



# THE DREAM KEEPER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

JULY 2003



*Above Forest Lakes Turnoff, June 26, 2003  
(Photo by Dan Straight)*

1. The Annual Meeting on May 19th went very well. We had 28 in attendance. However, a number experienced difficulty in locating the Meadows Library Branch. Treasurer Randy Eckhardt reported we had Revenues of \$6,047.20 and Expenditures of \$3,454.14. We ended our year with \$14,061.63 in checking. With CD's of \$30,654.60, we ended the year with funds totaling \$44,716.23. Ken Shaver's program concerning The Denver and Salt Lake Historic Society was very enlightening. Digging through old reports and articles hidden in the Museums and comparing notes provides interesting information concerning the construction and operation of the "Moffat". Jack Reed then discussed our present world of computers and websites. Following discussion it was voted that we go "online". You can now contact: [rpra@moffatroad.org](mailto:rpra@moffatroad.org) and read about our organization and what we are doing. The present officers were continued another year.

2. The photos of Yankee Doodle Lake and the Snow Drift above the Forest Lakes Turnoff were taken June 26th. I heard the road had been opened by Gilpin County, so I went up to check. We did have quite a bit of snow on the "Hill" but it was melting rapidly. The Needles Eye Tunnel is still there. The road is fairly good, but has the usual rocks. Don't exceed the speed limit. Which brings up my last big project. Preparing and submitting a nomination for the Pass to the "Most Endangered Places List for 2004." Nita and I had planned a trip to Vancouver, Washington and Alaska, then learned the deadline for the "Most Endangered Places" list was moved forward a month.

3. Secretary Ron Cheyney took over to gather information for the submission. I really thank all who responded to the post card concerning your interest, desires and experiences with Rollins Pass. Nita and I flew to the real "TOP OF THE WORLD" Barrow, Alaska, 330 Miles north of the Arctic Circle. The sun does not set for 87 days and we could see the polar icecap. Will Rogers and Wiley Post crashed there in 1935. I remember contributing to a fund to erect a monument where they crashed. We had quite a time up there. We road the Alaska Railroad from Fairbanks to Anchorage and return, and went to Denali National Park. We also had a great time with grand, and great grand children..

4. Utilizing your letters and emails, last year's submission, and new letters signed by the County Commissioners of Boulder, Grand and Gilpin Counties the Saving Places nomination was delivered to Colorado Preservation on July 31st one day before the deadline, I also received an information submission from th U.S. Forest Service. It is certainly hoped we can all work together to restore and save the pass. Being on the "Most Endangered List" will certainly generate publicity, interest, and possibly allow grant requests.

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Don't forget to attend our  
**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
Sunday, August 24, 2003 • 12:00 Noon  
Westside at Ranch Creek Wye

Bring a picnic lunch to share and join us!  
There will be hotdogs, pop, coffee and watermelon.  
Nita will bake some of her famous beans.  
Please come join us!

Yankee Doodle Lake  
(Photo by Dan Straight)



Dan E. Straight  
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