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## ANNUAL MEETING- FRIDAY 6:30PM APR 29 2016

The Pike Association's annual meeting *A Good One! Not to miss.*

**WHEN:** FRIDAY, APR. 29, 2016 6:30 PM

DINNER AT **DIRITOS** ITALIAN RESTAURANT AT 231 MAIN ST. (NE OF ROYAL GORGE BLVD. ON 3RD)  
IN CAÑON CITY AT 5 PM (NOTE THE CORRECTION OF DIRITOS)

**WHERE:** BIG HORN LODGE AT THE ROYAL GORGE IN CAÑON CITY, CO

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** YOU CAN STAY THAT EVENING IN THE LODGE- GUEST OF THE PARK (FREE)

BRING YOUR SPOUSE AND STAY THE NIGHT! BUT LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL STAY.

**PRESENTATION:** ZANDER SCARBOROUGH'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - ZMPIKE AND MONTY PIKE VIDEO.  
Partial Slate and Agenda given below.

### PIKE'S DAMN'D RASCALS- 3



Doctor Dr. John Robinson **2nd expedition only** Went with Pike, Miller and Brown to climb Pikes Peak with Pike in late November, Left for Santa Fe 2/7/1807. Generally Pike's buddy. Some say the real Spy for Wilkinson and Burr.

Dr. John Hamilton Robinson (1782-1819), acting surgeon's mate at Cantonment Belle Fontaine in 1805.

He joined the Mexicans in their revolution against Spain in the Mexican Revolution 1821.

Interpreter Baroney [Baronet Vasquez] Vasques **2nd expedition only** Trader among the Pawnees and the Kansas Indians. Native language French and he spoke Spanish- his English was poor. His presence at Carrizal at the time of Private Miller's murder trial made it necessary for him to interpret as best he could.

He was left on 1/14/07 at Cañon City, CO Upper Arkansas River Valley with cache [later retrieved after 2/26] with Patrick Smith. Upon his delayed return from Mexico, Vasquez received in ensign's Commission through Pike's influence.



### MORE NEXT MONTH

**PIKE INVENTORY** INVENTORY PROJECT OF PIKE MONUMENTS- ROADSIDE PANELS, MARKERS, SIGNS, PLAQUES, ETC.

**Publication of this work has drawn attention for our Colorado state legislation because it shows support.**

We have now documented over 62 such objects across United States with pictures, location and GPS readings, and information. PDFs of this incomplete work are available for your additions. Thank you for 5 more since the Feb. Newsletter.

We still need an inventory from New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana; the three provinces of Mexico- Chihuahua, Durango, and Coahuila; as well as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri (on the Mississippi River). Dr. Clive Siegle is going after items in Texas.

**9 JOIN US Welcome to Betty, Iva, Linda, Brooke, Chuck, John, Ken, Rod, and Vince- New California, Montana, Nevada, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois State Coordinators and board members.**



Betty Andrews, Iva Kolstad, Brooke Mohan, Chuck Wobig, John Gurley, Ken Handley and Rod Bergen, have joined our State Coordinators. Linda Balogh & Dr. Vince Novick also join our Board. Chuck, John, Ken, Rod, and Vince represent states where Pike spent time on his 1805-06 Mississippi River expedition.

Betty Andrews has been a member of the Pike Association for number years and hails from Mission Viejo, California. She worked for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, New York for numbers of years. She is our new Pike California State Coordinator.

Iva Kolstad is graduate of Concordia in nursing with a BA. She is very involved in educating children about the Lewis and Clark expedition. From this perspective she is a good fit for our organization. Iva is the surviving spouse of Allen Kolstad, formerly in the Montana State Legislature. She lives in Ledger, Montana near the 48th parallel (48°15'29.8"N 111°49'32.4"W). (49°N is the Canadian border) She joins us as our new Montana State Coordinator.

J. Brooke Mohan Jr. is from Silver Springs, Nevada. He is interested in history, long in land sales and will serve as our Nevada State Coordinator.

Chuck Wobig hails from Green Bay, Wisconsin. He lives just south of Green Bay with his wife Nancy. He joins us as our new Wisconsin State Coordinator.

John Gurley is the new Pike Illinois State Coordinator from Hinckley Illinois former air traffic control supervisor in Aurora Illinois. He joins us as our new Illinois State Coordinator.

Ken Handley He lives on the Mississippi River near the St. Croix River in Bayport, MN. He joins us as our new Eastern Minnesota State Coordinator.

Rod Bergen Lives in the area near the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Moorhead, MN. He joins us as our new Western Minnesota State Coordinator.

Dr. Vince Novick is an aeronautical engineer who spent most of his working life at Argonne National Laboratories, Argonne, Illinois. He lives in Downers Grove, IL with his wife Adrienne. He is our Pike new Board Member from Illinois.

Linda Balough is the Director of the Park County Department of Heritage, Tourism and Community Development and manages the South Park National Heritage Area, one of Colorado's three National Heritage Areas. She joins us as Chairman of the Pike Trail in Colorado.

Thank you Betty, Iva, Linda and gentlemen for joining us.

**LEGISLATION**

**GOOD NEWS- Almost State - Waiting for Governor's Signature by 4/15**

**The state legislature in Colorado unanimously passed the Pike Trail in Colorado. That's 670 miles designated!**

**Colorado HB 16-1106 (Pioneer Trail legislation) has no opposition in CO Legislature Summarized History for Bill Number HB16-1106**

*(The date the bill passed to the committee of the whole reflects the date the bill passed out of committee.)*

- 01/19/2016 Introduced In House - Assigned to Local Government**
- 02/17/2016 House Committee on Local Government Refer Amended to House Committee of the Whole**
- 02/22/2016 House Second Reading Passed with Amendments - Committee**
- 02/23/2016 House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments**
- 03/04/2016 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Local Government**
- 03/15/2016 7-0 Senate Committee on Local Government Referred Unamended - Consent Calendar to Senate Committee of the Whole**
- 03/18/2016 Senate Third Reading and passage**

— — Governor

*This bill enjoys partisan support is obviously.*

1106 READY FOR GOVERNOR BEFORE 15 APR 2016 THE WORDS

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY TO DESIGNATE PUBLIC ROADS AS A SECTION OF A PIONEER TRAIL.

- 30-11-127. **Pioneer trail** - designation - signs. (1) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DESIGNATE, BY RESOLUTION, ANY PUBLIC ROADS IN THE COUNTY AS A SECTION OF A PIONEER TRAIL. A PIONEER TRAIL CONSISTS OF PUBLIC ROADS THAT FOLLOW AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE THE ORIGINAL TRAILS OR ROUTES OF TRAVEL OF NATIONAL HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE. TO MAKE SUCH DESIGNATION, THE BOARD MUST IDENTIFY ALL OF THE ROADS THAT MAKE UP THE PIONEER TRAIL. THE BOARD SHALL NOT DESIGNATE A PIONEER TRAIL ACROSS PUBLIC LANDS ON A ROAD ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNLESS THE ROAD IS DESIGNATED AS OPEN TO TRAVEL BY THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY. EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE DESIGNATION OF THE PIONEER TRAIL IS EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF THE RESOLUTION.
- (2) IF A COUNTY DESIGNATES ANY PORTION OF A STATE HIGHWAY AS A PIONEER TRAIL, THE DESIGNATION IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNLESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ACTING BY JOINT RESOLUTION, ALSO DESIGNATES THE PORTION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY AS PART OF THE PIONEER TRAIL.
- (3) IF ANY OF THE DESIGNATED ROADS ARE PART OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. IF ANY OF THE DESIGNATED ROADS ARE ON PUBLIC LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE BOARD SHALL SEND A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY.
- (4) A COUNTY MAY POST, OR ALLOW TO BE POSTED, IDENTIFYING AND INFORMATIVE SIGNS RELATED TO THE PIONEER TRAIL ALONG COUNTY ROADS.
- (5) THE AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE A PIONEER TRAIL IS INTENDED TO HIGHLIGHT COLORADO'S CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE AND TO PROMOTE HISTORICAL TOURISM AND EDUCATION. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION AFFECTS EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC ROADS.

RETURN TO THE PIKE ASSOCIATION DRIVING/BICYCLING/HIKING ROUTES

The Pike Association Driving, Biking and Hiking Routes for Colorado have been completed. We have divided up the state into eight sections corresponding roughly with the eight phases of Pike's trip in Colorado. 1- Holly to Las Animas, 2- Las Animas to Pueblo, 3- the Pike Route up to Mount Rosa, 4- Pueblo to Cañon City, 5. Cañon City to Leadville, 6- Leadville to Cañon City, 7- Cañon City to Alamosa, 8- Alamosa to Antonio/ CO/NM border.

This effort to complete all the routes with maps, pictures, directions, GPS, etc. was done in preparation to present to the County Commissioners in the 15 Pike Counties once a legislation is signed. We are also presenting them with maps showing the route, State Highway System numbers and federal management areas the route goes on or through because of the wording in the legislation above (see highlighted areas.)

If you would like to comment on or Field test any section of the information, please contact Harv (- contact below.)

PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION APRIL 29, 2016 PIKE AGENDA

**Agenda** Fri. April 29, 2016 6:30pm - 9:30pm

in the Big Horn Lodge (or the visitor's center) of the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, **Cănon City, CO 81212**

1. Welcome, Gratitude to the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park and Introduction of invited guests
  - a. Lead Senators and Representative for HB 16-1106
  - b. The 15 Colorado Pike County Commissioners (47 invited)
  - c. Forest Service, Frontier Pathways and others
2. Remembering Stew Brown, CO Board Member and feelings about John Murphy and Pat Surrena
3. Award ceremony - Rep. Jim Wilson, Sen. Kevin Grantham, Sen. Leroy Garcia Linda Balogh, Kit Shy, and Brian Pike
4. Presentation on the Pioneer Trail legislation- 1106
5. Secretary's Report- Approval of **Minutes** of Sat. April 25, 2015
6. Treasurer's Report- (Stacey for Brian) Approval of Treasurer's Report - \$
7. Budget - \$
8. Election of Officers, Directors, Coordinators and Advisors (see slate above)!
9. President's Report - Pikes Peak Visitor's Center (Pike/San Isabel NF and El Paso), app, panels,
10. Committee Reports
  - a. Colorado Pike State Trail- (Linda Balough, chair)
  - b. Legislation- (John Murphy, chair)
  - c. Membership Report- (Brian Pike, chair)
    - i. New members
    - ii. Corporate partnerships
  - d. Interpretation- (Pat Surrena, chair)
    - i. Interpretive signs/ Roadside Panels
  - e. Preservation- (Erwin Young, chair)
  - f. Pike Bike/Hike/Car Route- Maps and Turn-by-turns
  - g. Mobile phone app
  - h. Exact route and site location
  - i. Newsletter and Website
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Eagle Project presentation- Zander Scarbough
14. Next Board and Membership Meeting
15. Adjournment

## SAN LUIS VALLEY-THANK THE LORD FOR THE SPANISH.

They rescued Zebulon Pike and his men. It is difficult to understand the exact reason why Pike and his men were in the San Luis Valley. "History is a mystery." Facts are difficult to pin down and may remain elusive. - L. Mitson. The debate continues- was he Lost, trespassing or invading Spanish territory, on a spy mission, simply exploring as a loyal US Military officer, or in need of rescue? When you think you have an answer to one question, others seem to come to mind. Was he arrested by the Spanish, being rescued by them or simply escorted by the Spanish to Santa Fe? Why wasn't he just brought back to where he came - Cañon City? Why did the Spanish aid in the rescue of the men from the Wet Mountain Valley in the Upper Arkansas?

### **Pike's need for help**

Pike crossed Sangre de Cristo Mountains needing to be helped and rescued. Harsh conditions of winter, and lack of food and supplies- suggest that he and his men needed help. He had left five men behind, two in the Upper Arkansas at Cañon City, and three with frostbite in the Wet Mountain Valley in early January 1807.

On Thursday, February 26th, 1807, Lieutenant Don Ignacio Saltelo (and the Spanish party's commandant) and Lieutenant Don Bartholomew Fernandez, 'captured' Pike and his men near the Pike Stockade in the San Luis Valley. Lt. Saltelo brought them further south into New Spain on the Old Spanish Trail to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Thank the Lord for the Old Spanish Trail, Lt. Don Ignacio Saltelo and for Pike's rescue.

### **Treatment in New Spain**

Certainly the more than kind, and congenial treatment of Pike by the Spanish, indicates that he was well received. Fandango's were thrown for them. He and his men were allowed to keep their arms and ammunition. Pike resided with Juan Pedro Walker, a schoolmaster and **cartographer** in Chihuahua. They were allowed to record observations and talk with the people in New Spain.

Certainly the reception was congenial.

One historian has reported that there is evidence in sympathetic letters indicating that the population knew that Pike might be in the area before he arrived. Further, in early 1807, the northern reaches of the New Spain were sparsely populated.

### **The future of the friendship Spanish Lieutenant Malgares and Pike**

What the meeting and the friendship of Lt. Zebulon Pike and Spanish Lt. Facundo Malgares (Pike's escort leading south from Chihuahua) is nothing short of good fortune. Both in their own ways contributed to the development of the American Southwest.

### **Honoring the people of the southwest**

The lands of Colorado and New Mexico is replete with a history of many people including the Ute Indians, Spanish explorers and colonials, American explorers, miners, trappers and pioneers and settlers. Their historical significance must be remembered.

## PIKE-DAR MARKER MOVED

The City Engineer of Cañon City- Adam T. Lancaster reported that the Pike Memorial which was located beside US 50 (where US-50 turns North past the prison- a dangerous location with no pull off) "has successfully been relocated to the Tunnel Drive Trailhead at the far west end of Tunnel Drive."

The coordinates of this DAR Marker are now 38.43777, -105.264582.

This new location is across the Arkansas from the 'Pink House' which is very close to where we believe the 1806-7 Cañon City Pike Stockade was located. There were believed remnants found years ago. Another Pike monument exists up river close to Tunnel Drive. The current coordinates for this Royal Gorge Monument is 38.432923, -105.266714. This is in need of repair and will be relocated for public access with the other monument.

Adam sent me pictures of both monuments. The area of the relocation has been renovated and is worth a visit by you. Very attractive.

## WHICH PEAK?

In 2014, Jared Orsi (with John Patrick Michael Murphy's [our VP] help) wrote an article you may be interested in reading. The title: CITIZEN EXPLORER: THE LIFE OF ZEBULON PIKE; FOLLOW PIKE ACROSS THE WEST— Which Peak? The link is: <http://citizenexplorer.org/pike-mysteries/which-peak-did-pike-climb/>

It, to some extent, recalls articles John wrote for the Pike Newsletters. Jared used our Pike enhanced map and resourced our website.

John did an extensive study of Pike's ascent and decent from Deadmans Gulch/CO-115/ Fort Carson to summit Mount Rosa. John insists that Pike's route up was the high route and he took the low route down along Little Fountain Creek.

John- "**Tuesday 26**, they ascended the ridge above **Deadmans Canyon**, ascending **Goat Mtn.** Then to the south summit of **Gray Back Peak**, to its north ridge which crosses the **Emerald Valley road**- then around the right side of **Sugarloaf Mtn.** -to its north ridge which crosses the Gold Camp road. Up to the **Devils Slide-St Peters Dome Ridge** to **Mt Rosa's** south ridge to the cave at 10,700' and to the Rosa summit. ... **Wednesday 27**, they descended down Little Fountain Creek back to Deadmans Canyon." The Orsi article has a picture of Pikes Cave (Mt. Rosa- 10,700 ft) that John took.

Route maps of this *historic path* are now available. Add one more piece to the Pikes Peak saga.

The Forest Service and El Paso County are reorienting the summit Visitor's Center toward Mt. Rosa.

## OUR ADVISOR LENDS ADVICE

Jim Mallory, one of our advisers, suggests that we continue to plug away at getting Pike's name out there and locations, trails, etc. named for him.

An example he gives was written in the March 3rd in the Utica Indiana 'Wave' by Katie Bauer, NBC News. The article was titled: Resolution to name new bridge after Lewis & Clark approved and the link is: <http://www.wave3.com/story/31378273/in-house-passes-naming-resolution-for-new-ohio-river-bridge>

**They get mileage out of this.**

Please join our Association!

Our Membership chairman is in negotiations with three Colorado corporations to establish partnerships and receive financial assistance. Last year an asphalt company joined us with the pledge and a medical company funded for two years or smart phone app.

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>

*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

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE- (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pike-National-Historic-Trail-Association/167853563238403?fref=ts>)

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 29th 2016 at the Royal Gorge, CO.

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