

# GALLOPING GOOSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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*Order your tickets for  
the February 5th  
Winter Benefit on the  
Durango & Silverton!*

## GGHS Calendar

GGHS Board Meetings,  
421 Railroad Avenue  
Dolores, CO

Board meetings: Dec 17, Jan  
21, Feb 18, and Mar 17 at 6 PM

Winter hours begin in October:  
Tuesday and Thursday  
10 AM—2 PM

 The Galloping  
Goose Historical  
Society is now  
on Facebook. Like us  
on facebook at [Galloping  
Goose Historical  
Society](#). We're up to  
116 friends so far. Help  
us top the 200 mark by  
the end of the year!  
You can add your own  
Goose photos and view  
the photos that others  
have taken of Goose No.  
5. Recent posts include  
the first snowfall of the  
year and photos of the  
C&TSRR excursion.



# Track 'n Feathers

November 2015

## Fans Flock to Fall Colors Excursion on the Cumbres & Toltec



*John Randall oils Goose No. 5 as  
photographers scramble to capture  
the perfect shot.*

**G**alloping Goose No. 5 played to sold-out crowds from September 30 through October 4 on the C&TSRR. Spectacular autumn colors and beautiful weather brought crowds of rail fans to ride Goose No. 5 and photograph runbys along this 60 mile historic narrow gauge railroad.

In addition to photos of Goose No. 5, passengers were able to photograph a 35 car double header freight train and a MOW work train.

The return run from Antonito to Osier made at least 14 photo stops. Passengers were thrilled. Many of the passengers who boarded at Antonito

were coming from a 3-day, 35 car freight special that had taken place earlier in the week. They were thoroughly familiar with the colors and lighting conditions along this section of track. The Goose motor-

men tried their best to create the perfect shot for these avid photographers. The emphasis on this run was on static shoots with color rather than movement through scenery.

A passenger from Michigan said, "I've been on this excursion three times and this is by far the best!"



*Goose No. 5 crosses a  
trestle near Cresco  
water tank.*

Goose transport was donated by Trenzo Lambert, a local cattler hauler from nearby Lewis, Colorado. He borrowed a trailer normally used to haul hay and converted it to "Goose hauling" for the week. After the last run on Sunday, the crew helped Trenzo load and return Goose No. 5 to Dolores the same night, so that the trailer could be in Phoenix for its next payload on Monday.



*Avid rail photographers line up to take photos of Galloping Goose No. 5 at Calico Cut.*

***If you have not yet done so, please renew your GGHS Membership today!***

## Lengthy Discussions Mark the 2015 Annual Meeting of the GGHS



*Thirty people attended the Annual Meeting of the Galloping Goose Historical Society on Saturday September 12, at the home of Joe and Jeanne Becker in Dolores, CO.*

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Galloping Goose Historical Society was characterized by long discussions, heated debate, and contested motions. By 5 PM, when the meeting adjourned, several important issues had been decided and others postponed for further consideration. It was a meeting not soon to be forgotten by those who attended.

The day began with a delicious lunch, with members bringing a variety of hot and cold dishes. The formal meeting was called to order by President Lew Matis at 1:15. After thanking a host of volunteers,

companies, and foundations who have supported the Society throughout the year, Lew read his President's report. He described how the numerous challenges of the year, including the lease with the town, excursion insurance, and Goose transportation, had been resolved, at least for the present.

Following Joe Becker's treasurer's report, Jack Hattaway asked for the floor. Jack introduced

nine amendments to the by-laws, which were discussed by the membership. After lengthy discussion, the members voted to follow the procedures established in the by-laws for making by-law changes. They unanimously agreed to present the changes to the Board of Directors for consideration and action.

Jack then made a motion to declare the lease with the Town of Dolores null and void due to one member not being present (he participated by phone from Arizona) and to re-enter into negotiations

with the Town concerning the future of Goose No. 5. Joe clarified that, even without the phone representation, the lease would have passed with the physically present quorum voting. The motion to void the lease with the Town did not pass.

The membership used paper ballots to vote for President, Vice President, and three positions on the Board. The new officers are listed below.

The scheduled slide presentation by George Niederauer of the Durango Railroad Historical Society on railroad car restoration was postponed to a later date.



*Wayne Brown, 2nd president of the GGHS (on left), talks with Jerry McKenzie, current Board member, John Randall, and George Niederauer, President of the Durango Railroad Historical Society.*

**Board of Directors: 2015/2016** *The Board meets at 6 PM on the third Thursday of each month at the Rio Grande Southern Museum in Dolores. All meetings are open to the membership.*

Joe Becker, Dolores, President  
Lew Matis, Mancos, Vice President  
Jerry McKenzie, Cortez, Director  
Larry Spencer, Maricopa, Arizona, Director

Rodney Guggenheim, Dolores, Director\*  
Ole Bye, Mancos, Director\*

\* At the October Board meeting, Ole was appointed to position of Secretary and Rodney to the position of Treasurer.

**Financial Report:** Denise reported that, through the end of October, total income to the Society's general operating fund has been \$57,010, less cost of goods of \$6,947, for a gross profit of \$50,063. Total expenses for this same period have been \$55,165, for a net loss of \$5,102. Denise explained that the Society has not yet received expected income from the C&TS Fall Excursion, which will offset some of this loss.

## Reserved coaches on D&SRR benefits local railroad historic societies

Two reserved coaches will be pulled behind the regularly scheduled Durango & Silverton steam train on Friday February 5th, to benefit the Galloping Goose Historical Society and the Ridgway Railroad Museum. Join us on this 52 mile round trip to Cascade Canyon Wye. Travel through the San Juan National Forest and along the Animas River and experience this historic railroad in mid-winter, draped in snow and ice.

The \$125 ticket price includes a box lunch, your choice of wine, beer or soft drinks, and a GGHS gift bag. The heated coaches stop at Cascade Canyon, a natural, scenic canyon with picnic tables along the Animas River. A covered pavilion with an interior rock fireplace to warm you is just steps away from the train. Dress for the weather, with appropriate foot gear.

The train leaves at 9:45 AM on Friday February 5th. Plan to arrive by 9 AM to pick up your ticket and board the coaches. Return time to Durango is approximately

2:45 PM. The free D&SNG Museum is open to public from 1 to 4 PM every day that the train operates.

“Al Harper, owner of the Durango & Silverton, has generously donated these coaches to benefit our two railroad societies,” said Joe Becker, President of the GGHS. “Income from the sale of tickets will help the Society pay for Goose insurance and operating costs.”

Only 80 tickets will be sold. Order your tickets today to be guaranteed of a seat! The ticket price is tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law.

### Durango & Silverton Policies

This train event is an Adult-only event. Everyone **MUST** be at least 21 years of age with valid ID. **IDs will be checked before boarding.**

~You cannot bring your own alcoholic beverages on board.

~The event area is in a wilderness area. Please dress according to weather conditions both current and anticipated.

~Restrooms are available at event site.

~Remember to drink responsibly and have a great time!



### Buy your tickets today!

Date: Friday February 5, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:45 PM

Arrive by 9 AM to collect your tickets. Must be seated on the coach by 9:15. Train departs at 9:45.

**Price: \$125/\$110 if ordered by December 31, 2015**

To reserve your tickets, call Denise at 970-882-7082 or email your ticket request to [gghs5@centurytel.net](mailto:gghs5@centurytel.net). Payment by credit card or check.

If you cannot join us, please make a donation to help pay for Goose insurance and operation.



*Sale of Goose Quilt at Silent Auction brings in \$1,500 for Goose Maintenance and Operations.*

## Sale of Donated Handmade Quilt Supports Goose Maintenance and Operations

The silent auction of the Goose Quilt ended on Friday October 16 at 5 PM. The successful bidder was Peggy Littlejohn from Mancos, Colorado. The \$1,500 raised will be used to support the maintenance and operation of Galloping Goose No. 5. The Society extends a huge thank you to LaWana Ferrier who designed and pieced the quilt for the Galloping Goose Historical Society. Visitors from throughout the U.S. admired the quilt, as it hung in our Rio Grande Southern Museum throughout the summer. “It’s unusual for a museum of this size to have such a lovely quilt on display,” said one visitor.

“We are grateful to LaWana for donating this beautiful quilt,” said Lew Matis, organizer of the Silent Auction.

## President's Report by Joe Becker

# Update on Insurance and Goose Transportation

Under Lew Matis's leadership as President of the Board, the Society obtained the necessary insurance and transportation to run our three excursions in 2015. The challenges remain, however, as we begin to plan for the 2016 season.

In October, we purchased 15 months of insurance that extends through the end of the 2016 season. The insurance costs the Society approximately \$2,500 per excursion week and is 50% more than we paid in the past. We sought bids from several insurance providers and this was the lowest bid. The insurance for the Fall Colors Excursion was covered by several anonymous donors, for which we are grateful.

Transportation will also continue as a challenge. Although Trenzo Lambert was very generous in donating his time and equipment for the October excursion in Chama, NM, there is no guarantee that he will be able to continue to make this type of donation. We estimate that transportation of Goose No. 5 to and from Durango will cost approximately \$1,000 and to and from Chama, \$3,000. Altogether, if we continue to run three excursions a year, the total increase in costs approaches \$10,000 for both insurance and transportation.

We need to fundraise to help cover these expenses. With the generous support of Al Harper, owner of the D&S Railroad, we are sponsoring a benefit in February (see article on page 3). Funds raised from the sale of tickets will go towards our excursion costs.

The Board has to make some important decisions about the number and frequency of excursions. We also need to recognize the new reality of insurance and transportation costs in our ticket prices. The product that we offer, riding Goose No. 5, with numerous stops for photo run-bys, is unique. We need to market it as such.

The excursions are only part of the mission of the Galloping Goose Historical Society. As President, I will focus on continued improvement of the RGS museum and its educational exhibits; improvement of the variety and display of products in our gift shop; and ongoing communication with business and civic leaders in Dolores.

I appreciate the help and support that I'm receiving from Lew Matis, the Board members, the many volunteers who help the Society in a variety of ways, and Denise Bower. I'm confident that the Society will continue to grow and prosper.

## Foundations Support the Work of the Galloping Goose Historical Society

The Society thanks the following foundations for their generous support of the Galloping Goose Historical Society in 2015:

**The Colorado Grand**, \$5,000 for Goose maintenance and operations

**The Anschutz Family Foundation**, \$2,500 for marketing and community outreach

**The Firefly Trust/Norris Foundation**, \$2,000 for general operations

**Ballantine Family Fund**, \$1,000 for marketing and community outreach (renewed for 2016)

**Empire Electric**, \$500 for sponsorship of special Goose runs for school children and Dolores family days (renewed for 2016)

**Dolores Rotary Club**, \$500 for general operations (renewed for 2016)

# Galloping Goose Historical Society Membership Renewal and Galloping Goose Souvenir Order Form

**Please use this form for renewal and new memberships.**

We invite you and your friends to join the

*Galloping Goose Historical Society.*

Enclose this membership and Galloping Goose souvenir order form with your check made out to the GGHS and send to:

**GGHS, P.O. Box 297 Dolores, CO 81323**  
*Thank you!*

*Galloping Goose Historical Society*  
**2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Membership dues are from 9/1/15 to 8/31/16

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) Individual            \$35    \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) Family                \$45    \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) Business             \$50    \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) Life Member        \$500   \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) Patron                \$1,000 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) Benefactor          \$5,000 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations:**

- General Operating            \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Museum Display              \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Coach 256                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Goose No. 5 Maintenance  
and Excursions                \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- SUBTOTAL            \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- SOUVENIRS         \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL REMITTED    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Order Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a total payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for membership renewal and souvenir purchases.

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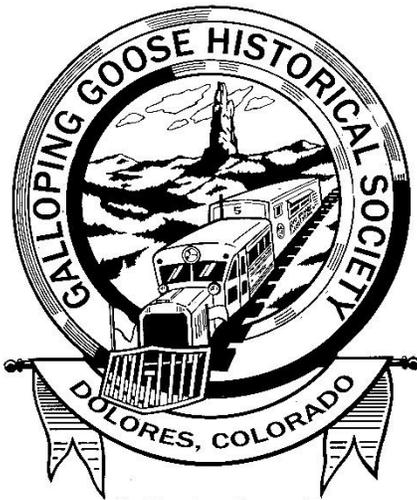
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( ) I would like to receive *Track 'n Feathers* news-  
letter by email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Goose souvenirs make great holiday gifts! Prices include shipping and handling. December 4th is last day to order for delivery by Christmas! Call Denise (970-882-7082) for more information or email us.**

SPECIAL ORDER SOUVENIRS	PRICE	QUANTITY	SIZE(S)	TOTAL PRICE
Canvas Tote Bag	\$28			
Long Sleeve T-shirt	\$25		S   M   L   XL   2XL	
Long Sleeve Light Blue Denim Shirt	\$55		S   M   L   XL   2XL	
Long Sleeve Dark Blue Heavy Weight Denim Shirt	\$60		S   M   L   XL   2XL	
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$65		S   M   L   XL   2XL   3XL	
Challenger All Weather Jacket	\$160		S   M   L   XL   2XL   3XL	
Vernon Kilns Decorative Plate	\$115		10 inch Emma Sweeny	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>				



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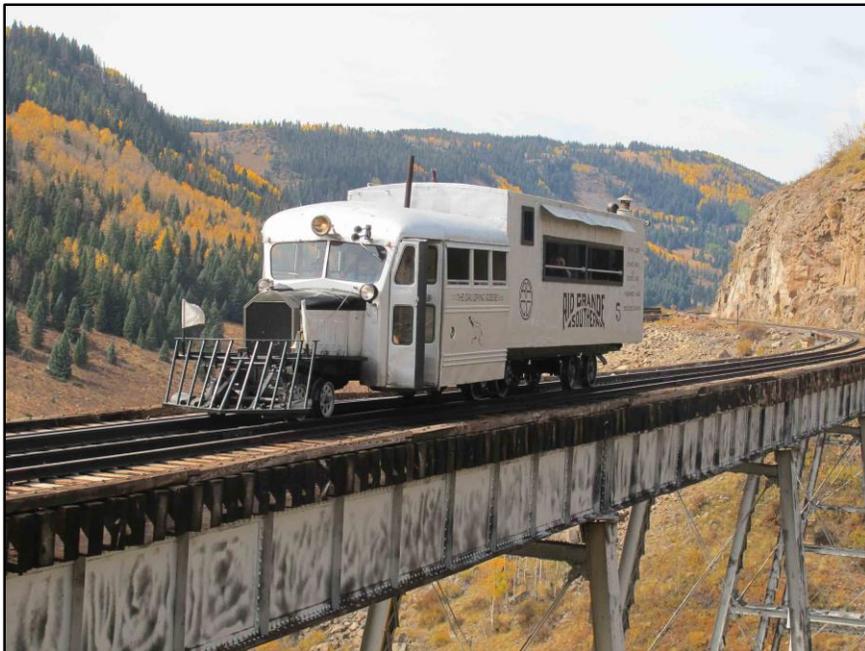
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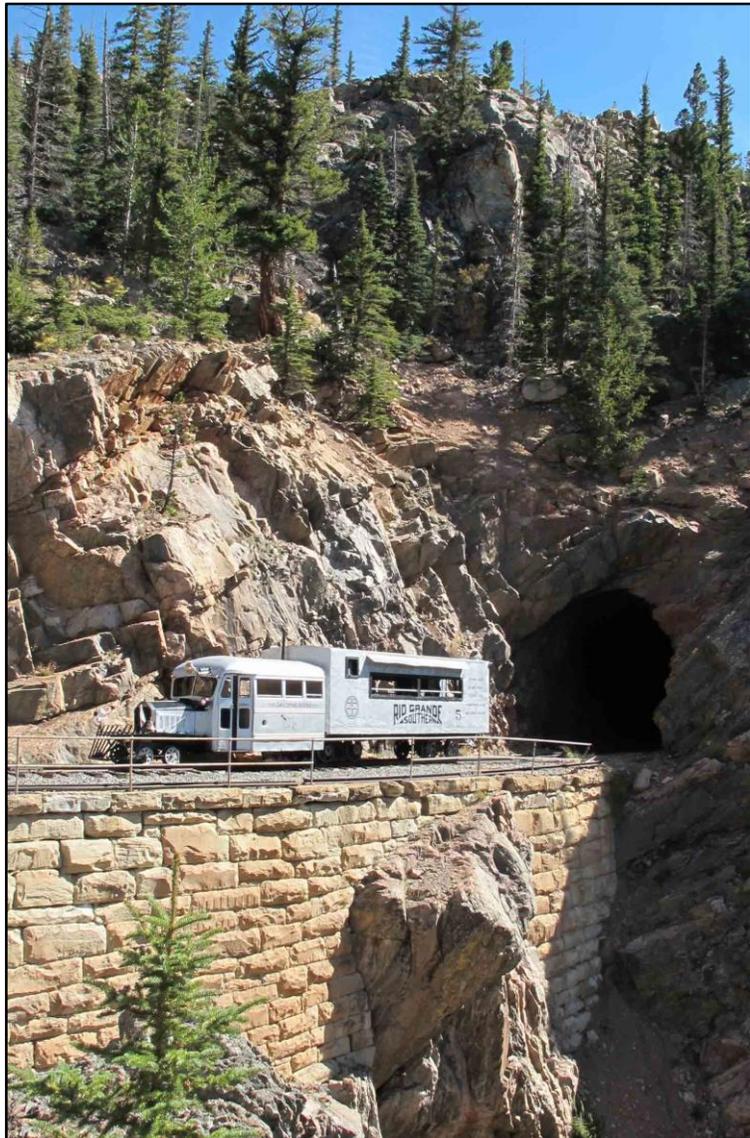
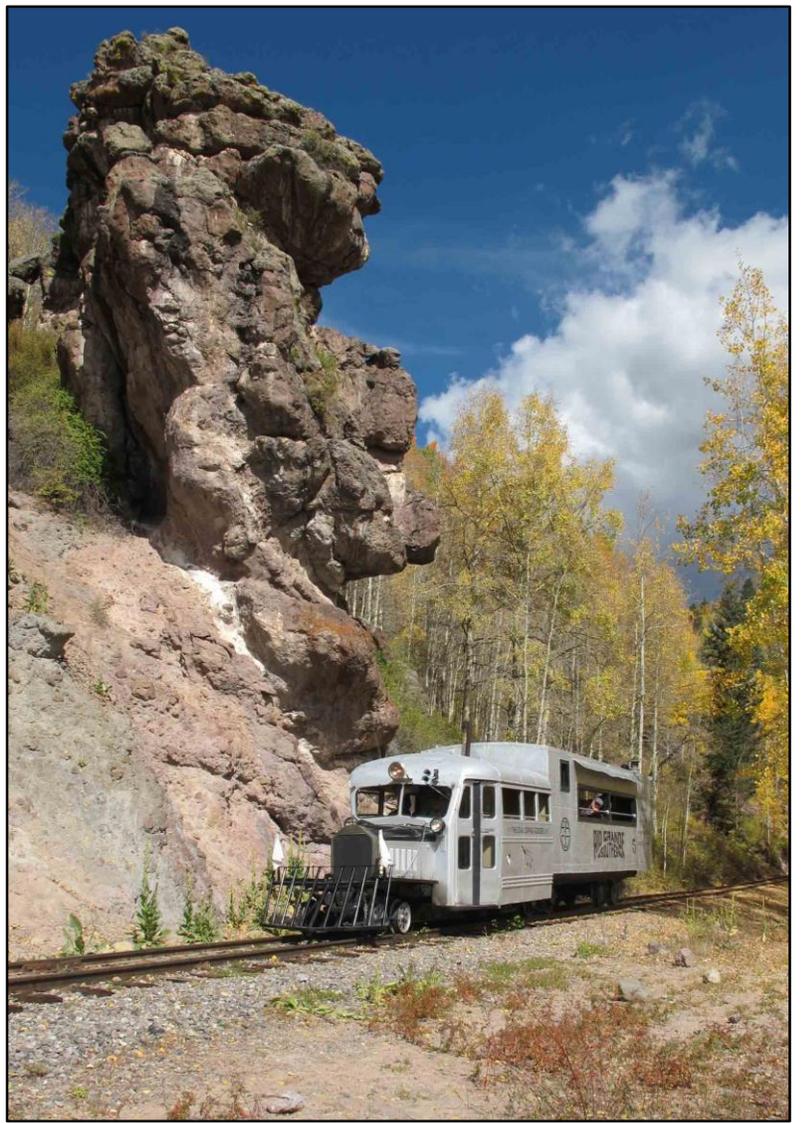
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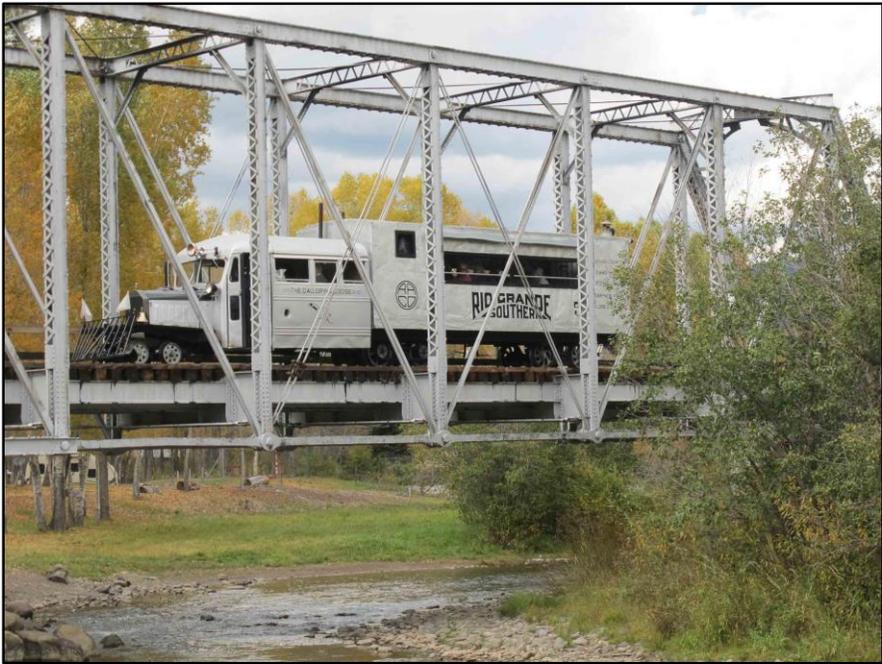
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