Dan’s Determination Rewarded

Fantastic news was posted on February 2nd in the Denver Post Newspaper and Website about the Moffat Road! Colorado Preservation, Inc.’s Endangered Places Program has named the Moffat Road as one of six locations to receive such recognition. Along with identifying the top 6 of more than thirty nominees this year, Colorado Preservation, Inc. offers a way to further generate awareness, funding, and intensive technical assistance. The group states “Among the threats to the historic sites are demolition, neglect, natural forces, land value fluctuations and unsympathetic owners.”

After year, the Rollins Pass Restoration Association’s founder and former President, Col. Dan Strait, submitted nominations to Colorado Preservation, Inc.’s Endangered Places Program on behalf of the Moffat Road. In 2003, Vice President, Ron Cheyney, submitted the nominating application while Dan and Juanna were traveling. Dave Kopper located in the archives on the Moffat Road Website (http://www.moffatroad.org/RPRA/RPRA5.html) from 2003-2006 include Dan’s comments about his applications and subsequent statements of disappointment. We’ve finally received recognition from the organization.

Colorado Preservation, Inc. has a 17-year record offering assistance and guidance toward stabilization and protection. The program is modeled by the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s list of America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. RPRA is in fine company. In 1998 Colorado Preservation, Inc., like Rollins Pass in 1987, was awarded the Stephen H. Hart award from the Colorado Historical Society. It’s nice to know we are in good company! The opportunity to work with Colorado Preservation, Inc. is quite an honor for RPRA.

Fun, Fellowship and Food at Annual Picnic in Rollinsville

The Association had a fine 2011 annual August picnic in Rollinsville. Thanks to Lynn and Mark Stinger for their hospitality. We were joined by members from Dallas, College Station, and New Braunfels, Texas. More than 60 people were in attendance along with two Gilpin County Commissioners: Forrest Whitman and Connie McLain.

We hope those of you with Facebook accounts have seen some of the outstanding photographs of the past by Travis Wright and many others who “like” The Moffat Railroad.

Travis has added some fascinating views by looking at the Moffat road and countryside from unique angles. The group was pleased to meet Travis’s bride, Kate. The newlyweds were married near the Moffat road on the West Side. One of the highlights of the day for many at the picnic was having two or three trains go by the picnic site while we were gorging a lot of delicious food.

Thanks to Ron Cheyney for bringing his portable grill and cooking some mean hot dogs! Thanks also to Art Wainright for giving Juanna his copy of "The Switzerland Trail." She will loan it for others to read. Contact her by email at straight2@msn.com to make arrangements.

As always, the RPRA asks you, the membership, to write letters to your Senators, the County Commissioners, the Forest Service, and even the President. Your Board is interested in whether you have answers from any of your letters? A few members and interested supporters have notified us of whom they contacted and if there was a response.

Please send an e-mail at O4B0020@noa.gov or a call will also be fine: 303-765-0004.

Dick Oldberg’s Moffat Road

Last fall, your RPRA Board was treated to a vast and scintillating luncheon and tour of Dick and Mary Oldberg’s amazing "train room." Imagine living among the trees, in the Rocky Mountains above Evergreen, stepping into an elevator and traveling down to a huge, 500-ft. maze-like warehouse, built specifically to house the HO-scale model of the Moffat Road, which replicates traveling from Denver’s Utah Junction to Craig, CO. Greeted by the sound of locomotive engines and train whistles, the group was about to address

Dick Oldberg of the Moffat Road

-- In Memoriam --

It will be regretted that we recognize the passing of Kathy Shaver last fall. Ken and Kathy were on a trip in Europe when Kathy fell ill. Her cheery smile and enthusiasm for life will be missed. We send deepest sympathy to Ken, at this difficult time. You were so good for each other.

It was a shock to learn of the untimely January 2012 loss of Boreen Durkin, wife of RPRA Secretary, Morris. Boreen was a wonderful woman who was often the reason for our smiles and laughter. We will miss her gracious and helpful willingness to share her time with us, our support and (hugs are with you, weirdo.)

Dick Oldberg's Moffat Road

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12:00 NOON

RPRA: a few of Art Wainwright’s D&RG "Red Hill" available. The cost is $10.00 for members. Shirts, $15.00 for non-members. Order and check may be sent to RPRA, P.O. Box 1882, Longmont, CO 80502.

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Memories of the Moffat - Fit Up Tail, photo by Charles Maguire

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