

mission statement, and with the assistance of many Society leaders and members several goals have been met. Leaders from the first few years were Dave Wilson, Richard Baker, Lew Matis, Wayne Brown, Will Wagner, Bob Gotthelf, Val Truelsen, Frank Gonzales. Perseverance to keep the Society reaching our goals continues.

Durango & Silverton

26 August 2000

TRACK N' FEATHERS!

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The GGHS has acquired former Rio Grande Southern Coach #256 that has long been a resident in Dolores. For the coach's preservation, that has been an advantage. The coach body has been up in the air and wasn't resting on the ground, so the wood framing is in quite good shape for a 120 year-old piece of equipment. Of course, how does one do a proper restoration without a set of trucks? The D&SNGR graciously donated a set of Colorado & Southern narrow gauge passenger trucks for use under the coach. Needless to say, they have seen better days and need much work to make them roadworthy. Philip Steffen, Larry LeRoi and Paul Bilger of the Southwest Woodworkers Guild have taken on the job of restoring #256, starting with the trucks. They began work during the first part of December 2000. Wood - white oak - has been donated from a company back east and should be arriving anytime. Frontier machine of Dolores, has committed to the necessary machine work - rebuilding the pedestals, turning the axles, re-babbitting the bearing inserts and anything else necessary.

It is intended that Coach #256 will be configured as a narrow gauge private car, there is nothing original left inside, and after restoration travel to guest railroads for special excursions much like GGHS #5 does.

Donations for this project, track fund or general operations are gratefully accepted.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The Galloping Goose historical Society hosted an open house on Dec. 8th & 9th which turned out to be a great success. We had over fifty people stop by to visit with us and enjoyed good food and fellowship. Our Christmas train layout was a big hit and kept kids of all ages well entertained.

Wednesday Aug. 22

10 a.m. Photo Chase Bus - follows test runs on Geese & Eureka

Thursday Aug. 23

10 a.m. Geese travel to Cascade and back with runs to and from Rockwood

Friday Aug. 24

8 a.m. Geese & Eureka to Silverton with featured photo opportunities in Silverton at the Wye.

Photo shoot with all equipment in Silverton.

Evening Goose trips from Silverton to Elk Park with Casey Jones

Evening Photo shoot of all equipment in Silverton yard.

Saturday Aug. 25

Geese trips from Silverton to Elk Park & back with Casey Jones.

Sunday Aug. 26

Geese to Elk Park with Casey Jones and then return to Durango.
8-10 p.m. Evening Yard Photo Shoot with Geese.

Monday Aug. 27

Photo opportunity: Loading of Geese.

For more information on scheduled runs of other equipment and ticket prices please contact D&SNGRR.

21ST NATIONAL NARROW GAUGE CONVENTION

Scheduled for September 19th through the 22nd, 2001 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lew Matis will be our representative at our booth. Any members that might be interested in helping at the booth please contact us for further information.

ACCUCRAFT RGS GOOSE #5 'G' SCALE

We are still taking orders and have enclosed in order form for your convenience. We still have 6 available from the Society's original order so don't miss out on the wonderful reproduction. Reserve yours today. Due to unforeseen production delays these will not be available until the end of January 2001.

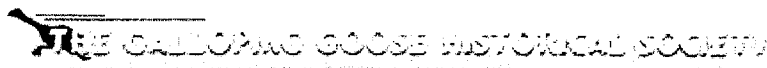
MEMBERSHIP

Without the continued support of our friends and members our work in restoration, museum improvements and operations in general could not continue. We would like to take this time to graciously thank all of our members for sending in their dues so promptly and to remind those who have not yet done so that your response would be greatly appreciated as we are now well into the new year and it would help us to know what funds are available for our ongoing projects.

TOWN OF DOLORES SN3 RAILROAD DIORAMA UPDATE

Tom Garrison is making great progress in making our SN3 Railroad Diorama operational, Steven Tomczak of Durango, Colorado has graciously loaned to us an RGS #41 Locomotive with tender by PFM along with the freight cars RGS 7301, RGS 7303, D&RGW 5512 and D&RGW 56. Tom Garrison's son has loaned us a SN3 Goose #5. These will look nice with Vice President Lew Matis's RGS #40 Locomotive and tender. We are still in need of "S" Scale vehicles 1946 or earlier also and such. If any of our members are able to loan or donate any of these items please contact the society. The Society would also like to express our appreciation to our Goose supporter Marty Edwards for the donation of the SN# Railroad Diorama..

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