The Royal Gorge Route Railroad acquired its first 3,000 Horespower EMD GP-40 class locomotive in 2013. EMD became the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors, which has produced diesel locomotives from 1941. Our C-20 is now designated as an RP-40-2C, the “R” indicating it’s rebuild in 1993 by Morrisen-Knudsen in Chicago, Ill where HEP was added for passenger service and the “-2” stands for 2nd generation and the “C” stood for the Cummins diesel used for HEP power.

generation. The C-20 was originally built for the Atlanta & West Point Railroad (A&WP) in February of 1969 as order number 7153. Originally numbered 728 with serial number 34750, this locomotive was one of eight GP-40 class locomotives built for this railroad between 1967 - 1974 numbered 723 – 733 and represented the most modern power the railroad would own until it was absorbed into the Seaboard System (SBD) in 1983. This EMD workhorse then soldiered on throughout the Southeastern U.S. as Seabord System 6648 until merging with Chessie in 1986 to become the CSX Railroad Corporation. Retaining its number 6648 through during CSX service, this locomotive was then acquired in 1992 for a rebuild to serve a new life hauling commuter passengers between Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia communities on the newly formed Virginia Railway Express (VREX). It was during this last rebuild that this locomotive was renumbered to V20 serving that line until late 2012 when it traveled to Motive Power Resources (MPRXINC) in Illinois to be prepared for its new life here in Colorado proudly hauling thousands of passengers through the majestic soaring cliffs of the Royal Gorge.