

# THE DREAM KEEPER

"NEVER GIVE UP and we do not intend to." Summer 2021

## *Save The Date!*

*Rollins Pass Restoration Association's Annual Picnic • Sunday, August 29, 2021*

Rollins Pass Restoration Association will host our Annual Picnic this year. Long time member, Dave Naples, has graciously invited us to host our picnic at the Moffat Road Railroad Museum in Grand County! Check-out their Website for more information. The address is 555 Park Lane/555 County Road 574 Granby, CO 80446. Take I-70 to the 232 Exit toward 40 East (Empire & Granby). Follow 40 W for 45 miles. Turn left onto Co Rd 574. Go another .2 miles to the Museum.

We will gather for our pot luck luncheon at noon. As always RPRRA will furnish soda, water, paper goods, plastic ware, hot dogs, buns, mustard, ketchup, and relish. If you get lost or need other information, Dave will be phone call away at (970) 509-9894.

## MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING WITH SIDE NOTES FROM SU ECKHARDT

The Board of Directors hosted a Zoom Annual Meeting on July 25, 2021. The attendance was light, but essential decisions were made and it was good to see each other after more than 2 years. I cannot recommend Zoom Meetings for our immediate future. The cost involved with Zoom and the lack of use it will give a small non-profit like ours has for a once a year meeting is not worthwhile.

With the loss of the RPRRA Secretary, Marvin Burke, we have an opening for the Secretary position. If anyone would like to join the Board, please call or email one of us! Our contact information is at the end of this Newsletter.

1. Randy Eckhardt presented the Treasurer's Report: At year-end, RPRRA had \$2,685.97 in the bank and \$140,038.16 in investments for a total of \$142,724.13

2. Su Eckhardt first presented information from the Board of Directors' Meeting earlier in July. All of the Board are maturing (some of us over 70) and it's time for us to identify where RPRRA will go in the future.

Your leaders came up with two choices for Rollins Pass Restoration Association.

**Choice #1:** Rollins Pass is a 501c3, Colorado Law requires if we disband, we must distribute any of our remaining funds to other 501c3's. But, since we are Railroading folk, **WE NEVER GIVE UP and we do not intend to.**

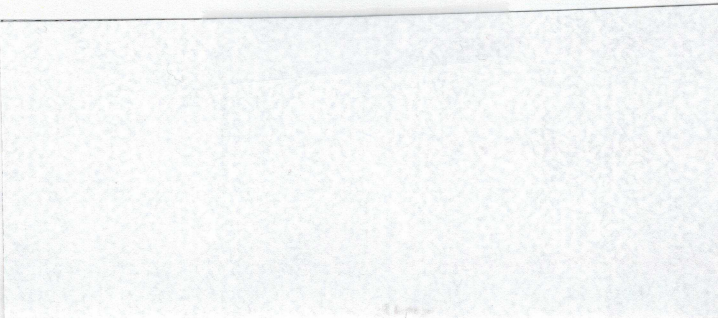
**Choice #2:** We will spend as much money as we have to hire a lawyer who is willing to carry our flag to court if necessary and get some action, We have been fighting a Federal Law! How can Boulder and Gilpin Counties, along with the US Forest Service continue to defy a Federal Law?

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**IN MEMORIAM: MARVIN BURKE, SECRETARY RPRA**

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you, the passing of Marvin Burke on April 18, 2021. I contacted him during the winter and he didn't know me or being Secretary of RPRA. He did however mention that he was the Treasurer for the Oregon-California Trails Association. After a few exchanged emails and phone calls, I guessed he must have been suffering from dementia. His loving partner, Pat, didn't come to the phone or reply to any of my emails. His phone number has been given to someone else, so I ended up searching obituaries for Marvin, he was 87 and a Denver Native. You can look up his obituary online. I'm sorry I didn't keep up with him more often. I'm sure we will all miss his levity and shenanigans.

**DUES**

The Board has once again waived membership fees for the 2021-2022 year. If you know someone interested in joining or re-joining our organization, this will be a fine time. Please encourage them to send an email or snail mail to our updated PO Box with their contact information so we can add them to our membership list.

**HUMBLE THANKS**

Rollins Pass Restoration Association wishes to thank the following members for their recent generous donations of Life-Time Membership dues: Arapahoe Ski Lodge, Michael Baskin, Mile Hi Jeep Club, and Keith Wolf.

**NEW ADDRESS**

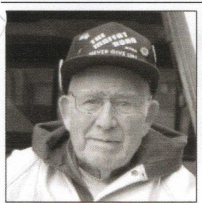
Please change your contact information for RPRA now! Since our inception, we have maintained a Post Office Box in Longmont, CO. Dan and Juanita Straight had for years tended the organization's mailbox while they lived in Longmont. The RPRA Board would like to extend our deepest thanks to Jo and Jim Bell for faithfully keeping up with the organization's mail. They not only have tracked our member's address changes, but also deposited dues, and informed the Board of urgent needs. For how many years you wonder? The Bells have dedicated over 15 years to RPRA as our USPS connection! Were it not for their excellent support, RPRA would probably be highly disorganized by changing address's way to often.

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Moffat Road Website (<http://www.moffatroad.org/RPRA/RPRA>)



Our Founder, Col. Dan Straight



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

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