



THE DREAM KEEPER

Spring 2009

From the President:

I would like to thank the many of you who took the time to write letters to the Boulder County Commissioners regarding your desire to open the Needles Eye Tunnel and re-establish an east-west route over the Moffat Road. We realize that this is a long, slow process, but with our continued efforts, we believe we will succeed.

It came to our attention that the large wooden information sign posted at the entrance to the west side of Rollins Pass Road had been damaged during a road widening project and was in bad shape. Our thanks go to Don Neuman and Dwight Miller who have volunteered to restore the sign, put it back together, add new posts, and re-install it this spring. Your hard work is much appreciated! Also, Don Neuman of Grand Adventures in Winter Park will soon be replacing two of the Auto Tour signs that have disappeared along the road up the west side. Thank you, Don!

We received a letter from Bruce Daugherty, a railroad enthusiast from

Buckeye, Arizona. He is working on a "Board Game" depicting the Moffat Road. If he is successful, he plans to donate some of the proceeds to Rollins Pass Restoration. Thank you Bruce, and keep us posted!

We also received an email from Brad Swartzwelter, who would very much like to see the Moffat Road re-opened to vehicle traffic. He made an interesting suggestion. The Rollins Pass Road may be eligible to receive federal funds for a "Rails-to-Trails" Project. Many of you might be familiar with the Mikelson Trail in South Dakota. Nearly 113 miles of abandoned railroad tracks were converted into one of our country's most beautiful trails that wind through the Black Hills.

These are just some of the items that we will be discussing at our Annual Meeting scheduled for May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Meadows Branch Library in Boulder, Colorado at 4800 Baseline Road. Additionally, we will have a presentation by Art Wainwright who will be showing a short documentary "Rails of Hell Hill" by Brownlee Guyer. Please plan to attend.

Please mark your calendar for our ANNUAL PICNIC. It is scheduled for Sunday August 16th, 2009, 12:00 Noon at the Dixie Siding on the East Side.

You will find your 2009/2010 Membership Dues Renewal Card enclosed. We thank you for supporting the Rollins Pass Restoration Association. Remember, if you wish to receive the Dream Keeper by email (and are not already on our email list) just inform us at straight2u@msn.com.

Welcome Jack Reed, who has long been our "web-master", to our Board of Directors! If you wish to send an email to all of the directors you may do so by using rpra-board@moffatroad.org as the address.

It is with extreme sadness that we mourn the loss of long time RPR member Barbara Anuta. Our sympathy goes out to Karl and his family.



Left: A copy of a postcard of what the loop trestle looked like when the trains were running.

Above: A view of the trestles from an airplane. (Dan Straight)



ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2009
6:30 PM
Meadows Branch Library
4800 Baseline Road, Boulder, Colorado

Support Rollins Pass Restoration Association

A Membership Renewal/Application Card is enclosed. All funds received are used for maintaining the Moffat Road or working to re-open the Needles Eye Tunnel.

Please support our efforts by either joining or renewing your membership. Dues and donations are tax deductible.

- \$12.00 for an individual membership
- \$15.00 for a family membership
- \$50.00 for a business members
- \$200.00 for a Lifetime Membership

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Annual Meeting: Monday, May 18th
Annual Picnic: Sunday, August 16th

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