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*Are you making your list and  
checking it twice?*

*Be sure to check these dates. They are packed with  
'nice' from the Colorado Model Railroad Museum.*

## **Union Pacific's Big Boy stops in Greeley**

Santa is not the only one making a stop in Greeley. On Tuesday, **November 26th**, the Union Pacific's Big Boy No. 4014 will be making a stop at the 10th St. crossing in front of our museum. The expected visit will be from 11:15 AM and departing at noon. All guests can enjoy a train filled day at the museum, we are holding special hours (10AM to 4PM) to honor the biggest steam engine ever built. Commemorate this day with the 4014 pins from our gift shop (while supplies last). Train schedules are always subject to change without prior notice. Please dress accordingly for the weather. Per Operation Lifesaver: Always stay off the tracks. Stay a safe distance from the tracks (Operation Lifesaver recommends 25 feet). Do not place objects on tracks for trains to run over. Only cross tracks at designated crossings. Remember trains cannot swerve.



***Our Mission Statement: To provide a model railroading experience  
that educates, inspires, and brings joy to all ages.***



# Santa Claus is coming to CMRM

Bring your loved ones, grab your 'wish' lists and start your holidays with Santa & Mrs. Claus. The Claus' will be at the museum from 10 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, November 30th to kick-off the Christmas Season. Santa's other CMRM stops are: Saturday, December 14th and 21st from 10 AM to 1 PM.

He Travels at Night December 20th. All Through the museum, trains will be stirring, and kids of all ages will be too. This evening of Santa and "Night Trains" visit is for you. Join us, Friday December 20th from 5 PM to 8 PM for a special evening of "Night Time Train Operations" and Santa.

## Always Dressed in Red

What is red and always up for a celebration? If you guessed the C&S 10583 Caboose, you are right. Since July 2019 the C&S 10583 has been celebrating 100 years. The celebration doesn't stop there. It's been a tradition for years to include the caboose for the perfect backdrop to all the museum has to offer. Whether it's a picture with Santa or a simple backdrop for a quick photo opportunity, let us help you get the safe shot you are looking for. Please feel free to ask a staff member of volunteer and we will gladly assist in you with your safe souvenir photo.

## For Members Only:

Do You Hear what I Hear? It's True!

Yes, it's true! Before the Big Guy arrives, there is a Members Only Night. Join us for this exclusive reveal of Department 56 event on Tuesday November 26th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for a celebration of Joy and Magic that only Department 56 and a continued 10 Year Anniversary Celebration can bring. Mark your calendar, it's not just one event before we ring out the 2019 year. December 13th from 5 PM to 8 PM will be a night for Member Celebration.

Other "Member Only" dates are available on the website [www.cmr.org](http://www.cmr.org)

Not a member? Joining is easy. Signup at the museum or contact Sherelle, Director of Visitor Experience at (970)392-2943 or email [sherelle@cmr.org](mailto:sherelle@cmr.org) Memberships include, member only events, special discounts, and more.

The Happiest Season of All can bring on the Longest Day of the Year. Christmas Eve that is. Have no fear and bring the kids to CMRM on Christmas Eve Morning. Take in a some of the Yester Year's Holiday Cheer as you enjoy the Department 56 layout.





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On November 13th we revealed our 2nd annual Department 56 Christmas Collection display to museum supporters, friends and community leaders. It was a wonderful evening and a memorable way for us to open our holiday season! Bob and Marilyn Harris had a vision to share their stunning collection with you and all of visitors for years to come!

The collection and partial display already has a very special sentimental meaning for me because it reminds me of my happiest moments growing up in the New Jersey suburbs of Manhattan. Massive buildings, frantic Christmas activity, trains kicking up snow as they thundered by, great kitchen smells and the happy sounds of a large family settling in. My fascination with real trains, railroading culture, along with my 4'x 8' Marx Brothers basement layout was at the center of my Christmas World. I suspect that many of us warmly associate model railroading with Christmas. It's the year's most joyful time, and we're very hopeful that your Christmas activity plans include multiple visits to the museum!! Special activities for children featuring scheduled visits from Santa, a stunning "North Pole" display, Christmas-themed trains and much more are ready for you to enjoy.

Christmas is also a time when the joy of helping has special meaning, especially volunteer-operated non-profits like us. You may not know that last year our admissions revenue covered only half of our expenses. So, every donated dollar is critical to being able to open our doors. We do take our financial management very seriously. We've operated on a balanced budget for four years, and we have no long-term debt. Without generous donor support, this simply would not be possible!

Our plan is to maintain our position, but we are critically dependent on friends and supporters to keep us operating and to providing each of our guests a model railroading experience that educates, inspires and brings the joy of future Christmas memories to all that enter our door. A few years back there was an expression regarding charitable giving, and it went like this: "give until it hurts". We much prefer the opposite thought: please consider helping until it feels good!

There are several convenient ways to donate.

By Mail:

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Online:

<https://www.cmrmm.org/donate/>

From each of my fellow board members, our staff and volunteers, our warmest thanks for your support! We wish you and your families a joyous holiday season; and, all good things throughout the new year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim McMahon".

Tim McMahon  
CMRM Board President



## Winter and Holiday Hours

Fri & Sat: 10 am – 4 pm  
Sunday: 1 – 4 pm

### Additional Museum Special Holiday Hours:

November 26th	10 AM to 4 PM
November 27th	10 AM to 4 PM
December 23rd	10 AM to 4 PM
December 24th	10 AM to 1 PM
December 26th	10 AM to 4 PM
December 30th	10 AM to 4 PM
December 31st	10 AM to 1 PM
January 2nd	10 AM to 4 PM

### CLOSED Christmas & New Year's Day

### All Aboard...the Hogwarts Literacy Day Express pulls into CMRM on January 4th.

Literacy Day is full of magic and wonder at the CMRM in the New Year. Featuring a Harry Potter Department 56 layout. Butter Beer and the magic of crafts.

### Celebrating Six Years of Colorado Model Railroad Museum

The museum celebrated 10 years in May. This December marks our 6th year as the Colorado Model Railroad Museum. Before we were called the Colorado Model Railroad Museum, we were the Greeley Freight Station. There was a great deal of confusion as to who and what we were. Even 10 year and five months later, we are still getting visitors who are "Awe Struck". We are grateful for the support from our volunteers, our dedicated Staff, and Board Members for bringing the "Joy" and "Awe" to all we serve.

Wishing you all a Joyous Holiday Season!  
CHOO! CHOO!



*The Railway Express*

*The Railway Express* is the official newsletter of the Colorado Model Railroad Museum. Its purpose is to communicate news and information to museum Members, Supporters, and Volunteers as well as others interested in the museum.

*Mistie Treyfry, Editor.*  
*Bill Kepner and Bob Owens, Associate Editors*

# SANTA IS COMING!

November 30th: 10am - 1pm

December 13th: Members only

Night Trains 5-8pm

December 14th: 10am - 1pm

December 20th: Night Trains 5-8pm

December 21st: 10am - 1pm

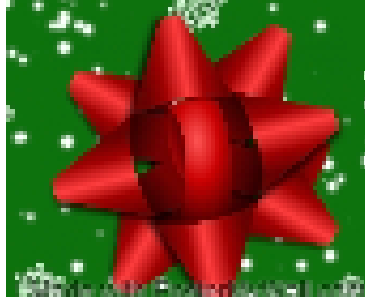
**ADULTS \$10 - SENIORS (65+) \$8 - KIDS (4-12) \$5  
3 AND UNDER FREE**



Festival of Trains: Nov. 27th - Jan. 4th  
Fridays/Saturdays 10am - 4pm Sundays 1-4pm  
Dec. 23rd - Jan. 5th (Extended Hours!!)

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