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Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Celebrates Railroading and Photographic History at *Railfest 2005*

Durango, CO –The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad is hosting its seventh-annual summer Railfest event August 24 – 28, 2005. This year's theme, *Capturing History*, represents the celebration of Durango and Silverton's rich heritage, and also introduces D&SNGRR's first-ever photo contest, intended to recognize photographers of the past and encourage present-day photography to capture history for future generations.

The 1930's Rio Grande Southern Galloping Goose Motor Number 5 is a mainstay of this annual event. Rail fans have the rare opportunity to take a ride on excursions with this vintage rail vehicle.

Rail collectors can once again swap wares at the annual Railroadiana swap meet held Saturday, August 27 from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum. In addition that day, the D&SNGRR has selected rail equipment that will be available through a silent auction.

The five-day event also includes the roll-out of a 1930s-era paint scheme on a locomotive; mixed freight train, offering photo opportunities and run-bys; a reception with the railroad's president; entertainment; garden rail tours; and more. A complete schedule is available on the Web site at www.durangotrain.com or by calling (970) 247-2733, or toll free at 1-888-TRAIN-07.

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