
THE DEPOT

DISPATCH

The Cheyenne Depot Museum Newsletter

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In the past, the Cheyenne Depot Museum has offered a newsletter to help keep its members informed on Depot news and events. Previously, that publication was known as Steam Notes. We are now revitalizing the newsletter and refurbishing it a little as well. It will now be in the form of the Depot Dispatch. The Dispatch will be a more up to date offering, with a vintage feel. The Depot Museum staff will be providing an in-depth report on a quarterly basis to keep all members and followers in the loop in regards to Depot headlines and experiences.

The Dispatch's quarterly editions will come seasonally, with one being published in the Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall.

CDM will have the Dispatch available in print form for members, on the website-Cheyennedepotmuseum.org, and have it available digitally for email and social media distribution. So, please enjoy our inaugural issue and stay tuned for future volumes.

-Brady Brinton, CDM Digital Media
Director

DEPOT PLAZA EVENTS



The Depot Plaza had a great summer of events this year. Between a great line-up of bands for the Fridays on the Plaza concert series, as well as the Depot Museum's annual festivals- Hispanic, Celtic and the always popular Wyoming Brewers' Festival. All the events were shown a great amount of support from both Cheyenne residents and visitors to our fair city alike.

Cheyenne was also able to celebrate its 150th birthday in 2017. What birthday is complete without a birthday party? The Depot Plaza played host to help celebrate the Capitol City's sesquicentennial anniversary. The Party on the Plaza took place on August 8th and gathered quite the crowd. The party's attendees were treated to a great dais of music acts, speeches from Mayor Marian Orr and Governor Matt Mead, a fantastic fireworks display, and of course, cupcakes.

The Party on the Plaza went down as a great way to help Cheyenne and its residents celebrate one hundred and fifty years of this terrific city and has been just one of many ways to observe such a historic date for the Magic City. Happy 150 Cheyenne!

-Brady Brinton, CDM Digital Media Director



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UNION PACIFIC STEAM SHOP TOURS



The Union Pacific Steam Shop is offering a special opportunity to visit and tour the shop and roundhouse to view the progress of the restoration process of the Big Boy No. 4014 steam engine. The steam crew is working tirelessly to get the 4014 back into working order to headline the Heritage Fleet.

The Big Boy No. 4014 is just one of eight remaining Big Boy locomotives left across the country. There were originally 25 of the gigantic engines manufactured by the Union Pacific. When the restoration of the 4014 is complete, it will be the only operational Big Boy on the tracks.

Tour dates, which started in August will span through April. Steam Tours depart from the Cheyenne Depot Museum. All tours start at 12:30 PM with limited availability. It is recommended to book your tours as soon as possible, if interested.

Tour Dates:

January 12th
February 16th
March TBD
April TBD

The cost is \$20 per person, \$10 for Museum members. For more information contact Visit Cheyenne, (307) 778-3133, info@cheyenne.org.

-Brady Brinton, CDM Digital Media Director

HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE DEPOT

Ice on the Plaza

The 2nd annual Ice on the Plaza has begun. Come join us this holiday season for ice skating and special events. This is a great family activity to enjoy in downtown Cheyenne. This is a free community event. Donations are welcomed to help cover the cost of skates.

SPECIAL EVENTS ON THE RINK

Sat, Dec 16th @12-2pm - Santa visits the rink

Sat, Dec 23th @TBA - Santa visits the rink

Sun, Dec 24th @10 -11 am - Skate with Elsa

Sun, Dec 31st @ 3-6 pm - Skate with surprise characters intermittently during the ball-drop event



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New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Help us ring in 2018! The 6th Annual New Year's Eve Ball Drop on the plaza will be December 31st. There will be a children's event with activities from 3 PM to 6 PM inside the Depot, followed by a ball drop and fireworks show for children. There will also be an evening event from 8pm-12am. Ice skating on the Plaza will be open to the public. At 11:30 the people gather in the Plaza for the countdown of the Ball Drop and ringing in the New Year. The Depot lobby will be open as a warming hut from 8pm-12am with free hot chocolate and beer available for purchase.



BIG BOOTS RE-BOOT

The Cheyenne Depot Museum, in collaboration with Visit Cheyenne, is currently re-booting the Big Boot program. We are looking to add more of the Big Boots throughout the greater Cheyenne area. The boots serve as not only a great way to advertise a business, but a great way to drive visitors straight to the front door of businesses. The boots garner a great amount of attention from Cheyenne visitors.

Cheyenne is home to more than 25 hand painted, customized 8-foot tall cowboy boots located at businesses throughout town. Your business can participate in this program with your own customized Big Boot!

Your new boot will be included in the boot tour and will invite visitors and locals alike to enjoy your boot and drive traffic to your front door. Here is more information on how to secure your Big Boot:

- Contact us to begin the process of receiving your new boot
- The cost of a finished boot is \$5,000
- You may select your artist from a portfolio
- Consult directly with the artist on your customized design
- The artist will work to complete your boot
- Your new boot will be sealed and delivered directly to your desired location
- It is the responsibility of the buyer to provide the base for their boot to be displayed upon

For additional information please contact Jill Pope, with Visit Cheyenne at (307) 772-7248 or Christy McCarthy with the Cheyenne Depot Museum at (307) 632-3905.



Benefits

- Customized art for your organization
- Publicity & visibility
- Be part of the community
- Be part of the boot tour



-Brady Brinton, CDM Digital Media
Director

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LIBRARIAN'S NOTES



Harry's Here! Renowned artist and author Harry W. Brunk and his wife have relocated to Cheyenne. Harry's signature work, the HOn3 Union Central & Northern Railroad layout, is visited by model railroad fans from around the world. With Harry as our Artist-in-residence, now many of his fans and new admirers can meet and share their insight with a true legend. Thus, on the days when he is coming to the Museum, you can hear everyone repeat, "Harry's here!"

A Storied Past - A Bright Future

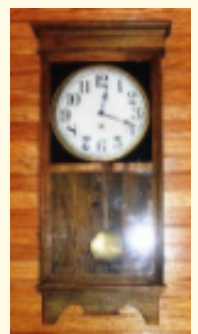
For new Museum Members, the Cheyenne Depot Museum is your link to the heritage of the Transcontinental Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad experienced. Now a National Historical Landmark, the Depot was opened in 1887 and has seen troop trains for three wars, a Storm of the Century (the Blizzard of '49), even the attempt to mount a 40' tall cowgirl to the historic clock tower. Beginning in 2004, the museum has grown to include a scenic overlook of the Union Pacific main line (the Transcontinental Railroad line), and Cheyenne's living railroad museum: The Union Pacific's Heritage Fleet shops and roundhouse.

Today your Museum collection approaches 5000 artifacts and 58 exhibits representing the unique character of the people and the cities touched by the Transcontinental experience and the railroad operations into the 21st century.

The Cheyenne Depot Museum is a community center hosting a number of events from weddings to lectures to cultural events. But the Museum is not just in the building, we host regular tours to the Union Pacific Heritage Fleet shops where our visitors can witness the restoration of "Big Boy" No. 4014 and we are active in local "railroaddania" preservation activities.

Spotlight on Our Donors

The Cheyenne Depot Museum collection has grown from a few hundred objects and 34 largely empty exhibit cases to being able to provide each with a complete and varied experience. We have our 250 individual and institutional donors to thank. Your Museum does not purchase artifacts. Thus, the artifacts, documents, and Rail-art are all donated. For a railroad museum to be a "must-see" destination certain artifacts must be present: A Ticket Agent's Booth, a passenger step stool, and most importantly a depot clock. Beginning in 2011, one person has provided us with these items, Mr. Gary Stengle of North Platte, Nebraska. Gary, a Life-Member of the Museum, presented the Cheyenne Depot Museum with a fully restored wall clock formerly in the Elm Creek, Nebraska station this past September.



Quarterly Exhibits

Plans are underway to open quarterly exhibits. Over the next year, we are going to feature a special topical display/exhibit for three months. We would love to hear from you about which should be the first of the quarterly exhibits:

- Women in Railroading
- The four routes for a Transcontinental Railroad
- The railroads' role in the Civil War
- The Central Pacific Railroad
- Building the Transcontinental by the numbers
- Native Americans
- UP's political clout
- Local resources (timber, water, etc.)
- Shops along the main line (i.e. Laramie and Green River)
- The science of locomotion



WHAT'S NEW & WHAT'S COMING

The Museum would have to be several miles long to tell the story of our railroad heritage. Thus, our exhibits are constantly changing. In the past year six major exhibits premiered:

The Dining Car and Chairman's Inspection Train Menus with matching china, Hobos, Tramps, and the Jungle, includes the only exhibit of a Hobo Nickel in the Western U.S.; The Railway Post Office/ The Railway Express Agency, Union Pacific Baggage men, A short history of Lionel trains.

As this issue goes to press the staff is preparing new exhibits depicting the Superintendent's Office circa 1941, A tribute to artist Wilbur Craig, and Union Pacific's "Movers & Shakers" featuring Cheyenne residents Otto Jabelmann and Edd Bailey.

An Added Mystery

Each year Museum Operations receives approximately 250 items through donation. Some frankly are a mystery. Yet someone always seems to know exactly what, why and how. Accordingly, we publish our biggest Mysteries (and surprises). This issue or mystery is:



Send us your best guess to
Ashley@cheyennedepotmuseum.org



Otto Jabelmann r. with Pres. Jeffers and VP Andrews. -Getty Images

Finally, A Special Appeal

The Cheyenne Depot Museum is seeking to provide educational, interactive, learning services for students and our visitors.

Donations of railroad oriented interactive E-learning, I-Learning equipment, expertise, or earmarked funding will allow us to move forward toward the future.

-Kerry Skidmore, CDM
Museum Librarian

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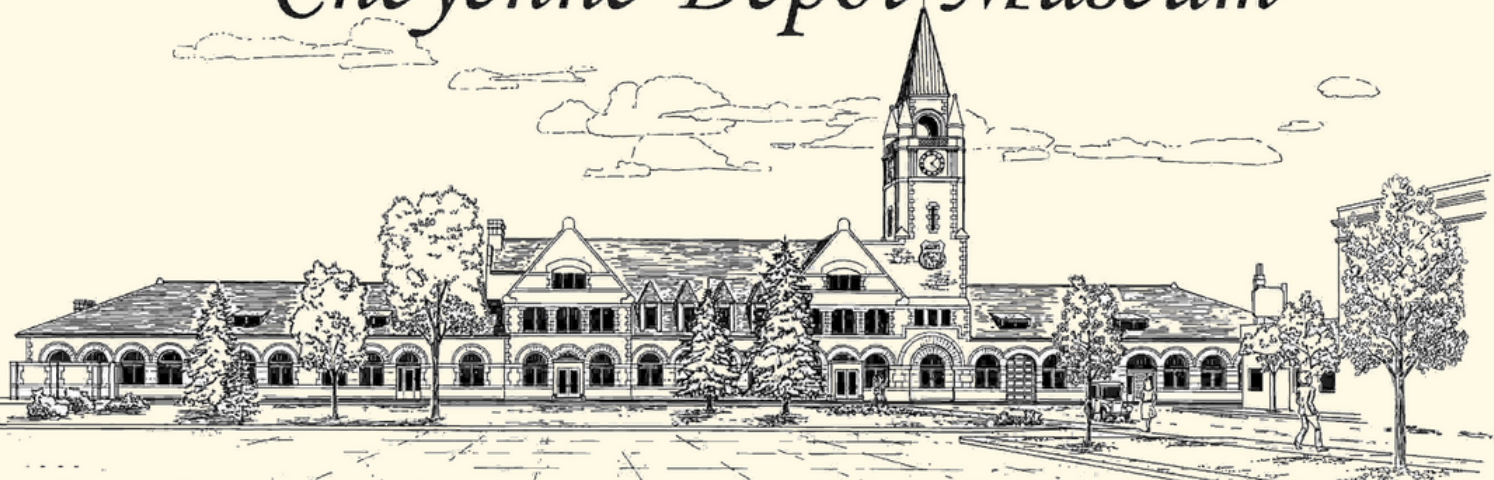
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DEPOT DONATIONS

As a 501 (c)3 non-profit, the Cheyenne Depot Museum is always in a position to accept donations. Donations can be in a monetary form, but the museum is always looking for great railroad and Union Pacific related items to display on exhibit as well.

Here at the Cheyenne Depot Museum, we appreciate any and all donations, whether large or small.

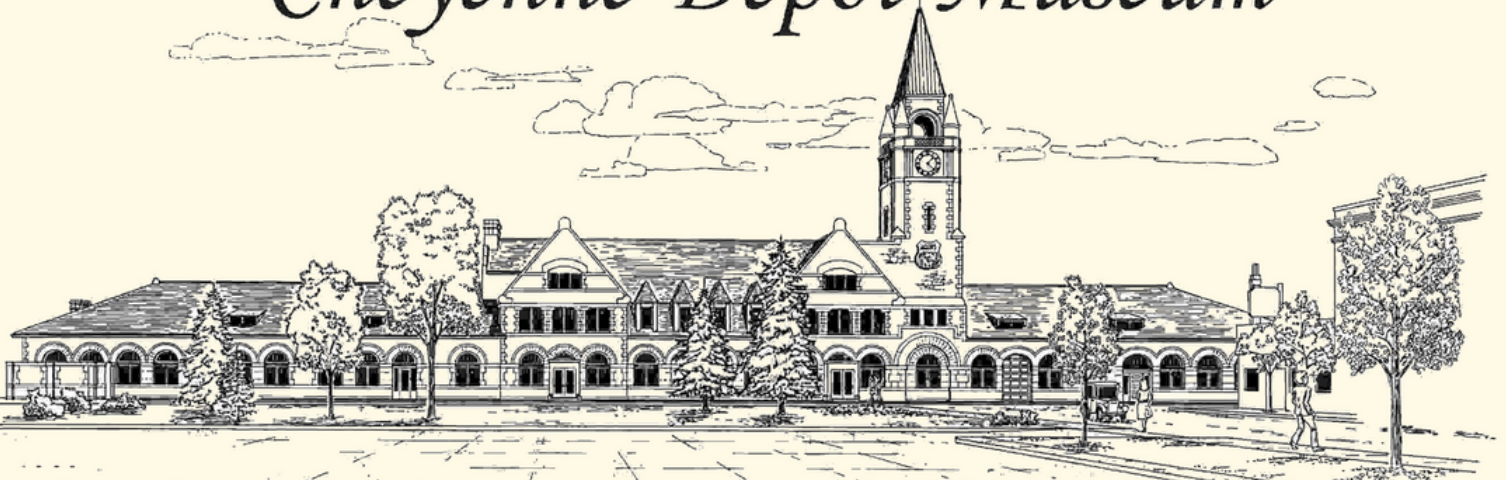
If interested in donating, please email info@cheyennedepotmuseum.org, or call 307-632-3905

The Cheyenne Depot Museum is also always in need of good volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering with the Museum, please give us a call: 307-632-3905, or by email: info@cheyennedepotmuseum.org.

**Thank You for Your Support
&
Happy Holidays**

-Cheyenne Depot Staff

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT



2017 has been a year of growth and reflection at the Cheyenne Depot Museum. This year we continued to evolve around exhibits and events, with a concentrated effort around the education of youth in our museum. Our Staff is working hard to bring new and innovative ways to educate on the history of Rail in Cheyenne.

Starting in 2016 and continuing in 2017, we held the Union Pacific Steam Shop and round House tours on a monthly basis, thank you to our partners at the Cheyenne Visitors Bureau as well as the Union Pacific Steam crew. We look to continue them as well in 2018.

The worldwide public interest in the Big Boy restoration project has significant implications for tourism to Cheyenne and the Cheyenne Depot Museum. The Big Boy locomotive series has always enamored the public, and with the restoration of #4014 underway you can bet that interest will only grow. Those of us in Cheyenne are fortunate the Union Pacific steam program calls Cheyenne home. With the excitement of the 4014 comes growth and opportunity for the Cheyenne Depot Museum.

In 2018 we are looking forward to a great Event Season. Starting with Depot Days in May and leading into Hispanic and Celtic Fest in June as well as the 23rd Annual Wyoming Brewers Festival presented by Midas in June, we will continue to provide cultural experiences through our community partners. The summer event season is truly a team effort. In addition to improving our building and museum, we take pride in our role of assisting with economic development of the downtown Cheyenne area. A lively downtown is vital to creating a strong tourism brand and giving guests a good taste of Cheyenne's unique heritage.

If you are not yet a member of the museum, I encourage you to consider becoming one. Your support helps us keep these stories alive, and allows us to share this cultural heritage with the thousands of visitors each year.

All of our progress and continued efforts have been made possible because of your Support for which we are truly grateful. We invite you to bring your family and friends to see what's new and join us for an extraordinary year in the museum and on the plaza at the Cheyenne Depot Museum.

The staff is working on making this newsletter a consistent part of our membership on a quarterly basis. We look forward to hearing your comments about the information presented as it would be a significant help as we work to develop this newsletter, and we welcome any feedback you may have.

Christy McCarthy
Executive Director