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Help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Galloping Goose Historical Society (see page 4 for details)

GGHS Calendar

GGHS Board Meetings,
421 Railroad Avenue
Dolores, CO

Board meetings: June 15,
July 20, August 17 at 6 PM.
Members are welcome.

**Annual Meeting: Saturday
September 9th at 10:00
AM** in the Dolores Public
Library, with pot luck lunch
to follow at the GGHS museum

Summer hours at the museum:
9 AM to 5 PM, Monday
through Saturday

Volunteers Needed!

Do you like to talk to people from throughout the world? Do you have a half day a week to donate to the Galloping Goose Historical Society? If so, you're a perfect candidate to help in the museum and gift shop. Training provided. See page 4 for more information.



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Winter Snow Goose a Success!



Goose No. 5 rounds a curve on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge RR, during its first winter excursion in 60 years.

For the first time since the Rio Grande Southern Railroad was dismantled in 1951, Goose No. 5 travelled the rails during a winter snowstorm. Sporting a newly crafted snowplow, the Goose spent three days giving passengers the thrill of a lifetime. Excursions were sold out nearly every day between February 17 and 19.

On the first day, one-hour rides were offered for those who wanted to experience riding the Goose in winter without committing

to a full day. Many local community residents took advantage of these rides from the D&SNGRR depot to the Event Park.

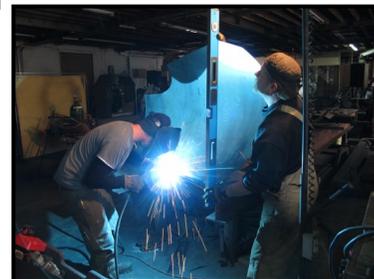
On the second two days, passengers travelled to Cascade Canyon, where they enjoyed a box lunch by the fireside, before returning to Durango.

Dolores welder Ken Vance modeled the Goose's new snow plow after the original Motor No. 6 plow, which was lent to the Society by the

Colorado Railroad Museum.

"I've never made a Goose snow plow before," said Ken. "The biggest challenge was getting the curvature of the blade just right. It was quite a project."

The Durango & Silverton is already talking with the Goose crew about returning again in the winter of 2018. See photos and movies on Facebook.



Ken Vance and Jeph Blaine weld the blade of a new snow plow for Goose No. 5.



Goose No. 5 travelling alongside the Animas River.



Support the Society with each purchase you make through Amazon. Designate GGHS as your non-profit of choice on Amazon Smiles.

2017 Goose No. 5 Excursion Schedule On the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

2017 EXCURSION SCHEDULE FOR GOOSE NO. 5					
				Adult	Child
July 27, 2017	Thursday	Chama to Antonito	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
July 28, 2017	Friday	Antonito to Osier and return	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
July 29, 2017	Saturday	Antonito to Chama	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
July 30, 2017	Sunday	Chama to Cumbres and return	8:30 AM & 4:30 PM	\$ 54	\$ 43
September 22, 2017	Friday	Chama to Antonito	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
September 23, 2017	Saturday	Antonito to Osier and return	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
September 24, 2017	Sunday	Antonito to Chama	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
September 25, 2017	Monday	Chama to Osier and return	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
September 28, 2017	Thursday	Chama to Antonito	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
September 29, 2017	Friday	Antonito to Osier and return	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
September 30, 2017	Saturday	Antonito to Chama	8:30 AM	\$ 109	\$ 87
October 1, 2017	Sunday	Chama to Cumbres and return	8:30 AM & 4:30 PM	\$ 54	\$ 43



The \$109 full day trips include lunch and return bus transport.

Tickets are going fast—book your tickets today!

Call 1-888-286-2737 for assistance with booking or go to www.cumbrestoltec.com/galloping_goose_5/

Financial Report

The total income for January through April 2017 was \$17,679.91 minus a cost of goods of \$7,675.59, for a gross profit of \$10,004.32. Total expenses for this same period were \$26,717.98. Net loss for the period was \$16,713.66.

The Society typically runs a loss during the winter, when the operating hours of the gift shop and museum are limited and tourism is slow. We usually start seeing an increase in income in May and June.

Society Loses Two Good Friends: Ed Latham and Christa Cushman

Early in 2017, the Galloping Goose Historical Society lost two long-time volunteers. Christa Cushman, age 81, died on January 20, 2017. Christa was the face of the Society every Saturday morning, as she staffed the museum and gift shop.



Christa raised alpacas and was known for her hand-spun alpaca gloves and socks, which she sold at local craft fairs.

Lew Matis shared Saturdays at the museum with Christa. He has these remembrances: “Christa was always enthusiastic about the visitors she had talked to that morning, and if they had asked a question about RGS history that she couldn’t answer she would ask me for the answer because she wanted to know!

“However, she was a stickler for following procedures, so if some-

thing was out of place or hadn’t been done correctly by an earlier volunteer, I was the one who got the lecture! I loved it because, somehow, we often found humor in the situation and had a good laugh together. Now that our new season has started, I miss her warm smile and greeting as I begin my shift.”

Ed Latham died on March 27, 2017, at the age of 78. His obituary in the Cortez Journal listed “Galloping Goose driver” as one of his favorite pastimes.



Ed drove trucks for a living. In over three decades, he logged more than three million miles without an accident!

Lew Matis shared these remembrances of Ed. “Ed Latham was one of those volunteers who was indispensable to the Society. When he first got involved in 2008, it was obvious to all of us

that here was someone who truly understood gasoline engines and mechanical things in general.”

Ed took to caring for Galloping Goose No. 5 like—well—“a goose to water.” It was Ed who changed No.5 from a 6 volt electrical system to a 12 volt system. Not only did the head light (there’s only one) and the ditch lights shine brighter, but the GMC motor had more power because of the hotter spark in spark plugs. Ed also put a tachometer in No. 5 to make sure no one ran the motor above 2100 rpms. And brakes? It was Ed who took the lead on getting the brake shoes machined so they properly aligned with the wheels, along with rebuilding all the brake linkage to improve their function. These are just some of the safety improvements Ed made to Goose No. 5.

When Ed developed lung problems, he stopped driving the Goose. As he put it, “I don’t think the passengers want to see a motorman on oxygen driving the Goose!” Ed continued to serve on the GGHS Board of Directors until 2014.

Shop Online for Goose Souvenirs

Our newly designed blanket, with an embroidered running Goose logo, was very popular during the Winter Goose Excursions. Call or order yours today, before they’re sold out. The Silver San Juan Scenic Railroad gray t-shirts in Small and Medium are on sale for \$10.00 plus \$4 S&H. A new t-shirt is now available, picturing Goose No. 5 on the Hangman’s Trestle. Sizes L and XL \$16; size XXL \$18. \$4 S&H.

Support the Galloping Goose Historical Society by purchasing gifts for friends, family, or to treat yourself!



Check out our online store at:

www.GallopingGoose5.org/gift-shop/

Blankets are 49 x 58 inches, 50% cotton, 50% polyester. \$30 plus \$12 S&H. Specify black or gray. They make great gifts!





Jerry McKenzie retires from the GGHS Board by Larry Spencer

Jerry McKenzie grew up in “narrow gauge country.” Born in 1937 and raised in Durango, the RGS railroad was in operation until he was 13. Jerry tells the story of how he and his friends chased RGS trains on their bikes along the old highway that paralleled the tracks. Trains travelled about 8 mph so they could keep up. But the Goose ran at 20 mph

on that same stretch of track, and they were left in the dust. A Goose fan was born!

Jerry learned about the Society’s formation while living in Boulder. In 1995, when he retired from 32 years as an Episcopal priest, Jerry moved back to Durango and became involved in the Society. He was an original crew member on its first run on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in May, 1998. He helped build the depot and maintain the Goose. Two of his favorite activities were as painter and ‘oiler.’ He painted everything from the cow catcher to the back door! And, he made sure that every wheel bearing was thoroughly oiled to keep them from overheating. Jerry was a regular crew member when the Goose went on the road, missing only one trip between 1998 and 2014.

Jerry was elected to the Board of Directors in about 2000 and served for 17 years. For Jerry, the GGHS has been a labor of love for all these years. Fr. Jerry McKenzie loves narrow gauge railroading, loves the GGHS, and he especially loves Galloping Goose No. 5. We wish him well in his retirement.

The Society Depends on its Volunteers: Will You Join the Team?

This newsletter highlights the contributions of several volunteers who have been instrumental in building the Galloping Goose Historical Society to what it is today. With only one part-time paid staff, the Society depends on its volunteers. Currently, we have several openings for volunteers to work in the gift shop and museum. This is a great way to meet visitors from around the world and to make friends with others who care about the Society and Goose No. 5. Volunteers are given first chance to operate concessions on Goose excursions, for free! Call 970-882-7082 for more information.

The Galloping Goose Historical Society Celebrates 30 Years!

The Society turns 30 this year. Join us at the Dolores Depot on Saturday August 12th (Escalante Days) for free rides all day on Goose No. 5 and birthday cake at 2 PM. The 30th anniversary will also be celebrated at the **Annual Meeting on Saturday September 9th**. The business meeting starts at 10 AM in the Dolores Public Library, followed by a pot-luck lunch and birthday cake at the depot.

The Society is holding a fund-raiser in honor of 30 years. Donations made between now and the Annual Meeting will be matched by a member of the Society. So, your “birthday gift” to the Goose will be doubled! Plus, you receive a thank you gift of a commemorative pin.



For a \$30 donation, receive this newly designed GGHS pin. This 1 1/2 inch base relief pin depicts Goose No. 5 going over Lizard Head Pass. For a \$50 donation, receive all three pins shown here. And remember, your gift will be matched, so act today and help support the Society!



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 2016:

The Colorado Grand, \$6,000 for general 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 general operations

Montezuma County Lodgers Tax, \$1,000 for marketing and promotion

Rocky Mountain Railroad Foundation, \$1,000 for outdoor exhibit signage

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

Please use this form for new memberships and renewals or for ordering souvenirs.

We invite you and your friends to join the

Galloping Goose Historical Society.

Please enclose this form with your check made payable to the GGHS or Include credit card information and send to:
GGHS, P.O. Box 297 Dolores, CO 81323

Thank You!

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2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are from 9/1/17 to 8/31/18

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code _____ 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: _____

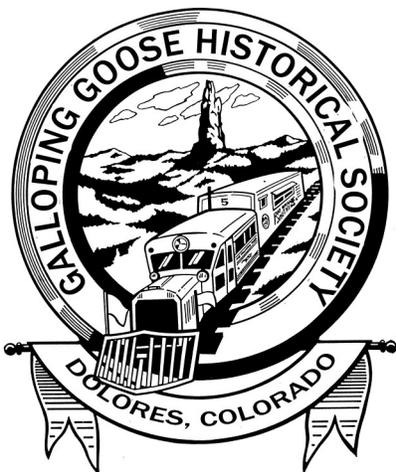
- () Annual Individual \$35 \$ _____
- () Annual Family \$45 \$ _____
- () Annual Business \$50 \$ _____
- () Life Member \$500 \$ _____
- () Patron \$1,000 \$ _____
- () Benefactor \$5,000 \$ _____

Donations:

- 30th Anniversary Fundraiser \$ _____
- General Operating \$ _____
- Museum Display \$ _____
- Goose No. 5 Maintenance
and Excursions \$ _____
- SUBTOTAL \$ _____
- SOUVENIRS \$ _____

Prices include shipping and handling. Call the office (970-882-7082) for more information or email us at gghs5@centuerytel.net. Check out our webstore through our website www.GallopingGoose5.org

SPECIAL ORDER SOUVENIRS	PRICE	QUANTITY	SIZE(S) or Styles/Colors	TOTAL PRICE
New Pin	\$10		RGS Goose No. 5	
Polo Shirt (Circle: Black or Gray, RGS logo or Running Goose Logo)	\$30		S M L XL 2XL	
Blanket	\$42		Black Gray	
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	
Hangman's T-shirt	\$20 to \$22		L XL XXL (\$22)	
Set of 3 Vernon Kilns Decorative Plates	\$300		Brown Red	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE				



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