

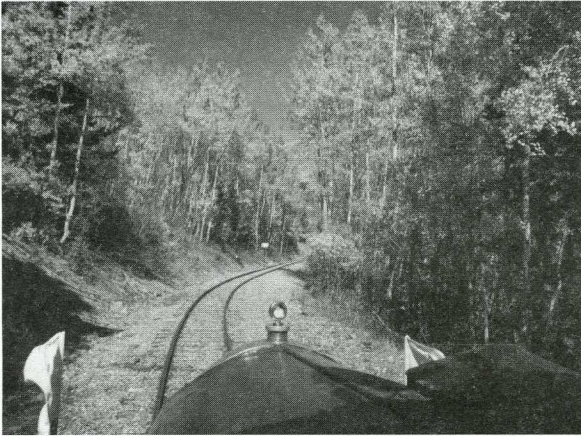
TRACK N' FEATHERS



The Galloping Goose® Historical Society of Dolores, Inc.
(A 501(c) 3 non-profit Corporation)

FALL, 2009

Fall Color Special on The Cumbres & Toltec



This fall marked the first time that Galloping Goose No. 5 has been operated in the fall since it was still in operation on the Rio Grande Southern Railroad in the fall of 1951! It was our privilege to put her back on the rails in a fall setting – the Cumbres & Toltec – that is very similar to RGS country. The pictures on this page, in black & white, don't do justice to the magnificent scenery!

We ran four days of revenue trips and each day was a through trip from either Chama to Antonito or Antonito to Chama. Every trip was a sell-out which points to the fact that rail fans never seem to tire of mountain railroading no matter what the season!

The picture above left is typical of the many sections along the way where golden aspen trees lined the right-of-way. Above right was a "static photo shoot" of the Goose overlooking the Los Pinos River valley several hundred feet below.

If you missed it this year, make your plans for 2010! (See the schedule below.)

2010 Operating Schedule

The following dates and times are subject to change

- May 6 through 9, 2010 (Mothers Day weekend) at the **Colorado Railroad Museum** for the second annual **Goosefest** appearing with Geese 1, 2, 6 and 7.
- June 17 through 20 on the **Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad**. Through trips each day either Chama – Antonito or Antonito – Chama.
- August on the **Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad** at **Railfest**. (Dates to be announced.)
- September 30 through October 3 – the 2nd annual **Fall Color Special** on the **Cumbres & Toltec**. (Ticket prices and reservations are handled by the individual Railroads, not by the GGHS. Please visit their web sites: C&TS – www.cumbrestoltec.com, Durango & Silverton – www.durangotrain.com, Colorado Railroad Museum – www.coloradorailroadmuseum.org)

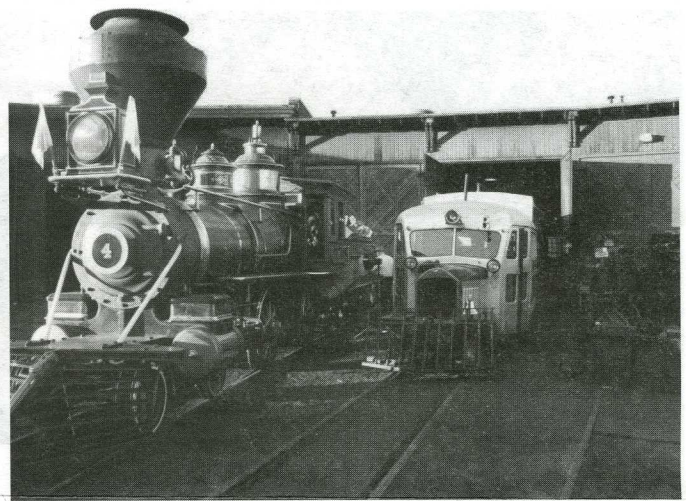
Railfest on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

For the 12th year in a row the Galloping Goose Historical Society has attended Railfest on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad with the restored RGS Galloping Goose No. 5.

This year the D&S scheduled Railfest in mid-August instead of toward the end of the month in the hope of attracting more families – since more and more schools begin classes in the latter half of August. From our standpoint the change was a benefit because our ridership was up about 20% and there seemed to be more families riding with us.

There was another factor that contributed to the increase in overall passenger numbers and that was the appearance of the Eureka & Palisades Engine No. 4 which returned to Railfest for the first time in three years. E&P No. 4 is owned and operated by Mr. Dan Markoff of Las Vegas, Nevada.

It was truly fun for us to be able to run with them again and we think our passengers (and theirs) got a lot of great pictures and memories from “chasing” them!



Above left with the E&P No. 4 at the Tacoma Power Plant and right in front of the Durango roundhouse (Spencer photos)

Annual Meeting

In keeping with its bylaws, the Annual Meeting of the Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc. was held on September 12, 2009. The meeting was held in Flanders Park (behind the RGS Depot) in Dolores. The Ponderosa Restaurant of Dolores catered a fine luncheon that preceded the meeting.

Several reports were presented. The President's report included information on the GGHS cooperation in a restoration project in Silverton. The San Juan County Historical Society there is restoring the Engine House of Otto Mears' Silverton Northern Railroad. President Spencer also thanked the many individuals who volunteered their time and talents during the past year. He gave a special thank you to the Society's Business Manager, Denise Bowyer. Vice President Lew Matis spoke of our operations this past year – and the up-coming fall trip to the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

The Society's Treasurer deferred his report to our Business Manager. Mrs. Bowyer gave an in-depth report and analysis of the financial condition of the GGHS. She said that the GGHS is in pretty good condition compared to three or four years ago. She thanked all of the Society's members for their continued support in the form of paying dues and special gifts from individuals.

The meeting ended with the election of Officers and Board of Directors. The results: President – Larry Spencer, Vice President – Lew Matis, and Board members – Jerry McKenzie, Bill White, Marie Richmond, Ed Latham and Gary Merrifield.

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2009 – 2010 Membership

Due on 9/1/2009

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Name: _____	\$30.00Individual Annual
Address: _____	\$40.00.....Family Annual
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Special Donations:

Galloping Goose No. 5 on-going maintenance.....	\$ _____
RGS Passenger Coach 256 restoration.....	\$ _____
GGHS General Operating Fund.....	\$ _____

Souvenir Items:

- GGHS Travel **Coffee Mug** (stainless steel shell)..... \$13.00 (ea) _____
- Galloping Goose **baseball cap** (embroidered)..... \$18.00 (ea) _____
- Galloping Goose **baseball cap** (ironed-on patch).....\$18.00 (ea) _____
- Galloping Goose No. 5 **belt buckle** (pewter)..... \$23.00 (ea) _____
- **Colorado Rail Annual #9** (book)..... \$32.00 (ea) _____
- **R.G.S. Story** (*Sundance Books*) 12 vol. set only – call for pricing and availability...
- **Sunset On The Rio Grande Southern** (book)
Autographed Special (Vol. 2 only)..... \$35.00 (ea) _____
- **Return Of The RGS** (DVD) *Bowyer Productions*
3 film special edition.....\$25.00 (ea) _____
- **Railroad Classics** (DVD) *Bowyer Productions*
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- **T-shirts** – Adult,
(Please circle size) S, M, L, XL, XXL.....\$17.00 (ea) _____
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- *Galloping Goose No. 5 at the Dolores Depot in 1950*
(Coker painting – signed print 12x18)..... \$27.00 (ea) _____
- *Galloping Goose No. 5* painting in watercolor
By H.L. Scott 12x18..... \$25.00 (ea) _____
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BITS & PIECES

We apologize for the delay in the publication of this edition of *Track N' Feathers*. Most of the delay was due to waiting for the setting of the 2010 operation schedule.

2010 Galloping Goose Operating Schedule is inside on page 1

Attention:

Plans are in the works for

Galloping Goose Days

To be celebrated in Dolores on July 9th and 10th.

More information in our next issue

Membership dues for 2009-2010 were due on September 1st

Thank you to all who have renewed your membership and a big thank you to those folks who made a special donation!

Please visit the Galloping Goose Historical Society's web site at www.gallopinggoose5.com



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