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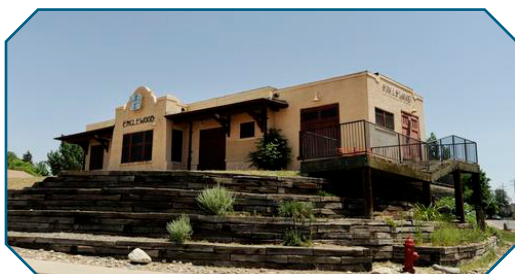


photo by Jamie Cotten, Special to The Denver Post

The Englewood Historic Preservation Society is looking for a home. For sixteen months, the group has been working to make a deal to take control of the old Santa Fe depot on Dartmouth Avenue.

On June 17th, the Englewood City Council reviewed the two proposals for ownership of the depot. They gave initial approval to the Parson group instead of the Englewood Historic Preservation Society. Since no official votes are allowed in a study session, the first real vote will be taken on Monday, July 1st at the Council meeting.

The meeting was interesting to watch. There was a lot of discussion including whether the Parson group would be willing to lease the land instead of purchasing it. The question is up in the air as this newsletter is written. The Parson offer was to purchase the land and building. The Denver Post published an article about the issue on Saturday, June 21. Please visit the link below to read the complete article.

<http://www.denverpost.com/news/23517120/tug-war-over-historic-englewood-train-depot>

Englewood Historic Preservation Society Mission

- To save and restore the Englewood Depot and make it into a Englewood History Museum and gathering place.
- To Preserve and share Englewood's history.

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ENGLEWOOD EVENTS & Field Trips Report

During June, members went on two field trips. They visited an airshow in Hudson on the way to Cheyenne where there was a big gathering of private rail road cars. Later in the month, a group rode the Royal Gorge Railroad into the canyon. Thanks to Jan Moore and Susan Metzger for the photos of these 2 trips provided in this issue.

Sue Knous gave a very interesting talk on rail road memorabilia in May. She had lots of neat stuff to look at and is the publisher of the definitive book on collecting railroad items.

I am sad to report the deal to have a Southern Pacific Dining Car donated to us has fallen through. Uncertainty about whether we would have a place to park it and use it has caused the owner to withdraw the offer to give us the car. Without the depot and with uncertainty about our ability to make it into a gathering place are the reasons.



EHPS EVENTS & HAPPENINGS *July*

July 1st - Monday

The Englewood City Council will discuss the sale of the Depot 7:30 PM at City Hall 2nd floor. A number of members will be attending, please consider signing up to speak for 3 minutes in support of the EHPS.

July 10th - Wednesday

Monthly EHPS Study Session at 6 PM, General Meeting at 7 PM at the Englewood Library. Everyone is welcome at both meetings. We will be electing a replacement vice president at the meeting.

July 26th - Friday

Dr. Jack Ballard will discuss the role of Fort Logan soldiers in the Sioux uprising in South Dakota in 1890. This piece of history was featured in the movie, "Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee."

Buy a train ride on the Royal Gorge Train and support the Englewood Historic Preservation Society.

Check out the website HistoricEnglewood.org

or call 720-254-1897 for details.

Member Birthdays

Each month at our meetings, we want to wish each person whose birthday occurs during that month a Happy Birthday. We may sing too. Please let us know the month of your birthday so we can include you.

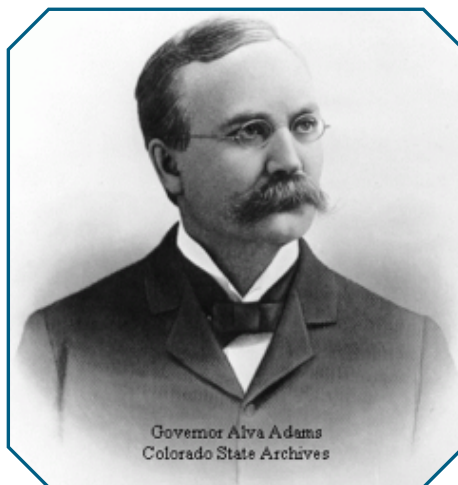


In the summer and fall of 1903, Colorado entered what would become two of her most turbulent years in history. Union and non-union miners were engaged in violent showdowns with each other, and politicians with very different ideas of how to manage the escalating violence were up against each other in the polls.

The mining towns around the state had entered into labor disputes over wages and union negotiations, and the mine owners, non-union miners, and union members were engaged in a war that was quickly getting out of hand. In September 1903, Governor James H. Peabody dispatched the Colorado National Guard to Cripple Creek at the behest of the mine owners in the area to deal with the escalating violence and all-out warfare in the mining camps. The violence and striking continued nearly unabated for the next year until June 6, 1904, when union employee Harry Orchard set off dynamite at a railroad station in Independence, Colorado, killing 13 non-union miners. This led to mass arrests of striking union members by the Colorado National Guard,

led by General Sherman Bell. Many were rounded up and held in town in animal stockades, and some were taken out of town and dropped off at the Colorado-Kansas border.

In November of 1904, Governor Peabody was up for reelection as the governor of Colorado against former Governor Alva Adams, whose Democratic party was running under the slogan "Anybody but Peabody!" Adams had previously dealt with violent conflicts between union and non-union miners and believed arbitration, not military intervention, was the best way to settle labor disputes. On election day, the outcome appeared to go in Governor Adams' favor.



However, the Republican-led legislature, along with (now former) Governor Peabody, believed otherwise. On January 6, 1905, a joint session of the Fifteenth Colorado General Assembly considered a written protest by Mr. Peabody that expressed his concerns about recent ballot-tampering in the gubernatorial election. He claimed that Governor Adams had committed voter fraud and rigged the election in multiple counties around the state,

including Denver, Teller, Pueblo, Huerfano, and Las Animas – all of which included mining communities. In Denver, one district reported 717 ballots cast for Governor Adams, despite the fact that only 100 legal voters lived within that district.

After considering Mr. Peabody's protest, the legislature passed a resolution finding his claims to be of merit and set up a subcommittee to investigate the elections held within Denver and its surrounding areas. The committee was charged with making daily progress reports to the joint General Assembly with the end goal of determining which candidate received the plurality of votes and should be elected Governor of the state of Colorado. On March 16, 1905, after reviewing the election evidence, the committee declared voter fraud had been committed by both candidates and declared James H. Peabody the winner of the gubernatorial election on one condition: That he resign the very next day.

Governor Peabody was sworn in as Colorado's governor on March 16, 1905, replacing sitting Governor Alva Adams, who had been declared the initial winner after the election. Governor Peabody resigned the next day on March 17, 1905, and was replaced by his lieutenant governor, Jesse F. McDonald. Governor McDonald served as Colorado's governor from 1905 to 1906. And that is how Colorado earned the dubious distinction of having gone through three governors within approximately 24 hours.

CHRIS DUIS

And how he changed history in 2006 by Doug Cohn

When telling history stories, not all have to be a hundred years old. People make history when they see a situation that can be improved, and come up with a game changing new idea. Englewood has a history of innovative thinkers.

Chris was born at Porter Hospital and grew up in Englewood. His grandmother, Meta Danford was the main cook for the Englewood School system for many years. He spent a lot of time at the Englewood Speedway as a young man and came to love cars. He learned auto mechanics at Englewood High School. His first job was working for a car dealer on Broadway and with his first check, he bought a really fast car. He has been doing body and paint work on cars for the past 30 years. This is the background of a most creative person with a big heart for his hometown.

In the early 1900s, the farmers and city people had a festival in the downtown area to celebrate the successful harvest. They called it Englewood Days. It was a weekend party and folks gathered from miles around. There were dances, music, displays of new tractors, newly invented automobiles and good food from the local restaurants. It was an opportunity to build community spirit. The event continued until the early 1950s. Somewhere along the way the sense of community togetherness got lost.

In 2005, Chris Duis and a group of citizens decided to bring back the tradition with the centerpiece being a car show featuring classic autos, fire trucks, tractors and antique music machines. We had two music stages and food from local restaurants and a lot of really nice old cars.

Our goal was to bring back that sense of community and have an event where people could see old friends and find new ones. Chris was approached several times by elders of the community and thanked for bringing them together with friends they had not seen in 30 years. Chris observed: "This is how communities started. People worked together, helped one another and celebrated life together, even if it were for just one weekend out of the year. We brought the community back together again with the hope that the leaders would hop on board and keep the spirit of our community alive."

"In 2006, we decided we needed to do something special to set our event apart from others. We looked at trophies for the winners of the car show."

It was at that point Chris said he could build trophies out of car parts..... and he did. He looked around his garage and found some old car parts. He took pistons, crank shafts and gears, welded them together, took the finished pieces and had them painted. The results were spectacular. The people who saw them were amazed. No one had ever seen anything like them. Every car guy wanted one.

That day, a new standard was set for awards at car shows. Chris Duis changed history.

Well done Chris!

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GENERATIONS

We are living in a most interesting time.

Many people see no reason to study or remember the old ways, ideas and struggles.

They say, now is the time we should care about.

The old is old and has no relevance to us they tell us.

For many, history began on the day they were born.

For others of us, there is much to learn from our elders.

We read of their dreams and hardships and are encouraged by their stories.

History can teach us that in spite of problems we have, we can make a place for ourselves in this marvelous

THOUGHTS

If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything.

If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.

~ Abraham Lincoln.

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