

TRACK N' FEATHERS



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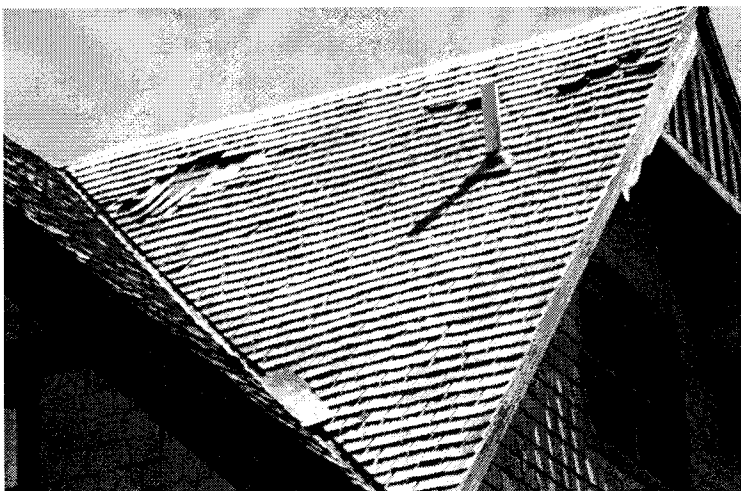
A NEW ROOF FOR THE MUSEUM BUILDING!!

Building a replica of the Rio Grande Southern depot in Dolores was the first major project undertaken by the Galloping Goose Historical Society. Construction was funded by a grant from US West in 1990 and one from the Boettcher Foundation in 1992. Today the building houses the offices, gift shop, museum, and workshop of the GGHS and is part of the setting for displaying Galloping Goose No. 5. For most of the 20 plus years since construction, the cedar shingle roof had functioned well. But over the past three years the roof had started showing signs of its age. Many shingles had curled badly, making them susceptible to wind damage, including one area of several square feet on the platform roof where all the shingles were completely gone.

Replacing the roof was obviously a necessity. Using new cedar shingles would maintain the historic authenticity of the roof, but cedar shingles are highly combustible and pose the greatest fire risk of any type of roof. Over a year ago, the GGHS Board started exploring the options for replacing the roof. We identified three parameters to consider in this decision: 1) The new roof needed to be attractive, long lasting, and as authentic as possible; 2) it should reduce the risk of fire significantly; and 3) it would have to be cost effective. The first two criteria yielded three alternatives: 1) cedar shingles, the most authentic but also the most fire prone; 2) asphalt shingles, the least authentic, still attractive, but much less fire prone; and 3) synthetic shingles manufactured to look like cedar shingles that maintain authenticity and are fully fire proof. The last criteria, cost comparisons, was the next step. We requested cost estimates from two roofing contractors and were quite amazed by the price range among the three alternatives. An asphalt shingle roof was a little over \$9,000; cedar shingles were more than double at \$21,000; and the synthetic shingles were over three times the cost at nearly \$30,000. Despite some loss in authenticity, the asphalt shingles were the most pragmatic choice.

The next decision was how to pay for the new roof. Fortunately, the GGHS was contacted last summer by Colorado Grande, a Colorado philanthropic organization, to host a tour of 1960's vintage and earlier sports and race cars. (See the accompanying story on page 2.) During their stop in Dolores, we were encouraged to apply for a grant through their grant program. Local GGHS members Tom and Sally Garrison offered to complete the grant application. The grant, for \$9,200, was submitted in October and approved in December. We awarded the work to Mike McGrath Construction in Cortez who had submitted the cost estimates for the asphalt and cedar shingles.

Photos by Lew Matis



The left photo shows the northwest section of the museum building roof. this spring The right photo shows Tulley Stanley, who works for Mike McGrath Construction of Cortez, installing new shingles on the same section of roof. A big thank you to Tom and Sally Garrison, Colorado Grande, and Mike McGrath and his crew for a job well done!!

THREE EXCITING EXCURSIONS FOR NO. 5 SCHEDULED IN 2013

Exciting news!! Galloping Goose No. 5 will travel to the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad twice this year in early July and late September and the Durango and Silverton Railroad in August for three excursions. This will be an opportunity for many GGHS members to experience riding on No. 5, and we hope we will see you on board during one of our trips. You will need to contact the host railroad for reservations and to purchase tickets. Each railroad can be reached at the toll free numbers and websites listed. Below is the full schedule.

Cumbres and Toltec Scenic RR

1-888-296-2737

Week of July 4th Special Excursion

www.cumbrestoltec.com

(Children 12 years Old and Under 20% Off, shown in parenthesis)

Wednesday, July 3 – Chama/Osier/Chama - \$89.00 (\$71.00)

Thursday July 4 – “4th of July Special” Chama/Cumbres Pass/Chama - \$115.00 (\$92.00)

(Includes BBQ and entertainment on Cumbres Pass and VIP seating for fireworks display in Chama)

Friday, July 5 – “Half-Day Special” Chama/Cumbres/Chama - \$45.00 (no lunch)

Saturday, July 6 – Chama/Antonito - \$89.00 (\$71.00)

Sunday, July 7 – Antonito/Osier/Antonito - \$89.00 (\$64.00)

Monday, July 8 – Antonito/Chama - \$89.00 (\$71.00)

C & TS Fall Color Special Excursion

(Children 12 years Old and Under 20% Off, shown in parenthesis)

Wednesday, September 25 – Chama/Osier/Chama \$89.00 (\$71.00)

Thursday September, September 26 – Chama/Osier/Chama \$89.00 (\$71.00)

Friday, September 27 – Chama/Cumbres/Chama \$45.00 (\$36.00) (no lunch)

Saturday, September 28 – Chama/Antonito \$89.00 (\$71.00)

Sunday, September 29 – Antonito/Osier/Antonito \$89.00 (\$71.00)

Monday, September 30 – Antonito/Chama \$89.00 (\$71.00)

Durango and Silverton RR

1-888-872-4607

True West Railfest

www.durangotrains.com

Wednesday Evening, August 15 – Reception at Durango Roundhouse

Thursday, August 15 –Durango/Cascade/Durango

Friday, August 16 –Durango/Cascade/Durango

Saturday, August 17 – Three 10-mile round-trips, Farmers Market to Event Park

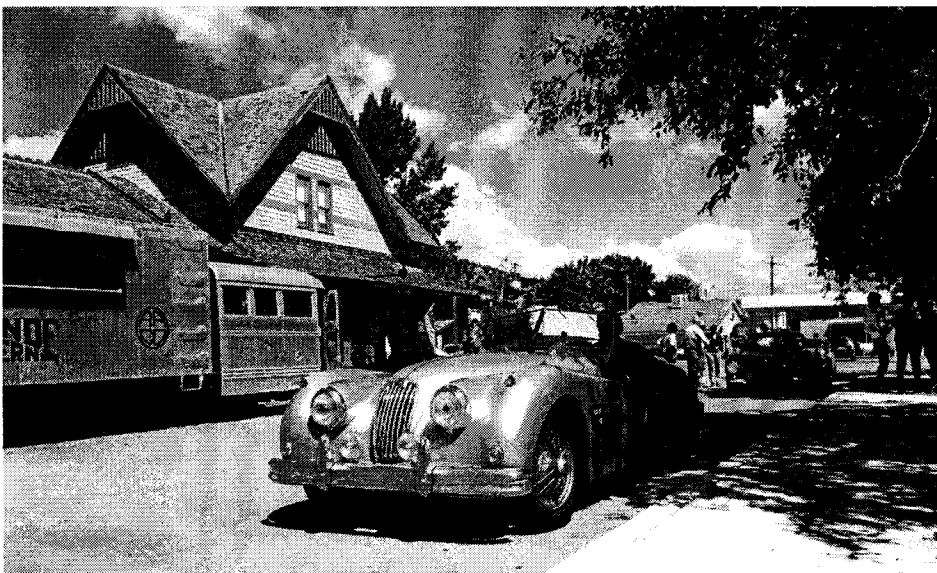
Sunday, August 18 – Durango/Silverton

Monday, August 19 – Silverton/Durango

(Fares to be announced)

COLORADO GRANDE TOUR VISITS GOOSE NO. 5

The GGHS hosted a tour of 1960s and earlier sports and race cars that passed through Dolores on September 18th. We provided refreshments and desert to the drivers as the tour traveled from Durango to Telluride, Colorado on the third day of a five day tour. The tour was sponsored by Colorado Grande, a Colorado philanthropic organization that supports not-for-



profit organizations and provides college scholarships for high school seniors in small towns in Western Colorado. Nearly ninety cars participated in the tour and were a great attraction for local residents as they arrived and departed over a two hour period. In exchange for hosting the tour, the GGHS was given a very generous \$1500 donation by Colorado Grande.

The classic silver colored Jaguar pictured on the left was one of about 90 vintage sports and race cars that visited Dolores and the GGHS last September.

Photo by Shannon Livick,, courtesy Dolores Star

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2013 - 2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Due on 9/1/2012 - Membership dues are from September 1st to September 1st

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

Name: _____	Individual Annual \$30.00 _____
Address: _____	Family Annual \$40.00 _____
City: _____	Business Annual \$50.00 _____
State: _____ Zip: _____	Life Member \$500.00 _____
Phone: (____) _____	Patron \$1,000.00 _____
E-mail: _____	Benefactor \$5,000.00 _____

Special Donations:

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

Souvenir Items:

HOn3 No. 5 model (Wayne Bus/Tourist) Only 4 left	\$260.00 _____	
Ceramic Coffee Mug (Motor photo & Running Goose)	\$17.00 (ea) _____	NEW ITEM
(heavy item; high shipping costs)		
Galloping Goose Baseball Cap (embroidered)	\$18.00 (ea) _____	
Mouse Pad (Motor 5 on Teft Bridge)	\$14.00 (ea) _____	
Tin Feathers Galloping Geese Book (CRRM Stan Rhine)	\$14.00 (ea) _____	
R.G.5. Story (Sundance Books) –		
call for pricing and availability of Volumes		
Return of The RGS (DVD) Bowyer 3 Film Special	\$25.00 (ea) _____	
Railroad Classics (DVD) Bowyer 6 Film Special	\$25.00 (ea) _____	
T-shirts - Adult,		
(Please circle size) S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$17.00 (ea) _____	
T-shirts - Child,		
(Please circle size) 4-6, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16	\$13.00 (ea) _____	
Galloping Goose Silver Pen	\$4.00 each or 2 for \$7.00 _____	
Lapel pin	\$7.00 (ea) _____	
Galloping Goose No.5 at the Dolores Depot in 1950		
(Coker painting - signed print 12x18.....)	\$30.00 (ea) _____	
Galloping Goose#5 watercolor (H.L Scott).....	12 x 18 \$28.00 (ea) _____	
6 X 6 Tin Plate (Running Goose RGS Herald).....	\$13.00 (ea) _____	NEW ITEM
8 X 8 Tin Plate (GGHS Society Logo).....	\$15.00 (ea) _____	NEW ITEM
24" Lanyard Swivel Hook (Motor 5 & Running Goose)	\$ 8.00 (ea) _____	NEW ITEM

All prices include shipping and handling within the U.S.

Colorado residents please add 3% sales tax

GRAND TOTAL.....\$ _____

Credit Card type (____) # _____ Exp. Date ____ / ____

Check or Money Order also accepted - Check or Money Order # _____

NEW DISPLAYS BEING DEVELOPED FOR THE GGHS MUSEUM

It is always a challenge for museums, both large and small, to offer something new for visitors. Fortunately this year a great deal of effort is going into some new displays for the Rio Grande Southern Museum in Dolores. The goal is to have the displays be ready by June 1st, when visitation begins to increase.

Board member Marie Richmond is working on several displays that will provide visitors a wealth of new information. For many years we've had many railroad tools on display with no information about what they are or how they were used. The tools are in conjunction with a display explaining what section gangs did on the Rio Grande Southern. To add a personal perspective to the display, Marie has interviewed local Dolores resident Ruby Gonzales, whose father Alex Vigil was the Section Foreman in Dolores and who worked for the railroad for 37 years. Ruby was one of ten children who grew up in the Dolores Section House that the RGS provided Alex and his family. The house was tiny for such a large family. It had four rooms and was about the size of a large living room in many of today's homes! Marie is also developing information about the kinds of switch stands used on the RGS and the "telegraphone" carried on the Geese for the motorman to communicate with the dispatcher about schedule delays (small rock or mudslides), Goose breakdowns, or emergencies (large rock or mudslides)!

Lew Matis, GGHS President, is working on a display about all seven of the Galloping Geese, from the concept of a gasoline powered railcar by railroad Superintendent, Forrest White and Head Mechanic Jack Odenbach, up to abandonment of the RGS. The display will feature many photographs of the Geese in their many configurations, from the original Buick or Pierce Arrow Automobiles with a freight box towed behind to the later Wayne Bus bodied "tourist haulers."

The Museum will start its summer schedule on Monday, May 13th, and will be open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through the middle of October. The museum is staffed mostly by volunteers, two GGHS Board members, and our Business Manager, Denise Bowyer. We hope many of you will visit southwest Colorado this summer and, in addition to riding Galloping Goose No. 5, will stop by the museum in Dolores.



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