

# Englewood Historic Preservation Society

## Preserving Englewood Colorado History

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### Upcoming Winter Events & Lectures for 2018

#### February 24th - Saturday

*Arapahoe Acres Neighborhood Network and Jill Koch of Thrive Real Estate Group are hosting a Mid-Century Modern Home Tour from 2-4 pm come raine or shine. Buy your \$35 tickets to see 5 homes and help us reprint the book, "Arapahoe Acres 1949-1957." In 1998, the National Register of Historic Places in Washington DC and the State of Colorado with the City of Englewood awarded Arapahoe Acres Historic District status. They recognized the exceptionally significant history, architecture and design of this neighborhood bordered by Marion, Dartmouth, Franklin and Bates. Co-sponsored with EHPS you can purchase tickets at [www.historicenglewood.com](http://www.historicenglewood.com)*

#### March 17th & 24th-Saturday

*The Englewood Library is hosting a genealogy workshop. Would you like to find out about your family history? These workshops will give you the tools to discover your history. Beginning Genealogy: 10:30am-12:30pm both days in the Altenbach room with no cost. Part two Intermediate Genealogy will follow in June.*



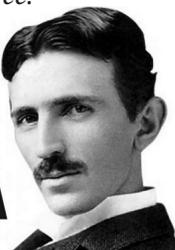
#### **EHPS LECTURE SERIES:**

*All lectures, unless otherwise noted take place the last Monday of the month at 2 locations. **FIRST:** 2:30 pm at the Englewood Public Library. **SECOND:** 6:30 pm at the BOB, Brew on Broadway, 3445 S. Broadway.*

#### **February 26th - Monday**

*"History of Nikola Tesla and the Colorado Experiments", with EHPS president, Matt Crabtree.*

# NIKOLA TESLA



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### Englewood Historic Preservation Society Mission

*To Preserve and share Englewood's history.*



Have you ever noticed the big manufacturing building at 4002 S. Clay St. –just up the hill from the new water park on Oxford Ave. Yeah it is in Sheridan, but many of the employees have lived here in Englewood. In the early days of Englewood and Sheridan, it was a very important manufacturing plant. Here is the story.

Someone told me it was the Coleman Plant. I thought of outdoor gear but was wrong. It was the plant #2 of the American Coleman Truck Company. It was American Coleman 4x4 truck builders and their three predecessor companies, Holmes Trucks, Plains Trucks, and Coleman Motors were manufactured on Nevada and Curtis streets near downtown Littleton from 1920 to 1987.

“Mr. Holmes came up with the idea of 4 wheel drive while working in the mountains. He thought better traction would be good. He designed and built add on kits to convert two wheel to four wheel. He also invented the front wheel drive accessory kit. He patented both ideas. Then he moved to Littleton and started the Holmes Motor Company to build the kits and install them on trucks. He also built his own brand of 4wd trucks.”

With better traction, people wanted to drive into the mountains in the winter. At that time, the highway department did not try to keep the mountain roads open... everyone took the trains. Holmes invented the

snow-blast rotary snow plow to use on the highways. Then he asked why cars have the engine and weight in the front and the drive wheels in the back? He invented another aftermarket kit to have front wheel drive cars.

“In 1921, Holmes joined forces with Plains Iron Works of Denver. The name of the motor company was changed to Plains Motor Corporation and operations were moved to Denver. Demonstrations at the Platte River in September, 1921 showed that the Holmes system fitted to a Ford could navigate through deep sand and water while hauling a load, while similar vehicles quickly became mired”.

“In 1922, Alfred E. Coleman and his brother George bought 51% of the Plains Motor Corporation and Harleigh Holmes moved the plant back to Littleton. The Coleman’s also bought the creamery building on South Nevada Street in Littleton for the new vehicle operations. Holmes retained a senior position in the new company. They built heavy duty trucks including fire trucks. There was a satellite facility of The on S. Curtice Street just south of Main St. in Littleton”

Enter the Coleman satellite Plant 2 on Clay Street. The main items for manufacture there were accessories for full sized pickup trucks. The intended market was shopping centers and governments. Until then, you needed 4 different trucks to do snow plowing,

spraying sand, spraying water and vacuuming up debris. They invented and built the detachable snow blade, a large liquid tank with a sprayer that fit in the bed, a sand spreader and a piggy vacuum. They were all add-on attachments for your large pickup. You just needed one truck and you could do it all.

Then another company took over the plant. The Baski Company started in 1978 as a supplier of drilling equipment for water, gas and oil drilling companies.

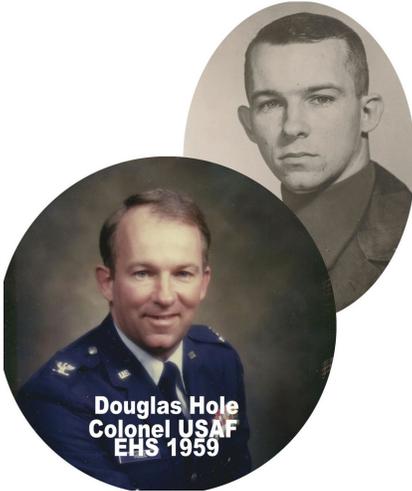
As time went on, there got to be a lot of concern about contamination of water supplies and leaking gasses as wells were drilled. Baski invented a thing called an “inflatable packer”. The packer is a custom made Kevlar reinforced rubber sleeve that fits on the outside of the drilling pipe and seals off any leakage in the hole. It seals water and it also keeps the fracking liquids from getting into the ground water. It also keeps methane and other gases from escaping from the drill hole.

These packers are made to fit the job. They come in diameters from 2” to 20” and any length needed. They are attached by either slipping the packer down along the pipe or attaching a packer pipe section that would be lowered to the exact position needed. Packers have been used since the 1940s, but the Baski inflatable packer is much more effective and much cheaper than the other choices.

The use of this novel technology has expanded worldwide in the past 20 years. They also invented a pump called the “pitless pump”. The pump is at the bottom of the well so there is virtually no noise and no footprint on the surface. It is used in parks and highly populated areas. In 2014 -Henry “Hank” Baski, president of Baski Inc. located in Englewood, Colorado, received The Life Member Award from the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) for his

## Memorial Celebration

**Colonel Douglas R. Hole (EHS class of 1959)  
Benefactor of Englewood Veterans Memorial**



### May 27th - Sunday - 2pm

*EHPS is organizing the remembrance and celebration for the annual event at Englewood High School. We ask you to help us with this task. Contact us at [historicenglewood.com](http://historicenglewood.com) or phone 303.242.3257. We are excited to have Douglas Hole as the key note speaker. "Being in the military we are often referring to as being in the "Service" or "Service Members". More importantly, serving your country can be a calling. Many have given their lives in this endeavor. I also think of service in a broader context where an individual may serve his country, his community, his family, and in a greater sense his fellow man. My experience tells me that there is no greater joy than serving something or someone outside of one's self. As a senior leader, I always wanted "Atta boys or Atta girls" to travel as quickly to the deserving person. On the same scale, it is important to shelter those who work with you from being blamed for things they couldn't control. Living life unselfishly and not always wanting to claim success when indeed it was a team effort is another way that we can also "actively care".*

*~ Doug Hole*

## SPECIAL Thank You!

### GEORGE KOUKEAS

*Thank you for a really interesting presentation on General Custer.*

*There is so much rewriting of history and you were able to help us separate the real George from all the modern bias. Well Done!*

### NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

**James & Jane Daniels**

**James Phelps**

### MEMORIAL PAVERS

**Linda Cohn**

**Harry Ladewig**

### DONATIONS & PURCHASES

**James Phelps**

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**Thank you for your support and for helping us to continue our mission!**

## Memorial Pavers

### March 1st - Thursday

*Deadline for buying a remembrance paver to be installed this year at the High School Veteran's Memorial. Do you have a family member, friend, class mate, neighbor who served in the military? Have you been thinking about a special way to remember them? You can buy a paver for a family member, a friend, your business... The person does not need to be an Englewood High graduate. See the form at the end of the newsletter for the details. Please see the details on our website or contact Paul Skizinski to place your order.*

## CORRECTION

Last month EHPS featured an article titled "A Monument is History In Stone" by Kay Howard. A portion of the story ended up being cut off so we are including the paragraph below. We apologize that this portion of the story was inadvertently omitted.

*The most important person who encouraged me and funded the project was our benefactor Colonel Douglas Russell Hole (EHS class of 1959). Doug lives in Annapolis, MD and after he learned about my idea of creating a monument, he visited me twice in Colorado, with his wife Donna. One day in the mail, I received a \$20,000 check. This gave me the foundation and credibility to "make it happen". Over the years, about \$60,000 was raised and went into the project and events.*

*I went to various clubs and organizations asking for donations. I sold pavers to raise money to buy the six thousand pound stone from the quarry in Lyons, Colorado.*

*~ Kay Howard*

## DID YOU KNOW? continued

special service in the advancement of the groundwater industry.

Harleigh Holmes and Hank Baski are innovative problem solvers who invented solutions to problems right here in our area!

Story compiled from various articles including "Harleigh Holmes and the Coleman Motor Company" compiled by Rebecca Dorward and additional articles from the Littleton Historic Society.

## EHPS Tours of 2018

To plan ahead and consider exploring Colorado, EHPS will be hosting 4-5 outings coordinated by EHPS Secretary CJ Cullinan. CJ is planning for those interested to determine the best days and time. Information will be shared to all in our newsletters and website.

### Saturday, MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> Broadmoor Hotel Resort

10:30AM Guided Art and History tour, 1.5 hours mainly inside - walking, wheelchair accessible, NO FEE. A couple of people are interested and would like to do lunch at their Tavern (\$18-20). However, if you're an early riser, you can breakfast there (Breakfast at Ristorante Del Lago Italian, \$13/15) and then join us at the Concierge Desk. Of course, March snows may require us to reschedule, but we're going for it anyway.

### Saturday, JUNE 2nd Castle Rock Museum

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM with guided walking tour, No Fee. Wonderful options for lunch or supper. Carpool from Englewood or meet at the museum.

### JULY or AUGUST - Date TBD Pikes Peak Reminiscence Tour

by our own Ida May Nicholl, weekday or weekend, best in morning to lessen weather issues at the peak. Carpooling from Englewood (1-1.5 hours) then can ride the Cog rail (\$40 - may be able to get group rates, 2-3 hours) OR carpool drive to the top (1.5 hrs). Ida May will share her experiences working on Pikes Peak in her youth at the top. We can lunch in Manitou Springs at the Cliff House before heading back to Englewood.

### SEPTEMBER - Date TBD Lee Maxwell Washing Machine Museum

9:30am or 1:30pm, weekday or weekend. Eaton, Weld County (workshop, storage barn of 1400+ machines) 2 hour guided tour. Wheelchair accessible-\$7.50 tickets. Lunch self-pay at Eaton Country Club. And side tour to Swetsville Zoo art forms from old machinery, donation only. Ft Collins. We can carpool the 1.5 hours and stroll back.

### OCTOBER - Date TBD Dumont's Melodrama

This annual fundraiser for the Mill Creek Valley Historical Society has been taking place since 1999. "For those who have never been to a melodrama, they find they are as important as the cast, and are pulled in and urged to heckle, boo, hiss, and hurrah those on the stage," Larice Sell, (*Society President and Melodrama Director*). Several EHPS member have attended this fun event in the past. All proceeds help to support the Mill Valley Historical Society Preservation work.

Contact CJ if you have interest in any of the above tours ([cjcullinan@msn.com](mailto:cjcullinan@msn.com) stating "EHPS Tour" in memo line or call/text 720.556.6770). The dates, times, and carpooling will be determined by those interested.

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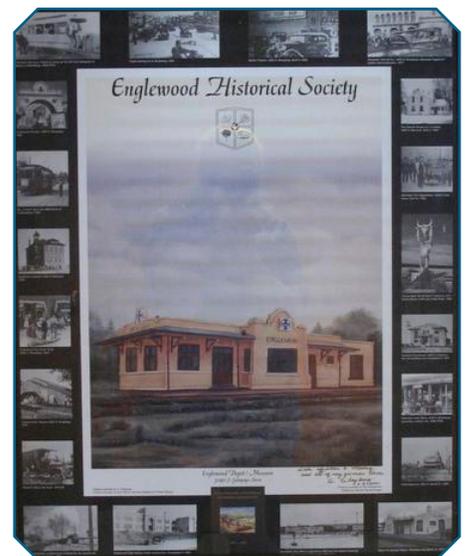
## WRITE A STORY!

"I ask you to take a few moments and write up a story about growing up in Englewood. School memories, social activities, and jobs you worked in Englewood, whatever is of interest to you that you would like to share." We have decided to offer a \$50 prize for the best story. Get to work out there!!!!!! lease send your doc to [EnglewoodMemories@ecentral.com](mailto:EnglewoodMemories@ecentral.com)

~ By Doug Hubka

## LIMITED PRINTS!

Would you like to own one of these prints produced by the now defunct Englewood Historical Society? The central painting is of the Sante Fe - Englewood Depot by local artist and historian Carolyn Clayburg. We have a limited number available for a \$15 donation to EHPS. We also have some that have been mounted on a sturdy backboard for \$45. Contact Doug Cohn, 303-587-2407.





# SAVE THE DATE

# MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

## SUNDAY, MAY 27TH 2018, 2:00PM

FOUNDED BY  
KAY WOODWARD HOWARD  
HOSTED BY

Englewood Historic Preservation Society

ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
3800 S. LOGAN ST  
ENGLEWOOD, CO 80110

THIS IS A FREE EVENT FEATURING THE FOLLOWING:

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COUNTY  
YOUNG  
MARINES

79TH  
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EHPS is selling 4 x 8 inch engraved pavers for \$150 each that will be installed in time for the Memorial Day Event. Purchase a paver for yourself, family member or friend to honor an individual veteran or a family. For more information visit our website or contact Paul Skizinski at [pj2skis@skizinski.com](mailto:pj2skis@skizinski.com) or 303.482.6184.

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