



THE DREAM KEEPER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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a "Moffat Road" Birthday cake which was a highlight. I presented Errol Salter a Lifetime Membership following the media programs. It started to rain as we ended our meeting, but a few headed west to view the east portal of the Moffat tunnel or go on up the pass.

3. I attended the Quad-County (Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand and Summit) breakfast in Idaho Springs on August 18th. Following discussions of county matters the letter from the Secretary of Agriculture acknowledging Gilpin County's letter concerning Section 7 (b) of the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area Act (PL 107-216) was considered. The letter states "Forest Service representatives are willing to review and discuss proposals that you may have, to assist in evaluating the road, and to provide technical assistance."



1. This has been quite a month for our organization. The two picnics Westside Aug 7 and Eastside Aug 22 were great. Thanks to Grand County Historical Association at Cousin's Ranch everything set up quickly. We thank Dwight and Jean Miller for hosting Juanita, me and the travel trailer at Tabernash. Thirty-six members and guests attended the picnic including Grand County Commissioners Duane Dailey and James Newberry. The food was great and I am sure everyone enjoyed it. Everything was taken down and we proceeded to the Mountain Lodge for Errol "Butch" Salter's multi-media presentation of "Dave Moffat and his Dream". Six people from the historic tour up the pass joined us. All attendees gasped when at the end of the program Dave Naples knocked on the door and entered dressed as Dave Moffat. We listened as "Dave Moffat" told the story of his life. Dave Naples gave quite a performance and the attendees gave a rounding applause at the end.

2. The picnic at the Rollinsville Stage Stop was attended by sixty who signed the register. There were others that dropped in to see the program on "Dave Moffat and His Dream". Three trains went past as we watched from the balcony. Harv Radke and his friend Dick Horton came from Racine, Wisconsin, (With cheese and Kringles a special Wisconsin delight); Clyde Brehm brought a friend by AMTRAC from Vellejo, Ca. (Renting a vehicle they drove up the pass at daylight then returned for the picnic); Bob Frahm brought his trumpet(we enjoyed his music) from Wichita, Kansas; and we had a couple from Louisiana. It was great to have Dr. Al Glassburn with his son and wife attend. Linda Rollins-Kleland a grand-daughter of J.Q.A. Rollins came. I could list quite a number of attendees but must add Jeanne Nicholson, Gilpin County Commissioner and Roger Baker, County Manager, and Silvia Pettem who wrote our Rollins Pass Amendment to the Historic Designation for the road. The food was great, and Nita baked more beans. Diane Walker brought

The Counties plan to restore the road to its former condition, a "rural mountain road". No new gravel has been spread on the road for sometime. Gravel topped pull-outs with adequate signage would be provided above and below narrow cuts. The Needle's Eye tunnel would be restored and opened to traffic. The Wagon Road would be utilized by 4-wheel drive vehicles while the trestles are evaluated and restored. It will be interesting to attend County/Forest Service discussions concerning restoration of the Moffat Road. This is a short overview of discussion topics. The Commissioners scheduled a visit to the area on Sep. 8, 2004.

4. Our Vice President Allan Rogers had an operation for a ruptured disc. Mail a "Get Well" card to 2330 Glenwood Dr., Boulder, CO 80302.




President