

August 26, 2010

CHAMA, NM / ANONITO, CO – State and local dignitaries, rail buffs, tourists, and many of those who helped through the birth and early life of the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad will gather Friday, August 27, for the formal beginning of a long weekend of celebratory events marking the line’s 40th birthday.

“We’ve had more than enough excitement this season – what with the Lobato trestle fire and the precarious national and local economy, that it will be a real pleasure to spend this weekend showing off what we have accomplished,” said Elmer H. Salazar, president and CEO of Cumbres Toltec Scenic Management Co. “We, and all those who came before us in building this unique historic and scenic treasure, can justly take pride in what we have to show for our stewardship of this living example of yesterday’s transportation technology operating today.”

State and local officials from both states have been invited to Friday’s anniversary special train runs, originating in Cumbres – by way of motor coach from Chama – and in Antonito. The Chama motor coach ride bypasses the fire-damaged trestle.

Though the C&TSRR is 40 years old, the rail line it operates is a remnant of a network of narrow-gauge railroads that opened the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and New Mexico to mining and ranching. Intrepid engineers and construction crews punched the rail lines up and over the mountains to open the mineral areas to development. The Denver and Rio Grande narrow gauge tracks reached Chama in 1880. Chama became a junction city, with a line going east to Antonito Colo. (The C&TSRR remnant) and on to Denver, a line to Farmington to the West, and on to Durango, and a line to Santa Fe on the Chili Line.

The D&RGW operated the line until its abandonment in 1969. The states of Colorado and New Mexico stepped in and purchased track and rolling stock to preserve the segment from Chama, N.M. to Antonito, Colo., probably the most spectacular stretch of narrow-gauge mountain rail line anywhere in the West.

“You develop a real respect for the railroaders of the old D&RGW, who built this line and kept it operating through summer and winter,” Salazar said. “The traditions of railroading are a part of the culture of Chama and Antonito – and many of our employees are the sons and daughters – grandsons and granddaughters – of those Rocky Mountain railroaders of the past.”

Living history-oriented events will dominate the five days of railroading experiences. From working freight trains to the “Galloping Goose,” a gasoline-powered bus on rails that once carried passengers on the line, the sights and sounds of the late 19th and early 20th centuries will return to the C&TSRR tracks.



Here is a complete schedule for the three days of steam and celebration:



40th



"LORDY, LORDY, WE'RE TURNING FORTY!"

2010 is a year of celebration! A commemoration of forty years being co-owned by the states of Colorado and New Mexico through a unique partnership, which is a tribute to those who had the foresight to recognize the importance of saving this historic rail. In fact, it was 40 years ago when we became The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Prior to 1970, we were a portion of the original track built in 1880 by the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad and little has changed since. This 40th Anniversary year, we invite you to experience America's Highest and Longest Narrow Gauge Scenic Railroad - a precious historic artifact of the American West. At the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, turning 40, life is just beginning!

Celebrate with Us!

40TH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • AUGUST 27-31

FRIDAY-AUGUST 27 • SPECIAL CELEBRATION TRAINS



San Juan Express Fiesta Trains #215 & 216 – Our regular daily departures out of Antonito, CO and Chama, NM—Riders aboard these excursions will receive 40th celebration pins, posters and anniversary cake as a part of their train experience. 10:00AM Departures. Additionally, the Locals Appreciation Special of 50% off is being extended on this day. For more information on our 'Locals Appreciation Special' discounts, check out our hot deals at www.cumbrestoltec.com.

40th Anniversary Celebration Ceremonies – Ceremonies will be held in both state depots beginning in Antonito, CO at 9:30AM and Chama, NM at 10:00AM. All are invited to this public event. Following the ceremonies, the Cumbres & Toltec Legislative Train hosting Colorado & New Mexico state and local dignitaries will depart from Cumbres Station at 12:30PM bound for Osier for an afternoon reception.

Rio Grande Southern Galloping Goose No. 5 Take a trip back to 1931 aboard the Galloping Goose No.5, one of the original fleet of seven in operation on the Rio Grande Southern Railroad. Goose No. 5 will depart Cumbres Station at 1:30PM bound for Osier on this late afternoon and return early evening for classic photo run by opportunities; arriving at Los Pinos and will take the siding. Passengers will be given a wonderful photo opportunity to view the parade of westbound rail traffic including the westbound San Juan Express #216 passenger train and the NARCOA Motor Car brigade of over 20 motor cars. Galloping Goose passengers can anticipate three photo run bys as well as a **Night Photo Shoot**. This special will arrive back in Cumbres around 6:15PM for an evening of activities and entertainment. Cost: \$35 includes BBQ & live music.

Goose Departs Cumbres: 1:30 PM Arrives Cumbres: 6:15 PM

Motor Coach departs from Chama to Cumbres: 12:45 PM Motor Coach Departs Antonito: 12:00 PM Motor Coach return from Cumbres to Chama: 9:00 PM

Motor Coach return from Cumbres to Antonito: 9:00 PM



483 Working Freight Special In honor of the original, locomotive 487 will be painted up and ready to roll out as Locomotive 483. The 483 was the operating locomotive in 1970. This locomotive tribute will consist of freight and rider boxcars, along with an open gondola and completed with an 1880's built caboose. This special afternoon run will include 40th celebration pins, posters and anniversary cake, not to mention classic Chama photo run by opportunities, followed by complimentary motor coach transportation to Cumbres Pass from Chama for a special evening of activities and entertainment. Cost: \$50 includes BBQ with live music.

Departs Chama: 2:00 PM Arrives Chama: 4:00 PM

Motor Coach departs Antonito: 12:00 PM to Chama

Motor Coach departs from Chama to Cumbres: 4:00 PM

Motor Coach return from Cumbres to Chama: 9:00PM Motor Coach return to Antonito: 9:00 PM

Van of Enchantment – Chama Depot 8:00 AM. – 5:00 PM.

A museum on wheels, the Van of Enchantment is a converted RV that tours New Mexico carrying artifacts and materials from the state museums and monuments. The Van of Enchantment brings its contents to life with dynamic activities designed carefully for each event. There is never an admission fee for the Van of Enchantment. Currently on Exhibit: trails & tales & riding the rails, featuring Chaco Roads, El Camino Real, Old Spanish Trail, Santa Fe Trail, New Mexico Railroad, and New Mexico Rail Runner Express.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 • SPECIAL CELEBRATION TRAINS

C&TS Working Freight Special A unique opportunity to view the original work horse locomotive, our commemorative working freight special train complete with loaded freight cars at selected stops including Osier. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity including several photo run by opportunities. Day One: Cumbres to Antonito

Day Two: Antonito to Cumbres

Cost: One Day: \$190 Includes lunch at Osier with motor coach transportation.

Two Days: \$350 Includes two lunches at Osier with motor coach transportation

Saturday Departure out of Cumbres: 9:00AM Saturday Arrival to Antonito: 5:30PM

Motor Coach departs Chama: 8:30 AM Motor Coach departs Antonito: 8:00 AM

Motor Coach return to Chama 5:30 PM

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Cost: \$85 Departs Cumbres: 10AM to Big Horn roundtrip arriving back to Cumbres: 5:00PM

Motor Coach departs Chama: 9:30 AM Motor Coach departs Antonito: 9:00 AM

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Shop & Yard Tours in Chama, NM and Antonito, CO Free and open to the public These tours provided by the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR. 9AM

Operation Lifesaver - Chama/Antonito Depot Grounds 9-5PM. This course is provided by the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR.

Tour of Car Restoration Facility - Open House 9-5PM Antonito, CO This tour is provided by the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR.

C&TS in Film Viewings - The C&TS has been featured in many films. We plan to share some of those memorable moments by offering FREE film viewings on depot property throughout the day.

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Motor Coach departs Chama: 7:00 AM

Motor Coach return to Chama 5:00 PM Motor Coach return to Antonito: 5:00 PM

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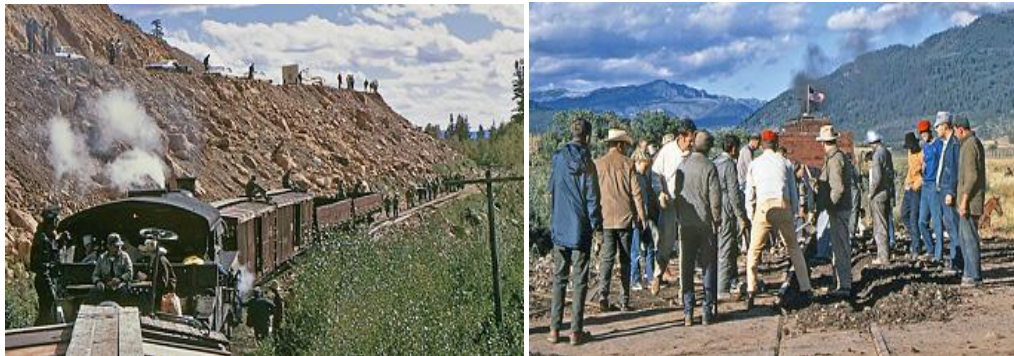
Slide Show: The Volunteers Who Made it Happen‘ Join us for a time of sharing in the images of the people, who passionately volunteered 40 years ago to preserve history in what we know today as the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. Chama Depot Property at Dusk - FREE to the public!

MONDAY, AUGUST 30 • 40TH RE-ENACTMENT TRAIN

To give fans of the C&TS the opportunity to meet some of the original volunteers who made it all happen, and participate with them in the re-enactment train on August 30,2010. Forty (40) seats have been reserved on the train for its sponsors. These sponsor's tickets will be sold beginning *July 14th* for \$60 each (\$75 for cabooses); each ticket purchased will include a copy of Greg Scholl's 1997 DVD 'First Train to Toltec',** and admission to the Bar-B-Q Dinner in Chama following arrival of the train.**

The Re-Enactment / Tribute Train Event: Locomotive #487 will be painted up to stand in for #483 as she appeared in 1970. The consist will approximate that of 1970, but with rider cars instead of boxcars and gons. The train will depart from the Chama depot at 2:00 pm for a photo opportunity near the Chama wye. The engine will back around the train, and pull the train tender-first through Chama east to Lobato Siding.

Due to trespass concerns of the adjacent landowner, passengers will NOT be allowed off the train at Lobato. The train will be re-configured as the 1970 work train, with the two gondolas and two boxcars ahead of the engine. The train will then proceed slowly westbound to the section of 'The Narrows' that is most easily seen from the highway. At 'The Narrows', several people will be allowed off the train to re-enact the clearing of the tracks in 1970. (Photo 1 left, below) The 're-enactors' will re-board the train, which will then proceed to the Highway 17 crossing and pause there for brief ceremony. A brief presentation will be held, in commemoration of the 1970 "rusty rail" event. (The C&TS "Golden Spike" - Photo 2 right, below) The re-enactment train will then proceed into town, hopefully in time to avoid re-enactment of its way-too-late arrival in 1970 *...* (The volunteers and crew missed the bar-b-que intended to welcome the train into Chama by at least two hours.) "



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 Tours /Demonstrations/Lectures and More!

Photo Night Shoot of - OY Rotary - displayed with MOW freight cars and flanger after dusk on the Chama Depot Property. FREE to the public!

Photo and Art displays at various businesses will be ongoing.

Events are subject to change. Keep checking our schedule of events for the latest and up to date information on the events scheduled for our 40th Celebration Weekend.

Call 888-286-2737 for Information & Reservations