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Lobato Trestle Back In Service!



Greeted by employees of the Reiman Corporation, Locomotive 487 leads the first revenue passenger train of the year over Lobato Trestle on June 20, 2011.

[Inset: the post-fire trestle as it appeared just one year ago.]

(photos by Roger Hogan and Steve Forney)

On June 20, 2011, the first passenger-carrying train crossed the newly-repaired Lobato Trestle. In less than one year, the Railroad, the Friends, and numerous other donors had raised enough money for materials, engineering, and repairs.

After testing the rebuilt trestle with diesel #19 plus two M-O-W cars, then with an empty Chama-bound passenger train, the first Chama-Osier excursion eased over the trestle under the watchful eyes of Reiman Corporation employees who had performed the lofty repairs over the preceding two months.

Train crew and passengers 'high-fived' the Reiman team, who, in turn, took photos and slapped hands with the people on board the train.

With the Lobato Trestle back in service, the Railroad has returned to its normal schedule of regular and special passenger trains, and all locomotives and cars again have access to the full sixty-four miles of historic ex-Rio Grande right-of-way.

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Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Salute to Work Session Volunteers

In the past I have many times thanked our work session volunteers in one of my columns later in the calendar year. I thought I would depart from that a bit and talk about this subject during the middle of summer while work sessions are still in progress.

Friends' members venture to work sessions from virtually around the world. You give of your time and resources to travel and work on so many different projects that truly help make the Cumbres & Toltec a more enjoyable and enriching place to visit.

This year in May we tried something a little different and scheduled sessions "A" and "B" to be totally in Antonito. I realize there are some of you out there that didn't warm up to the idea very well but there were projects the Friends had to accomplish so we forged ahead with the plan.

We had approximately forty people show up for session "A" and thirty-five for session "B" which I think was just fantastic! We had some projects for the railroad that we attacked and completed. The second rider gondola was completed and I mean that crew really went to town. I believe it was placed into service over the Opening Day weekend. Our crews also cleaned up a huge trash pile just west of Antonito which had been a total eyesore for those riding the train. We need to thank Leo Schmitz for lining up some assistance from Conejos County in helping to haul the rubbish away.

The crews were also able to undertake some landscaping around the grounds and painted on the display train parallel to the entrance from Highway 285. I can tell you that was no easy task with the winds that were howling in Antonito that week. I think Don Stewart had more paint on him than on the equipment. In the end even with those challenges, the display train sure does look good now!

The other positive that came out of holding the sessions exclusively in Antonito is the fact that a number of our members were exposed to the wonderful Car Restoration Facility we have there. It is a tremendous building that provides the organization with so many opportunities to undertake restoration work in a climate controlled setting.

Work Session "C" had approximately 95 people participate which is just outstanding! Things got back to normal as crews were spread out on various projects and Chama was abuzz with activity. A great deal was accomplished across the railroad and over 90 people attended the annual meeting and dinner in Conejos. There was also an air of anticipation as everyone knew the completion of Lobato Trestle was drawing closer.

On Friday June 17th a test train ran across the trestle with Locomotive #19 and on Monday June 20th the first train with passengers departed Chama and traversed Lobato Trestle on its way to Cumbres. It had been almost one year since the fire on June 23, 2010 took the structure out of service. It was a long year and a very challenging period of time as well. I believe we could hear a collective sigh of relief when that first train made its way over Wolf Creek.

As session "D" began on that very same Monday of the first train running back over Lobato, one could almost sense a different attitude around the Chama Yard. Trains were arriving and departing again with passengers. The hustle and bustle, no motorcoaches taking passengers to Cumbres, yes everything was right in the world.

Although the number of volunteers for "D" session wasn't quite as high as that of "C" session, participants were hard at it on a number of fronts. John Eng took me around to a variety of projects including the RPO restoration. The RPO is really taking shape and I commend Don Bayer and his crew for the work they are doing.

As most of you can appreciate, a lot of preparation and planning goes into the work session process on an annual basis. Ed Lowrance and John Eng co-chair the Projects Committee and I can tell you that they expend an enormous amount of time to ensure that things run as smoothly as possible. Sometimes there are snags but they do eventually get worked out. Gwen Lotz in our Albuquerque Office works diligently assembling the work session packets that each participant receives. Mary Jane Smith is another individual who I want to thank for all she does in the area of food preparation. It is a huge job to prepare for six sessions and provide the delicious meals which our work sessions have become known for.

Last but not least I want to take the time to thank all of you who participate in our work sessions. For many of you it has been an annual ritual for years and for others this might have been your first year to experience what work sessions are all about. Your efforts, commitment to the Friends and passion for the C&TS are heartfelt and you truly are the backbone of this organization. Each and every one of you makes a difference!

~ Tim Tennant

Dispatch Deadlines

To establish a dependable schedule for mailing the C&TS 'Dispatch,' the following deadlines for material to be received at the Friends office will be observed:

Fall Issue 2011 – Mail on October 14

Work Session "C" and "D" reports and photographs must be received by August 19.
All other materials must be received by August 26

Winter Issue 2011 – Mail on December 16

Work Session "E", "F", and "MT" reports and photographs must be received by October 21.
All other materials must be received by October 28.

NOTE: The Dispatch wishes to identify photographers whenever possible.
If a name is not included with a photograph, the photographer is unknown.

IN MEMORIAM



Chuck Heroneme

Chuck Heroneme, 73, passed away Tuesday, June 21st, in Abilene, KS. He was born February 13, 1938 at Ft. Riley, the son of Alex Charles Sr. and Marjorie (Turner) Heroneme. On September 1, 1962, he married Sandra Faye Gragg. Most all of their married life was spent in Abilene. He was a Marine Corp veteran, had been employed by the A&P Tea Company and was retired from the U.S. Post Office. He was a member of the Abilene Smokey Valley Railroad Association, the Abilene Model Railroad Association and the Friends of Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Heroneme, Abilene, KS; daughters Teri Gindro, Elizabeth, CO, and Kristy Engle, Abilene, KS; son, Steven Heroneme of Abilene, KS; sister, Paula Davidson, Allen, KS; brother, Dan Wilkerson, Cawker City, KS; nine grandchildren Ben, Dylan, Chris, Connie, Kylie, Dustin, Ashley, Kyle and Troy; and three great-grandchildren, Payton, Baili and Aleister.

David Lee (photo not available)

David Lee, Friends Member and former Director passed away on Monday April 25, 2011 at his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico surrounded by his wife Jean and his family. Dave fought the good fight in his battle against cancer. Dave was born December 14, 1942 in Cincinnati, Ohio and spent much of his career in the auto industry. Dave and Jean moved from Michigan to Santa Fe in 2005 and shortly thereafter Dave was appointed as Editor of the Friends C&TS Dispatch. He also served two terms on the Friends Board as a Director.

In addition to being an active Friends member since 2002, Dave was also a Rotary Club member in Santa Fe and belonged to the Norfolk & Western Railroad Historical Society. Dave was a very genuine person and always brought excellence to what he did. He is going to be missed.

The family has asked that gifts in Dave's memory can be made to; Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, 4421 McLeod Road, NE, Suite F, Albuquerque, NM 87109 or by going on-line at www.cumbrestoltec.org.



George Swain

The Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad lost a great friend of historic railroading. George Swain died on February 8, 2011. George had the rare distinction to be one of the original 1970 volunteers who still was an active volunteer until recently when health issues forced him to give up his volunteer service.

George worked hard in the summer of 1970 to help open the railroad to the first trains of the C&TS after two years of non-use by the D&RGW. He stayed interested in historic railroading and for many years was the editor of the Railroad Club of New Mexico's periodic journal the New Mexico Railroader. In more recent years George was a frequent volunteer during our summer work sessions, working on the lettering crew.

George's quiet demeanor and kindness was one of his hallmarks and he easily made friends with everyone. George was retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory and was active in his Church. George is survived by his wife Margaret, who was always very supportive of his railroad work, and children Marshal, Marjy, Joyce, Kenneth, and Daniel. George will be greatly missed.

~ by Bill Lock

Mona Lea Tully

Mona Lea Tully died Monday, July 18, 2011, at the age of 75. Her husband, Robert Joseph Tully and her son Stephen Robert Tully preceded her in death. She is survived by her son Joe (Meg), daughters Sharon Ryall (Bruce), Debbie, Sandra Gaither (Rick), and Cindy LeMaire (Steve), grandchildren Brett and Craig Ryall, Holly and RJ Gaither, and Kyle, Lucas and Nick LeMaire, sisters Roberta Grady (Tom), Patricia Lewis (Jerry), brother William Swigert (Dieanna).

Mona was a schoolteacher at Northeast Junior High School in Northglenn for more than 17 years. During her retirement she spent time alongside her husband, Bob, volunteering with the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad for more than 15 years.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at Holy Cross Church, 9371 Wigham, Thornton, CO 80229.

Contributions may be made to the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec; 4421 McLeod Rd NE, Suite F; Albuquerque, NM 87109 or to the charity of your choice.

~ from the Friends' website



Friends Fall 2011 Banquet & Board Meeting

The Friends fall Board Meeting will be held on Friday, October 21st at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, Colorado. The banquet that same evening will begin at 6:00pm at the Table Mountain Inn located at 1310 Washington Ave., Golden, CO 80401. A block of rooms has been set aside for Friends members desiring to attend. The room rate is \$139/night and room reservations can be made by calling the Table Mountain Inn at 800-762-9898 or 303-277-9898.

A tour of the Colorado Railroad Museum will be offered on Saturday October 22nd for Friends members. Additional information will be posted on the Friends web site at www.cumbrestoltec.org

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

2011 Work Session Reports

(Editor's note: We are publishing all of the available Work Session reports and will save room in the Fall 'Dispatch' for the rest of the articles, including our two sessions in Montana. -Jim)

Job 0200 – Site Leader Report

Site Leader - Session A & B: Ed Lowrance

One of the notions behind establishment of the May work sessions was to set up a time when special or unusual projects could be undertaken during the pre-operating season. The ROW project organized by Nan Clark some years ago remains the most successful of those projects.

In 2011, an urgent call went out for volunteers to assist the Friends in preparing another rider gondola for the Railroad, and other, various events suggested a single work session in Antonito.

Our members answered the call with forty participants registered in Work Session A, and thirty-one in Work Session B.

The work sessions were a rousing success due entirely to the happy participation of those workers!

Examples: the rider gondola was finished in only four days, and an unsightly trash pile near the train tracks just outside of Antonito was cleaned up – the volunteers aided by Conejos County employees and by the large dumpster provided by the Railroad Commission.

Additionally, tremendous progress was made toward building the Car Shelter, good progress was made on repairing Cook Car 053, more kitchen facilities were added, and a long standing dream of landscaping around the Car Restoration Facility (CRF) was realized. The painting crew braved the winds unusual even for Antonito in prepping and painting the display locomotive and its stock car, reefer, and box car. The Gramps tank car renovation moved forward and will be ready for trucks in 2012; progress was made on the restoration of Stock Car 5995, and dozens of little

housekeeping projects were accomplished moving the CRF toward completion - at least as much so as can be accomplished with a moving target!

The kitchen crew provided wonderful vittles - including an evening cook out at the Mogote Meadows event center which enjoyed 100 percent participation each week - a record. We even discovered another member willing to provide some white oak from his wood lot for future projects!

The Friends enjoyed an extraordinary set of work sessions thanks to each of the participants.

On behalf of John Engs and myself and the BOD, our most humble THANKS!!!!

*Ed Lowrance, Co-Chairman
Project Committee*

Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad



A typical lunch hour at a Work Session in Chama.

Job 0230 - Food Preparation

Objective: To provide nutritious lunches, snacks and beverages for all volunteers.

Team Leader - Session C, D, E & F, Chama: Mary Jane Smith

Team Leader - Session D, Antonito: Nancy Norcross

Team Members - Session C: Mary Cardin, Nancy Gordon, Connie Hickman, Jeanne Reib, Caroline Tower, Joan Weigant & Mary Whelan

Team Members - Session D: Mary Cardin, Connie Hickman, Laural Hoppes, Jeanne Reib & Mary Whelan

Project Status: This is an annual support function.



Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Inc. Annual Report to the Membership

Dear Friends' Members:

This has been an exciting year for the Friends. With the repair of the Lobato Trestle it was good to see trains again running the entire 64 mile route and with some luck with the weather and the economy, the Railroad will have a good season.

Our work sessions so far this year have been successful. Sessions A and B were held only in Antonito for the first time giving more of our volunteers the experience of working in the CRF. The CRF was shown to be a great place to work and it could handle the large number of workers. It's a treat to work in a nice facility, out of the wind and where you don't have to put away all your tools at the end of the day. We are nearing completion of work on the RPO and the Cook Car and when they are finished, they will showcase the Friends restoration work on varnish cars for the first time. Work continues in Colorado Springs on another high value car, the Emigrant Sleeper 470. When these three cars are finished the railroad can offer a unique photo trip for railfans .

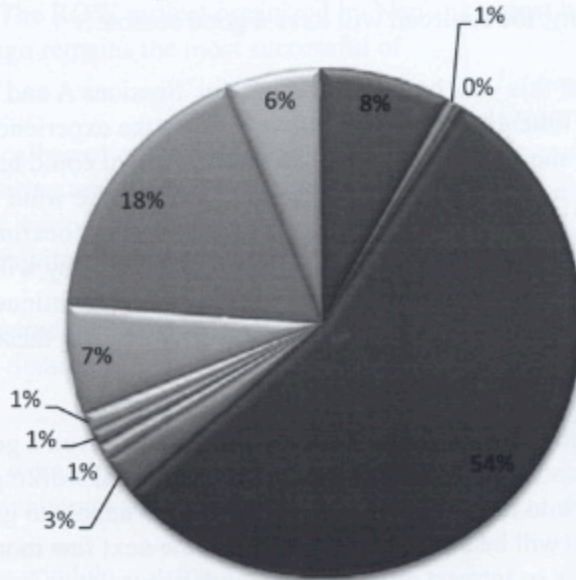
Another exciting opportunity has occurred in July when we received a generous gift from longtime Friend Malcolm Mackey. He donated a complete metal working shop which will allow us to expand into restoration areas where we were unable to go before the gift. The metal working shop will be set up in Antonito over the next few months. Any Friends members with experience or interest in machinists work please let us know.

At the end of this year, there will probably be a new management company operating the railroad. We look forward to working with whatever organization or structure the Commission decides is best for the railroad. Whatever the new path, the Friends will remain the organization responsible for the restoration, preservation and interpretation of the CTSRR. Our mission is as important now as it ever has been. The CTSRR depends on the Friends to keep the history alive and to be a living history experience, not just a scenic ride.

~ Craig McMullen

Financial Summary 2010 (audited)
Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Inc.

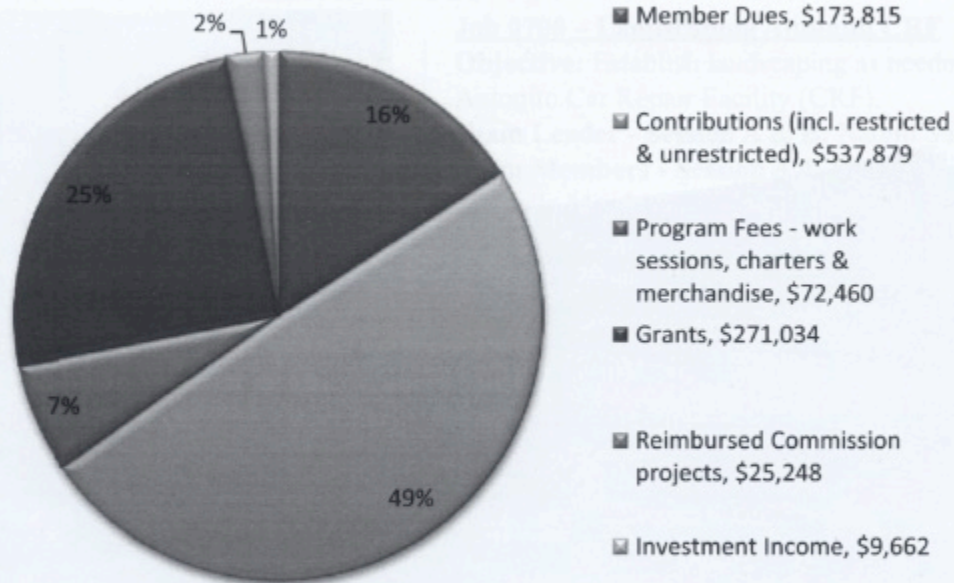
2010 Expenses by Function



- Fundraising (less Salaries & Benefits), \$73,979.00
- Travel, meals & lodging, \$5,907.00
- Dispatch & PR, \$4,657.00
- Contractors, Materials, Tools & Supplies, \$493,272.00
- Merchandise, \$23,470.00
- Charter Fees, \$8,921.00
- Interpretation, \$9,380.00
- Professional Services, \$11,207.00
- Mgt, Gen. & Admin., \$62,423.00
- Indirect Program Expenses, \$161,418.00
- Direct Program Expenses, \$54,225.00

Total Expenses: \$908,859.00

2010 Income by Source

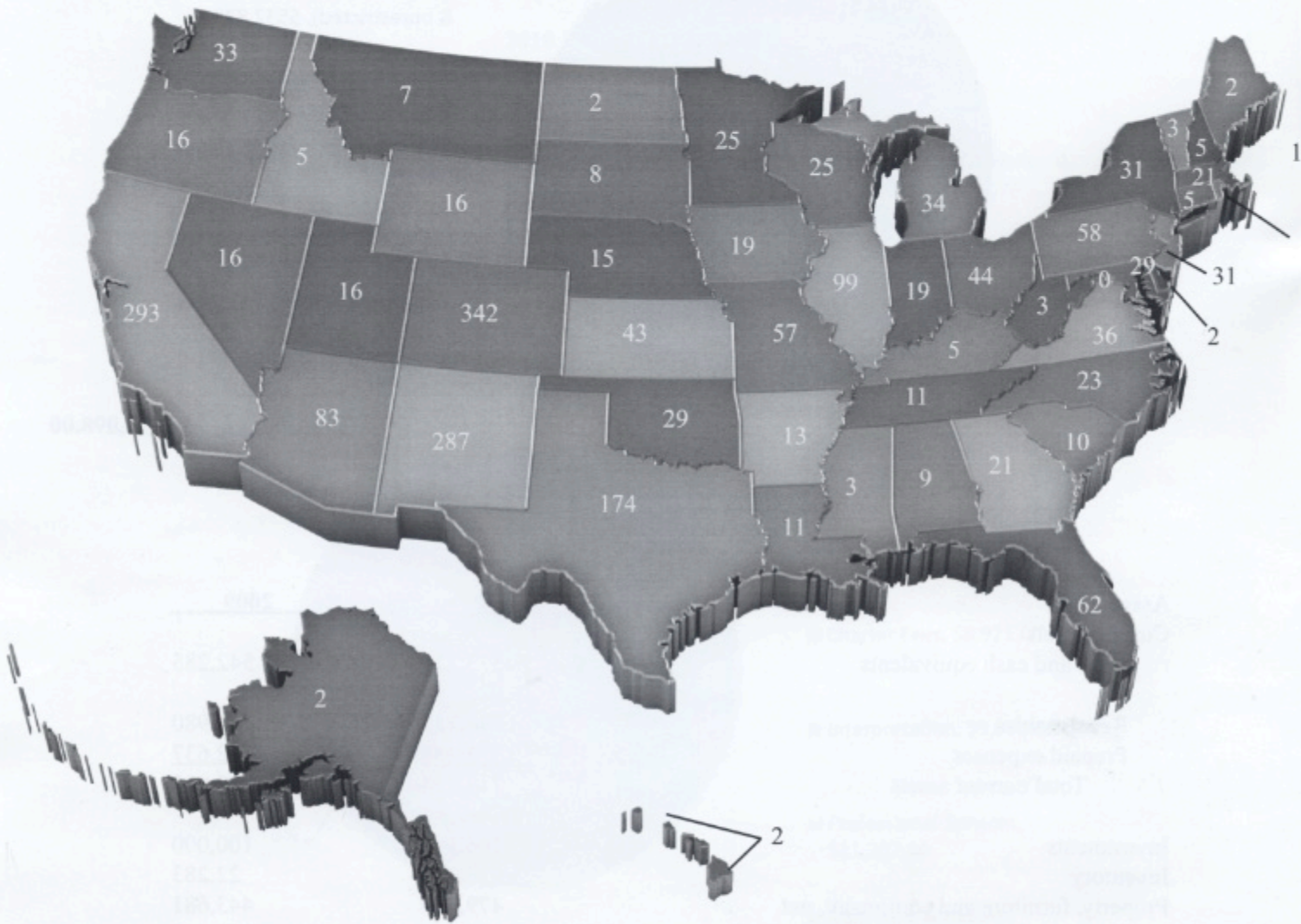


Total Income: \$1,090,098.00

Statement of Financial Position With previous year Comparisson December 31, 2010

Assets	2010	2009
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 573,275	\$ 542,285
Receivables	144,225	30,980
Prepaid expenses	2,453	2,637
Total current assets	\$ 719,953	\$ 575,902
Investments	106,192	100,000
Inventory	20,065	22,283
Property, furniture and equipment, net	479,579	443,681
Collections	228,004	228,004
Total assets	\$ 1,553,793	\$ 1,369,870
Liabilities and Net Assets	2010	2009
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 32,198	\$ 29,514
Total current liabilities	32,198	29,514
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	797,743	757,395
Temporarily restricted	588,170	453,738
Permanently restricted	135,682	129,223
Total net assets	1,521,595	1,340,356
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,553,793	\$ 1,369,870

Membership by State



APO	0
Australia	6
Belgium	1
Canada	13
France	0
Germany	5
Japan	3
Luxembourg	2
Netherlands	0
New Zealand	6
Switzerland	7
United Kingdom	28

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*Mary Whelan, Mary Jane Smith, and
Patty Hanscom preparing lunch at the CRF in Antonito.*

Job 231 – Food Preparation – Antonito

Objective: To provide nutritious lunches, snacks and beverages for all volunteers.

Team Leader - Sessions A & B: Mary Jane Smith

Team Members - Session A: Patty Hanscom, Michelle Meaders & Mary Whelan

Team Members - Session B: Patty Hanscom & Mary Whelan

Special note: A Friends dinner was held for Sessions “A” and “B” at the Mogote Meadow Campground recreation room.

Project status: This is an annual support function.

Job 0290 - Equipment & Material Loading

Objective: Move necessary material from Chama to Antonito for Sessions A & B

Team Leader - N/A

Team Members - Session A: Fuzzy Anstine & Joe Kanocz

Work Accomplished: Telephone poles stored in the north end of the Chama yard were cut and transported to Antonito to be used for pole barn construction. Transportation was also provided for different items between Antonito and Chama.

Job 0700 – Landscaping Antonito CRF

Objective: Establish landscaping as needed around the Antonito Car Repair Facility (CRF).

Team Leader - Session A & B: Naomi Sublett

Team Members - Session A & B: Skip Hillegas, Michelle Meaders, Warren Ringer, Marshall Smith & Robert Turner.

Work Accomplished: During Sessions A & B, the Landscaping team focused its efforts on improving the external area on the east side of the CRF. Several planting areas were delineated by placement of railroad ties, and the team dug channels so the ties could be vertically erected. They also cleared substantial weed growth around the CRF.

Project Status: Landscaping is an annual project.



Three trees were planted at the northeast corner of the CRF.



Plants donated by the Team Leader were chosen for their suitability to the San Luis Valley.

Job 0750 – Mile Post & Whistle Board Maintenance

Objective: Annual maintenance of mile posts, whistle boards and other informational signs.

Team Leader - Session C: Jim Gross

Team Leader - Session D: Bob Ross

Team Members - Session C: Paul Davenport, Mike Mahoney, John A McKean & Terry Woolsey

Team Members - Session D: John Mitchell

Work Accomplished: Eleven mile-posts were painted, repaired, or reset; seven whistle boards were painted or touched up; station and state line signs, and one tall flanger sign were reset or painted; two depot signs were primed; and five Rio Grande property signs were primed and painted.

Project Status: This is an annual project.



Terry Woolsey, Mike Mahoney, Team Leader Jim Gross, John McKean & Paul Davenport.

Job 1003 – Cook Car 053 Restoration

Objective: Continue the restoration of Cook Car 053.

Team Leader - Session C & D: Michael O'Nele

Team Members - Session B: Some members from the 1121 team that finished in Session A worked on 053 during Session B.

Team Member - Session C: Chuck Everitt

Team Member - Session D: Warren Ringer

Work Accomplished: The work on the cook car consisted of roof repair and side spacer installation; rework of intermediate and other spacers; and making the windows both sound and watertight.

Project Status: Not Complete.



Rotten wood under the tin has been removed.

Job 1061 - Yard Floodlight Installation - Antonito

Team Members - Session A & B: Bob McCain & Marshall Smith

Work Accomplished: (No work was performed because of the lack of funds due to the Lobato Trestle fire.)

Job 1073 Electrical Repairs/Installation; Work Lights, Bath Heater, Misc. - Antonito A&B

Objective: No project plan submitted.

Team Leader - Session B: John Engs

Team Member - Session B: Marshall Smith

Work Accomplished: Installed new water heater in the CRF bathroom.

Project Status: Completed



Marshall Smith and Bob McCain made short work of this installation.

Job 1080 - Restore Stock Car 5995

Objective: Continue the restoration of short Stock Car 5995

Team Leader - Session A: Dan Pyzel

Team Members - Session A: Kevin Corwin, Mike Horner & Warren Ringer

Work Accomplished: Disassembled body bolsters from 5510 in Chama and brought usable parts to Antonito. Prospected for brake and coupler parts in Chama and brought to Antonito. Disassembled 2 draft gears for usable parts. Removed parts of the floor and end wall from car to prepare for bolster and coupler installation. Installed A-end draft gear check plates and coupler buffer castings on both ends of the car.

Project Status: Not Complete. Per Team Leader Dan Pyzel, it will take 1-5 years to finish the car.



Team Leader Dan Pyzel taking notes as Mike Horner and another team member work underneath the car.

Job 1099 - Pole Barn Construction

Objective: Continue construction of Antonito Pole Barn for future rail car storage.

Team Leader - Session A & B: Russ Hanscom

Team Leader - Session D: Ted Norcross

Team Members - Session A: Dellon Blanton, Ron Lira; Tim Bristow, George Davies, Rob Reib, Marshall Smith, Ted Smith, and others as their work on other projects permitted.

Team Members - Session B: George Davies, James Kyser, Rod Whelan, with help from Tim Bristow, David Ley, Bob McCain, Carl Olson, Rob Reib, Marshall Smith and Ted Smith.

Team Members - Session D: Maggie Karns, Gabriel Karns, Bernadette Karns, Chase Kepner, Bill Kepner, Emmanuel Lopez, Dan Robbins and Dana Willis.

Work Accomplished - Session A: The work plan was revised several times, at first due to strong winds, then due to realizing processing 9000 pounds of steel by a small crew was going to be a challenge. Small parts were cut, hole-drilling began, and a wind screen was built so welding could be performed outdoors. Along with helping the teams on the trash pick-up and gondola end-railing projects, by the end of the week, all of the small parts had been cut and drilled, half of the lower chords had been assembled, and the pole top mounting plates and pole straps had been welded together. Everyone soon learned that the key words were hot, heavy, and sharp.



Team Leader Russ Hanscom, Tim Bristow, [unknown], Bob Reib, Bob McCain, Marshall Smith, and [unknown] carry a welded truss chord to be stacked on the trailer.

Session B: In Session B the trailer was moved to the single overhead door of the CRF for final truss construction. The Kubota was used whenever space permitted, but it could not work between the storage cars, in the wind shelter, or inside the CRF. On Day Four, truss fabrication was started inside the CRF. A small cart to run on the CRF rails was assembled from loose bits and after a truss was partially assembled and welded on one side, it was rolled out of the CRF, turned over with the Kubota, and rolled back into the CRF for completion. Once the truss was completed it was again rolled outside and moved away with the Kubota. The first truss took a half day

to assemble; the second truss also took a half day due to some welding before measuring - twice. The main welders were Ted Smith, Bob Reib, Marshall Smith, and Russ Hanscom; two stick and one MIG machine were used. By the end of the week, there were four completed trusses and parts for 12 more to show for all of the sore muscles. Thanks for the hard work guys!

(Editor's Note: The pole barn report for Session D is awaiting the Team Leader's report and is expected to be ready for the next edition of the 'Dispatch.'

Job 1121 - Rider Gondola Refurbishment

Objective: Refurbish the Antonito Rider Gondola for the railroad.

Team Leader - Session A & B: Tim Bristow

Team Members - Session A: Phil Ahlstrand, George Davies, Chuck Ducker, Robert Hey, David Ley, Jim McGee, Don Meaders, Raymond Richards, Dave Traudt & Rod Whelan. Fuzzy Anstine, Joe Kanocz and Rob Reib also worked with us most days as their other duties allowed.

Team Members - Session B: Phil Ahlstrand, Fred Bischoff, David Lee, Carl Olson, Barry Reese & Dave Traudt.

Work Accomplished: This project was scheduled two weeks during Work Sessions "A" & "B". However, by the Railroad's request to have the car done sooner - and with supplemental work asked by the Railroad - this energetic and very efficient team of self-starters managed the impossible: the project was finished and the car rolled out of the CRF in just five days! Many, many thanks all 'round for a truly UNBELIEVEABLE effort by the team!

Project Status: Completed.



Rider gondola modifications being performed by [ccw from bottom]: Jim Smith (in the plaid shirt) Jim McGee (kneeling), Tim Bristow, Fuzzy Anstine, Rod Whelan, [unknown], [unknown], Dave Traudt (yellow hardhat), Bob Reib (standing), and back to front, [unknown], [unknown], and [unknown].

Job - Flagstaff

Objective: Pack, Load and Transport Items Donated by Malcolm Mackey

Team Leader - Russ Hanscom

Team Members - George Davis, Fuzzy Anstine, Ron Horejsi, Bob Reib, Jim McGee, Craig McMullen, Ed and Valley Lowrance, and Russ and Patty Hanscom.



(L-R) Craig McMullen, Malcolm Mackey, and Russ Hanscom in Flagstaff, AZ.

Work Accomplished: Malcolm Mackey in Flagstaff very generously donated the contents of his workshop to the Friends. We made a trip on July 6 to Flagstaff with five trucks and trailers to pack load, and move the equipment. Large items included a John Deere backhoe, lathe, milling machine, air compressor, pipe threader, two sheet metal brakes, two presses, and multiple cabinets full of smaller tools and parts. The shop was essentially for metal working which will complement the existing Friends wood working equipment and tools. (Malcolm's welding equipment had been moved previously.) We took pallets and materials to make five large crates and the forklift forks to use on the Deere. Between many hands, pry bars, rollers, and the tractor, it took two long days to pack and load the goodies. Most of the items are destined for the CRF, but some went to Chama or Colorado Springs. Day Four was spent traveling to Chama. One of the vehicles had some sort of fuel problem, but it was managed without too many delays. Most of Day Five was required for unloading, which went faster between the tractor with forks and the railroad's big lift for the really heavy items. Valley and Patty fixed lunches and ran errands to keep the others moving.

Project Status: Future efforts will be needed to unpack and organize the tools so they can be effectively used.



(L-R) Ron Horejsi, Team Leader Russ Hanscom, Fuzzy Anstine, George Davis, Craig McMullen, Jim McGee, Patty Hanscom, Bob Reib, and Ed Lowrance.

A Letter from the CTSMC Chief of Staff

The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Management Company has instituted a customer service team rotation organization to better serve our riders. The employees will work at phone banks, depot ticket windows and serve in the parlor cars.

At the March Friends Board of Directors meeting, President Elmer Salazar requested the docent managers conduct a training session for the newly formed team. On May 17, Bob Hey and Bob Ross met with twenty employees and covered key techniques for creating a high level of customer satisfaction for the riding public.

Also presented was an abbreviated docent training curriculum which covered the Railroad's history and a mile by mile guide to right-of-way attractions.

The Management Company appreciates the Friends for assisting in this vital training.

~ Roberta Martinez, Chief of Staff, C&TSMC



Locomotive 463

The restoration of the K-27 continues at the shop in Monte Vista, CO.

Recent work includes the fabrication of four new tapered frame bolts, pad welding and crack repair on the frame, spring rigging inspection and repair, and machining of the right-hand forward side rod.

Near term, the frame will have been turned right-side up by the end of the second week in July (visit the Friends' website to see how the frame was turned upside-down), and delivery of the boiler from Historic Machinery in Alabama will take place approximately mid-August.

Several Friends members have volunteered their time and talent to this project, helping the locomotive move even closer to completion.

According to Chief Mechanical Officer Marty Knox, the locomotive is expected to be ready for operation by March 31, 2012.

Visit the Friends website and click on the new "Locomotive 463" link on the front page for periodic updates on the return to operation of this historic locomotive.

More Locomotive 463

Care to make a donation to the 463 project – or would you like to add to the contribution(s) you've already made? Just visit <http://www.cumbrestoltec.org/463.html> (a clickable link if you're reading the on-line edition of the 'Dispatch') and follow the instructions there.



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Schedule of Friends' Events

October 21-22, 2011 ~

Fall Board Meeting & Banquet

Board Meeting: Friday, October 21, 2011,
8:30am, Colorado Railroad Museum,
Golden, CO 80403

Friends' Banquet: Friday, October 21, 2011,
6:00pm, Table Mountain Inn,
Golden, CO 80401

March 23, 2012 ~

Spring Board of Directors Meeting & Banquet,
(Site TBD)

June 15-16, 2012 ~

Annual Member Meeting &
Summer Board Meeting



RD084-010 Remote Posos Canyon in northern New Mexico was the site of this log landing on the private narrow gauge railroad of the Hallack & Howard Lumber Company. USDA Forest Service photograph by Walter J. Perry, 1923. Photo from the Richard L. Dorman Collection of Narrow Gauge Railroad Photographs, Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.