

Englewood Historic Preservation Society

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Upcoming Events

Tues. Nov. 27 10 AM Tour of Depot at
3190 S. Galapago St.

Sat. Dec. 1 Join us in the Englewood
Holiday Parade, ride in the float, and hand
out candy, drink hot cocoa and sing
Christmas Carols! There is room for 12
people on the float. Call Jim to get a spot:
303-269-9768

Meet at 9 AM in the 3400 S. Acoma
parking lot to finish the float.
Parade starts at 10 AM.

Sat. Dec. 8 Our first annual Christmas
party 5:30 PM at 1400 E. Dartmouth Ave.
RSVP and information call Shar 303-378-
5540

**We will not have a regular Society meeting
during December.**

Our Mission

- *Save and restore the depot making
it into Englewood's History Museum.
- *Preserve and share Englewood's
history.

Where we stand in our mission to obtain the
depot as an Englewood Museum and fulfill the
dream of the Society that came before us:

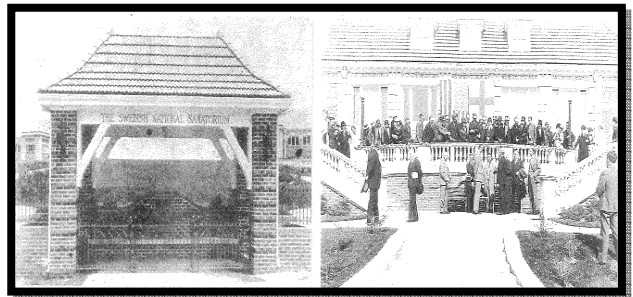
On November 15th, The City issued the
Request for Proposal soliciting offers to
buy the depot. We are studying the 37-
page offer. The deadline for submitting an
offer is February 28th.

Our Sponsors

CAFÉ 180
Colore Restaurant
Access Printing
The Outdoorsman's Attic
Bonnie Brae Hobby Shop
Solid Grounds
Ooh LaLa Events

Our Board of Directors

Jim Jordan
Ida May Nichol
Christine Dietrich
Doug Cohn
Matt Crabtree
Jeff Barker
Sharlene Barker
Dave Paschal



Swedish Hospital

Thank you for sharing your story during
our last history talk on Nov. 2.

- 100th Anniversary: Celebrating a
Century of Caring
- 2005 Swedish Medical Center
celebrated its 100th Anniversary.
- The centennial celebration
continued the Swedish Medical
Center tradition of reaching out to
the community.

*You may have noticed the gateway. The
original is in Cushing Park on Dartmouth Ave.*

**We are putting together an association of
museums and historic societies in Arapahoe
County**

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Year to Date Income/Expenditures - Financial Overview

**Report Date: May, 2012 through November
9th, 2012**

Income

Membership 1,500.00

Donations 200.64

Event/Fundraising 245.00

Peaches Sales - Fundraising 536.10

Other Fundraising 30.00

**Total Income Year to Date (May, 2012 - Nov 9th, 2012)
2,511.74**

Expenditures

Printing 430.58

IRS - Applications 400.00

Travel 125.00

Peaches Sales - Fundraising (cost) 402.00

Grant Writing/Consulting 490.55

Events, Room Rental, Speakers 160.00

**Total Expenditures Year to Date (May, 2012 - Nov 9th,
2012) 2,008.13**

Balance (As of Nov 13th, 2012) 503.61

**In Kind donations not recorded in the expense statement these
entries were not ready when the report was prepared.**

Café 180, Solid Grounds, Dietrich Chocolates, Access Printing,
The Pueblo Railway Foundation and others have donated
refreshments, printing, train ride tickets, admissions to other
museums valued at \$1415.

The Board members of The Englewood Historic Preservation
Society have spent \$4370 of their own money in printing, travel
expenses, gas and other things to put the organization together
and to promote our goal. This money has been spent with no
request for reimbursement. This is personal out of pocket money.
The City Council of Englewood gave \$500 to the Society on Nov.
17th.

We have made some corrections and
additions to our Articles of Incorporation
and By-laws. They are posted on our web
site for your inspection.

Our Float entry in the Dec. 1st Parade



On October 24th, history was made when a meeting of a number of Arapahoe County historical societies met at Cafe180 in Englewood. The meeting was called by the Englewood Historic Preservation Society to see if there was interest in forming a confederation to develop goals to promote history in Arapahoe County.

Those attending were The Sheridan Historical Society, The Friends of Fort Logan, Historic Littleton, The Plains Conservation Center in Aurora, The Englewood Historic Preservation Society and a representative of Historic Colorado.

It was decided that there is a need for a confederation to exchange ideas, information on funding, to create positive dialog with political entities in Arapahoe County, and attract younger persons into these groups for the preservation of these groups.

Mr. Jim Jordan, President of the Englewood Historic Preservation Society stressed the need to work with the various school systems to promote needed interest in the history of the Arapahoe County area. The attendees agreed and will work to create a plan to increase student participation.

The next scheduled meeting will take place on January 10 2013, at the Plains Conservation Center in eastern Aurora. For information about joining one or more of these groups or attending this meeting, please call 303-269-9768

World's Largest Aircraft Manufacturer

The Alexander Film Company was founded in Spokane Washington in 1919. The motion picture advertising firm became a thriving enterprise, which quickly outgrew its facilities in Spokane. In 1923, the film company purchased a studio from the National Film Company in Englewood, Colorado. The facility was part of the original Tuileries Gardens, which covered nearly two city blocks that featured an imposing administration building. The old Tuileries dance pavilion dance floor made a perfect studio. Englewood was a centrally located city with the modern Englewood Railroad Depot serviced by such major carriers as the AT&SF and DRGW railroads that were ideal for film shipments.

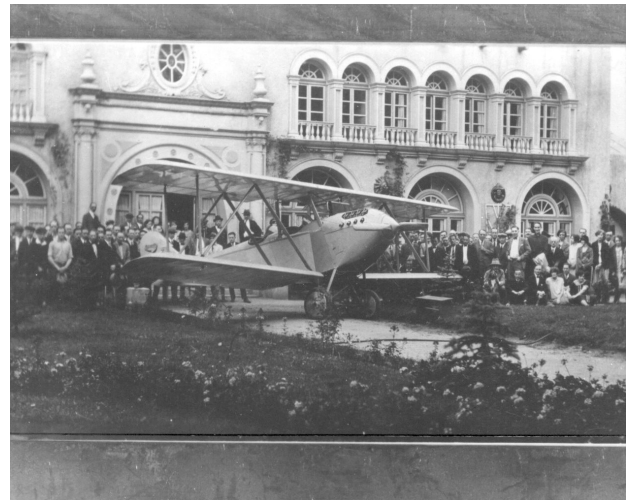
J. Don Alexander the younger brother and co-founder of the Alexander Film Company developed the idea of supporting his sales staff with airplanes. He purchased a second hand 1920 Laird "Swallow" for their use on sales trips. Alexander considered purchasing several more sales support aircraft, but encountered two problems. He was dissatisfied with the performance of the used aircraft and the number of planes he wanted to purchase was not available in the desired quantities. He asked his company engineers to design a small, lightweight, economical aircraft. In 1924, the Alexander Film Company and the Alexander Aircraft Company became divisions of Alexander Industries. September of 1925 saw the "Alexander Eaglerock" test flown by test pilot Joseph Hammer. The popularity of the Eaglerock soared and within a year, the second largest aircraft builder in the world had 33 distributors and 143 dealers nationwide.

The Eaglerock was followed by models that were more successful and its popularity during the period of 1928 and 1929 made the Alexander Aircraft Company the largest aircraft manufacturer in the world producing 8 airplanes a day. Rapid expansion of Alexander Industries was needed. Forced out of the Englewood area by the inability to successfully complete a local real estate purchase, Alexander Industries acquired 260 acres in

Colorado Springs, constructed a new plant, and began relocating its operation in mid 1928.

It is estimated that approximately 24 Alexander aircraft exist today. The oldest known surviving Eaglerock, a 1926 "Long Wing", is on display at the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum in Denver. Denver International Airport's Concourse B hosts a display of a vintage Eaglerock biplane.

--The article was compiled by Dave Paschal, Historian for the Englewood Historic Preservation Society.



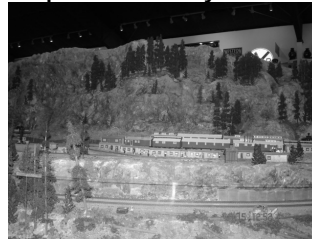
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The first Eaglerock airplane rolling out of the plant. The plant was located in the 3300 and 3400 blocks of S. Broadway.

We took a trip to two museums in northern Colorado in early November. Our purpose besides having some fun was to see how they do things and learn from them.

Trip to Pierce museum in early November



Trip to Greeley museum in early November



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