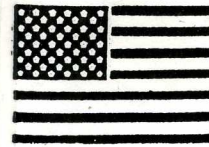


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The Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc.

WINTER/SPRING, 2005



RETURN TO THE CUMBRES AND TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD – JUNE 2005



Galloping Goose No. 5 sits quietly in the Chama yards of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad (*left*) in June of 1998 patiently awaiting her return to revenue service after almost 47 years.

The early morning sunlight casts long shadows as No. 5 pulls to a stop in front of the Chama Depot (*below*) to board excited railfan passengers for the ride to Cumbres Pass. (Gary Merrifield photos)

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW FOR CHAMA IN JUNE

After an absence of several years, Galloping Goose No. 5 is returning to the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad in early June this year. Our long time GGHS member, friend, and benefactor Mr. Fred Springer was instrumental in making runs in 2005 on the C&TS possible. At a meeting in January, Kim Smith – CATS Business Manager – and Wayne Brown – GGHS President – worked out the details. Mark Yates – CATS Chief Mechanical Officer – said that Marvin Casias – Acting Superintendent – will test and check out assistant GGHS motorman, Larry Spencer, so that he will be officially certified to operate Motor No. 5 on the C&TS as a “relief driver” for Wayne. Fred Springer provided the luncheon for the planning meeting. The Goose crew members for the CATS runs have already been assigned and are very much looking forward to the event. Come and join us – June 8 through June 14, 2005.



SCHEDULE

- Wednesday June 8**, Haul No. 5 to Chama. Noon trial run (non-revenue) Chama to Cumbres Pass and return to Chama. *Follow the Goose along the road and look for excellent picture opportunities.* (27 miles total)
- Thursday June 9**, Run, Chama New Mexico to Antonito, Colorado. (All day trip – 63.8 miles.)
- Friday June 10**, Run, Antonito to Osier and return to Antonito. (All day trip – 76.2 miles)
- Saturday June 11**, Run Antonito to Chama (All day trip – 63.8 miles)
- Sunday June 12**, Run Chama to Osier and return to Chama. (All day trip – 51.4 miles)
- Monday June 13**, Two runs from Chama to Cumbres Pass and return. (Half day each trip – 27 miles each)
- Tuesday June 14**, Haul No. 5 back to Dolores. (Mileages from D&RGW Passenger timetable, 1941)

2004 PARADE OF LIGHTS – CORTEZ, COLORADO



Preparing to load the Goose in Dolores on Neilson Skanska's new flatbed



The Goose getting "dressed" for the "Parade of Lights" at Neilson Skanska's shop



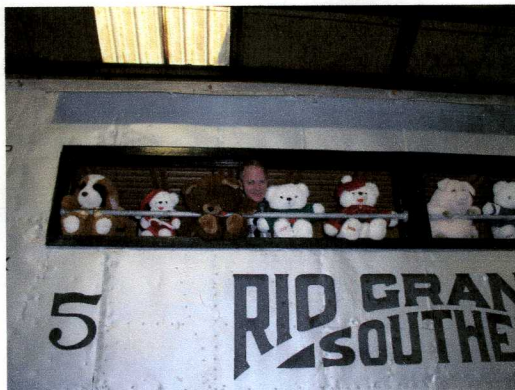
Goose "passengers" (stuffed animals) all loaded and ready to go.



Neilson Skanska did a beautiful job and it shows in this picture as the parade gets underway. No wonder if took first place!

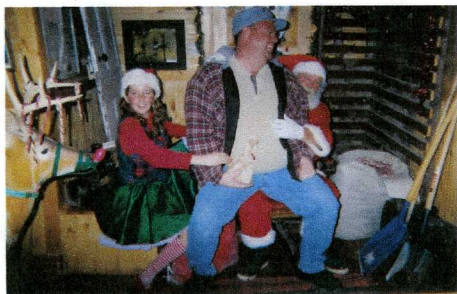
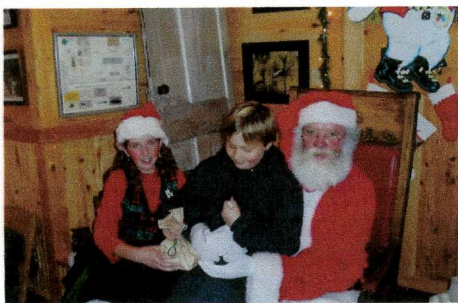
On December 4th, Goose No. 5 was all dressed up as a float for the "Parade of Lights" in Cortez. Gary Merrifield of Nielson Skanska Construction Company asked if they might use the Goose for their entry in the parade: we said, "Well sure." (Nielson Skanska is the company that provides free transportation of Goose No. 5 to and from events such as Railfest in Durango as well as great deal of mechanical work for us.) The theme of this year's parade was "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and the Goose was – yes, you guessed it – the main character of "Six geese a laying" In this case though, it was "six geese a flying": there were five little geese around her with all of them being pulled by six reindeer. Neilson Skanska did a marvelous job of decorating the Goose and as a result, it won first place in the commercial category. Thanks to all those who worked on this project and especially Gary for the great advertising for us and Neilson Skanska. (Picture credits – Spencer & Kirkpatrick)

The collage of pictures on the next page show more Parade of Lights pictures and GGHS members hosting a Holiday Season open house at the Dolores Depot on December 11th in conjunction with several Dolores business establishments. That annual event draws people from all over southwestern Colorado.



Conductor Brown collects tickets (far left) from the little stuffed animal passengers as they board and get settled in for the parade and then they pose for their pictures to be taken with their tour guide (left). "All aboard"

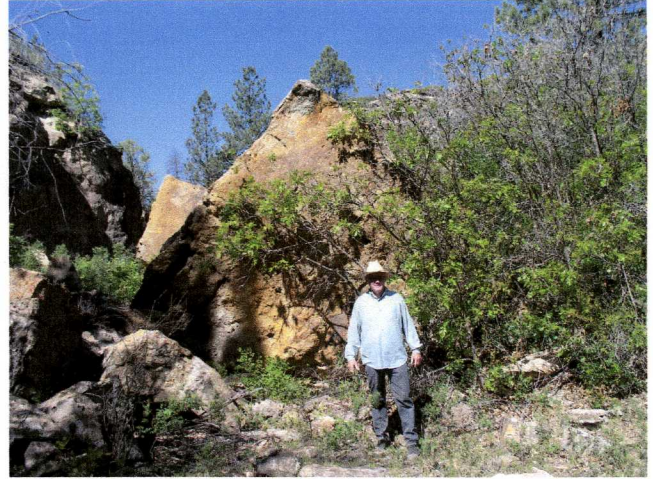
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE DEPOT DECEMBER 11, 2004



We had a great turnout at this year's Open House on December 11th. Looks to us like Santa was having the most fun! Wayne Brown loves this time of the year as our Santa Claus. His able assistant (Krystal Brown) is pictured at left.

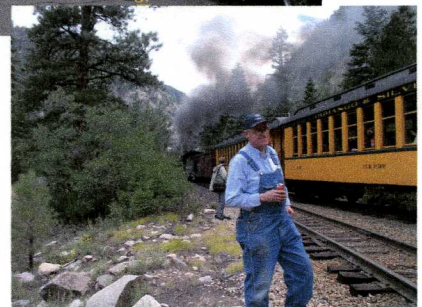
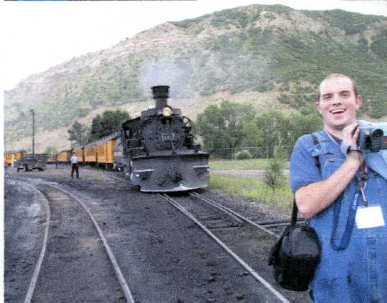
LANDOWNERS MEETING

Back on November 9th, GGHS members got together with several landowners of property located in Lost Cañon. The object of the meeting was to get some sense of how they felt about granting easements through their property for the rebuilding of the RGS from Dolores to Mancos. With only a couple of exceptions, these people seemed to be in favor of such a project – with the stipulation that it will be for a living history project and nothing else. (Next meeting scheduled for March 4, 2005.)



The photographs seen here were taken on the Lee property just downstream in Lost Cañon from the old Glencoe town site. The scene *above left* is characteristic of the Lost Cañon Creek valley. Sandstone cliffs guard the valley most of the way from Glencoe to Dolores. *Above right*, one of our prospective section hands stands on the old RGS grade. Directly behind him is one of several “obstacles” – in the form of a huge boulder that has fallen right on the grade – that must be dealt with when the “graders” arrive. (Spencer photos)

MORE PICTURES FROM RAILFEST 2004



Above left: MIT (motorman in training) Larry Spencer ready to depart the Needleton siding for Durango on Sunday afternoon. (David Bowyer photo) *Above center:* Getting gas in Mancos. *Above right:* Goose No. 5 in front of the Durango Station – “All aboard for Cascade Canyon.” *Below left:* Avid railfan and future motorman Joe Spencer – “watch out behind you Joe.” *Below center:* Alf Bond and Sid Sherry – all the way from Australia – visit with Wayne Brown in the Durango yards. *Below right:* Wayne Pratt, our D&SNGRR pilot for many of our trips, relaxes at Cascade while “westbound” train #461 passes on its way to Silverton. (All but above left Spencer photos)

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GGHS -BITS AND PIECES

The Society would like to thank Kinder Morgan for the donation of a Windows 2000 computer. We would also like to thank Robert Sullivan of Extreme Web Solutions of Cortez and Karel Brown (Wayne's wife) for donating their valuable time to set up our new system. Robert has also updated the computer to Windows XP, with lot's of extras. It will be nice to have the tools that will help us to do more professional looking newsletters and reports. Robert will also be working on our Web site in the near future, so we can once again keep everyone informed on Society news.

ATTENTION - MEMBERS

We are currently working on a set up to be able to e-mail newsletters to our members. If anyone is interested in this method please forward your e-mail address to the Society.

APPOLOGIES

Our e-mail account is inactive temporarily, while we transfer our domains from one ISP to another. We should be up and running shortly, sorry for the inconvenience. .

By: Denise Bowyer

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