

TRACK N' FEATHERS



The Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc.

SPRING/SUMMER, 2005

A HUGE SUCCESS

GALLOPING GOOSE NUMBER 5 RETURNS TO THE CUMBRES AND TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD – JUNE 2005



(Ruth Fluit Photo)

Galloping Goose No. 5 approaches the Big Horn Wye about 18 miles west of Antonito, Colorado.

FROM CHAMA TO ANTONITO, A RAILFAN'S DELIGHT –

Mid-June on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad was a huge success for all of the participants in the operation of Galloping Goose No. 5 – whether they were passengers, crew, photographers, or even the C&TS employees, everyone seemed to have a great time! In the 5 days of operation each run was a sellout. Some of the runs were sold out two or three months in advance.

After an absence of five years, Galloping Goose No. 5 returned for “passenger service” between Chama, New Mexico and Antonito, Colorado through some of the most beautiful scenery in North America. As is usually the case most of our passengers wore big smiles throughout their ride.

The picture above was taken at one of the several “photo run byes” scheduled on each trip. (See additional pictures on pages 2, 3, & 4.) In all, we put over 350 miles on the Goose but she “ran like a top” the whole time.

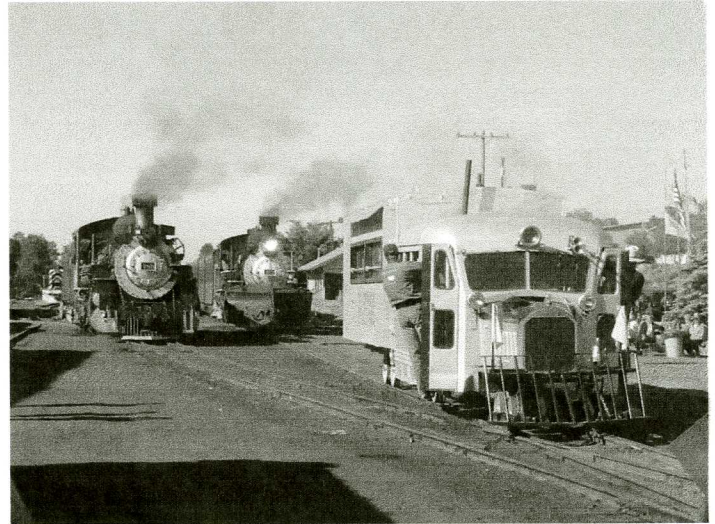
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This event took place only after many hours of negotiations between Wayne Brown (GGHS President), Fred Springer (GGHS member, friend, and benefactor), Kim Smith (C&TS Business Manager), Marvin Casias (C&TS Superintendent), and Mark Yates (C&TS Chief Mechanical Officer). These individuals worked out the details with each other and the states of Colorado and New Mexico and *The Rio Grande Railroad Preservation Corporation*. We also thank the *Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad* for their support. Thank you to all of you!

PHOTO GALLERY



Unloading from Nielsons/Skanska's truck on the tail of the wye at Chama



Backing up to the Chama depot for passenger loading



Near Cresco Tank on the 4% grade to Cumbres Pass (M.P. 336)



Exiting Toltec Tunnel (Rock Tunnel) (M.P. 315.2)



Lunch stop at Osier (M.P. 318.4)

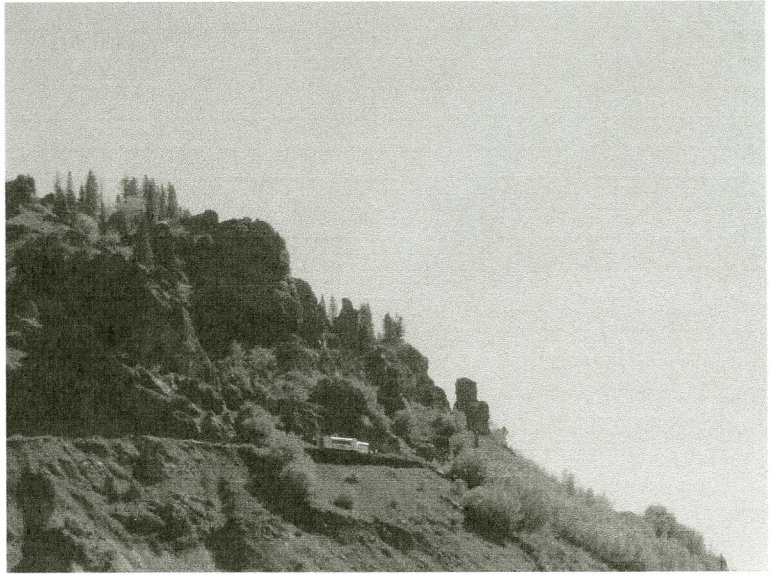


Arriving Antonito

PHOTO GALLERY



Leaving "The Narrows" (M.P. 340.5)



Almost lost in the landscape and sky at Windy Point (M.P. 331)

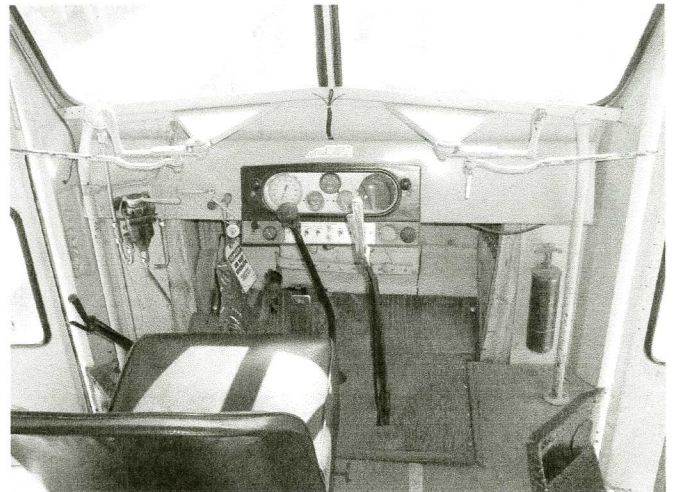


Two different views of Sublette, New Mexico (M.P. 306)

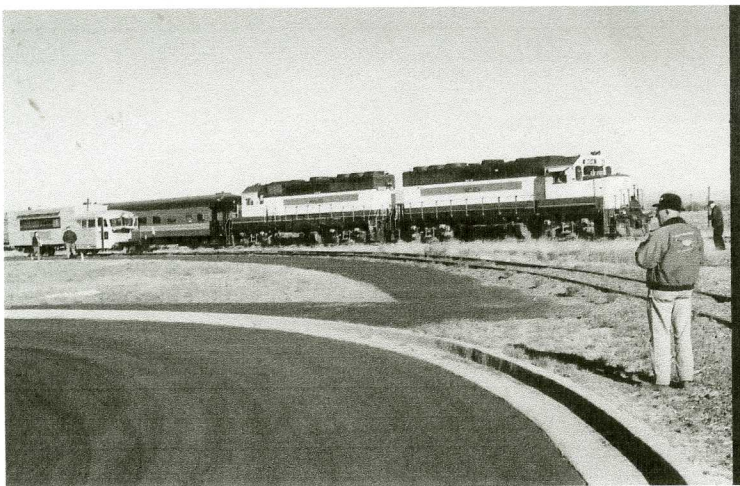


Wayne Brown inspects the Goose after the "shakedown" run to Cumbres Pass on June 8th

(Fluit & Spencer photos)



Goose No. 5 controls from behind the Motorman's seat



(Wayne Brown photo)



(Fred Springer photo)

Old meets new in the two photographs above. Narrow gauge Galloping Goose No. 5 is standing next to a pair of “broad gauge” GP40s at Antonito, Colorado. The big diesels came to town hauling a special passenger train chartered by *High Iron Travel*. This was indeed a very rare photo op because this was the first time Galloping Goose No. 5 has been operated anywhere near a standard gauge train. Above left Fred Springer admires the event that he helped put together.

The special consisted of four private cars – the Caritas, Montana, Skykomish River, and the Tioga Pass. It was great to see the four beautifully restored broad gauge passenger cars in front of the Antonito, Colorado depot. On Friday June 10th, the forty plus passengers from that train rode Goose No. 5 and a C&TS steam train that was specially chartered for them. Kim Smith of the C&TS and Fred Springer coordinated everybody’s schedule to make this event possible. After Friday’s trip on the C&TS they toured the *San Luis Valley Southern* line before returning to Denver via Pueblo and points east and west – lots of very rare mileage for the Rare Mileage Club.

Two of the many special passengers who traveled with us during our operations on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad were Mr. Mallory Hope Ferrell and Mr. Richard Dorman. Mal Ferrell is a well-known railroad historian and author – his book *Silver San Juan – The Rio Grande Southern* is well known to RGS fans. Dick Dorman is also a well-known historian and author of many narrow gauge railroad books as well as the provider of the architectural drawings for construction of the Galloping Goose Historical Society’s replica depot in Dolores.

RAILFEST is coming at the end of August. We will be operating Galloping Goose No. 5 on the *Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad* again this year. The fun begins on August 23rd with loading the Goose onto a *Nielsons/Skanska* truck in Dolores for the 50-mile trip to Durango where it will be unloaded and driven on a non-revenue shakedown run to Rockwood and back to Durango. The regular passenger runs are from Wednesday the 24th through Sunday the 28th. Call the D&SNRR for schedule and ticket information – 1-888-872-4607 or visit their web site at www.durangotrain.com.

TRACK LAYING EFFORTS – Since our last meeting with the Lost Cañon landowners in March, nothing has changed very much. We are in a “holding pattern” insofar as gaining permission from *all* the landowners so that track can be laid along the old RGS grade from Dolores to Mancos – or at least from Dolores to the halfway point of Glencoe.

GRANTS – We recently applied for two grants. One to cover most of the approximate \$8,000.00 cost of painting the Dolores depot – that grant request was turned down so we are still in dire need of funds for painting. The other grant applied for is to cover the cost of an engineering study of the feasibility of getting from the depot through the town of Dolores to a point where tracks can cross the Dolores River and enter Lost Cañon – as of this writing we have not heard if this grant has been approved.

VOLUNTEERS – The GGHS is still (as always) in great need of volunteers to help keep everything going – especially the Gift Shop and Museum in the depot through the summer months. Please help – we need you!

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

Name: _____	\$	30	Individual Annual
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Donation for Motor #5 Maintenance	_____
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Donation for RGS Lost Canyon Track Laying	_____
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SOUVENIR ITEMS:

GGHS Coffee Mug	\$	8.00	_____
Railroad Engineer Hat (no patch)	\$	10.00	_____
Patch	\$	5.00	_____
Belt Buckle #5, pewter	\$	23.00	_____
RGS Story - Volumes I thru II (Specify) _____	\$	80.00	_____
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Motor #5 Magnet	\$	2.00	_____
Postcard Motor #5 in front of Dolores Depot	\$.50	_____
Jan Ron Print - Goose #3 at Trout Lake	\$	25.00	_____
Coker Print - #5 at Depot in 1950(signed & numbered)	\$	25.00	_____
RGS #5 Ink Drawing Print	\$	10.00	_____
GG #7 Goose #7 model - "G" Gauge	\$	499.00	_____
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GGHS – BITS & PIECES

2005 – 2006 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Memberships are due in September 2005. A renewal application form is included for your convenience in this newsletter. A big thank you to all who have already sent in their dues. 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.

MERCHANDISE SPECIAL

Our good friend and benefactor Dell McCoy of Sundance Publications, has generously donated a limited supply of RGS Story volumes V and VI books to the Society. He has suggested that we sell them at a reduced price. We have taken 40% off and are offering them to our members on a first come basis for \$50.00 which includes shipping. If you are interested you can phone in your order (970) 882-7082. Or send in your order with your membership renewal.

GGHS - ANNUAL MEETING 2005

The Society annual meeting is set for Saturday, September 10th at 12.00 noon and will be held in Flanders Park at the back of the Dolores depot. Call (979) 882-7082 for more information.

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