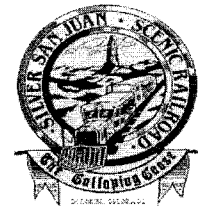


# TRACK N' FEATHERS

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## FALL 2012



Photo by Larry Spencer

*Why riding Galloping Goose No. 5 is so special: we stop in spectacular and scenic places for people to take lots of photos! The scene above overlooks the famous Toltec Gorge with the west portal of Rock Tunnel just ahead and to the left of No. 5. This was on our first day on our way from Chama to Antonito.*

### FALL COLOR EXCURSION—A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS!!

The fourth and final excursion of the year, a Fall Color Special on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, was a spectacular way to end the 2012 season. All four days of operation were sold out, and No. 5 carried 110 enthusiastic passengers during the excursion. This is likely the most passengers we've hauled in such a short time. The fall colors were just at their peak and the days were sunny and warm. We managed to include 12 to 15 photo run-bys each day, and needless to say we had many very satisfied passengers. Our two esteemed Motormen, Larry Spencer and Louie Vallejos, both were very pleased with the excursion. Larry realized that once, when Louie was riding in the back, that this was the first time in eight years as motorman, that he was operating No. 5 without another motorman present in the cab. Louie was impressed that our passengers ranged from serious narrow gauge fans to casual riders who wanted to view the fall colors. When passengers expressed their appreciation for our operating No.5, Louie's response was that we appreciated them. Without passengers like themselves, we couldn't be operating No. 5!

Saturday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> was an exceptionally fun day. We had a Moonlight Dinner Special on Saturday evening with a late afternoon departure from Chama. This allowed No. 5's crew to chase the morning passenger train out of Chama, which on this weekend was pulled by two locomotives. Watching a double-header tackle the 13 miles of 4% grade on the west side of Cumbres Pass was an additional treat for our crew. The double-header is an annual event due to the popularity of the fall colors. Later that day we departed at 4:15 p.m. and the fall colors were made more brilliant in the late afternoon sunlight. After a delicious dinner of prime rib or baked chicken at Osier, we departed as the full moon was rising in the east. However clouds soon obscured the moonlight, but despite this, the day was a spectacular success!

# Goose Makes Trip To Squat In Town of Dolores

Wednesday evening of this week the Galloping Goose No. 5 made its last trip down the Dolores River from Coke Ovens, twelve miles above Rico.

It made the trip, not in the orthodox way of bounding, jiggling and shimmying over the two streaks of rust which has been its trail for the past ten or twelve years, but piggy-back on diesel trolleys.

It began the final journey from Ridgway just Sunday with Mr. Boucher at the controls and traveled the rails to the end of them above Rico where the steel gang is removing them from the road bed.

With the aid of a Dolores county car which coaxing and conjoining it was taken from the track onto the highway, down the highway to the truck, by Earl Hatfield and son Ernest. Thursday it still remained on the truck after awaiting removal and placement on a flatbed here in Dolores.

The Goose was purchased by the Dolores Rotary Club and by subscription by Dolores business men and from Receiver of the Rio Grande Southern. A sister Goose was bought by Telluride where it will be put on display.

## A BIT OF HISTORY:

# How Galloping Goose No. 5 Got to Dolores

The September 12, 1952 issue of the Dolores Star featured the article shown on the left. By the fall of 1952, abandonment of the Rio Grande Southern Railroad had been approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and removal of the rails had started about 12 miles north of Rico at Coke Ovens, a whistle stop and siding on the RGS. The article describes how Galloping Goose No. 5 got from Ridgway, where it was parked, to Dolores.

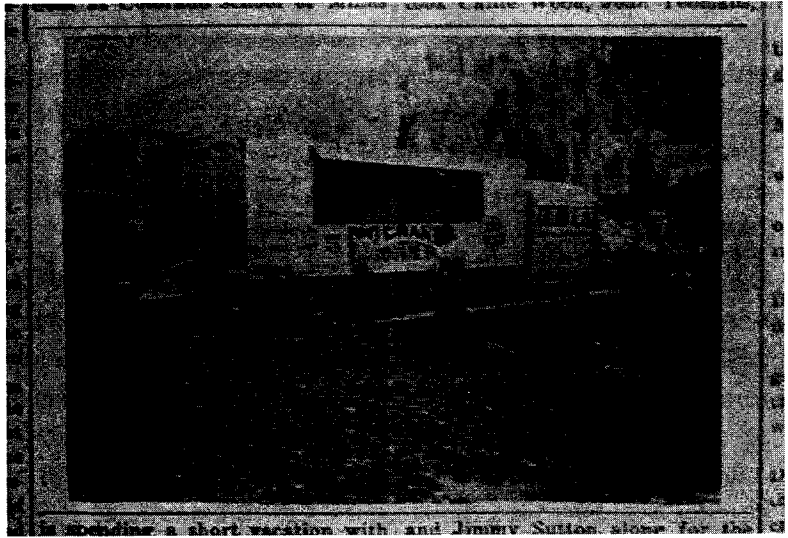
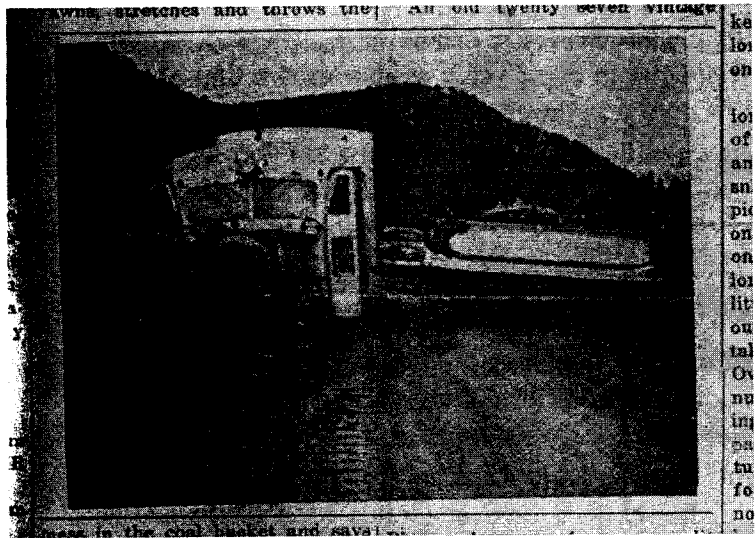
To prevent No. 5 from being scrapped and to preserve it as a reminder of Dolores's history as a railroad town, five Dolores businessmen, Jack Kinkade, Dr. E. G. Merritt, Newell Musgrave, Bill Wagner, and C. H. Webb formed the Dolores Rotary Club with the specific purpose of purchasing No. 5. Each man contributed fifty dollars to purchase No. 5 for \$250.

With rail removed at Coke Ovens and some sections of rail washed out between Rico and Dolores by heavy August rains, it was not possible to drive No. 5 all the way to Dolores. This required it to be moved by truck from Coke Ovens, which the article describes. At Dolores No. 5 was left on the ground and eventually moved to the west side of Flander's Park where it sat until 1995, when it was moved to its current location for restoration by the Galloping Goose Historical Society in 1997-98.

The entire community of Dolores—and certainly the GGHS—are indebted to Jack Kinkade, Dr. E. G. Merritt, Newell Musgrave, Bill Wagner, and C. H. Webb for their foresight and generosity in purchasing No. 5. Without their effort, No. 5 likely would have been scrapped or sold and hauled off to some distant location.

(The GGHS also thanks the Dolores Star for permission to reproduce the article and photos from the Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 1952 issues that are featured in this story.)

*The two photos below are from the 9-19-52 Dolores Star. The left shows a Dolores County Caterpillar dragging No. 5 from the end of the rails onto State Road 145, which was gravel at that time. Grooves in the road are from No. 5's wheel flanges. The right photo shows the cat pushing No. 5 onto a flatbed truck for its final trip to Dolores. This rough handling may explain the bent steps at the back of No. 5.*



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## HOLIDAY WISHES

*The Board of Directors, Officers, and Staff of the Galloping Goose Historical Society wish all our members and supporters the very best during the up-coming Holiday Season and an enjoyable and meaningful 2013.*

### A Special Thank You to Skanska Construction Company



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The Galloping Goose Historical Society wishes to express our deep appreciation to Skanska Construction Company for their generous support of transporting No. 5 for well over ten years. This year was especially generous of Skanska considering the distances and frequency of the four excursions we made. A big "Thank You" to Gary in management, the dispatcher Heath, and the three drivers Charlie, Tim, and J. R., whose professionalism and skill delivered No. 5 safely to her destination and back home again to Dolores.



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