EXPLORING NEW PARTNERSHIPS
Information Center for Ropeway Studies and Associated Wire Rope Fabricators

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Establishment of Ropeway Center

• Support for Research Center
• Working library of Charles Dwyer, Ropeway Engineer
• Supports scope and mission of the Colorado School of Mines
Growth of the Center

• Core ropeway engineering library
• Supplemental resources of Arthur Lakes Library
• Additional resources of the Russell L. and Lyn Wood Mining History Archive
• Database
Growth of the Center cont.

• Personal Collections
  – Robert Diener
  – Vernon Kelsey
  – Casper Meals
  – Bob Heron

• Memorials
  – Bob Ficker

• Grants
  – Colorado Digitization Project
  – OITAF-NACS
Uniqueness of the Center

• None Other in United States
• ETH – Zurich
• University of Reading, United Kingdom
• O.I.P.E.E.C.
Uniqueness of Center cont.

• Holdings
  – 3500 items on history, theory, design, and operation of ropeway systems
    • Monographs
    • Handbooks
    • Technical Reports
    • Symposia and Conferences
    • Serials
    • Manufacturers’ Catalogs
    • Slides, videos, photographs
The ROPEWAY Database

• The complete collection of the Information Center, including pertinent articles, proceedings, manufacturers’ catalogs, reprints, slides, and photographs, is indexed and abstracted in the ROPEWAY Database.
The Ropeway Center Database

Database Name: Information Center for Ropeway Studies

Basic Search Hints:

- Quick Limit by Date and the Set Limits button work with Keyword and Title Browse searches only.
- Keyword (Relevance) searches every part of every field for terms entered; treats multiple words as individual search terms. Results are ranked with most relevant items appearing first. Enter words in any order as you would with an Internet search engine. Use ? to auto-truncate (for example, comput? finds computing, computer, etc.).
- Keyword (Boolean) searches every part of every field for terms entered. Combine search terms using: and, or, not.
- Enter only as much of the title as you know for sure, beginning with the first word of the title; omit beginning articles (a, and, the, der, die, das, etc.).
- Enter author's last name first. Enter corporate authors in normal order.
- Enter subject term (for example, doppelmayr, grips, halladie).
- For more information, click the Help Button at the top of this page.
The Basic Search Screen

- Search by item’s exact title or first few words of the title
- Browse an author’s list of works
- Browse by subject term
- Generate a relevancy listing
- Combine search terms with Boolean operators
The Custom Search Screen

• Search for a title when the first few words are unknown
• Combine different fields in a search like Author and Title
• Use drop-down menus

**Database Name:** Information Center for Ropeway Studies
The Title List Screen

- Most searches result in a “Title List”
- Click on the hyper-linked list entry to go to item record
- This example: Title Browse search on “American Steel”

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The Item Record

• Includes all information associated with the record
• Hyperlinks facilitate discovery of related resources

*American Steel and Wire Company: elevator wire rope and, electrical cables.*

**Database:** Information Center for Ropeway Studies  
**Call Number:** TS1787.M43 Vol 6-C  
**Author(s):** American Steel and Wire Company  
**Title:** American Steel and Wire Company: elevator wire rope and, electrical cables.  
**Publisher:** [S.l.] : American Steel and Wire Co., 1934.  
**General Note:** Donated by William Meals on behalf of his father Casper D. Meals.  
**Abstract:** Descriptions and illustrations for the various conditions to be met in elevator operation. Continues with different wire ropes available for elevator use with technical information, dimensions and prices. Electrical cables used in elevators are also described with technical information, dimensions and prices. (ost)  
**Description:** 42 p.  
**Location:** Held at: Colorado School of Mines, Arthur Lakes Library  
**Language:** Language of text: English  
**Descriptors:** American Steel, Catalogs, Wire rope, Elevators, Knots and splices, Sockeings, Tramways.
Online Help

Ropeway Citation Database Help Contents

About the Ropeway Center Database
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Searching for Information

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Linking to Online Resources

Stone Mountain Memorial: report and plans prepared for the Stone Mountain...

Database: Information Center for Ropeway Studies
Call Number: F292.S85 S856 1959
Author(s): Robert and Company Associates, Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association
Title: Stone Mountain Memorial: report and plans prepared for the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, Atlanta, Georgia / Robert and Company Associates, Architects & Engineers.
Publisher: Atlanta, Ga.: Robert and Co., [1959]
General Note: Illustrations and maps on unnumbered folded plates.
Abstract: This report summarizes existing conditions at Stone Mountain Memorial Park and contains recommendations for the development of this nationally-known phenomenon located on the outskirts of Atlanta in DeKalb County, Georgia. The recommendations for the development of the park include discussions of land use, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, type and style of buildings, and other features. Included are plans for a cable car and cable car stations. Includes maps and drawings. (LAG)
Description: 29 leaves: ill., maps (come col.); 28 cm.
Keywords: Cable car, Stone Mountain Memorial State Park (Ga.), United States, Stone Mountain (Ga.), Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial
Linked Resources: http://groads.virginia.edu/~UG97/stone/maste.html

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The Center Website

• Enhanced Internet presence
• Design considerations
• Content development
• Future directions
• http://www.mines.edu/library/ropeway
The Future is Digital

- Digitization technology is becoming cheaper
- Online material enhances access
- A wide variety of material can be digitized
- Does not replace originals (Leschen)!
- Library staff has experience in developing strategies for creating, preserving and making accessible digital resources
For Your Consideration

• Preservation assistance
• Dissemination assistance
• Premier engineering education institution, Colorado School of Mines, in partnership with AWRF