



Park County Historical Society
NEWSLETTER



P.O. Box 43, Bailey, Colorado 80421

May 2009

Happy 40th!

This year marks Park
County Historical
Society's 40th

Ride the Georgetown Loop Railroad!

The Park County Historical Society is a Family/Group member of the Colorado Historical Society. With that membership comes some privileges. One of those is two railroad passes to the Georgetown Loop Railroad. PCHS will conduct a drawing and give the two passes to one of our members. If you'd like to be included in the drawing, to be held during the June field trip, mail your name to:

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PO Box 43
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or email your name to:

num1rankin@yahoo.com

Following is the text of the letter from the Colorado Historical Society:

All aboard! The famed Georgetown Loop Historic Mining & Railroad Park opens for the season on Saturday, May 23 and will operate through Monday, October 12, 2009. Enclosed are the two railroad passes you receive as a benefit of your Family/Group membership. The passes are valid any time during the 2009 season, subject to space availability.

Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling 1-888-456-6777. To redeem your railroad passes, present them with your CHS membership card upon arrival at either the Silver Plume Depot or the Devil's Gate Station. Please arrive 20-30 minutes before your departure time.

As a member you may purchase additional train tickets for the reduced price of \$19.50 for adults and \$13.50 for children ages 3-17 (regular rates are \$22.50 and \$16.50). You may also take an optional

President's Corner by Pat Mauro

The winter hasn't been too busy for the PCHS, but things are starting to pick up now. We have some issues to be addressed at McGraw Park, mostly with roofing. The winter winds were very hard on our roofs of the annex and the McGlone cabin. I'd like to thank Bill Moore at Moore lumber for donating some roofing for the annex. We will address that further as the weather gets better. We are also looking at repainting the trim on the Entriken cabin, which is badly needed. Damage from the vandalism last summer also needs repair. I'm working on getting a hold of some old rail from the DSP&P/C&S railroad, from the BNSF railroad, which still uses some of the line in Denver. We can use the rail for the caboose, and other rail needs like Como, etc.

I would like to have some work days in Como this summer, both at the roundhouse and the depot. the roundhouse needs some clean up, and the depot may need help with the next phase of getting it onto a foundation. This will be a co sponsored activity with some of the other groups that have been involved with the project.(Denver, South Park and Pacific Historical Soc., Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, Colorado Mountain College)

We have had 2 programs this winter. The first one was in November at the Shawnee Community Center. We presented a program on stories of the Black Mountain Area and another one on Park County Post Offices. PCHS members Linda Bjorklund, Jane Gilsinger, and Ron Hill were the presenters. The program was very exciting, with the crowd participating in various discussions throughout the presentation. Refreshments were served, with more banter on everything about Park County History. We also had a program in Alma in March that Linda Bjorklund and Ron Hill presented. Linda gave a presentation on the history of the King Coal Mine, and Ron gave his presentation on Park County Post Offices. After the program, we had a presentation on the evolution of the King Coal Mine area, to a shooting range. It turned out to be nice program also!

We now have a website! It's located at www.parkcountyhistory.com! Many thanks go out to James Sapp, who offered to bring the website together, along with input from the PCHS Board of Directors. He has assembled a really great looking website that brings us up to date technologically. Be sure to surf on in, and let us know of any suggestions/additions you'd like to see!

We have assembled the first trips for the summer! Our first date isn't an actual trip, but is a cleanup day at McGraw Park. It will be on May 17th at 10:00. We will have a meeting afterwards, so bring a lunch and hope we don't end up having spring showers! Our next date is set for June 6th to the Magnolia Mill near the Montgomery Reservoir on Hoosier Pass. We will also go to the Paris Mill near Alma. The annual meeting will take place during our lunch. If you have any suggestions for new officers, or would like to become an officer, let one of the board members know before the trip. We will plan on leaving from McGraw Park at 9:00, so meet there to carpool, and bring a lunch.(Eating in Alma is a possibility also, but it may be hard to have the meeting that way) The calling tree and The Fairplay Flume will follow up with any other details.

The production of the "Old Colorado Southern & Engine #9 is proceeding. We received the copy of the DVD made from the original film from the granddaughter of Helen McGraw-Tatum, Susan Gilbreath. We have now merged some of the footage of the old video from the VHS version, with the new audio from the new version. We're deciding how that came out presently.

The grant requests have been approved for the Glen-Isle Lodge and Como Depot. The ongoing grant for the Salt Works Ranch main house restoration, is also continuing to progress.

Congress and President Obama have passed the designation of the South Park Heritage Resource area, which will be a boon for the South Park area for Historic Preservation and Heritage tourism! More on that as it unfolds!

The Shawnee Historical Society is working to become a subgroup of the PCHS. More details forthcoming on that as it progresses.

So, the summer looks like another busy one in Historic Park County, so come and join the fun! Stay tuned!



Donated by Rocky Mountain Railroad Club member Bob Andrews this photo was taken by his father Clinton on May 30, 1931. Shot from Morrow Mountain the train is going through the present day sewage treatment plant and is ready to cross the Crow

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Sponsor \$50 Sustaining \$75 Patron \$100 Corporate \$150 Life \$500

I would like to help with:

- Education & Research
- McGraw Memorial Park
 - Host
 - Maintain
 - Help with collections
- Local History Archives
- Membership
- Historic Preservation
- Publicity & Public Relations
- Staff Support

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Send check and completed form to: Park County Historical Society, P.O. Box 43, Bailey, CO 80421

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Our thoughts...

are with John Taggart "Tag" Fanning, of the Salt Works Ranch in South Park who recently had a heart attack and has traveled to California for surgery and a month's recuperation.

In Memory Of

We recently lost two Park County Historical Society members and long-time area residents, past Treasurer Elizabeth "Libby" Everhart and past President Robert "Bob" Wonder. They both will be missed.

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Mark Your Calendar!
Field trip to Magnolia and Paris Mills
plus an annual meeting, Saturday, June 6th.

Look for your membership renewal date on your mailing label.
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