

# GRAND COUNTY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB & MOFFAT ROAD RAILROAD MUSEUM

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The April meeting will be held on Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Granby Library. If you haven't already seen our new color brochure, business cards, stickers and letterhead, all with the new logo, they will be available at the meeting. There will also be a sample letter for use in fund raising. These will all be in packets for you. If you haven't seen the front page article in yesterday's Sky Hi News, pick one up in town. Editor Drew Munro did a very nice job (except David Moffat became Charles Moffat). We will have more copies at the meeting.

New members since the last newsletter are Dale Reed and Dave Lively. We are now up to 16 paid members with 2 more telling us they are ready to join. We hope that many more of you who read this will join with us in the coming months.

We have had our first funds come in through our web site and Pay Pal. Our building fund has received its first 3 checks, all from non-members. One was a result of the railroad show in Colorado Springs where Dave Naples and Craig Downing manned tables with information and donated kits and models for sale. We did better than break even. If you can help at upcoming shows let Dave know. The first is on May 8 for the NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) event in Colorado Springs. The second will be on June 12-13 in Limon.

Craig Downing, Jim McKinney and Dave Naples attended the Grand County networking event at Snow Mountain Ranch where they told lots of other not-for-profit folk about what we are all doing.

We have created a new entity within the museum umbrella to honor the descendents of all of the people who were involved in the creation of the Moffat Road between 1900 and 1950. We want to identify the brass, the train crews, construction crews, dispatchers, shovel crews, telegraphers, etc. Chuck Houck has agreed to try to identify who these people are, where they are, and build a data base. (Turn over for page 2)

Our starting point, obviously, is the books, newspaper articles, western history libraries, our own Grand County Historical Association, the Rollins Pass Restoration Association, etc.

Come to the meeting next week to hear the name that Jim Young came up with for this entity. By then we will have registered it with the Colorado Secretary of State and can make it public. If you know any of these descendants, or have friends who may know of them please get that information to Chuck Houck, preferably by email at [clh@rkymtnhi.com](mailto:clh@rkymtnhi.com)

We have set up a separate bank account at the Grand Mountain Bank for the “Moffat Road Railroad Museum Building Fund” so we will not be comingling those funds with our administrative account.

The architectural drawings for the new building, hopefully in final form, are going from the architects to the structural engineers this week.

Plans to get the 1905 combine from Rhode Island to Granby continue to progress. We have received several bids for the relocation, with the lowest one so far from the company which has a lot of experience doing similar projects for the railroad museum in Golden.

Please come to the meeting next Wednesday evening and join in the excitement. We need help from everyone to pull this wonderful venture together.