



# PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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## ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 28

The annual meeting of the Pike National Historic Trail Association will be held at the Royal Gorge Visitors Center [Cañon City, CO] at 6:30 PM on a Friday April 28, 2017.

Preceding the meeting we will have dinner at Diritos Italian Restaurant 231 Main St, Cañon City, CO 81212 (The restaurant is on the far west side of Main Street one block north of US 50 [Royal Gorge Boulevard].)

Directions Diritos Italian Restaurant to visitor's center Royal Gorge Bridge and Park 18 min (12.3 miles) via US-50 W and Co Rd 3A

1. Head southwest on Main St toward N 2nd St 384 ft
2. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto S 2nd St 351 ft
3. Turn right onto US-50 W/Royal Gorge Blvd Continue to follow US-50 W 7.7 mi
4. Turn left onto Co Rd 3A 2.2 mi
5. Continue straight to stay on Co Rd 3A Destination will be on the left 2.2 mi

## TEN COUNTIES HAVE NOW DESIGNATED THE PIKE TRAIL IN COLORADO



### ZEBULON PIKE AN AMERICAN HERO NEW CHILDREN'S COLORING BOOK

Ed French, our artist, is an amazing person and artist. He is now finishing a second piece for the Royal Gorge- Pike climbing up Pikes Gulch. The Pike portraits as well as children materials are in process. This week our personal research for the Pike Stockade painting at McIntire Spring (6000 feet SW the Stockade replica in Sanford, CO)

### 1810 PIKE JOURNAL DONATED

On Palm Sunday April 9, Connie and Jim Bull of Arroyo Seco, NM donated a copy of Pike's 1810 Journal to the San Luis Valley Museum in Alamosa. Congress, of course, required Pike to complete this and because his papers were confiscated in Mexico, this journal by necessity had to be completed by Pike from memory. His original confiscated journals were not recovered until 1910 in the basement of the Mexico City archives.

Many historians in the San Luis Valley and our president [who were in attendance at this ceremony] are anxious to begin comparing the two versions. In a previous newsletter, we printed a picture of this valuable and expensive book. This book is in excellent condition.



Pictured- Dorothy Brandt, Chair SLV Museum, Jim Bull and Harv Hisgen photo: Miles Porter, editor 2017 Discover-The Heart of Colorado

### AMELIA EARHART'S UNPLANNED LANDING IN 1932- ALAMOSA ERWIN YOUNG'S MEMORIES-

The Pike Hike and Bike Trail in Alamosa overlooks Amelia Earhart's unplanned landing in 1932. When our family temporarily moved to Alamosa in 1974, I was growing fish at various geothermal sites in the San Luis Valley as well as constructing a feed mill for the Weisbart Cattle Company about 14 miles south of Alamosa near the Pike Stockade. I knew little about Pike except that I had been to the top of Pike's Peak as a teenager. In the late 70's I remember meeting with the solar energy association and Emory Lovins at the Pike Stockade picnic ground, still without realizing the historical significance. While building a fish growing facility for the Weisbart Company, I met Lloyd Jones with Jones Construction, an earth moving contractor. He told me that he had geothermal wells and Splashland Swimming Pool at Road 6 South and Highway 17 north of Alamosa. He was trying to sell the pool since the family was tired of operating it. I put fish in the pool one winter and they grew at a fantastic rate. Later I built steel buildings for his cousins, Raymond and Roy Maddux. I learned a lot of oral history from each of them that dated back before there was a town called Alamosa. You see their grandfather, James Maddux, operated the stagecoach line to Creede and his town was called Wayside. The two most notable stories that I remember were Roy telling me about a stagecoach robbery and missing bars of gold and Lloyd telling me about the day Amelia Earhart landed in his family's pasture when he was about 16 years old. He was the first to the scene and she related to him that she was flying

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east and the dust storm in eastern Colorado forced her to turn back to the mountains to find visibility to land. She gave him (50¢ I believe) to guard her plane while she spent the night in Alamosa. While lying under her plane all night, he decided to write his name on the belly of her plane. I encouraged him to record the story back in the 70's. In about 2000, a marker was placed on Road 6 South next to the pasture where Amelia Earhart's plane landed and another marker for the community of Wayside, while Roy and Lloyd were alive. I thank the Maddux family and the Jones family for preserving little pieces of history for the Pike Hikers and Bikers to enjoy in the generations to come.



Erwin Young is one of our Pike Board members and lives near Alamosa with his wife Lynn.



## EARHART MONUMENT WORDING IN ALAMOSA, CO

In Memory of Amelia Mary Earhart

1898 - 1937 first woman aviator to fly solo over the Atlantic Ocean

Amelia Earhart was lost in flight—somewhere over eastern Colorado and western Kansas—during the dustbowl days of 1932. She was flying a transcontinental route in preparation for her ill-fated round-the-world-flight. America's most famous woman aviator adjusted her course 180° and returned to the San Luis Valley, which she remembered flying over earlier during clear visibility.

Amelia Earhart landed in this meadow and was met first by Lloyd E. Jones, who lived in the closest house. In addition to making accommodations and other arrangements for her during her stay in Alamosa (including guarding her airplane), Mr. Jones autographed Amelia's aircraft with his name and "Alamosa, Colorado."

Monument donated by: Lloyd E. Jones and Michael M. Hackett

On the morning of May 20, 1932, 34-year-old Earhart set off from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland with a copy of the *Telegraph-Journal*, intended to confirm the date of the flight. She intended to fly to Paris in her single engine Lockheed Vega 5B (pictured) to emulate Charles Lindbergh's solo flight five years earlier. After a flight lasting 14 hours, 56 minutes during which she contended with strong northerly winds, icy conditions and mechanical problems, Earhart landed in a pasture at Culmore, north of Derry, Northern Ireland. When a farm hand asked, "Have you flown far?" Earhart replied, "From America."

## PIKE'S CHARACTER BY Dr. Clive Siegel August 31, 2008 Part 2 of 3

They [Clara and Monty Pike] struggled with finances all of their life because Capt. Brown disowned her. After Pike died and Brown died she did inherit Sugar Grove, but during that time the Pike family did not get money from him. They constantly struggled with finances. Unlike, by the way, his boss who was well known for being on the take. Pike never gave into his father in law. His father in law was always dangling things in front of him. Brown wanted to be able to manipulate the couple with or without his help. Here's an interesting thing about Pike- he writes to his father, 'I will never be a slave to any man while he thinks the source is derived from punerary motives- money.' He is never going to be a guy who is money driven unlike his father. 'But from gratitude he might expect great sacrifices.' What it amounts to he's not in it for money, but for praise- it's got to work. This might explain the curious relationship between Pike and Wilkinson. It's entirely possible that Wilkinson, manipulator that he was, recognized the questionable gain was simply not in Pike's makeup. And wasn't on his radar screen. But non-tangible rewards- trust, confidence, glory and patriotic duty were very much on Pike's radar screen.



So what Wilkinson can do, and does do, he introduced Pike to this opportunity. He trusts him, he sees what Pike is most interested in. But those are not the kind of things that one would consider to be the same sorts of things that motivate Wilkinson. Pike's not interested in money. He's interested in trust, a man many times his senior and many times his rank picks him for these jobs. That's what drives him- being the best soldier he can be and following orders to the letter.

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Wilkinson just has to send them out. Pike's orders as he follows them revolves around many of the things that Wilkinson wants.

Getting captured wasn't one of them. But he got captured anyways. So was he a spy- once he gets captured you can bet he was- a lowercase "s" spy- he gathers evidence wherever he can find it. Why? Because he is an officer of the United States Army. And his job is to do that.

And you know the Spanish are very accommodating about that. They introduced him to just about everybody along the route. They gave him essentially tremendous opportunities to observe New Spain probably more than any spy could imagine on a silver platter. He wasn't a spy before, he is a spy now. But remember he is a uniformed military officer.

He does these things from an essential part of his character. Glory, for instance. Pike says when the War of 1812 breaks out, "You will hear of my fame or my death for I am determined to keep the bubble at the cannon's mouth." Patriotism- which is another part of his character-his military duty. His last words that he wrote in a his expedition journal, "Language cannot express the gaiety of my heart, when I once more beheld the standard of my country waved aloft!— — All hail, cried I, the ever sacred name of country, in which is embraced that of kindred, friends, and every other tie which is dear to the soul of man!!"

To his younger brother George Pike who entered West Point (West Point was barely an operation) West Point class of 1809. Personal pride- something else that drove Pike, "Secure your independence by an early attention to economy. Let your arms be the best, your clothes be appropriate to your rank, and your behavior as such as becoming the son of an old patriot and soldier." That is Zebulon Pike the elder. "and a brother of a man not unknown to the army."

Then of course a small observation on education- "Pay attention to your grammar. Use capitals much too frequently. You see I myself have committed many errors that I caution you against. Still I hope that the advice will be received coming from a brother." continues next month (Part 3)

## PROPOSED BYLAW ALTERATIONS

The Board is the Pike National Historic Trail Association will be asked to add to our Bylaws at the Annual Meeting on April 28. Changes appear in blue.

BYLAWS Section 4. Purposes/ Mission Statement. The purposes of the association shall include- To:

- a) establish Federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail (for **Pike life occurrences prior to 1805**, the 1805-1806 **Pike** Mississippi Expedition, the 1806-1807 Zebulon Montgomery Pike Expedition, **and events leading to and including his heroic death in 1813**.)
- b) promote historic/ cultural/ and heritage investigations of aspects of **Pike's life occurrences prior to 1805**, the 1805-1806 **Pike** Mississippi Expedition, the 1806-1807 Zebulon Montgomery Pike Expedition, **and events leading to and including his heroic death in 1813** and of the Pike National Historic Trail.
- c) conduct and/or participate in educational opportunities regarding the legacy left by the Pike including: **Pike's life occurrences prior to 1805**, the 1805-1806 **Pike** Mississippi Expedition, the 1806-1807 Zebulon Montgomery Pike Expedition, **and events leading to and including his heroic death in 1813**.
- d) provide educational materials regarding Pike's expeditions, **his life and personal values as applied to today's society**.
- e) cooperate with federal, state and local agencies, and trail organizations on which the Pike expeditions **and life experiences occurred**, such as the Santa Fe National Historic Trail, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro & El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail, and other federal, State and local trail and heritage entities.

INTER-NATION PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION- BORDER TO BORDER (ALMOST COAST TO COAST)  
TOTAL MILES OF Border to Border Pike Trail = **8168 miles**

We would welcome donations to the **Pike Trail Sign Project**. Each 2'x2' directional signs and standard is \$30 / sign

If you would like to help or make us aware of your contacts who would like to donate.

**We need your help.**

DISNEY ARTIST COMPLETES FIVE PAINTINGS IN OUR PIKE SERIES

- Painting #1 **Pike's Christmas 1806**
- Painting #2 **Bighorn "New Animal"**
- Painting #3 **A Small Blue Cloud**
- Painting #4 **Glory-Battle-at-York**
- Painting #5 **Up Out of the Gorge**
- Painting #6 **Climbing the Gorge**

Up and coming- **CROSSING GRAPE CREEK, STOCKADE ON THE ARKANSAW (Cañon City)**

Original oil:	<b>\$5995</b> framed.
24x36" LE framed giclee' canvas print:	<b>\$595</b>
20x30" LE framed giclee' canvas print:	<b>\$455</b>
16"x20" Poster " open edition unframed (pictured)	<b>\$24.95</b>

Ordering-  
 By mail: -Ed French- PO Box 300 Cotopaxi, CO 81223 or -Pike National Historic Trail Association 10060 Blue Sky Trail Conifer, CO 80433  
 or -by phone 303-912-9939 or email: [harv.pike@gmail.com](mailto:harv.pike@gmail.com)

plus Modest Shipping cost Sales tax (4.5%) added if ordered in Colorado

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 We need you to renew your membership or join for the first time. Click here for a membership form:  
<http://zebulonpike.org/docs/MembershipBrochure.pdf> or  
 complete and mail the membership form below.

*Our Purpose:* To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail  
 We are a Charitable nonprofit organization Our website is [www.zebulonpike.org](http://www.zebulonpike.org)  
 "Zebulon Pike was an American hero, a patriot who lived and died for his country." -Thomas Jefferson



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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  
28th 2017 at  
the Royal  
Gorge, CO.

*Join Now!* Please consider membership in our organization

<i>Level</i>	<i>Amt.</i>	<i>Level Name</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Amt.</i>	<i>Level Name</i>
Student	\$15	<b>Corporal Jackson</b>	Small Business	\$75	<b>Robinson-Brown-Miller</b>
Individual	\$25	<b>Sergeant Meek</b>	Corporation	\$200 & up	<b>Carter-Gordon-Mountjoy-Roy</b>
Family	\$35	<b>Menaugh-Stout</b>	Benefactor	\$500	<b>Sparks-Daugherty</b>
Non profit organization	\$50	<b>Vasquez-Smith</b>	Life	\$1000	<b>Zebulon Pike</b>

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I will be able to help with:

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The Pike Assoc. website

Historic/heritage investigation

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Providing educational opportunities

Producing educational materials

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

I /we will personally contact legislators for legislative support

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I /we will write letters of legislative support

I/we would like to help in any way (Assoc. will contact)

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