



THE DREAM KEEPER

August 2009

From the President

A special thank you to Ron Cheyney for serving as President this past year. Ron gives of his time and resources generously. He consistently donates to RPRA, giving us a substantial break in the printing of our newsletter, tour guides, membership cards, and stationery. I'm sure you have all appreciated the beautiful new 'color' in the Dream Keeper. Ron will continue to serve the organization as our Vice President. THANKS, RON

The Annual Meeting on May 18th was well attended. Those of you unable to attend missed a very special program. Art Wainwright, long time member and Boulder Historian, presented the DVD he produced, *Rails Over Hell Hill*.

"In an interview with Antoinette Rose, Brownlee Guyer discusses points of interest on the 23 mile railway trip from Tolland to Winter Park. Towns mentioned include Tolland, Ledora, Antelope, Corona and Arrowhead. Lakes include : Yankee Doodle Lake, Jenny Lake and Pumphouse Lake. Tunnels : Moffat Tunnel and Rifle Site Tunnel. This film is based on a film made by Brownlee Guyer in the early 1950's."

Plans are in the works to obtain the rights and make copies of the DVD available to our members. We are hoping to have some available in time for the picnic!

Thanks to Gary and Mary Edelmaier for making this contact for the program. Let us know if you come across other program ideas for our annual meeting.

A number of attendees from the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVC) are very interested in partnering with us to get the tunnel and road open. We are hoping for a meeting with Senator Mark

Udall in the near future to discuss procedures to work with the three Counties involved. Thanks to Jim Yust (Grand County) and his connections for his part in getting COHVC members involved. You, our members, are our best advocates. Get the word out!



Art Wainwright and Juanita Straight.
Photo by Su Eckhardt

Communications

Letters have been sent to the Grand and Gilpin County Commissioners asking for updated statements of their support in opening the tunnel. Gilpin County has already sent their response.

- Ron Cheyney and Juanita Straight have sent a letter on our behalf to Senator Udall requesting assistance with moving forward on the provisions of the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area Act. Section 7(b)

- The town of Granby is planning to build the Moffat Road Railroad Museum. The 2-story building will house the museum on the 1st floor and an HO model railroad on the 2nd floor. The layout will depict the Moffat Road from Denver to Craig, including both the Moffat tunnel route and the Rollins Pass route.

- The large wooden sign on the West Side is being repaired by Steve Peterson (Grand County Graphics). When it is finished it will be installed at the beginning of the road on the Winter Park side of the pass.

PLEASE SEND LETTERS TO BOULDER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We are asking all of our members to send letters to the Boulder County Commissioners urging them to do whatever is necessary to reopen the Needles Eye Tunnel so that visitors to the area can travel all the way across the divide. It has been nearly 18 years since the tunnel was closed, and is high-time that we get it back open. You may send letters:

**Boulder County
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Boulder, Colorado 80306.

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2009 Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 16, 2009

12:00 Noon at Dixie Siding (East Side)

Be aware, the road is very rough as you turn to start up the hill, so plan extra time to take this weather rutted area very slowly! Dixie Siding is beyond Yankee Doodle Lake and just beyond the turn-off to Jenny Lake. Bring something to share for lunch. Hot dogs, drinks, and watermelon will be furnished. Bring folding chairs and a tent fly if you have one. Weather can be very changeable so jackets, shorts, and sunscreen are advisable. And, don't be surprised if it snows or hails.

See you there!

Dues:

Members have been sending in their 2009/2010 dues surprisingly well. With costs increasing and budgets tight, the dues are important to the organization. If you have friends you think might be interested in saving our Colorado history, we will be glad to send them an application form or feel free to direct them to our Website: http://www.moffatroad.org/RPRA/RPRA_Home.htm
Thank you Jack Reed, Webmaster, for sharing your time and talents with the organization.

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