



THE DREAM KEEPER

"Never Give Up!"

Winter 2015

Our Annual Picnic in August was a Big Success!

The picnic during August on the Westside of Rollins Pass was extremely popular this year with about 50 people in attendance. Guests and friends from both near and far joined Rollins Pass members for the lovely afternoon of food and sharing. The day was beautiful and the threatening rain clouds waited until we completed our day. A gracious 'thank you' to RPRRA member, Jim Blattau of Hawaii, for sending a donation to help sponsor the picnic hotdogs and sodas.

Items discussed included, the lack of response/results from Boulder County following the February open meeting. County Commissioners, Connie McClain, Gilpin, and Phil Buckland, Clear Creek, shared the most current information concerning their County's ongoing communication with the other counties. Brad Schwartzwelter presented his thoughts about nominating the

area as the "Rollins Pass National Monument". There was group consensus and the RPRRA Board committed to arrange a meeting with major entities involved with decision-making.

—Photo by Dale Espy Hicks—



Is The Rollins Pass National Monument in our future?

Discussions during the picnic resulted in the RPRRA Board hosting a meeting with interested County Commissioners and representatives of counties, Mile-Hi Jeep Club, the U.S. Forest Service, and others interested in applying for Rollins Pass and the Needles Eye Tunnel to become a National Monument.

It was decided the Counties would write and sign letters of support for the upcoming application. The RPRRA will assemble a core committee to write the application for National Monument status. Brad Schwartzwelter, enthusiastic member of RPRRA, is willing to make the political contacts necessary to complete the process.

Knowing the elections have recently occurred, the RPRRA Board continues to await information to be shared with our members.

Hard Drive Crash!

The computer that houses the membership records had a head crash and destroyed both the original data plus the mirrored backup data. Some of the files were found and saved. Unfortunately, no Excel Spreadsheet, (where the membership records were) is retrievable. We have this year's receipts, mailing and email lists, but no longer hold records for past memberships. For that reason, we ask for your cooperation by emailing, snail mailing, Facebook messaging, or phone calling with the following information: FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL, MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION (individual, charter, family, business, etc), and APPROX. NUMBER OF YEARS MEMBERSHIP. Please share the information with straight2u@msn.com; P.O. Box 1082, Longmont, CO 80502-1082; Juanita Straight: 303-750-0004.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Save The Dates!

Annual Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2015, 6:00-7:45 pm
Meadows Branch, Boulder Public Library
4800 East Baseline Road, Boulder, CO 80303

Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 30, 2015
12 Noon on the Eastside - location to be determined.

If you would like to receive the "Dream Keeper" by email, send your request to straight2u@msn.com. Also make sure you notify us if your email address changes.



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Good News

Due to popular demand,
we have a new run of
RPRRA T-shirts
Sizes Small – 2XL.

The *Rails over Hell Hill*, **Art Weinwright DVDs** and **new ball caps** are also available for purchase.

Please see our Website at
[http://www.moffatroad.org/
RPRA/RPRA_Home.htm](http://www.moffatroad.org/RPRA/RPRA_Home.htm)

RPRRA Presents

At-Large Board Member,
Gary Edelmaier, recently
volunteered and presented a
special program about the
Rollins Pass Restoration
Association and the history of
Rollins Pass to the Rocky
Mountain Railroad Club.

A big thank you to Gary for an
informative and valued
presentation to one of our
partner-organizations!

Lifetime Members

Plaques were mailed during
the spring of 2014
congratulating our most
recent Lifetime Members,
each of which donated
\$200.00 to the Rollins Pass
Restoration Association.
Many thanks for your
contributions and welcome to
Lifetime members: Robert
and Wanda Hayes, John and
Mary Holzwarth, and Robert
Leffingwell.

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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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