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Park County Historical Society trip heads to Glen-Isle/ Bradford Toll Road

Owner Barbara Tripp looks back

Pat Mauro, Correspondent



Family graves

Trip attendees view the graves of Gordon A. Tripp, James and Trudy Lang and Howard Adam Lang on Glen-Isle property. (Photo by Douglas Stephens/The Flume)

entrance, which was recently restored to original specifications with assistance from the Park County Historical Society, which acquired a grant for the restoration. The weather was nice enough to eat lunch in the fire ring next to the lodge.

The group then went up Old Stagecoach Road to hike to the Rocky Top area, where Tripp and her husband, Gordon Tripp, would hold stagecoach dinners.

The family has commemorative brass plaques inset into the stone there. The group headed uphill on Old Stagecoach Road to where it intersects with Park County Road 64 and stayed on the lower road to Bradford Toll Road.

After a short drive, it came upon the old stage stop.

Mike Henley pointed out which part of the structure was the original structure, dating back to the 1860s era.

Despite additions to the structure, it was easy to imagine when weary travelers would stop there for a meal and bed. Stage stops were built uphill from the road in many cases, as this was.

The group walked downstream from the creek there, and Henley pointed out the remnants of an abandoned dam.

The group then drove to the site of Neighborhood Day Camp/Camp Leslie Deal, the original site of the Wren cabin, now located in McGraw Memorial Park. It found what looks like the original foundation of the cabin and other remnants of the camp.

On Oct. 14, the Park County Historical Society headed to Glen-Isle Resort in the Bailey area to tour the historic 112-year-old lodge and surroundings.

A large turnout of people made its way to tour and explore all the intricacies of this one-of-a-kind lodge, built in 1900.

The hostess, Barbara Tripp, has been a part of Glen-Isle since 1923, the year her grandparents bought the resort. She opened up the lodge for all to see.

The group made its way through all the rooms in the lodge, including the dining room, guest rooms, kitchen, gift shops and pool room – equipped with a 1900 Brunswick pool table.

Tripp told many stories of the past at Glen-Isle.

Teddy Roosevelt almost stayed at the lodge, but the Secret Service decided that he would stay at the Blue Jay Inn at Buffalo Creek instead of Glen-Isle due to concerns with the menu there.

She also told of how she would catch the train in Denver as a little girl and ride up the canyon to Glen-Isle to stay with her grandparents.

Visitors inspected the new staircase leading to the front



Barbara Tripp, Guests

Glen-Isle Resort owner Barbara Tripp is flanked by, from left, an unidentified attendee, Pat Mauro, the trip organizer for the Park County Historical Society, and Mel Schulman, a trip attendee. (Photo by Douglas Stephens/The Flume)

