Good Time at Annual Picnic

The RPRA Annual Picnic was held on the West side of the pass at Ranch Creek Wye on August 24, 2008. We had a good crowd, good food, and almost perfect weather! Dwight Miller trailered his train whistle and generator so many of us could enjoy trying to emulate the real thing. Walter and Margaret Goedcke brought their 5 1/2 month old twin boys, and were gracious enough to let everyone have a chance to hold one or the other of them. Christopher Edelmaier introduced us to his bride, Beth. Christopher has been coming to the picnics since he was about seven years old. Dick Oldberg brought his bride and we put her to work immediately. Door prize winners were Todd Holzwarth, Dale Hicks, and Beth Edelmaier.

Photo by Su Eckhardt

Thanks to everyone who helped set-up, cook (even making do without one stove), and clean-up. An outstanding array of shared dishes enticed all of us to enjoy the afternoon. Thanks to Jim Yust for bringing us up to date on the activities of the Historic Society in Hot Sulphur Springs.

New Tour Guide Signs Installed

Mark Slinger and Juanita Straight met Kat Luna, Forest Ranger, in Rollinsville during July. They spent the day setting marking stakes for the Tour Guide signs. That warm summer day for many of us on the plains resulted in snow that was still too deep to get above Yankee Doodle Lake.

During August Mark and a group from Rollinsville dug holes and set 9 of the numbered Tour Guide signs into cement on the East side of the Pass. Kudos to our partners from the Rollinsville Area Historical Society for doing the sweat labor for RPRA. Many of us know only too well that digging holes in that rocky hillside is not an easy task. They don’t call them Rocky Mountains for nothing!

Photo by Gary Edelmaier

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 it is high-time that we get it back open. You may send letters:

Boulder County Commissioners
PO Box 471
Boulder, Colorado 80306.

Rollins Pass Restoration Association
P.O. Box 1082 • Longmont, Colorado • 80502-1082
2009 Annual Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2009
6:30 pm
At the Meadows Branch Library in Boulder

Support Rollins Pass Restoration Association
Also, for those of you who are receiving this newsletter, but are not paying dues to the Rollins Pass Restoration Association, we ask that you support our efforts by either joining, or sending your tax deductible dues or donation. All funds received are used for maintaining The Moffat Road or working to re-open the Needles Eye Tunnel.

Support the organization with your yearly dues
$12.00 for an individual membership
$15.00 for a family membership

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2009 ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH

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