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*Ride the Goose and Visit  
with Santa!  
Saturday December 10  
5 PM—7 PM*

**GGHS Calendar**

GGHS Board Meetings,  
421 Railroad Avenue  
Dolores, CO

Board meetings: December  
15, January 19, February 16,  
March 16 at 6 PM. Meet-  
ings are open to members  
and interested public.

Winter Hours for Museum  
and Gift Shop: 10—2 PM,  
Tuesday and Thursday

Start your holiday shop-  
ping today! Visit the  
online GGHS gift store  
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# Track 'n Feathers

November 2016

## Revised By-Laws Approved and Coach 256 Discussed at Annual Meeting



*Joe Becker, President of the Board, addresses the membership at the 2016 Annual Meeting, held at the Dolores Public Library.*

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Galloping Goose Historical Society was held on Saturday, September 10. Approximately thirty members attended the business meeting in the Community Room of the Dolores Public Library.

Joe Becker updated the membership on the accomplishments and challenges of the past year. Donna Guggenheim thanked the gift shop volunteers and Lew Matis recognized Larry Spencer's contributions to the Society. Larry has stepped down from the Board, after 16 years of service to the Society.

The members voted unanimously to approve the revised by-laws. The changes addressed issues raised at the 2015 Annual Meeting, added an anti-discrimination clause, and made other changes, as recommended by the by-laws committee.

The issue of what to do with Coach 256 was raised by Board member Jeff Taylor. The coach has been sitting on Val Truelson's property for 15 years, fully exposed to the weather. Full restoration is beyond the capabilities of the Society and its current base of volun-

teers. Jeff presented several options of what could be done with Coach 256. One option is to move it to Como, Colorado, where the Western Railway Preservation Society (Sumpter Valley, OR) is willing to restore it. They would keep the RGS lettering which is currently on the coach. Following discussion, the members voted to advise the Board of Directors to pursue final disposition of Coach 256.

### Board of Directors 2016 to 2017

Joe Becker, President  
Lew Matis, Vice President  
Directors:  
Ole Bye  
Rodney Guggenheim  
Jerry McKenzie  
Jeff Taylor  
Bill Wolf



*After the meeting, members enjoyed a potluck lunch at the railroad depot.*

**Renew your GGHS membership today!**

## Photo Collage of Cumbres and Toltec Fall Colors Excursion: September 27 to October 2



Passengers on Galloping Goose excursions get many opportunities to disembark and take photos. (Cascade Trestle)



Motorman's view of photo run by at Cascade Trestle



Oiling the front journals and face plate during our lunch stop at Osier.



"In the Hole" waiting for the scheduled passenger train at Toltec Trestle.

### Membership Renewal Essential to Society's Fiscal Health

Renewing your annual membership in the Galloping Goose Historical Society is critically important to the health of this organization. Dues help cover operating costs not generally paid for by grants and sponsorships. The museum and gift shop remain open during the winter, providing a valuable anchor to the Town of Dolores as visitors travel the San Juan Scenic Highway in late fall, winter, and early spring. Your dues help keep the museum stay open year-round. Dues also help pay insurance and transportation costs for our excursions. YOU are the heart and soul of the Galloping Goose Historical Society. Now, it's even easier to renew your membership. Just go [online](#) to renew your membership or purchase a gift membership for that special railfan on your holiday list. Thank you for your support of the Galloping Goose Historical Society!

**GGHS Financial Report:** The total income for 2016 through mid November 2016 was \$45,277 minus a cost of goods of \$8,860 for a gross profit of \$36,417. Total expenses for this same period were \$39,146. The net loss for the period was \$2,729. Revenue for the 2016 excursion season is still outstanding.

## The Colorado Grand Visits Museum



miles through the Rockies in five days.

The tour attracts entrants from around the world and always includes several 1920's and 1930's cars. Typical makes include Mercedes-Benz, Ferrari, Porsche, Bugatti, Alfa Romeo, Bentley, Aston Martin, Jaguar, Maserati, and Alldard.”

The Galloping Goose Historical Society is one of many small western Colorado charities that receive support from The Colorado Grand. Over the past few years, The Colorado Grand has paid to reroof the depot, reupholster the seats in Goose No. 5, and replace the windows in the Goose with new tempered glass.

Thursday September 15th was a grand day for residents of Dolores, as they witnessed nearly one hundred vintage cars travel through town on their way to Telluride. The cars were participating in The Colorado Grand car rally. The Galloping Goose Historical Society had been invited to be an official stop along the route. Volunteers served drivers and their crews coffee, cookies, and ice cream. The car owners were very generous with their time, answer-

ing questions, posing for photos, and generally allowing visitors to gawk at their beautiful automobiles.

According to their website, “The Colorado Grand® is an annual charity tour for 1960 and earlier sports and race cars of distinction. The event was founded in 1989 by Englewood automotive enthusiast Bob Sutherland. Every September at the peak of the fall color season approximately 85 vintage cars are driven in this relaxed, non-competitive event, covering 1,000



*Joe Becker's granddaughter leans against a Bugatti, one of the cars participating in The Colorado Grand rally.*



## Focus on Community Engagement

This fall, the Society has been placing new emphasis on engaging the local community with the mission of the Society. Volunteers had a booth at the Cortez Farmers Market in September, where families were able to watch an RGS garden railroad train in action and purchase souvenirs from the gift store. In October, volunteers treated children, parents and rail fans on short Goose rides during Escalante Days and Harvest Fest. Later in October, participants in the Montezuma Leadership program learned about the activities of the Society and its important role in the economic health of Dolores. They toured the museum and rode Goose No. 5

At the end of October, about twenty 7-year olds attended a birthday party at the museum. The party had a Harry Potter theme, with Goose No. 5 substituting for the Hogwarts Express departing from Track 9 3/4. The children rode the Goose, dressed in wizards capes and waving magic wands.



Andy Begay, driver for Weeminuche, transported Goose No. 5 to Chama, NM in August and September. GGHS crew appreciated his commitment and professionalism.

### Thank you to Weeminuche Construction for Transporting Goose No. 5 in 2016!

Arranging truck transportation for Goose No. 5 is a significant challenge for GGHS when planning excursions on the C&TS and the D&SNG. In order to make the excursions affordable, it is imperative that we find transportation that is donated. This year, Weeminuche Construction Authority, owned by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, came to our rescue and donated transportation for both the *Rendezvous* and *Fall Colors* excursions.

For about 15 years, transportation for Goose No. 5 was provided by Skanska Civil, USA, an international construction company with a regional office in Cortez. Skanska was no longer able to provide the GGHS with this service when, in 2015, it closed its Cortez facility.

This spring, the search began for transportation for the 2016 excursion season. On the suggestion of a neighbor, GGHS Vice President Lew Matis contacted Weeminuche Construction Authority (WCA) in Towaoc, Colorado. Because WCA is owned by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, management sought approval from the Ute Mountain Tribal Council. The Tribal Council and Tribal Chairman Manual Heart saw this as an opportunity for the Tribe to provide a significant community service to the greater Montezuma County community.

GGHS worked directly with Jed Tallent, Equipment Manager at WCA, to arrange the scheduled trips. Andy Begay was our assigned driver for both excursions. The entire GGHS crew was greatly impressed by the commitment and professionalism Jed and Andy

brought to the operation. Goose No. 5 was safely transported to and from Chama, NM for both excursions.

To show our appreciation, Lew Matis attended the Tribal Council meeting in late October to read a statement of appreciation to the Tribe and to present a framed copy of a poster we had on board the fall excursion that acknowledged the Tribe's and WCA's contribution. Jed Tallent, Andy Begay, and WCA General Manager, Sheldon House, were present and were acknowledged as well for all their efforts. A big thank you goes out to the Ute Mountain Tribe, WCA, Jed Tallent and Andy Begay.

### Shopping for Goose Gifts Made Easy with Online Shopping

Are you looking for that perfect gift for a railfan on your holiday shopping list? Check out the Society's new [online gift store](#) for items such as the new Goose polo shirt, the ever popular long-sleeved denim work shirt, or a hooded sweatshirt. Wine glasses and beverage glasses with the running Goose logo are a unique gift you can't find anywhere else.

The on-line store is a small extension of the Museum Gift Shop offering about 15 items of general interest, clothing items, and gifts. To date, museum gift shop manager Donna Guggenheim reports that we have had orders for each of the displayed clothing items (hats, shirts, sweatshirts and jackets), the wine and beverage glasses, and books.

You can also use the online gift store to [renew your membership](#) and [make a donation](#). How about including a Society membership with that gift you're purchasing? Supporting the work of the Galloping Goose Historical Society has never been easier!



(a) The high quality Goose logo appears on almost all of the clothing. (b) The new Rendezvous polo shirt is available in all sizes. (c) Wine and beverage glasses are a unique gift. All prices include shipping.

# 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:

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***Thank You!***

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**2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Membership dues are from 9/1/16 to 8/31/17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Credit Card (circle one)

Credit Card type ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(  ) I would like to receive *Track 'n Feathers* newsletter by 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

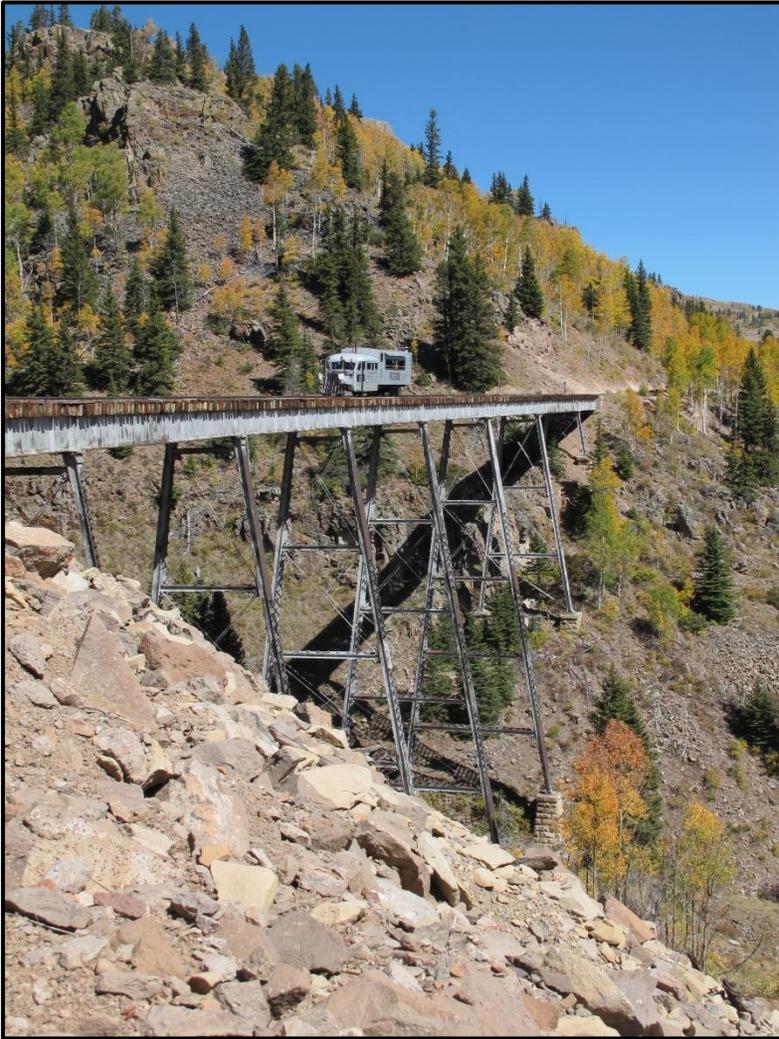
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Prices include shipping and handling. Call the office (970-882-7082) for more information or email us.

SPECIAL ORDER SOUVENIRS	PRICE	QUANTITY	SIZE(S)	TOTAL PRICE
Canvas Tote Bag	\$25			
Polo Shirt (Circle: Black or Gray, RGS logo or Running Goose Logo)	\$30		S M L XL 2XL	
Long Sleeve T-shirt	\$25		S M L XL 2XL	
Long Sleeve Light Blue Denim Shirt	\$45		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>				

# Track 'n Feathers Photo Extra







**Happy Holidays**



Thanks for your support in 2016!

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