



July 2008

THE DREAM KEEPER

From The President:

At our annual meeting held, May 19th at the Meadows Branch Library in Boulder we had a large turn-out. Out-going President Juanita Straight conducted the meeting and gave those in attendance an update on the progress of the past year.

Most importantly, we have scheduled to have the guide posts installed along the Moffat Road sometime in August. The guide posts correspond to information in the travel guide that the Rollins Pass Restoration Association publishes. It is for sale at several locations on the east and west side of the road.

Election of Officers was held: Ron Cheyney (me) was elected President, Juanita Straight took over the duties of Vice President, Marvin Burke will continue as Secretary, and Randy Eckhardt will continue as Treasurer. Other Board Members include Gary Edemaier and Errol Salter.

After being introduced as the new President of The Rollins Pass Restoration Association, I outlined my goals for our organization for the next 12 months:

- I would like to see our organization concentrate on getting the Needle's Eye Tunnel re-opened. After many years of hard work we were able open the tunnel to traffic in 1987, only to see it closed again in 1990 after a rock-fall at the east portal. That was 18 years ago.



Boulder County Commissioners inspect the Devils Slide Trestles and the top of the Needle's Eye Tunnel.

Since that time no additional rock has fallen in the tunnel. It is time that we get Boulder County to step up to the plate and work with us in making this dream a reality.

- I would like to see us increase our membership. Currently we have over 800 members, but I believe that with a larger membership our voice will be better heard by the Boulder County

Commissioners.

- We need to work with the County Commissioners (Boulder, Gilpin & Grand) to help us achieve our goals.
- And finally, we need to obtain current and continuing status reports from the County Commissioners so that we can map our progress.

In the future we will be asking our members to send letters to the County Commissioners urging them to do what is necessary to re-open the Needle's Eye Tunnel. We will be asking our members to attend County Commissioner meetings so that they will be able to put faces behind the voices they are hearing.

Our Annual Picnic will be on Sunday, August 24, 2008 at noon on the west side of the pass at Ranch Creek Wye. Please bring your own picnic lunch, dishes to share and chairs or blankets. The RPRA will have hot dogs, sodas and watermelon. We hope to see you there!

*Ron Cheyney
President*

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Sunday, August 24, 2008
Noon

West side of the pass at Ranch Creek Wye.

A message from Juanita Straight

At the annual meeting in May, I passed the RPRAs President's 'gavel' on to Ron Cheyney with a vote of confidence from the members present. I know he has all the other members' support as well.

I have moved to a retirement community near my children. My new address is:

2866 W. Riverwalk Cir. Unit B
Littleton CO 80123.

Mark Slinger, President of the

Rollinsville Area Historical Society, Kat Luna, Forest Ranger, and I marked locations for the replacement Tour Guide signs on the East side of the Pass. The new signs will be erected in the next couple of weeks. Thanks to the help of Mark and his volunteers the signs will be in their proper place once again. Yeah, Mark!

And, a special GOOD LUCK to Ron as he begins his year as President of the organization.

Thanks to the membership for supporting the Pass and the Needle's Eye Tunnel. Never Give Up!

*Juanita Straight,
Vice President, RPRAs*

A special thanks to long time RPRAs member, Jim Bell, for volunteering to pick up the RPRAs mail in Longmont. This allows us to keep the same PO Box number and address that we have had since our beginning:

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