

Fred Springer Equipment. As stated previously, these cars are for sale on a bid basis. A minimum bid has been established for each piece of equipment. The bidding most likely will end on June 30th, 2012. If no bids have been received on a car by June 15th, then the minimum bid may be reduced. I will be in contact with all of those who are interested in the different pieces of equipment. The highest bid will be approved, and the financial dealings will then begin with the "Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad", Tim Tennant, President.

When the winning bid is determined, "The Friends" will be notified by me of the impending sale. All payments can then be mailed (or phoned to 505-880-1311 if Credit Cards are used) to "The Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad" at 4421 McLeod Road NE, Suite F, Albuquerque, NM 87109. When that clears, I will then notify Mark Seibert, and the winning bidder can make arrangements to get what they bought located in Walsenburg CO.

A description of these items follow:

- 1 Western Union Outfit Car: Estimated built around 1990 by Gordon Primdahl. All wood car. Needs coupler work, as they are too stiff, thereby causing derailments. Also Union spelled "Union" on one side of car. Estimated minimum value: \$650.
2. Wood Caboose, H&RGN # 908: Estimated built around 2006 from a Mountain Car kit. Roof walk is non-standard, although for a private railroad (Hondo and Rio Grande Northern) anything is correct. Estimated minimum value: \$700.
3. Passenger combine D&RGW: Metal Mountain Car Combine, 8 feet long and three seats with clerestory roof end. Robust car, 16" outside width, and 14 ¾" on the inside for seating. Needs repainting and minor seat upholstery work. Estimated minimum value: \$1400.

These next four freight cars are all metal and are all painted black. they have all been recently renovated within the past two years with new painting and lettering for Fred by Rick Pike, an 1-1/2" railroader and a body shop owner. They are in pristine condition! They have not been used since overhauled, and have been stored indoors.

4. Hopper, D&RGW # 35601: A Ritenburg built car. Estimate minimum value: \$1300.
5. Hopper, MKT # 40520: A second Ritenburg built car. Estimated minimum value: \$1300.
6. Gondola, Tex Mex #2031: A Mercer car. Estimated minimum value: \$1100
- 7 Gondola, MP # 5398: Source of car unknown, may have been built by Clarence King. Has stamped steel ribbed ends. Estimated minimum value: \$1200.

8 Steam Locomotive The last of the items put out for bid is the Ten-Wheeler built by Marty Knox from Gene Allen castings during 1978-1980 time period. It was re-boilered less than 8 years ago and was last run in 2008-2009 at Mark Seibert's track in Walsenburg. According to Mark, it is in good shape and needs only a minor repair and a steam pump verification to become fully operational again. Specifically, the Superscale non-lifting injector needs to be re-installed and the steam driven water pump needs to be tested. For those who are interested, I will update you when Mark verifies the water pump operation. Estimated minimum value: \$12,000.

If you are interested in any of the items, please send me your bids. nickedwards@att.net

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