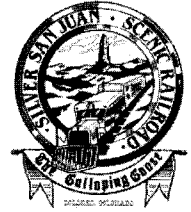


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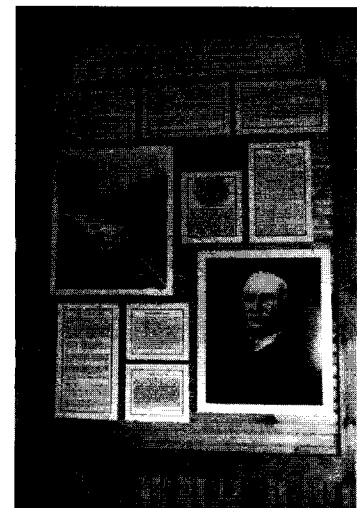
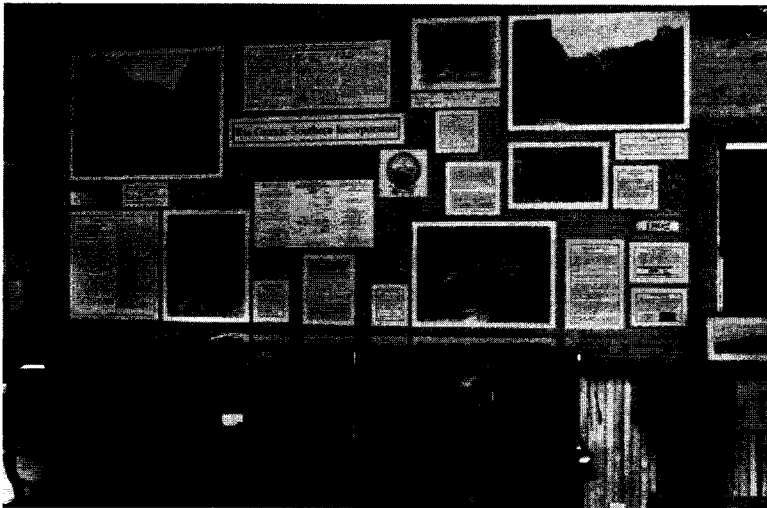
SUMMER 2011

A BUSY SUMMER AHEAD

Summer is here, and the Board of Directors and our local volunteers are all looking forward to upcoming activities at the museum and with Motor #5. Some new things and some old things are taking place, and we want to share these with you. Also, this is an opportunity to say "Thank You!" to all of you who responded to our requests for donations to help us make a new display in the museum and to get Denise a new computer.

A New Museum Display

A new display has been completed at the museum that focuses on Otto Mears, the founder and builder of the Rio Grande Southern Railroad, and the first two decades of the railroad's operation. The display features eight historic photographs we purchased from the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library, the Colorado Historical Society, and the Colorado Railroad Museum. Date plaques identifying major events guide the visitor through four decades.



The concept and design for the presentation was by Board member Marie Richmond. She worked with GGHS President Lew Matis to select the photographs and write the text. Presenting accurate, concise information, without overwhelming viewers with too much information was their greatest challenge. The display components were professionally prepared by Dave Kulic at Basin Printing in Durango. Dave laminated the photos and text components to a rigid backing and applied a transparent film to the surface of each to provide durability and easy cleaning.

A big "Thank you!" is due to all of you who generously donated to our museum fund over the past two years. Without your help the display would not have been possible.



A New Computer for Denise

Another big "Thank you!" goes out to all who donated to our computer fund. In February Denise, our Office Manager, Board Member Larry Spencer, and President Lew Matis went shopping for a new computer. We settled on a HP Touch Smart all-in-one system with the most current Microsoft and Quick Books software and a HP printer/scanner/FAX combination. In the past we've relied on donated, outdated equipment. Denise appreciates the new computer that boots up quickly and makes her important work much easier to do. The photo shows Denise happily working at her new computer.

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As mentioned in a past newsletter, Mathew Malkiewicz donated an almost new flat screen monitor. Because we bought an all-in-one unit, we've used the donated monitor with Denise's old computer, which gives volunteers and others access to a computer. Thank you again, Mathew.

Recent Museum Donations

During recent weeks the Society has received two significant donations to our collections.

Eugene Gustin of Dolores and step son of Merton Taylor, recently donated the original **Order Board Signal** that set out a few feet from the platform roof on the Dolores depot. Merton Taylor, who is deceased, was the owner of Taylor Hardware for several decades and got the signal when the abandoned depot was moved to private property. The signal was operated from inside by the station agent to inform an approaching train or goose if it needed to stop. A large, red blade mounted to a vertical shaft, rotated 90 degrees. If the blade was parallel to the tracks, thus less visible, it meant proceed; if it was perpendicular to the tracks and highly visible, it meant stop.

Many years ago Merton tried to donate it to the Society, and for reasons unbeknownst to current members, the Society turned him down. Fortunately, when Gene offered it again, we had the foresight to recognize its significance. The signal is in very good condition and operates freely. Some minor refurbishing for cosmetic reasons is needed, and the Society hopes to have it installed on the depot as it appeared in many historic photographs by this fall. It will add authenticity and interest to the building. Excellent views of it can be found on pages 143 and 190 of Vol. VII of *The RGS Story*.

Another recent donation was a three DVD set of videos made by Jim and Doris Granflatten of Bayfield, CO in 1998 when the Society was just finishing the restoration of Motor #5. Jim and Doris were two of the dedicated volunteers that helped with the restoration of #5, and more recently, with the restoration of Locomotive 315 in Durango. The videos show #5 being loaded on a truck for transport to Chama, NM for its first excursion on the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic RR. During those first few years a backhoe was used to dig a pit for the truck to back into for loading, and the first loading shown on the video shows people pushing #5 on to the truck! Also, the trailer high-centered on the front edge of the pit, requiring the backhoe to help pull the truck out of the pit. Also shown is the first excursion on the Durango and Silverton RR. The videos are important documentation of the early years after #5's restoration.

Motor (Goose) #5 Update

Ed Lathem and Louie Vallejos, with help from Jerry McKinsey, Lew Matis, and Bill White, completed major repair work on the brake linkage on Galloping Goose #5 last fall. Bolt holes in the linkage had wallowed out, creating too much play in the alignment of the brake shoes on the wheels. Frontier Machine, southwest of Dolores, made new linkage pieces for the power and rear trucks, and new bolts, washers, nuts, and cotter pins were installed throughout. The brake shoes now fully engage the flat surface of the wheels, and wear on both the wheels and brake shoes will be more uniform, making both last much longer. And of course, Number 5 will be safer to operate!

The operating schedule for #5 this summer has been significantly reduced. We will only be operating on the Durango & Silverton Railroad during Railfest from Thursday August 18th to Sunday August 21th. See **Upcoming Events** on the last page for the schedule. Concerning the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic RR, the GGHS Board decided to not operate there this year because of the fire that damaged the Lobato Trestle last summer. We thought it best to set out one year to let CATS concentrate on rebuilding the trestle and getting back to normal operations. We hope to return to the CATS in 2012.

*** * * For more upcoming events, see the back page. * * ***

Good-bye to Two Long Time Friends, Jim Odom and Bill Hutchison

Jim Odom, a long time member and volunteer with the GGHS, died April 17th. Jim grew up in California, and when he was 16, he and his family rode one of the geese in the summer of 1951. Jim and his wife Carol moved to Cortez in the early 1990s, and he soon joined the organization. He worked in the building trades all his adult life, and when restoration of No. 5 started in 1997, he was a much needed volunteer. He was always upbeat and excited to be working on No. 5. For a number of years, he volunteered once a week at the museum in Dolores, so many of you may have met him. Last year due to declining health, Jim was not able to volunteer. We will miss him and wish Carol and his two children, our deepest condolences. The photo at left shows Jim at work removing the original roof from No. 5 in 1997.



We are also sad to announce the death of Bill Hutchison, who died April 23rd. Bill was a local accountant who for many years conducted the annual audit of the Society's finances and filed our annual income tax forms with the IRS until his retirement two years ago. The IRS filings are a critical requirement for us to maintain our not-for-profit status with the IRS. Our condolences to Bill's family.

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Name: _____ \$30.00.....Individual 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) _____
Chasing the Narrow Gauge , Vol. 1 & 2(book)..... \$62.00 (ea) _____
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Autographed Special (Vol. 2 only)..... \$35.00 (ea) _____
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T-shirts – Adult, _____
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Galloping Goose No. 5 at the Dolores Depot in 1950 _____
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Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calender!!

ESCALANTE DAYS, DOLORES CO

- Saturday, August 13th 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, free rides on Motor #5 every hour on the hour in front of the museum
1:15 PM, Presentation: "*Locomotive 315 History – From the Very Beginning*" by George Niederauer, President, Durango Railroad Historical Society and author of *Locomotive 315, The lives, Times, and Rebirth of an 1895 Steam Locomotive*
3:15 PM, Presentation: "*Emma Sweeney: Full Size Locomotive in Movie 'A Ticket to Tomahawk'*" by George Niederauer
- Sunday August 14th 9:00 AM, to 1:00 PM, Tour: *Logging Railroads of the New Mexico Lumber Co.*, by Lew Matis, President, Galloping Goose Historical Society. Bring a snack, water, good walking shoes (light to moderate hiking involved), and rain gear.

RAILFEST, AUGUST 18TH TO 21ST DURANGO & SILVERTON RAILROAD

- Thursday, Aug. 18th Durango to Cascade Wye and return
Friday, Aug. 19th Durango to Silverton (Afternoon bus return to Durango.)
Saturday, Aug. 20th Silverton to Durango (Morning bus transport from Dgo prior to departure.)
Sunday, Aug. 21st Durango to Cascade Wye and return

For ticket and schedule information, contact the Durango and Silverton RR at 1-888-872-4607 (247-2733 for local calls) or www.durangotrain.com. The ticket price includes a great sacked lunch.

Don't forget: part of the fun of riding Galloping Goose #5 are all the photo run-bys we do!!

ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC, GALLOPING GOOSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Saturday, Sept. 10th 12:00 to 2:00 PM, Flanders Park (behind the museum), Dolores, CO
Lunch first, then meeting at 1:00 PM

Another Important Reminder: Annual Membership Renewal is in September.



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