

TRACK N' FEATHERS



The Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc.

SUMMER/FALL, 2005

RAILFEST 2005 on the D&SNGRR



(Larry Spencer photo)

MR. ALLEN HARPER, President and CEO of *American Heritage Railways*, is standing with a perfect replication of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad's No. 472 in Silverton, Colorado, August 27, 2005. The occasion marked the arrival of the "Presidential Special" in Silverton during *Railfest - 2005*.

The original K-28 No. 472 was commandeered by the government during WWII for use on the *White Pass & Yukon Railroad* and was scrapped after the war before it could be returned for service on the D&RGW. The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad shop crew refitted and painted No. 478 to as close to an exact copy of the No. 472 as it was just prior to WWII for this year's Railfest. True railfans and K-28 aficionados loved this tribute to the railroad's heritage.



Galloping Goose No. 5 participated in *Railfest 2005* on the same Tuesday through Sunday schedule as in past years. On Tuesday, August 23, the Goose was moved from her home in Dolores on a Nielsons/Skanska truck and unloaded at the D&SNGRR yard in Durango. (That is Wayne Brown at left supervising the delicate unloading operation at Durango.) In the early afternoon we made a shakedown run to Rockwood and back to check for any minor maintenance items that needed tending, none were found.

(Spencer photo)

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On Wednesday and Thursday passengers were carried from Durango to the Cascade wye and returned to Durango. (Each trip we made during Railfest included various photo run-bys.) The Friday trip was an all day run from Durango to Silverton where the Goose (and crew) spent Friday and Saturday night. Saturday found Goose No. 5 making morning and afternoon runs to Elk Park from Silverton. Between those revenue runs was the celebration surrounding the arrival of the "Presidential Special" in Silverton. (See cover photo)



The festivities in front of the Silverton Depot were highlighted by a nose-to-nose meet of four D&S engines (with Goose No. 5 nosed in on the No. 472) and a whistle blowing exhibition by the four engineers that was thoroughly enjoyed by the gathering of rail enthusiasts. (The pictures at left show No. 472 through Goose No. 5's windshield and another pose of the 472 with double-headed train #463.) (Spencer and Fluit photos)

Sunday was the return trip to Durango. The weather was great throughout each day except for Saturday and Sunday mornings in Silverton being a little bit "crisp!"



A special note of thanks goes to our D&S pilots for Railfest this year – Ray Loose on the shakedown run and Wayne Pratt for all the revenue runs. In all, we handled over 200 passengers and logged about 270 miles in the 6 days of operations.

RGS Galloping Goose No. 5 crew members for Railfest 2005 were: Wayne Brown (Motorman), Larry Spencer (assistant Motorman), Bill White (Conductor), Lew Matis (Conductor), Jerry McKenzie (head end brakeman), Kathryn White (Concessions), and Ray Loose and Wayne Pratt (pilots from the D&SNGRR.)

MORE RAILFEST PHOTOS



Two bridge photographs. At left Galloping Goose No. 5 crosses the "Tefft" bridge eastbound (by the timetable) at about milepost 478. Below we see the Goose as it crosses the "High Bridge" just downriver from the Tacoma power plant near milepost 471. (Fluit photos)





(Fluit)

On the "High Line."



(Spencer)

Meet with the MOW club at Needleton siding.

Annual Meeting

The Galloping Goose Historical Society held its 2005 annual meeting Saturday, September 10th. The meeting and luncheon was hosted by the Ponderosa Restaurant and there were 38 people in attendance.

President Wayne Brown presided and conducted the meeting. The business portion of the meeting was uneventful with the usual presentations of minutes of the last annual meeting, review of the financial reports, presented by Business Manager Denise Bowyer, and so on. The makeup of the board of directors remained the same with Brown as president, Lew Matis and Larry Spencer as 1st and 2nd vice presidents, and board members Jerry McKenzie, Carol Stepe, Bill White and Marie Richmond. All of the board members serve as volunteers.

Mr. Brown thanked the Ponderosa and their staff for a wonderful luncheon and for the use of their banquet room. He also asked for recognition of and a round of applause for the Society's volunteers who have kept things running for the past year, especially those who have, sometimes at great sacrifice, kept the museum and gift shop open through the summer months.

President Brown gave a brief report about the Goose's operations this summer on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in June and on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad ("Railfest 2005") in August. Revenue generated for the Society through shared ticket sales with the two railroads amounted to approximately \$9,000.00.

Another presentation was given by Mr. Tom Garrison. He spoke about the Society's continuing efforts to lay track and operate Goose No. 5 on at least a portion of the original *Rio Grande Southern Railroad* through Dolores and through Lost Cañon to Mancos. The first step in this plan is to work with the town of Dolores to get track laid from the GGHS depot on Railroad Avenue through town to a point where the rails can cross the river and enter Lost Cañon. (See report below concerning subsequent efforts.)

The meeting concluded with the presentation of a gift to the Society for museum display of two historical timepieces. Mr. Earl Babb and Mr. Al Stevenson are members of the *National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Chapter #138, Colorado West Time Keepers of Grand Junction*. Mr. Babb presented an ornate and functioning "Car Clock" from the 1930s. Mr. Stevenson then presented an early twentieth century "Regulator" wall clock of the type used around the country in railroad stations. President Wayne Brown thanked both gentlemen for the generous gift.

Track Lying

On September 12th, Tom Garrison of the GGHS presented to the Dolores Town Board a plan (complete with engineering drawings) for laying track in conjunction with a soon to be completed repaving of Central Avenue through downtown Dolores. This portion of track would be the first step in laying track from the GGHS depot through town to a point within Joe Rowell Park where it would be most feasible to bridge the Dolores River and enter Lost Cañon and continue to Glencoe and eventually Mancos. The Town Board rejected the plan basing their decision on the lateness of our request and the supposed unknown additional cost to the town.

On October 11, Tom and Larry Spencer again appeared before the Town Board and presented a written plan for track laying from the depot to about 1st Street and Central Avenue next spring. The town board seemed to favor the plan but wanted further information from us to be presented at their November workshop.

Make your plans now to volunteer for the track laying gang in mid-April next year – the plan is to have the Goose running through town by Memorial Day!

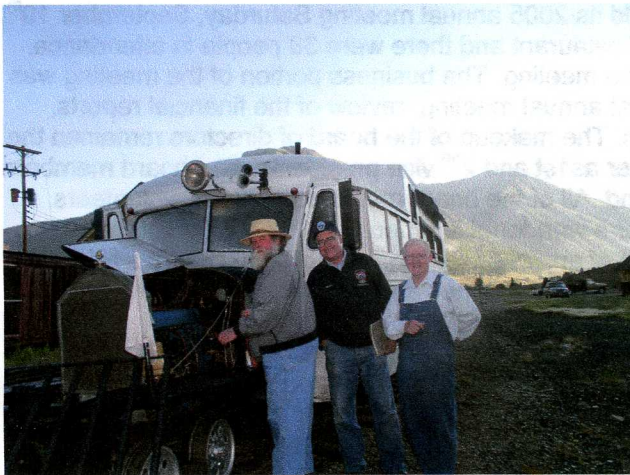
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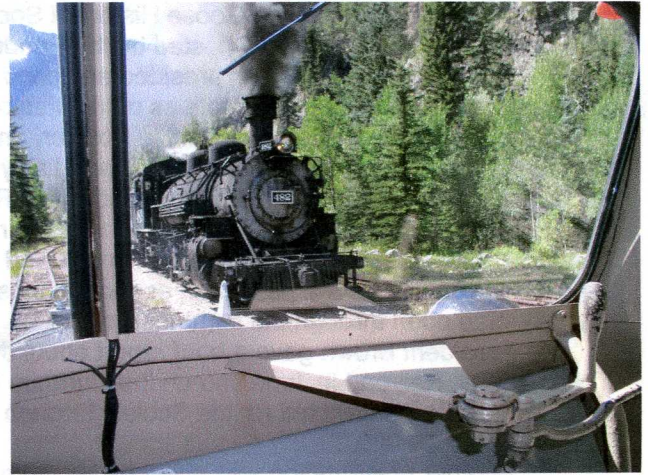
Motorman Wayne Brown awaits the "Highball" on a photo run-by.



Goose No. 5 takes the night off at the D&S roundhouse.



Elk Park crew Wayne Brown, Wayne Pratt, and Jerry McKenzie.



Engine No. 482 hauls train 463 by us at Needleton Siding.



Return to Dolores Depot on Nielsons/Skanska's truck.



Kodiak the depot dog supervises the unloading.

(Spencer photos)

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Donation for Motor #5 Maintenance	_____
Donation for Coach #256 Restoration	_____
Donation for RGS Lost Canyon Track Laying	_____
Donation for GGHS Operating Fund	_____

SOUVENIR ITEMS:

GGHS Coffee Mug	\$ 10.00	_____
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	_____
Sunset on the Rio Grande VOL 1 or 2 -20% new price	\$ 45.00	_____
Return of the RGS DVD or Video - includes Return of #5 Program + D&S Railfest - TRACK FUNDRAISER	\$ 23.00	_____
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Postcard Motor #5 in front of Dolores Depot	\$.75	_____
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	_____
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IN REMEMBRANCE OF FRED THOMAS

The Society is deeply saddened at the loss of an admired and respected friend, who passed away on September 22nd. Fred and Fred Thomas Engineering have been long time supporters of the Society's efforts. Over the years Fred has donated many artifacts and survey maps to our Society, as well as his engineering expertise. Fred had also just completed the engineering study and mapping of Central Avenue and Fourth Street in Dolores as part of the Society's efforts to lay track. Fred will be missed by us all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this time.

COMPUTER ISSUES

As I mentioned in a prior news letter, our computer crashed earlier this year. We had a computer person come in to transfer our data to a new system. During this transfer some information from our membership database did not transfer correctly. We therefore had some bad renewal dates on our Spring/Summer mailing. We have worked hard this last month to correct these system errors in time for this new mailing, but we still have more work to do. We ask that if you notice a problem with your mailing information to please contact us and we will correct it immediately.

2005 – 2006 MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all of our friends and members for so promptly sending in your membership renewals. This is an exciting time for our Society as we hope to start laying track next spring. We could not continue operations without you and greatly appreciate your support. I am asking anyone who has not yet renewed their membership to please fill out the enclosed form and send it today.

Denise Bowyer – Business Manager

The Galloping Goose

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