



FACES OF LODO



DAVID SCHUMACHER: 1947-2007

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David was passionate about trains, his dogs, and the LoDo Christmas tree. On July 2, 2007 LoDo lost one of its champions, a pioneer, and many would say a local character. He certainly added some spice to LoDo over the years.

I met David in 1986 when I was hired as the first executive director of the LoDo District. At that time David worked for the Anschutz Corporation as Project Manager of the Ski Train based in Union Station. He was a member of the District, and we worked together on many projects. His passion for LoDo was apparent as he purchased the building on the corner of 17th and Wynkoop in perfect position to enjoy the Union Station scenery.

David developed his family's Brush Creek Ranch in Saratoga, Wyoming into a popular dude ranch and around 10 years ago, came up with the idea of a Christmas tree in front of Union Station. He cut a giant evergreen from his Wyoming property and hauled it down to Denver. With a little help and some donations, the trees got bigger and bigger with more and more lights every holiday bringing joy to the many people who call this part of town home for work or play.

I just know every Christmas I will think of Dave and the festive atmosphere he added to the season and every season. He will be missed.