



THE DREAM KEEPER

"Never Give Up!"

Summer 2012

Come One!

Come All!

THE RPRA ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY AUGUST 26

Ranch Creek Wye (Westside)

12:00 noon.

Hot dogs, buns, sodas, and watermelon will be furnished by the RPRA. Please bring food to share and your camp chairs. Camping canopies or "Fly's" to keep out the sun and occasionally snow or hail are always welcome.

For anyone new to the area: From Denver, take **I-70** west to **Exit 233 (Empire/Highway 40)**. Take **Highway 40** west over Berthoud Pass. Look for **Rollins Pass Road** (Moffat Rd, Corona Pass Rd, or County Rd. 80) on the East just past Lakota Trail and Cub Creek.

Goals Outlined at Annual Meeting

The Rollins Pass Restoration Association's Annual Meeting on May 15th 2012 focused on goals for the organization's future. We were joined by Rachel Parris, Endangered Places Program Coordinator with Colorado Preservation, Inc. and Sue Struthers, Heritage Program Manager for the US Forest Service speaking on behalf of The Moffat Road's trestle's recognition as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places. They proposed we coordinate our efforts to apply for a large grant with an October deadline. The funding will focus on preserving the two remaining trestles on the Westside. If anyone has experience or talent with grant writing, your voluntary help will be greatly appreciated. Please call or email Su Eckhardt (303-979-7799 seckhardt@q.com).



RPRA thanks Travis and Kate Wright's, husband/wife photography team for their most recent photo of the inside of The Needles Eye Tunnel. At [CoronaStation.com Photography](http://CoronaStation.com), we believe in the pursuit of happiness: capturing the grandeur of Rollins Pass while sharing the splendor of the inexpressible.

opportunity to meet Deb Gardner, the new Boulder County Commissioner, who attended the session. She remained at the meeting during our goal setting discussions. Her interactions, thoughts, and suggestions

are greatly appreciated and we look forward to a positive future of alliance with the Boulder County leaders.

A highlight of the meeting was the

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Welcome to new LIFE member, Jim Baily, the Great-Great-Great-Great-Nephew of David Moffat! We hope to meet you soon, Jim.

For those of you who cannot interact with us face to face (f2f), if you are an Internet user, Jack Reed, our Webmaster has created

[Moffat Road Facebook Page:](https://www.facebook.com/groups/138773012834181/)
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/138773012834181/>) for any and all members and friends of RPRA and the Moffat Road.

And, for railroad buffs, you are invited to join the

[Denver & Salt Lake Historical Society:](http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSLHS/)
(<http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSLHS/>).

It was with regret the Board accepted the resignation of Ron Cheyney as Vice President of our organization. Ron is a CHARTER Member of RPRA since 1982, the organization's first year. He has served faithfully in many capacities throughout the years including Secretary, Vice President, and President. Thankfully, Ron will continue to support our cause and carry on with the excellent job of formatting and publishing the Dream Keeper from his business, **Ron's Printing Center**. Voluntarily serving on a non-profit board takes time and dedication. We offer our THANKS to you Ron!



RPRA Co-Presidents, Juanita Straight, and Su Eckhardt were able to arrange a meeting with the District Ranger for the Boulder Ranger District of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Sylvia Clark. We left with a very positive feeling and sensed a high level of professionalism and cooperation. With District Ranger Clark's recent appointment and the need to 1st understand the diverse area, we left her with a list of questions in which we thought our members might have an interest.

Among the questions were:

- Who is really in charge of the Corona Pass Road and the repairs?
- Who is in charge of enforcement of the James Peak Wilderness Act?
- With the extensive off-road traffic taking place, why not keep the road and possibly the tunnel open to 2-wheel drive vehicles to avoid damage to the Moffat Road and its designation on the National Register of Historic Places?

We'll be looking forward to a positive working relationship with Ranger Clark and will share what she discovers in future Dream Keepers.

The Association offers our sincere thank you to ***Grand County Search and Rescue*** for the generous donation to the Rollins Pass Restoration Association, in memory of our long-time member, Dwight Miller.

The Board extends our thanks to our tireless volunteer, Jo Ann Bell for numerous trips to the post office, keeping up with our mail, and sending receipts for dues and donations. We appreciate your willingness and dedication with taking-on this important assignment!

RPRA has a few of Art Wainwright's DVD 'Hell Hill' available. The cost is \$10.00 for members and libraries, \$15.00 for non-members. Order and check may be sent to RPRA, P.O. Box 1082, Longmont, CO 80502.

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Our Founder, Col. Dan Straight



Needle's Eye Tunnel, East Portal



Needle's Eye Tunnel, Wire Mesh is doing it's job!

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