

RPCA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2025
Pueblo, CO
January 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 2025
As of 10-29-24

Host Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Pueblo Downtown.

Conference Headquarters: Pueblo Convention Center, adjoining the Marriott Hotel

Wednesday, January 15

4 pm to 6 pm	Vendor set-up
4 pm to 9 pm	Registration desk open in lobby of Marriott

Thursday, January 16

Breakfast on your own	
7:45 am	Bus waits to pick up Amtrak #3 passengers in La Junta. Extra cost item. Must reserve by December 1, 2024
8 am to Noon,	Registration desk open in lobby of Marriott
9 am	Vendor and Silent auction set up
Lunch on your own	Be back at the Convention Center by 12:30, if going on MXV tour
12:30pm to 1pm	MANDATORY SAFETY MEETING for MxV Tour in Convention Center
1pm to 4:30pm	MXV Rail Facility Tour. This is a free tour, open to the first 150 registrants. Participation form, long pants, & closed toed shoes required
5 pm to 8 pm	Registration open in lobby of Marriott
5 pm	Dinner on your own
6 pm to 10 pm	RPCA Board of Directors meeting in Marriott
8 pm to Midnight	Hospitality Room in the Visit Pueblo Welcome Center adjoining the Convention Center

Friday, January 17

7:30 am to 9 am	Breakfast in the Convention Center, vendors open in same room
7:45 am	Bus waits to pick up Amtrak #3 passengers in La Junta Extra cost item. Must reserve by December 1, 2024
8 am to 11 am	Registration open in lobby of Marriott
8 am to 5 pm	Silent auction open
9 am to 10 am	Opening of conference with general membership meeting
10 am to 5 pm	Vendors open
10 am to 4 pm	Royal Gorge Railroad excursion with shop tour. Extra cost item
10:15 am to 11:45 am	"Safe Food Handling," Pueblo County Health Department
10:15 am to 11:45am	"Use of an AED," Pueblo Fire Department
11:45am to 1:15 pm	Lunch on your own
1 pm to 5 pm	Registration open in lobby of Marriott
1:15 pm to 2:45 pm	Adlake Shade Rebuild, Alex Nuzzo
1:15 pm to 2:45 pm	Non-destructive Test of Metals, (TBA)

2:45 pm to 3 pm	Break
3 pm to 4:15 pm	Methodology of Detecting Wheel Defects in Real Time, RB Wiley
3 pm to 4:15 pm	Current technology in Paint, Coatings and UV Applications, (TBA)
5:30pm to 7:30pm	Dinner in the Historic Pueblo Union Depot. A fund raiser for the Fuehring Fund for Future Leaders. Bus will circulate between the Marriott and the Depot. Extra cost item
8 pm to Midnight	Hospitality Room in the Visit Pueblo Welcome Center adjoining the Convention Center

Saturday, January 18

7:30 am to 9 am	Breakfast in the Convention Center
7:30 am to 5 pm	Vendors open
8 am to 8 pm	Silent Auction open
8 am to 11 am	Registration in lobby of Marriott
9 am to 10:15 am	“So You Want to Host a Conference,” Charles Barthold
9 am to 10:15 am	Insurance Updates
9am to 10:15 am	RPCNB (UMLER) Michael Voiland
10:15 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to Noon	Federal updates, FRA, Amtrak presentations
10:30 am to 2pm	Tour Pueblo Heritage Center and SDC Arts Center Extra cost item
12 noon to 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own
1pm to 5 pm	Registration open in the lobby of the Marriott
1:15 pm to 4:30pm	Mechanical sessions at the Pueblo Railway Foundation, 330 “D” St. AFTERNOON MECHANICAL, bus will circulate between the Marriott and the Pueblo Railway Foundation shop, 8 blocks away. Sessions will include a 1953 Tracmobile demonstration, and a truck rebuild discussion inside the shop.
	AFTERNOON SEMINARS at Convention Center
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	“Marketing Techniques,” Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	“Battle of the Toilets,” TBD
3:00 pm to 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm	“Rest Easy, Build Your Own Mattress,” Gary Carter
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm	“Time Study of Amtrak's Southwest Chief,” RB Wiley
5 pm to 6 pm	Cash Bar, Pueblo Convention Center
6 pm to 8 pm,	Banquet with guest speaker, Brad Swartswelter, retired CZ Amtrak conductor, author, rail critic and supporter of private cars Extra cost item.
8 pm	Silent Auction closes after Banquet. Items available for pick-up one hour after close.
8 pm to Midnight	Hospitality Room in the Visit Pueblo Welcome Center adjoining the Convention Center

Sunday, January 19

7:30 am to 9:00 am	Breakfast and vendors open
10 am to 10:30am	General membership meeting and election results
10:30am	Vendor tear down
10:30am to 11:00am	Board of Directors meeting

11:00am to 12 noon	"Slumbercoach Dissection," Jon Clark
11:00am to 12 noon	"Tales of PV ownership and Life on the Road," Kevin Moore
12 noon to 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own
1:30 pm to 3:45pm	RPCA Safety Program
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	"Adlake Shade Rebuild," Alex Nuzzo
2:30 pm to 2:45 pm	Break
2:45pm to 3:45 pm	"Money on the Siding: Airbnb Ideas for Car Owners," Briana Nuzzo
2:45pm to 3:45 pm	"Heat It Up: Freeze Protection," Ray Klauss
	Dinner on your own
4:30 pm	Bus leaves Marriott for La Junta to meet Amtrak #4. Extra cost item. Must reserve by December 1, 2024
8 pm to Midnight	Hospitality Room in the Visit Pueblo Welcome Center adjoining the Convention Center

Monday, January 20

Breakfast on your own	
8:15 am to 4 pm	Pikes Pike Cog Railway Extra cost item
4:30 pm	Bus leaves Marriott for La Junta to meet Amtrak #4. Extra cost item. Must reserve by December 1, 2024

TIMES, SESSIONS AND TOURS MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE

QUESTIONS: email: 2025Conference@rpca.com or call Gary at 719-406-6161

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