

AYR – GRAND CANYON CHAPTER

2012 REUNION – OCTOBER 15-18

LOCATION: Strater Hotel, Durango, Colorado

The Strater Hotel dates back to the 1880's, one of the major historic buildings in downtown Durango, refurbished by Hilton, its atmosphere, furnishing, and service will take you back to the "turn of the century" a hundred years ago. What fun! Check their web site for photos and hotel details: www.strater.com

DATES: We've selected these dates to get a greatly reduced hotel rate, as the "Colorado Aspen color season" is just ending. But travel Colorado the week before, on your own, to enjoy those golden colors if you haven't seen them previously. You're in the right part of the state for an awesome show.

ARRIVE: Monday, October 15th. Between noon and 1:00pm, Ed Glass will organize an afternoon golf round at the city course: price: \$49.00 - carts included. Check out: www.golfhillcrest.com

Non golfers can take time to wander around downtown Durango, visiting the many shops.

GROUP DINNER: At 6:30pm, well meet in a special dining room for a group dinner. You'll have an opportunity to pre select your main entrée of chicken, fish, or vegetarian. We'll also enjoy this time together getting reacquainted. Dinner is included in the reunion fee. Bar drinks will be extra.

TUESDAY – OCTOBER 16th: Complimentary buffet breakfast at the hotel, then the experience of your life time, a round trip ride through the most awesome wilderness scenery in the country, on the DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD. It's a full day adventure, departing the train in Silverton for lunch on your own. Train fare is \$86.32 per person. When you register for our reunion, you'll have a chance to register for the railroad trip. A 10% discount will be applied if we have 20 or more passengers. Check the WEB site: www.durangotrain.com

Supper Tuesday evening is on your own, and a list of local restaurants will be provided in your registration packet.

WEDNESDAY-OCTOBER 17th: Complimentary breakfast at the hotel, then car pools to MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK (bring your Golden Eagle pass for free admission. Visit the TOURIST CENTER first to get maps and plan your day. You can sign up for detailed tours of the park, or just "do it on your own". Lunch is on your own at one of the

Park's dining locations. And your car can return to Durango when you have completed your plans. Check out the Park's WEB site for exciting details: www.mesaverdenationalpark
Supper is on your own once again. Enjoy with fellow members sharing comments on your past two days of "Colorado Adventure".

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 18TH: Complimentary breakfast at the hotel, followed by our long anticipated ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING and presentations by distinguished AYR members which could include:

Len Wilson - AYR President

Bob Hastedt – Y Retirement Fund AYR Liaison

Pres Johnson and Mary Tikalsky – World Service

John Brooks – EAF Update

Pete Smargon – Grand Canyon Chapter President presiding

A buffet lunch will be provided at 11:30 to enjoy in our meeting room or make sandwiches, and catch a "brownie" for your early start home. Cost of the lunch is included in our reunion fee.

REUNION FEE:

Conference fee:	\$10.00
Served Supper:	36.00
Buffet Luncheon:	20.00
Total reunion fee:	\$66.00 per person \$20 deposit, per person, when you register. Refunds up to October 1, 2012 Balance due on arrival.

HOTEL RATE:

\$114 per night, per room, double occupancy
Includes complimentary breakfasts
Local taxes are added.

RAILROAD FARE:

\$86.32 per person subject to 10% discount if we have a group of 20 or more

COMMENTS: Your planning committee has strived to be in consideration of the various charges and services, and while this "adventure" is perhaps costing a little higher than usual, we want you to experience the BEST of DURANGO, the historical heritage, and Colorado adventure. Plan and save now for this special experience. If you have comments or questions contact Stew Brown – stewspot@chaffee.net or (719) 539-6744 - More information will be sent to help you prepare for the event.

NON CHAPTER MEMBERS: We are promoting this event through other AYR chapters. You are welcome to join us and do an ala carte selection of activities. But your fee should include the \$20 registration and attendance at the Monday evening banquet. The Thursday buffet luncheon is optional and all other expenses: (hotel, railroad ticket) you pay for yourself. More instructions will be mailed later.

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Official Registration Form for October 15-18, 2012

Please Print

Name (s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____
E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

Cluster or Chapter (if a guest): _____

YES or NO (circle) We want to take the Durango & Silverton RR trip

I plan on joining the golf outing: (circle) husband wife

Meal choice for Monday evening: ___ Chicken ___ Salmon ___ Vegetarian (enter number for two people if couple)

Registration deposit is \$20 per person, refundable up to October 1, 2012 (if you need to cancel) should accompany this registration. Balance is due by October 1st. Total fee: \$66 which covers conference fee, Monday dinner and Thursday lunch.

You will be advised in making your personal reservations with the Strater Hotel, and we will make the railroad reservations, but you will pay for these on your own.

**Send your registration and \$20.00 deposit to: Stew Brown, 14080 CR 261-H, Nathrop, CO 81236
Make checks payable to: Grand Canyon Chapter**

.....cut and send in form with deposit.....

MORE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- We are really ahead on 2012 details so we can take advantage of a good number of our members attending the national reunion in San Diego and start our promotion.
- There may be a few minor changes.
- For example, the Durango & Silverton hasn't set its 2012 dates, but I hope to secure the number of seats we may need, using 2011 prices. We also get a 10% discount on our tickets if we have a minimum of 20 people. The RR ride is optional, because some of our members have done that.
- We want everyone to attend the opening dinner at the Strater Hotel, so we can get reacquainted, go over the plan for the gathering and meeting, and enjoy a full evening of fellowship.
- We added, this year, the closing day buffet luncheon, in order to not pay \$200 for renting the meeting room. It will be served at the close of the meeting, and "take away" boxes are provided to take your lunch on the road.
- We will be sending our meeting information to other chapter newsletter editors, the AYR WEB site, and AYReports, with the invitation for any and all to join us for this unique fall adventure.
- **PLAN TO ATTEND - GET YOUR REGISTRRTION IN QUICKLY** - So we can take advantage of savings.