

American Watercolorist Dale Russell Smith

CHAMA TO ANTONITO

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad still travels across 64 miles of narrow gauge track between Chama, New Mexico and Antonito, Colorado. Originally built in 1880 by the Denver & Rio Grande as the San Juan Extension, and serving the silver mining “district” of southern Colorado’s San Juan Mountains. The C&TSRR is considered by many enthusiasts to be the highest, longest, and most scenic steam railroad remaining in operation today.

American watercolor artist, **Dale Russell Smith**, has indeed captured the breath-taking colors, bathed in the dramatic sunlight that this scenic area of the southwest is famous for. In his close-up glimpse of this small portion of a great historic artifact from the American West, titled “*Chama to Antonito*.”



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DURANGO - SILVERTON

Durango, Colorado, like so many other towns in the State was founded as a result of the push westward by various railroad companies of the day. Founded in 1880, to support the railroad as a means of hauling passengers and freight into the area of southwestern Colorado, it saw the first train arrive in August, 1881. By July of 1882, the tracks to Silverton, Colorado were completed, primarily to haul mine ores, both gold and silver, from the San Juan Mountains. Today, the narrow gauge still operates as a breathtaking, scenic passenger service with all coal-fired steam locomotives. As this scene by American watercolor artist **Dale Russell Smith** depicts, the ride through the rocky cliffs not far from Silverton, echo the sounds of yesteryear's intrepid pioneers through the familiar whistles of the D&SNGRR.



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GRAND CANYON RAILWAY

Originally built to transport ore from the mines 45 miles north of Williams, Arizona, Bucky O'Neill had a dream that his railroad could become much more important. In 1897, he had convinced the Santa Fe Railroad that they should invest in it not only for the potential to be realized from mining, but for tourism to the Grand Canyon as well. A place that Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt said, "every American should see." The Santa Fe and Grand Canyon Railroad Company was incorporated.

However, Bucky O'Neill never saw his dream come true. He died from wounds sustained as a Rough Rider in the Spanish American War, led by Col. Theodore Roosevelt. But the dream did come true and the first passengers arrived at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon September 17, 1901.

This vision of grand trains traveling a scenic route through northern Arizona is preserved here by American watercolor artist, **Dale Russell Smith**, in his painting titled "*Grand Canyon Railway*."



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