

Cog Train Takes Visitors to Mountain Zoo

The Mountaineer, a Cadillac designed and powered streamliner, has carried thousands of visitors to the Pikes Peak Region on the two-mile trip to and from Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. A ride on the train provides many exciting mountain views for passengers.

The world's only streamlined, narrow gauge cog railway runs from Penrose Stadium along the lower slopes of Cheyenne Mountain to the entrance of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

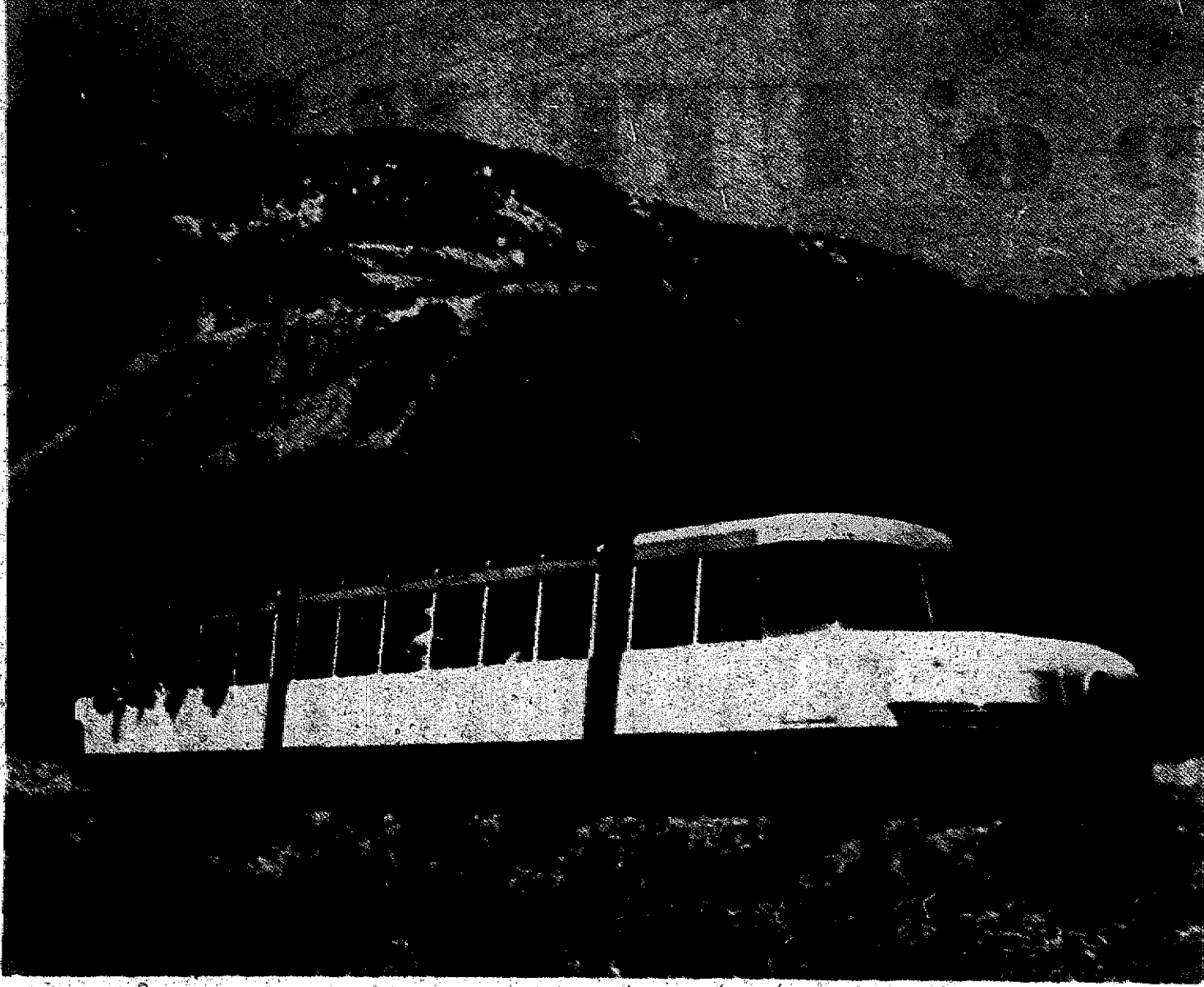
The boarding station is at the north end of the lake directly behind the Broadmoor Hotel. The train passes by the World Arena and the Broadmoor Stables and skirts the Broadmoor golf course before winding its way through the scrub oak and pines which cover the slopes of the mountain.

The little train passes through four tunnels on its journey, the last one being 150 feet long, constructed at the upper terminal to allow the train to stop right outside the Thundergod House, the entrance to the Zoo.

The Mountaineer is made up of two coach cars, with a passenger capacity of 20 each, and the engine. Winter-Weiss Company of Denver especially built the train to Cadillac's specifications. The body is white with red trim and the two coaches have plexiglass tops to allow the sightseer an unobstructed view of the surrounding scenery.

The train's engine is mounted in the rear and it pushes the coach cars uphill and backs them down. Absolute safety is assured by three separate sets of brakes working independently of each other. The Mountaineer is equipped with a heavy duty Cadillac hydramatic transmission, but the train makes the run without the engineer having to shift gears.

The Mountaineer operates daily every hour on the half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the summer months and runs on weekends during the winter months.



ZOO STREAMLINER—All aboard is the call when this Cadillac powered train takes off for the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. The small train operates on narrow gauge tracks and passes through

tunnels and pine-clad hills on its way to the zoo entrance, high on the slopes of the mountain. The train runs every half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the summer months.

(Photo by Bob McInyre)

Scenic Splendor Unsurpassed on Rampart Range

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Unsurpassed scenic splendor

greet the traveler's eye on the 57-mile Rampart Range Road. Extending from the Garden of the Gods, northerly to its junction with the Sedalia-Deckers highway; a turn to the right brings you down on the plains on U. S. 85-87 at Sedalia, 23 miles from Denver.

A turn to the left brings you to Deckers, on the South Platte River, with the choice of returning to Colorado Springs via Woodland Park and Ute Pass or continuing northerly to the intersection with U. S. Highway 285.

The Rampart Range Road begins in the Garden of the Gods City Park, near Balanced Rock. In 1965, an interpretive building containing the story of the "Geology of the Rampart Range" will be constructed. It will consist of a total capacity for 88 people with a 25-car parking area.

Views of the Garden of the Gods with cover consisting of pinon pine, scrub oak and Rocky Mountain Juniper are at the out-

be observed Here ends also the Pinon Pine cover, with added scattered Ponderosa Pine.

From lower Williams Canon (seven miles from point of origin), magnificent views of Pikes Peak may be seen. In construction presently is the Williams Canon Overlook to show interpretive sign of origin of Canon by fault. A six car parking area with total capacity for 21 people will be available upon completion. Limestone cliffs may be seen from this point. Scrub Oak and Rocky Mountain Juniper ends with the start of White and Douglas Fir cover.

Nine miles traveling brings one to Grassy Saddle Overlook where an interpretive sign is erected on Pikes Peak Reforestation program. Eleven car parking with total capacity for 40 people exists. Heavy forest cover of ponderosa and limber pine, aspen and douglas fir are predominate. An excellent view of Pikes Peak may be observed.

At Ridgecrest overlook (10.8 miles) a fine vista of Pikes Peak is seen. An existing interpretive sign on the watershed

erlook has a 20 car parking area and a total capacity for 70 people.

Continuing on the Rampart Range Road, occasional service roads are met. As one progresses, the scenery change is constant as is the cover, varying from meadow, forest to complete rock formations. Interest is stirred by this constant shifting of thrilling mountain scenery.

Stands of pure timber of a particular type seem to fade and disappear only to be replaced by another stand of another type.

At Devils Head Overlook (44.8 miles) an interpretive sign on value of fire lookouts to the U. S. Forest Service is found. It has a six car parking area with a total capacity for 21 people.

A breathtaking view to the mountains in the west may be seen at Virgins Bath Overlook (16.1 miles). An existing interpretive sign on the story of Indian life in the area is also found there. Total car parking is 10, with capacity for 35 people.

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