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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Z. Pike'.



ANNUAL MEETING- FRI 6:30PM APR 29 2016

The Pike Association's annual meeting

When: Friday, Apr. 29, 2016 6:30pm Dinner at Doritos at 231 Main St. (NE of Royal Gorge Blvd. on 3rd) in Cañon City at 5 pm

Where: Longhorn Lodge at the Royal Gorge in Cañon City, CO

Accommodations: You can stay that evening in the lodge **Bring your spouse and stay the night!**

Presentation: Zander, Eagle Scout candidate will be sharing his Monty Pike video. Bring your merit badge sash.



PIKE'S DAMN'D RASCALS-

We have commissioned, found and created caricatures of Pike's men. The one of Pike to the left was found at Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. And the one on the right is found all over the internet- Dr. Robinson.

We plan on sharing the caricatures of the rest of Pike's Dam'd Rascals with bios in up-and-coming newsletters. If you can't wait- please contact us as we have them collected on a small number of sheets.

PIKE INVENTORY

The Board is been working on an inventory of Pike monuments- roadside panels, markers, signs, plaques, etc. We have now documented over 60 such objects across United States with pictures, location and GPS readings, and information. PDFs of this incomplete work are available for your additions. We still need an inventory from New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana; the three provinces of Mexico- Chihuahua, Durango, and Coahuila; as well as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri (on the Mississippi River).

This work is being done to support our state and federal legislation.

JOHN SENDS "MUCH LOVE."

John P Murphy just told us that his cancer has spread. He had brain surgery and is back on the meds. Please pray for him! John has blessed all of us.

NEWS FROM OUR ALLIES AT THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRUST, INC.

Jim Mallory, Vice Chairman Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc. and one of our Pike Association board members wrote recently, "We are making progress with the Lewis and Clark Eastern Legacy Study to complete the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. We are promised that the Eastern Legacy Study will be made available for "Public Comment" by the National Park Service in May-June 2016. We will need your assistance with comments when it is available. I will keep you informed of when and where."

YOU MUST READ ON

LEGISLATION

Federal

The federal Pike Feasibility Study is being included in an energy bill by Sen. Bennet. Most of the supporting County Commissioners have now renewed their support for this legislation. Thanks Annie for keeping track of this!

Last week, Linda Balough, Executive Secretary for the South Park National Heritage Area, was in Washington lobbying for this legislation on our behalf.

COUNTY COMMISSIONS

Many counties are renewing their support for the federal legislation and being asked for their support for the state legislation- 1106 and eventual designation on public roads of the Pike Trail as the first Pioneer Trail.

PIKE'S PATH HAS PUEBLO SUPPORT *Pueblo Chieftain - 02/11/2016 BY ANTHONY A. MESTAS* Commissioners back study to make expeditionary route a historic trail

The Pueblo County commissioners are trailblazing. On Wednesday, commissioners Sal Pace and Terry Hart gave their support of federal legislation that directs the National Park Service to study the feasibility of designating Zebulon Pike's expeditionary route as a national historic trail.

In 2010, Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., introduced the bill that he said would increase tourism across the state and would provide much-deserved recognition of the historic significance of Pike's journey. The bill has not yet reached a vote. The bill was reintroduced in January.

"I am extremely pleased that this came back," Commissioner Terry Hart said.

Hart said he has had several conversations with Bennet's office about the issue.

The commissioners voted to craft a letter of support for the legislation.

"The earlier versions (of the bill) established the trail but it didn't have enough significant recognition of the impact of Zebulon Pike on our community," Hart said.

"His impact on our community was very significant. He not only came through here, he camped here and this was the base of his operation when he made his effort to climb Pikes Peak."

Pike's expedition in 1806 and 1807 marked one of the first American explorations of the land acquired from France through the Louisiana Purchase.

Documentation shows that Pike's expedition camped in Pueblo County from Nov. 20-25 in 1806 and from Nov. 29 to Dec. 2 that same year.

He also first observed the peak which now bears his name while traveling through Pueblo County.

Pace said he would like to include with the support letter a picture of the giant mural that sits in the courthouse showing Pike first spotting the peak.

"I think this is exciting. It's something that we celebrate," Pace said.

State

Colorado HB 16-1106 (Pioneer Trail legislation) is moving

On Wednesday, February 17th, the House Local Government committee passed unanimously 1106 (Vote 11-0) out of committee and onto the house floor. It will then move to the Senate.

Board members Brian Pike, Kit Shy (also Custer County Commissioner), and Linda Balough gave testimony favoring this legislation. Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) and the tourist industry support this legislation for the Rights of counties to designate public roads for the Pioneer Trail.

Since the Pike Trail in Colorado is likely to be the first granted by the Counties, a discussion regarding the Pike Trail ensued.

Brian touched on the notoriety to the rich history of Colorado, providing support to our valued tourism industry, low cost and local control, and how it could be a refreshing show of bipartisanship.

Kit gave support from the CCI and county commissioner perspective.

Linda gave perspectives regarding the benefits to education, recreation and the tourist economy. She also touched on the benefits to many Colorado's National Heritage Areas as well as Colorado's National Monuments and Parks.

Representative Jim Wilson from Salina introduced a bill and guided the discussion.

WORDING OF 1106 You can see the wording of the bill by clicking-

http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2016a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/087F77D57FC7D69687257F2400659E19?open&file=1106_01.pdf

REPRESENTATIVE WILSON'S WORDS

Here are Representative Wilson's words in the *Cañon City Daily Record* prior to Wednesday.

http://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/ci_29520301/rep-jim-wilson-sweet-news-from-legislature

I am excited about my bill (HB 16-1106: "County Authority To Designate Pioneer Trail") coming up in the Local Government Committee this week. This bill will allow counties to identify and designate pioneer trails within their area. Several years ago, there was a move on the Federal level to identify pioneer trails within states — somehow that effort fizzled. (Imagine that?) HB 16-1106 is an effort to allow our counties to proceed with trail identification within the state while prodding the Feds to finish what they started. Colorado Counties Inc. and the Tourism Industry are both supportive of the bill.



Jim Wilson, Republican is the representative for House District 60. Salida, Buena Vista, South Park.

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IS ALREADY THERE

CALL YOUR CO REPS AND SENATORS

Sen. Grantham's office informed us this morning that Senator Grantham and State Sen. Leroy Garcia have already signed on as lead sponsors in the Colorado Senate.

Kevin Grantham Fremont, Teller, Park, Clear Creek, and southern and rural El Paso counties
CO State Senator Leroy Garcia (D-Pueblo/ Pueblo West). Senate District 3

Our Purpose: To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail

We are a Charitable nonprofit organization Our website is www.zebulonpike.org
"Zebulon Pike was an American hero, a patriot who lived and died for his country." -Thomas Jefferson

Please join our Association!

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE- (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pike-National-Historic-Trail-Association/167853563238403?fref=ts>)

COIN SET AVAILABLE INDIVIDUAL COINS- \$3 LOOSE SETS OF SIX- \$20 FRAME SETS WITH PAMPHLET (PIKE'S WORDS AND AN EXPLANATION FOR EACH COIN) \$30. SHIPPING AND HANDLING- \$ 1.00

The Pike Association's vinyl decals- The cost is \$2.50 each with price breaks at 5, 10, or 25 decals, plus shipping.

Our next Annual Meeting will be on April 29th 2016 at the Royal Gorge, CO.

Later this month- Pike's 1st Expedition- The Upper Mississippi River- St. Louis to St. Paul continued
Today's Dams on the Mississippi- Corp. of Engineers
Little Falls, MN and Pike's 85 day Stockade
Pike State Park- Iowa AND More

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