



CITY OF DENVER

Diner – Stabled at Council Bluffs

The *City of Denver* was built in 1959 by the St. Louis Car Company as lunch counter cafe and lounge No. 5011. It was sold to Golden Wool Co. in 1972. Union Pacific reacquired the car in 1989, when it was rebuilt into a 36-seat dining car and named the *City of Denver*.

Settlement began in the area around Denver in 1858 when a prospecting party from Lawrence, Kan., built cabins along the South Platte River. The Denver City Town Company was organized on Nov. 17, 1858, by General William Larimer and named for General James W. Denver, territorial governor of Kansas.

In 1880, Union Pacific gained access to the Denver market with the acquisition of the Denver Pacific Railroad. This railroad, built from Cheyenne, Wyo., to Denver and then east, in 1871 joined the Kansas Pacific Railroad coming west from Kansas City, Mo.

The streamliner passenger train *City of Denver* made its inaugural trip between Chicago, and Denver on June 18, 1936. This 12-car train covered the 1,048 miles in just 16 hours, making it the fastest regularly scheduled long-distance passenger train in the world, a record that still stands. The lounge car on the train, *Frontier Shack*, featured an Old West theme with pictures of cowboys and outlaws, wanted posters and other memorabilia of the frontier.

The *City of Denver* operated until Union Pacific ended its passenger service in 1971, when Amtrak took over most of the nation's passenger train business.



Configuration: *City of Denver* is a Flat Diner with six round-tops, each of which seats six, for a total seating of 36.