

# TRACK N' FEATHERS

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



## Summer /fall-2010

### A Busy Summer



Operating Galloping Goose No. 5 this past summer was a lot of work for all of our volunteers! In addition to our usual participation at **Escalante Days** in Dolores we visited the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad once and the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad twice! As many of you know, Escalante Days is a local celebration in Dolores to recall the early-day explorers in what became southwestern Colorado. To learn more about that, visit our website and click on the Dolores Chamber of Commerce link.

This year's **Railfest** on the D&S was held from August 20<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The schedule was quite a bit different than we (and all the participants) were used to in past years. In addition to the more than usual photo run-bys there was a "Parade of Trains" one afternoon where the visiting equipment

– Galloping Goose 5, D&RGW No. 315 and the Eureka & Palisades No. 4 – all rolled into Durango at 10 minute intervals with the regular trains and posed for public display, photos and interviews with the crews right in front of the depot. In the picture above 3 of our passengers prepare to photograph the Goose on a run-by at the old US highway 550 crossing at Shalona Lake. Fortunately for those guys this is now a seldom-used county road. By the way, we set a Goose "photo run-by" record that day – 17 on the run from Silverton to Durango!

In 1970 the states of Colorado and New Mexico jointly purchased a 65 mile section of the recently abandoned D&RGW narrow gauge mainline that ran from Alamosa to Durango. The section of the line that was saved runs west from Antonito, Colorado and over Cumbres Pass to Chama, New Mexico. In September of 1970 the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad was established. It took a heroic effort by many dedicated volunteers to get the new railroad started.

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad** was celebrated this year at the end of August and we (Galloping Goose No. 5) were invited to help celebrate. We operated for 3 days – actually 2 ½. On Friday afternoon (August 27<sup>th</sup>) we took a short trip from the top of Cumbres Pass to Osier and return. There was a big party that evening on top of the pass – BBQ, live music and a night photo shoot with the Goose and 2 C&TS locomotives. On Saturday and Sunday we operated from the top of the pass to the Big Horn wye. As many of you know, these shorter trips were necessary because of the Lobato trestle fire in June on the west side of the pass which made it not possible to operate all the way into Chama, New Mexico. The morning we loaded for the trip back to Dolores was cold, rainy and very foggy on top of the pass. The pictures at right were taken from the motorman's seat while we were waiting for the regular train to finish switching moves. It was a little spooky watching its headlight appear out of the dense fog!



## Fall colors on the Cumbres & Toltec



Our last trip of the season found us once again on the Cumbres & Toltec for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Color Special. As noted previously, our operations (along with all other operations on the C&T this summer) were limited to running from Cumbres Pass to Antonito, Colorado. We operated for 4 days – September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The picture above left was taken looking through the windshield near Big Horn and on the right about 2 miles farther along on the way to our lunch stop at Osier. The weather and colors were beautiful!

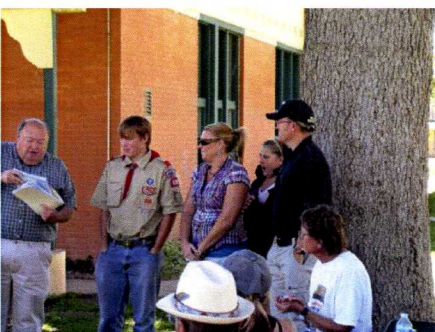
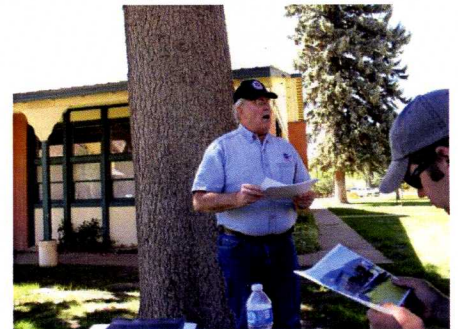
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### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc. was held on September 11, 2010. 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.

A presentation on that project was given by Mr. George Niederauer of the Durango Railroad Historical Society. Mr. Niederauer reported on the progress of the project since it was started last year. He also reported on the complexity of the project from funding to the hundreds of hours of labor it has taken just to lay a short section of track and rebuild the old SN engine house.



A special letter of recognition was presented to Mr. Hayden Cook. Hayden earned his Eagle Scout rank by developing an Activities and Coloring Book for the Society. Shown here is Bill White making the presentation while Hayden's family looks on.

The Society's Business Manager – Mrs. Denise Bowyer - gave an in-depth report and analysis of the financial condition of the GGHS. She expressed concern about the financial health of the organization. She said that this year's revenue is quite a bit less than anticipated and therefore the budget has been strained to the point that we have just about depleted our reserve funds. Next year's budget will have to be "adjusted" accordingly. On a lighter note, she thanked all of the Society's members for their continued support in the form of paying dues and special gifts and donations from individuals.

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

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**Due on 9-1-2010**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL**

<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>\$ 30</b>	<b>Individual Annual</b>
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<b>City:</b> _____ <b>State:</b> _____	<b>\$ 50</b>	<b>Business Annual</b>
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**Donation for Motor #5 Maintenance** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SOUVENIR ITEMS:**

<b>GGHS Silver/Black Travel Mug - with Goose/RGS Logo</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>	_____
<b>GGHS Pen Silver /Black - with running goose emblem</b>	<b>\$ 4.00</b>	_____
<b>Baseball Cap Grey - running goose embroidered</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>	_____
<b>Baseball Cap Grey or black - Sunset RGS embroidered</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>	_____
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<b>Belt Buckle #5, pewter</b>	<b>\$ 23.00</b>	_____
<b>Sunset on the Rio Grande(VOL 2 ONLY) SPECIAL</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>	_____
<b>Activity/Coloring Book - Galloping Geese</b>	<b>\$ 11.00</b>	_____
<b>Return of the RGS - DVD</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	_____
<b>Railroad Classics DVD - 6 Film Special Edition</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	_____
<b>Ash Adult T-shirts S,M,L,XL,XXL(Specify) _____</b>	<b>\$ 17.00</b>	_____
<b>Ash Kids T-shirts 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, (Specify) _____</b>	<b>\$ 12.00</b>	_____
<b>Lapel Pin society logo or running goose</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>	_____
<b>Set of 5 Postcards of Motor #5</b>	<b>\$ 2.50</b>	_____
<b>Coker Print - #5 at Depot in 1950 (signed &amp; numbered)</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>	_____
<b>GG #5 Wayne Bus model "HO or HOn3" Frt or Tourist</b>	<b>\$ 170.00</b>	_____
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## **PLEDGE FOR A PIN – C&TS LOBATO TRESTLE**

The Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad are raising funds for the Lobato Trestle that was damaged by fire earlier this year. The Friends have given us 6 limited addition hat/lapel pins, (Only 500 have been made).

**The first 6 callers to GGHS – (970) 882-7082 with a Pledge of \$50.00 for the Lobato Trestle fund – Will receive one of the pins.** After your pledge has been made – make a check payable to Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, mail your check to GGHS, we will forward it to the Friends and forward your pin to you.

## **NEW BOOK**

**Locomotive 315: The Lives, Times, and Rebirth of an 1895 Steam Engine:** by George F. Niederauer and published by the Durango Railroad Historical Society, will be available December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The cost is \$79.85 plus shipping. To order your book now contact: [george@bresnan.net](mailto:george@bresnan.net) or phone: (970) 382-0875. Or pick up a copy at the GGHS depot.

All profits support the 315 Locomotive and it's track and cars.



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