

TRACK N' FEATHERS



The Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc.

(A 501(c) 3 non-profit Corporation)

FALL/WINTER, 2007

Then and Now



Here are a couple of Galloping Goose No. 5 pictures for all of you Goose fans! The one at left was taken soon after the rails were pulled up in Dolores when the Rio Grande Southern was being dismantled – circa late fall 1952. The poor old girl was apparently unceremoniously just pushed off into the dirt when she was delivered. Five members of the *Dolores Rotary Club* had purchased this Goose from the scrapper for \$250.00! We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to those men! They had the foresight to save this historic piece of the RGS as a reminder of Dolores' railroad heritage. The old depot building was dismantled soon after this picture was taken. (GGHS Museum collection)

The "new" RGS Dolores depot was built in 1991, the front door of which is located about 40 feet to the right of the Goose in the picture above. Railroad Avenue in Dolores (Colorado Highway 145) now occupies most of the foreground you see in this picture.

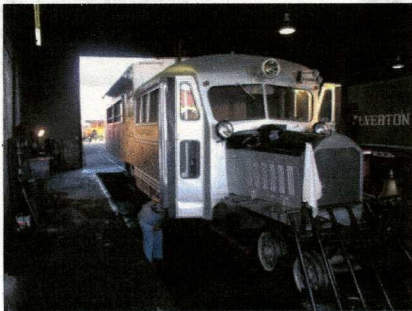
To the right is Goose No. 5 as she is today parked in front of the new depot. This picture was taken on January 8, 2008 after a light snowfall the day before (about 10 inches). Those of you with a keen eye (or a magnifying glass) can see that when Goose was restored to operating condition in 1998 most of the original dents were left as they were when she was delivered to Dolores in 1952. If you look closely at the bottom of the door and along the bottom edge of the bus body there is evidence of damage from some sort of mishap – not unusual for RGS operations. One possibility (from photographic evidence) is that this damage happened when she derailed one snowy winter day at the highway grade crossing on Dallas Divide and ran into an ice encrusted snow bank. (Larry Spencer photo)



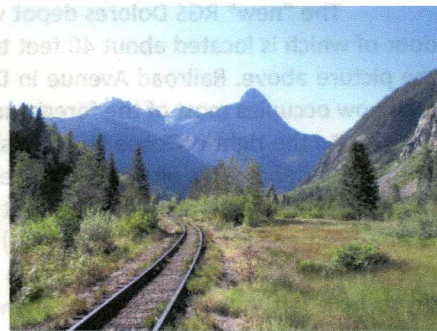
RGS Passenger Coach 256 Update

In the summer issue of *Track and Feathers* we talked about the issues surrounding moving and restoring the coach. We have yet to reach an agreement with the Dolores Chamber of Commerce as far as them sharing a portion of the coach as a visitor's center. The anticipated placement of the coach – for static display and possibly Chamber use – is in front of the Dolores Town Hall which is next door to the GGHS depot. In any case, we have now been given until June 1st to remove the coach from its current location on private property.

"Railfest"
on the
Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
August 22-26, 2007



For safety reasons maintenance is always the highest priority when operating the Goose. Above left Goose No. 5's undercarriage is tended to in the Durango & Silverton's roundhouse by Motorman Wayne Brown. Above center Motorman Larry Spencer relaxes at the controls on the Pinkerton siding north of Hermosa while waiting for the regular passenger train to pass. This year was the first time Goose No. 5 was moved inside the D&S Roundhouse Museum for the Railfest Open House and President's reception on Thursday evening. One of the evening's special events involved the opportunity for rail fans to talk one-on-one with D&S owner and President Alan Harper seen in the picture above right – background center. Our ridership was down somewhat this year maybe due to the fact that many people who came to Railfest wanted to buy tickets to ride on a train pulled by the restored Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad's engine No. 315. The No. 315 was scheduled to operate during Railfest but a couple of minor mechanical issues kept that from happening. The picture below left shows it making a brief appearance outside the roundhouse (without its tender) for the Open House. Below center – some of our always-smiling Galloping Goose passengers as they enjoy the ride through the Animas River canyon on the way to Silverton and below right Mount Garfield dominates the skyline in this picture taken about a mile upriver from the Elk Park wye. (Spencer photos)



2007 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc. was held on September 8, 2007. The meeting took place in Flanders Park behind the RGS depot in Dolores. The festivities began at noon with a wonderful meal catered by the *Ponderosa Restaurant* in Dolores followed by the business meeting.

President Larry Spencer gave a report on the general condition of the Society (which is good) and on things that have happened since the last Annual Meeting. He thanked several individuals and businesses who donated their time, talent, and finances toward the operation of the GGHS. He reported that the mechanical condition of Galloping Goose No. 5 is generally good. He talked about the moving and anticipated restoration of RGS coach 256 – which is owned by the GGHS. He said that we have a good relationship with the Dolores town board but the track-laying project is basically at a standstill until a business plan is presented to the town showing the viability of operating the Goose within the town. In that regard Vice President Lew Matis reported that the requested business plan is being developed at Ft. Lewis College. The financial report was presented in writing by the Society's Business Manager, Denise Bowyer. As part of her report, she explained that without the generous giving of money from one major benefactor and many members the GGHS would have been in a real financial bind. Most of the reason for this shortfall was that because of a major mechanical issue with the Goose, the operation on the Cumbres & Toltec RR in June had to be cancelled.

Election of officers for the GGHS Board of Directors was held and resulted in the following: Larry Spencer, President – Lew Matis, Vice President – Jerry McKenzie, Secretary – Marie Richmond, Treasurer and Carol Stepe, Bill White, and Neal Reich.

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	\$ 5,000	Benefactor

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	\$ 12.00	_____
Railroad Engineer Hat (no patch)	\$ 10.00	_____
Patch	\$ 5.00	_____
Belt Buckle #5, pewter	\$ 23.00	_____
Sunset on the Rio Grande(VOL 2 ONLY) SPECIAL	\$ 45.00	_____
Return of the RGS DVD or Video - includes Return of #5		_____
Program + D&S Railfest - TRACK FUNDRAISER	\$ 23.00	_____
Ash Adult T-shirts S,M,L,XL,XXL(Specify) _____	\$ 17.00	_____
Ash Kids T-shirts 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, (Specify) _____	\$ 12.00	_____
Lapel Pin	\$ 6.00	_____
Motor #5 Magnet	\$ 2.00	_____
Postcard Motor #5 in front of Dolores Depot	\$.75	_____
Coker Print - #5 at Depot in 1950(signed & numbered)	\$ 25.00	_____
RGS #5 Ink Drawing Print	\$ 10.00	_____
GG #5 Goose #5 model "HO" or "HON3" in original		_____
Freight Box mode or in passenger car mode	\$ 170.00	_____
GG#5 "N" Gauge	\$ 198.00	_____

Colorado Residents please add 3% SALES TAX

GRAND TOTAL

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Bits & Pieces

The summer operating schedule for Galloping Goose No. 5 has not been set. However, it is anticipated that we will operate in June on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (Chama, New Mexico to Antonito, Colorado) and on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad at Railfest in late August. Watch the Cumbres & Toltec website at cumbrestoltec.com and the Durango & Silverton website at durangotrains.com for information, reservations and ticketing.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all those people who donated to special projects funds through the year.

Now is the time to start thinking seriously about volunteering at least ½ day per week working in the GGHS Museum and Gift Shop – May through October. Please call 970-882-7082...



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