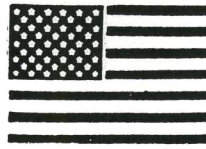


TRACK N' FEATHERS



The Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc.

FALL, 2004

RAILFEST 2004



Photo and article by Larry Spencer

The photograph above shows our beloved Galloping Goose No. 5 stopped at the newly-restored "Needleton Tank" at Mile Post 484.4 on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

Railfest 2004 – August 18th through the 22nd – was another huge success for us and the D&SNGRR. The "festivities" began for us early on the morning of Tuesday the 17th in Dolores with servicing and loading of the Goose onto the flatbed truck – provided again this year by Nielsons Skanska Construction Company – and transporting it to Durango where it was offloaded to the yard tracks in Durango. At noon, we conducted our usual non-revenue shakedown run from Durango to Rockwood and return. On Wednesday and Thursday, we took full passenger loads from Durango to the Cascade wye and picnic pavilion (MP 477.5). Friday was the run from Durango to Silverton – again with a full load of happy rail-fans. We stopped several times for "Photo run-bys". On Saturday we conducted two runs from the Silverton Depot (MP 496.7) to the wye in Elk Park (MP 490.5) These Elk Park trips are somewhat short but through a spectacular section of the Animas River Canyon south of Silverton and well worth the cost of a ticket. Sunday was the return trip to Durango. On that trip, we traveled most of the way with the Eureka and Palisades No. 4 – a beautifully restored 1875 Baldwin wood-burning 4-4-0 owned and operated by Mr. Dan Markoff of Los Vegas, Nevada. Needless to say, there were lots of good photo ops on the run-bys. There were a few rain showers to contend with but all in all it was a good day.

We continue to build on our good working relationship with the D&S employees – a relationship of trust and mutual respect. They understand that our main concern is safety, for our passengers, for them, and for our crew members. We especially thank our two D&SNGRR Pilots from this year, Mr. Wayne Pratt and Mr. Dusk Edwards.

Summarized Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc., September 11, 2004

The Society gathered in Flanders Park, on Saturday, September 11, 2004, for a very handsome potluck dinner at noon. Twenty-six members were present. The minutes of the August meeting of the Board of Directors of the GGHS were presented in writing and approved. This sentence from the minutes was discussed with happy approval: "Members of the Board expressed their appreciation for the dedication and fine work of Denise Bowyer, with long hours and short pay. She keeps the Society on track." Denise presented the treasury report in writing, noting that the maintenance of the wheels of No. 5 was an unusual expense, and that the Durango and Silverton Railroad will pay us half of the fares collected during the annual Railfest.

Wayne expressed his appreciation for the work of the volunteers in the gift shop and stated the thanks owed to Denise for her hard work for the Society. Wayne reported on the annual participation of the GGHS in the Railfest of the Durango & Silverton Railroad. The GGHS should receive approximately \$4,000, our half of Goose fares.

Wayne explained the exacting training necessary for a motorman. Goose No. 5 weighs ten tons loaded. Stopping railroad equipment is more serious than making it go. At all times, safety rules must be obeyed. The motorman must have mechanical knowledge. Wayne Pratt and Dusk Edwards were the competent, cordial D & S pilots this year. Larry said he takes his hat off to Wayne Brown, for seven years the only certified motorman. The Society applauded Larry's thoughtful remarks.

Wayne spoke of the good reports which the pilots have given of the operation of the GG. He explained the trust that has developed over these seven years between the GG crew and railroad personnel. The pilots trust our crew, knowing that we are very conscious of the heavy responsibilities in running ten tons down a track, tons which cannot be stopped quickly. It took several years for this solid trust to develop. Many people have never considered that it is not possible simply to hop into the motorman's seat and begin handling this tonnage safely. "Oh, here, let me run it. It looks like fun!" Wayne spoke of our careful attention to safety rules at all times. Wayne said that Larry has a good knowledge of mechanical matters which serve him well in operating the GG. Wayne cited one evening in Silverton this year when Larry, Joe Spencer, and Dusk Edwards worked into the night to make sure the rear brakes were in the best possible operating condition for the next morning's running. He suggested a big hand of appreciation for Larry.

Lew Matis reported on his work with the Dolores Town Board. Lew reminded the membership that the Town owns the Goose, the GGHS maintains and operates it. It has been proposed, but not voted on, by the Town Board that a line item in the Town budget be established for maintaining No. 5. We all are aware that we have a long way to go, especially in obtaining permissions to lay track. Larry said that Tom Garrison has spearheaded the efforts toward easements acquisition. Larry and Jerry have met with Rick Lee who owns the old site of Glencoe, about ten miles southeast of Dolores, once the site of a very large sawmill on the R.G.S. Track laying has the support of Southwest Technical Assistance. They are much in favor of building track. Mike Preston and the GGHS continue to be in contact.

Wayne reported that this spring, when the GGHS was in serious need of money to finish putting the wheels into top condition, he telephoned Alf Bond, a member of our Society, in Australia. Alf generously wired the GGHS \$1,000. Alf has come to Colorado various summers to ride and work on the GG both at Durango and Chama. Wayne mentioned that altogether, Alf has given around \$10,000 to the GGHS over the years. He has become a friend, not only of the Society, but of individual members. He and Wayne are friends, and Alf has stayed at the Browns' home various times. Wayne expressed his appreciation.

Wayne stated that we are fortunate when we have one candidate for each Society office. The officers and members of the Board are all up for election this year. Our by-laws have an "until a successor is elected" clause. Wayne said that various Board members and Society members have been in favor of electing Larry Spencer as Second Vice President. Lew Matis (First Vice President) moved that Larry Spencer be elected Second Vice President and that other officers and directors continue in office. Roger Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The unanimous Ayes were enthusiastic. Lew said that he wished to thank Wayne for carrying the terrific burden of being President of the GGHS, a tireless, devoted worker.

Member Theresa Spencer spoke of their move from the Denver area to Cortez. Someone put a bug in Larry's ear about the GG and RGS. They considered various places to move. But some had no railroad! Theresa is very supportive of Larry's participation in the GGHS and appreciates moving to this area upon Larry's retirement from the Denver Fire Department. She is teaching sixth grade classes at Cortez Middle School. (An Unknown Voice whispered, "Isn't Theresa a good speaker?" Heads nodded with big smiles.)

Denise spoke saying she is appreciative of the work of the Board members and their assistance to her. Applause. Lew said thank you for the winter work done on museum displays. He thanked Marie Richmond for her many labors, not mentioning his own hard work on the museum. More people are now involved than ever. The organization continues to improve. Jack Kaiser said, "Thanks for the food," with a big smile as he waved goodbye.

Earl Babb from Grand Junction brought a historical clock for the Goose, donated by the American National Watch and Clock Association is donating it. It is an eight-day clock, the same age as Goose 5. He will take it to Grand Junction with him to find a mounting for it, a mounting that will fit. Wayne and others thanked Earl. It is a handsome timepiece. Larry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Roger Kirkpatrick gave the second. The Society voted by fleeing the tables speedily for desserts on a nearby table. The time was 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jerry McKenzie, who made this abridgement of the minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting. The full minutes of the Annual Meeting are open for inspection in the Dolores depot.

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Donation for Motor #5 Maintenance: _____

Donation for Coach #256 Restoration: _____

Donation for RGS Lost Canyon Track Laying: _____

SOUVENIR ITEMS:

GGHS Coffee Mug	\$ 8.00	_____
Railroad Engineer Hat, without patch	\$ 10.00	_____
Railroad Engineer Hat, with patch	\$ 12.00	_____
Belt Buckle #5, pewter	\$ 23.00	_____
Dolores Depot HO Scale Laser Kit No. 803	\$125.00	_____
R.G.S. Story Volumes I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX OR X	\$ 80.00	_____
Sunset on the Rio Grande Southern Volume I or II	\$ 55.00	_____
Return of the Galloping Goose Video Tape	\$ 18.00	_____
Return of the RGS Track Fundraiser Video+Railfest bonus	\$ 22.95	_____
RGS Dolores to Mancos Fundraiser T-shirt M, L, XL, XXL	\$ 17.00	_____
BUY BOTH - FUNDRAISER SHIRT & VIDEO (SAVE \$6.00)	\$ 34.00	_____
Society Adult T-shirts M, L, XL or XXL	\$ 17.00	_____
Kids T-shirts 2-4, 6-8 & 10-12	\$ 12.00	_____
Dolores Depot Plan	\$ 12.00	_____
Lapel Pin	\$ 6.00	_____
Motor #5 Magnet	\$ 2.00	_____
Postcard Motor #5 in front of Dolores Depot	\$.50	_____
Jan Ron Print (Goose 3 at Trout Lake)	\$ 25.00	_____
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RGS #5 Ink Drawing Print	\$ 10.00	_____
GG #7 Goose #7 model - "G" Gauge	\$499.00	_____
GG # 5 Goose #5 model - "G" Gauge	\$749.00	_____
GG #5 Goose #5 3 Rail - "O" Gauge	\$155.00	_____
GG #5 Goose #5 model HO & HON3	\$170.00	_____
Christmas ornaments Goose #5 or Silver San Juan Logo	\$ 6.00	_____
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River of Sorrows Book of Lower Dolores River Valley	\$ 7.00	_____

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GGHS - BITS & PIECES

LANDOWNER MEETING

The Society is hosting a coffee evening and meeting with landowners on Tuesday November 9th at 7.00p.m. at the Dolores Community Center. This meeting is being held to inform landowners and receive input from them with regards to our track laying proposal on the old RGS right of way between Dolores and Mancos.

NEW RAILROAD DVD

Railroad Classics, a 6 Film Special Edition. Spirit of Mountain Railroading, Winter Holiday Train, Eureka's Incredible Journey on the Cumbres & Toltec, Heber Valley Railroad, Freight Trains, and Cumbres & Toltec. Five and a half hours of Railroad Classics on one DVD for only \$24.95 includes shipping and handling within the U.S.

2004 - 2005 MEMBERSHIP

Memberships were due in September. A big thank you to all who have already sent in their dues. There are still a few members who have not yet renewed. Our winter overhead and building expenses are covered solely by our membership dues. We greatly appreciate your support and hope that you will send your renewal in today.

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2004 Railfest was all about this guy. He learned to drive. Come next year and meet him in person – he will be autographing pictures in front of the Silverton Depot.

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