



# THE DREAM KEEPER

December 2010

## August Annual Picnic at Ranch Creek Wye

The Rollins Pass Road was "CLOSED" due to gas line work at Highway 40 in Winter Park. So, we were given the opportunity to explore a new route by taking Bypass on Rd 8 out of Frazer. The adventure turned out to be the LONG way around, since after arriving, we discovered we could have come up the usual road. We were blessed by a beautiful day and we had a great crowd attending the picnic. New attendees included a visitor, Polly Rader from TX, and new members Corinne and Dave Lively. Dwight Miller brought his trailer and train whistle for everyone to have a try simulating a locomotive sound. The whistle was from the last train to Corona. As always there was plenty of good food, reconnecting, and conversation.

The numerous door prize winners included: The Walker family won the lucky prize by having three winners, Sterling, Grant and Diane. Other winners included Nathan Eckhardt-Delgadillo, Nina Wood, Corine Lively, Josh Serrano, Jack Miller, Dorothy Reed, and Chuck Baker. Due to the extremely poor road conditions on the East side your Board will make a decision during early summer to decide holding the 2011 picnic again at Ranch Creek Wye on the West side.

Those in attendance (more than we hosted at the annual business meeting voted to accept the few proposed changes to the Bylaws. The modified version will be posted on our Website.



### RPRA Status: Update on our Efforts

Following the March meeting in Idaho Springs with Doug Young from Senator Udall's

office we didn't receive any of the expected follow up reports. Steve Green, a member of RPRA and also a member of COHVCO (Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition), committed himself to running an email campaign with Senator Udall's office and the Regional Forest Service supervisor, Rick Cable in order to find some resolution to the Spring meeting. Both the organizations have been struggling to get the final word on ownership of the Rollins Pass Road. Many dates were established as to when the organizations (RPRA and COHVCO) would receive an answer. The target dates came and passed with no response from the officials. Finally, on advice from Counsel, we asked Gilpin and Grand County to file paperwork with the Forest Service to obtain the requested answers.

Your Board of Directors and COHVCO wrote letters to set dates for meetings with Gilpin and Grand County Commissioners. Representatives of both organizations met with Gilpin Commissioners in Central City on Oct. 26th and with Grand County in Hot Sulphur Springs on November 2nd. Both Counties, as in the past, were anxious to get the Rollins Pass Road open. Grand County Commissioners will work with the other 6 Commissioners from Gilpin and Boulder Counties to present paperwork to the Forest Service to reopening the road. You will be kept informed of progress. We appreciate your support for our goal and are looking forward to getting the paperwork in action now so our Dream can come true!

Many thanks to Steve Green for his spring fund raising efforts and a generous contribution to the Rollins Pass Restoration Association.

It is with great sadness we announce the loss of another long time member, Helen Donahue of Estes Park.

We are happy to report Ken Shaver is well on the mend after having a heart attack last summer. Due to his being 'under the weather' for a while the next issue of the

D&SL Historical magazine, "Corona Telegraph" has been delayed. Ken is working on it now and hopes to have it in the mail later this year.

We urge you to notify us know if you change your email address or if you would like to be on the organization's mail list for the Dream Keeper. Please email Straight2u@MSN.com or call 303-730-3600 to add your name to the email list.

Rollins Pass Restoration Association member, Jim Yust, is spearheading the restoration of Denver & Rio Grande Western Spreader 044 (91,000#) which is now located at the Grand County Historical Society Museum in Hot Sulphur Springs. The 'Spreader' had a snow plow blade on the front and pushed with a locomotive engine from the rear. Spreader 044 was a homemade construction in the Rio Grande Western's Burnham Shops, in Denver during 1918 from a former Rio Grande Western flatcar that was built in 1901. Only three of the Spreaders were built and the one in Hot Sulphur Springs is the only one remaining. It spent most of its operating life based in Helper, Utah, but made many trips over the Moffat Road for service in Denver. Hot Sulphur Springs is a great day trip and seeing the museum and the Spreader. Contact Jim if you are interested in helping on the project or watch for upcoming work days to be posted on our Facebook page.



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The DVD of Art Wainwright's production, "Rails Over Hell Hill" is now available for purchase at \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. The price includes postage and mailing supplies. Requests may be made by email to [straight2u@msn.com](mailto:straight2u@msn.com) or with a check enclosed, to RPRRA P.O. Box 1082, Longmont, CO 80502.

For Facebook addicts out there, be sure to join the group, The Moffat Road. Just key in "The Moffat Road" on your Facebook Search Box and join the group. Watch for updates and reports on the progress made opening the road. Also, feel free to post photos, ask questions, and join in the conversations and fun. We hope to see you there.

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