

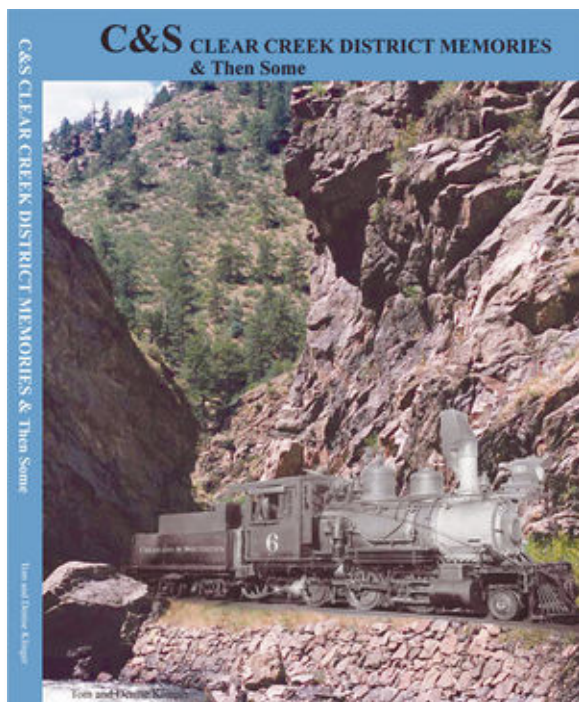
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Park County Historical Society to welcome noted author and historian Tom Klinger

Klinger just released his fourth book on the Colorado and Southern Railroad
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Author Tom Klinger's new book

Tom Klinger will speak at the Park County Historical Society's event Aug. 26 5 p.m. at Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church in Bailey. (Photo courtesy of Tom Klinger)

The Park County Historical Society will have a dinner presentation with local author and historian Tom Klinger.

The event is Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. and will take place at Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church, 106 Rosalie Road in Bailey.

Klinger has written four books about the Denver South Park and Pacific and the Colorado and Southern railroads.

According to Klinger, his presentation will cover "The Colorado and Southern from near Estabrook to Como. I will talk about the fish trains, ice trains and resorts along the way - Kiowa Lodge, Glen-Isle, Shawnee Lodge and others. In addition, railroad slang and terms will be highlighted during the slide presentation."

Klinger has been interested in trains for more than 70 years.

"For close to 50 years, my wife and I have traveled along the old railroad grade from Bailey to South Park to our cabin overlooking Snowstorm spur on the C&S branch that ran up to Alma," Klinger said.

"In addition, there was a great push to write a book about the Colorado and Southern from the son of C&S engineer, Brownie Anderson. Anderson was a long time Como resident who carried a

camera as he worked on the railroad,” Klinger continued.

In Klingers’ opinion the demise of the railroading in Park County was due to “The lack of flexibility of location had a lot to do with the demise of the South Park Line. Transportation wise, roads were a subsidized entity and in time became an all-weather means of transportation. Economically, the South Park Line was a company, paid taxes and did not receive tax dollars for maintenance and operations,” Klinger concluded.

For more information about Klinger’s books you can check out his website www.railroadphotos.com.

If you are interested in going to the dinner to see Klinger’s presentation RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6DVFMZD>.