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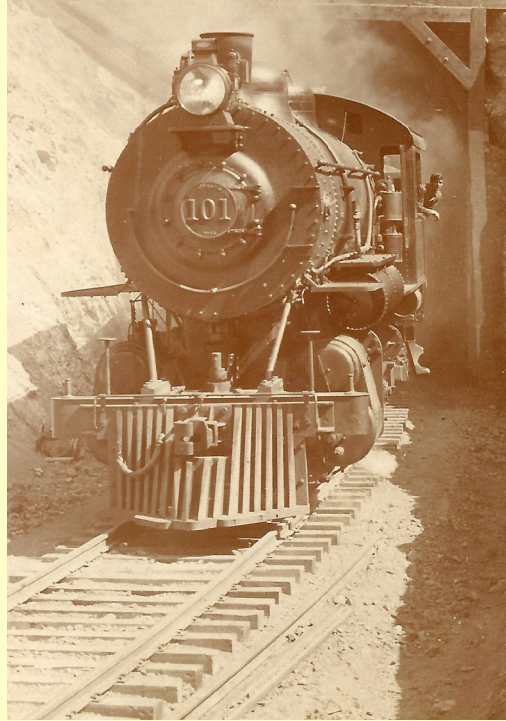
"Never Give Up!"

Spring 2016

A Re-Cap of 2015

Highlights of 2015 include the **Annual Meeting** which was held on Monday, May 11, 2015: Special Guest speakers were Dr. Stephen A Krajewski, Geographer and Geologist Mr. Terry Ten Eyck, Real Estate Development whom discussed the geographical contouring of the Moffat Road in their presentation entitled **Some Little Known Details about the Hill (1902 – 1909)**.

In the business portion of the meeting, the status of submitting the Moffat Road and Tunnel for **National Monument** designation was discussed. This idea was rejected due to the possible entry prohibitions and restrictions often imposed on National Monuments. Also discussed was a recent letter



from the **Grand County Commissioners**, our strongest supporters, to the Boulder County Commissioners re: reopening the tunnel and road.

An excellent variety of food greeted guests at the **Annual August Pot Luck Picnic**. It was decided the canopies would not be used due to an uninvited guest, the wind. The attendees however, didn't let the weather dampen spirits. A brief review of the year's activities and communications was presented. Photos from the Dan Straight Memorial Collection were available for free-will donations.

Moffat Road Condition

In a recent informal poll of the Forest Service and the County Roads and Bridges Departments, the roads on both sides of the pass have not seen any grading or road work for yet another year, making it impossible for most two-wheel-drive vehicles to even get to the barricades below the tunnel.

On March 1, 2016 your co-Presidents, Juanita Straight and Su Eckhardt, and Vice President, Butch Salter met with members of **Senator Gardner's Staff** in Denver. We discussed the stale-mate between the Boulder County Commissioners and almost everyone in the State of Colorado in favor of re-opening the Moffat Road between Winter Park and Rollinsville, Colorado.

The Staff recommended we gather any and all written communications about the Road and Tunnel. They are particularly interested in more current documents, published and unpublished articles, and exchanges between the Counties, the Forest Service, and any other persons or organizations attempting to save the Historic Landmark.

If you have paper items, please snail mail. If you have electronic documents, please email them to seckhardt@q.com (Su Eckhardt). Thanks in advance for your help!

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.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

Calendar Update:

The 2016 Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **Monday June 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm** in the newly remodeled Meadows Branch of the Boulder Public Library.

August 28, 2016 is the projected date for the Annual Picnic. It will be held on the Westside of the Moffat Road at the historic Mountain Man Park near Fraser.



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Good News

Due to popular demand,
we have a new run of
RPR A 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)

RPR A Receives Legacy

Last year about this time the Board was notified that RPR A was named in the estate of Ruth Jane Roberts, Colorado Springs. She has been a long-time member. The result is \$72,572.15 was deposited into the interest bearing account. The money is quite a nest-egg for the tunnel opening, in the Board's opinion.

Anyone wishing to donate to Rollins Pass Restoration Association as a bequest, or legacy is advised to consult with your tax advisor for information regarding donations to 501(c)(3) organizations.

News from the Grand County Model Railroad Club & Moffat Road Railroad Museum

-by *Dave Naples*

We have new place to store model railroad layout equipment and tables. Many thanks to Grand Mountain Bank.

The caboose has been cleaned out and now needs people to help with wire brushes, scraping and sanding the interior wood. Please let **Dave Naples** know when you can help. **970-281-9094**.

The Moffat Road Railroad Museum needs folks to put together a grass roots fund raising campaign to raise money for the 1923 Caboose and the 1905 Coach. Call Dave if you are interested in assisting this worthy cause.

The Model Railroad Club wants to thank all of you for visiting and helping with the Christmas Train. 1,370 people visited the layout and about \$1,500.00 in donations came to the club. **OUTSTANDING!**

Rollins Pass Restoration Association

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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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