

The Palmer Lake Historical Society
presents



**"Adventures on the
Pikes Peak Cog Railway"**

with Mel McFarland

On **Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**, the Palmer Lake Historical Society invites the public to hear Mel McFarland as he tells of his adventures working as an engineer and conductor on the iconic Pikes Peak Cog Railway.

Mel will briefly tell the history of the Cog – as well as its uniqueness in the United States. He'll explain the "ins and outs" of how a cog railway operates – and the obstacles encountered from weather, terrain, and visitor "preconceptions."

Mel will also include photographs in his presentation, "accumulated" from before, during, and after his work on the Cog.

Over the years, particularly when working as a conductor, Mel experienced both humorous and serious moments. One of the questions he was often asked was: "What happens if the train runs away?" For the answer to this and many other questions, Mel invites you to join him as he tells the story of his "adventures on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway."



One final line-up at the Manitou Springs depot before "retirement"

Mel McFarland is a retired teacher, artist, historian, railroad enthusiast, and well-known author of numerous railroad books and publications. His historical columns appear in *North Springs Edition*, *Westside Pioneer*, *Fountain Valley News*, *Ute Pass Courier*, and other area newspapers.



**WHEN: Thursday, February 17, 2022
7:00 to 8:30 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)**

**WHERE: Palmer Lake Town Hall
28 Valley Crescent St, Palmer Lake CO 80133**

Admission is free and open to all

Light refreshments are served after the program.

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