the New Mexico state legislature, the Colorado Historical Society, and the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office. The Friends is a New Mexico 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, and is a member of the Association of Railway Museums and the Tourist Railway Association.

- 1988 Friends incorporated
- 1989 Multi-year effort begins to save the remaining facilities at Cumbres Pass
- 1990 Dual gauge freight train display installed in Antonito
- 1991 Restoration of the circa 1880 section town at Sublette begins
- 1992 Friends return six UTLX tank cars to the railroad
- 1993 Volunteers start restoration of the station and section house at Osier
- Six double-deck sheep cars returned to railroad
- 1994 All major structures on the railroad have received stabilization and rehabilitation by Friends volunteers
- 1997 Colorado Springs restoration facility inaugurated
- 1998 Yard and train docent program established
- 2000 The Friends form a nonprofit affiliate to operate the C&TS tourist trains
- 2002 The Friends return their twentieth piece of historic rolling stock to the railroad



## What Others Are Saying About the Friends

"There has been some very good historic preservation done in New Mexico, but nothing on the scope and scale of the Friends. Nothing. The Friends are showing what a volunteer group can do with good leadership, hard work, and private money. I think it's remarkable what they've accomplished."

—Spencer Wilson, historian and author, *The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad; the Historic Preservation Study*



"Something different is happening on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, something unprecedented in the railway museum movement. Volunteers are being recruited and deployed on a scale never before seen. So great are their numbers that they are accomplishing things in days that many would expect to take months or even years. It feels like a new model for running a restoration program, something the entire industry should take note of."

—Aaron Isaacs, "Volunteering On A Grande Scale," *Railway Museum Quarterly*, Spring 1999

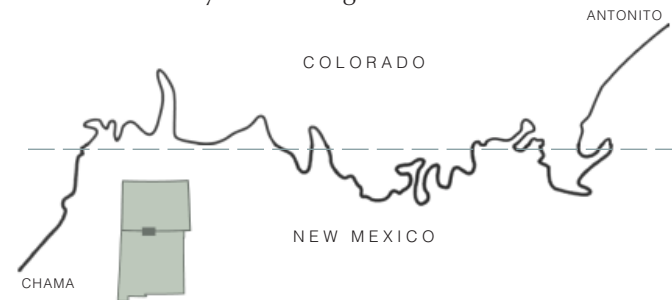


## About the Railroad

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad was originally constructed in 1880 as part of the Denver & Rio Grande's San Juan Extension, which served the silver mining district of the San Juan mountains in southwestern Colorado. Like all of the Rio Grande at the time, it was built to a gauge of three feet between the rails, instead of the standard 4 feet, 8-1/2 inches. While most of the D&RG was soon converted to standard gauge, traffic on the San Juan Extension failed to justify this cost, and the line survived over the decades virtually unchanged, receiving its last major upgrades in the 1920's. It was finally abandoned in 1969, but the combined efforts of railway preservationists and local interests led to the states of Colorado and New Mexico jointly purchasing the 64 miles of track and line-side structures from Antonito to Chama, nine steam locomotives, over 130 railroad cars, and the Chama yard and maintenance facility.



Today the C&TS is both a tourist railroad of international repute, and an invaluable museum of railroad history and technology. In particular, it is a living museum, still doing the job that it was originally designed to do. Trains move along the same track alignment, over the same trestles and bridges, and with much of the same equipment as the Rio Grande trains of a century ago. Railroad enthusiasts worldwide recognize the C&TS as the most authentic steam era railroad in North America. The property is a registered State and National Historic Site, and is designated a National Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers.



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