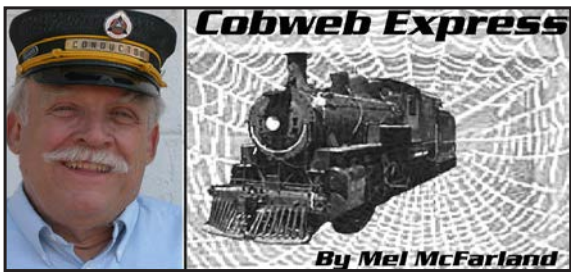


Sounds in the Night



I have always lived near either railroad tracks, or a major highway. If you have not, you may have other sounds you hear in the night. For the most part you get used to the sounds, but not everyone.

Living next to the Interstate, the only times I really noticed it was when it was different, like in the winter. I would wake up with absolutely no traffic, knowing that there really must be a good snow storm going. I might get up, just to see, but usually I just waited for morning.

I have a friend up on Monument Hill. He is far enough away that the highway sound is filtered by the trees. He does get my favorite nightly noise, the sounds of a distant train blowing its horn at a grade crossing. When it was really cold, and sound travels further, I might hear a distant crossing horn.

Where I live now, I sometimes hear a horn if the Engineer wants someone to get off the tracks. Now the sounds of sirens are common, as I live near a fire station. On rare occasions I still can hear heavy trains grinding their way up through Colorado Springs. This is mainly in the winter when sound carries the best!

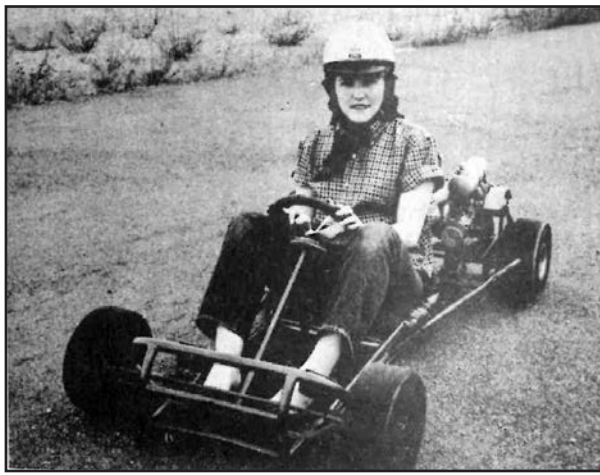
I sometimes wonder what it was like when there were old steam trains running, which would be over 60 years ago. Nowadays the Engineer blows his horn using a button, some even have computers to do it! On a steam train they pulled on a rope. Each one had a unique "touch." Some wives could tell if it was their husband, by that whistle. The Engineers on the trains from Colorado City to Cripple Creek, up Ute Pass, regularly blew a special whistle tone as they left on their trip.

Years ago, I stayed in a motel right by a grade crossing. No problem, I live by the tracks; but when the first train went by, the bells at the crossing, and the sound of the horn brought me wide awake! They did not do that near my house. After two trains I slept better.

There is a Federal law that trains must sound their horns at crossings, but some communities have passed rules to have no blowing of horns in their towns. We have several crossings like that near here! When a train hits a car at a crossing, what is the first question asked? "Did the train blow its horn?"

Pages of the Past

(1958 - Present)



Sixty Years Ago (1962)

GO-KARTING

Barbra Sykes, who was the Security Advertiser secretary took a spin on a go-kart that was owned by Larry and Greg Gillam, who were newsboys for the Advertiser in 1962.
(Fountain Valley News file photo)

Fifty Years Ago (1972)

JIMMY CAMP CREEK FLOOD

A flash flood northeast of Fountain the previous week widened Jimmy Camp Creek by quite a bit, took out the bridge and left half of Peaceful Valley Estates planned sub-division separated from the other half in July of 1972.
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Forty Years Ago (1982)

LEMONADE

Nine-year-old, Amy Griswold was taking advantage of the summer heat by hosting a lemonade stand. Her mother said she'd always look for ways to make money. She started her stand the morning of July 21 and by 3:30 p.m. she showed her "profit" of \$3.24.
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RIDERS ENJOY SUNSHINE AND FLOWERS

Left to right, Shannon Allen, Kirk Barrington and his daughter Symantha Barrington enjoyed the sunshine and flowers along Highway 85-87.
(Photo by Carl Wiese)



Twenty Years Ago (2002)

NICK VENETUCCI

Local legend/farmer Nick Venetucci is shown at the famous Venetucci Ranch, better known by children from across the state as the "Great Pumpkin Patch."
(Photo by Jerry Bahner)