The picnic during August on the Westside of Rollins Pass was extremely popular this year with about 50 people in attendance. Guests and friends from both near and far joined Rollins Pass members for the lovely afternoon of food and sharing. The day was beautiful and the threatening rain clouds waited until we completed our day. A gracious ‘thank you’ to RPRA member, Jim Blattau of Hawaii, for sending a donation to help sponsor the picnic hotdogs and sodas.

Items discussed included, the lack of response/results from Boulder County following the February open meeting. County Commissioners, Connie McClain, Gilpin, and Phil Buckland, Clear Creek, shared the most current information concerning their County’s ongoing communication with the other counties. Brad Schwartzwelter presented his thoughts about nominating the area as the “Rollins Pass National Monument”. There was group consensus and the RPRA Board committed to arrange a meeting with major entities involved with decision-making.

—Photo by Dale Espy Hicks—

Is The Rollins Pass National Monument in our future?

Discussions during the picnic resulted in the RPRA Board hosting a meeting with interested County Commissioners and representatives of counties, Mile-Hi Jeep Club, the U.S. Forest Service, and others interested in applying for Rollins Pass and the Needles Eye Tunnel to become a National Monument.

It was decided the Counties would write and sign letters of support for the upcoming application. The RPRA will assemble a core committee to write the application for National Monument status. Brad Schwartzwelter, enthusiastic member of RPRA, is willing to make the political contacts necessary to complete the process.

Knowing the elections have recently occurred, the RPRA Board continues to await information to be shared with our members.

Hard Drive Crash!

The computer that houses the membership records had a head crash and destroyed both the original data plus the mirrored backup data. Some of the files were found and saved. Unfortunately, no Excel Spreadsheet, (where the membership records were) is retrievable. We have this year’s receipts, mailing and email lists, but no longer hold records for past memberships. For that reason, we ask for your cooperation by emailing, snail mailing, Facebook messaging, or phone calling with the following information: FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL, MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION (individual, charter, family, business, etc), and APPROX. NUMBER OF YEARS MEMBERSHIP. Please share the information with straight2u@msn.com; P.O. Box 1082, Longmont, CO 80502-1082; Juanita Straight: 303-750-0004.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Save The Dates!

Annual Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2015, 6:00-7:45 pm
Meadows Branch, Boulder Public Library
4800 East Baseline Road, Boulder, CO 80303

Annual Picnic
Sunday, August 30, 2015
12 Noon on the Eastside - location to be determined.

If you would like to receive the “Dream Keeper” by email, send your request to straight2u@msn.com. Also make sure you notify us if your email address changes.
Good News
Due to popular demand, we have a new run of RPRA T-shirts
Sizes Small – 2XL.

The Rails over Hell Hill, Art Weinwright DVDs and new ball caps are also available for purchase.

Please see our Website at http://www.moffatroad.org/RPRA/RPRA_Home.htm

RPRA Presents
At-Large Board Member, Gary Edelmaier, recently volunteered and presented a special program about the Rollins Pass Restoration Association and the history of Rollins Pass to the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club.

A big thank you to Gary for an informative and valued presentation to one of our partner-organizations!

Lifetime Members
Plaques were mailed during the spring of 2014 congratulating our most recent Lifetime Members, each of which donated $200.00 to the Rollins Pass Restoration Association. Many thanks for your contributions and welcome to Lifetime members: Robert and Wanda Hayes, John and Mary Holzwarth, and Robert Leffingwell.

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