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# VaARRA News

Newsletter from the  
**Vail Ranch Restoration Association**

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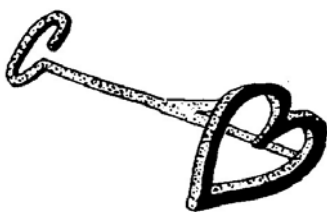
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*“Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Historic Vail Ranch Headquarters.”*

**Little Temecula History Center is Open on Sunday — In Red Implement Barn next to Kohl’s At Margarita and Temecula Pkwy.**

**Sundays 12 - 5 pm**  
*Or by Appointment*

***Come see the results of Our efforts, and perhaps Volunteer to be a docent.***



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### Year End Update

## Season’s Greetings from VaARRA And the Vail Headquarters

The Board of Director’s of VaARRA and the management of the Vail Headquarters send special greetings and sincere good wishes for all our members, supporters and friends of the Vail Ranch.

2018 has certainly been a busy one for VaARRA and activities at the Vail Headquarters. Every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. is a Farmers Market, featuring vendors with fresh produce and others with crafts to sell. Sundays continue to be an active time for families to stroll through the grounds and perhaps take a ride on our small train. Vendors are also available at that time selling crafts and other items. Frequently a working blacksmith is available on Sundays and special events demonstrating this old time skill.

The restoration of the Vail Ranch Headquarters is nearly complete, with the remaining space having been leased and interior improvements are under way. New tenants will include a food-court in the Cook House, and a Brew Pub in the old Machinery Barn, along with an Escape Room operation, and Vintage Clothes store.

Efforts continue toward our goal of completing and submitting an application for National Historic Registry status of the Vail Headquarters. A draft of the application was completed some years ago, but the changes at the complex, and recent modifications of application requirements has caused a total review of what will be needed to be able to turn in an up-to-date compliant application form.

Many activities are planned at the Headquarters during the month of December and we encourage those in the area to support the activities, vendors and businesses during the Holiday Season.

Two venues are kept running by knowledgeable VaARRA volunteers: The Little Temecula History Center, at the corner of Wolf Store Road and Redhawk Parkway, and the Water Building at Vail Headquarters.

The History Center, a rustic museum with hands-on displays suitable for adults and supervised children, is open Sundays 12 - 5.

At the old Water Building, open Sundays 11 - 4 and Tuesdays 9 - 1 pm, there are antiques, collectibles, books and T-shirts available for purchase, plus you can purchase tickets for rides on the little train or the replica stagecoach pulled by a vintage tractor, that runs through the property. Tickets are \$3 each, children under 3 are free with adult ticket.

If you have questions about local history, we can usually answer them.



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**Recognizing our valued volunteers during special feast event at the History Center in the heat of an August evening this year.**

## ***VaARRA Volunteers Feted With Special Recognition Event***

On a hot August night, VaARRA put on a recognition dinner event, complete with service from our Chuck Wagon. The event was to recognize and thank all the volunteers who assist and support our efforts during the many events and activities.

Mixed in with a wonderful meal, dessert and optionally a glass of wine, Darell and Rebecca provided a brief program including update of coming milestones at the Vail HQ.

All volunteers were also provided with new VaARRA T-shirts to add to or replace previous ones used during events.

## ***December Events at Vail HQ***

- Dec 1** -- Proclaim Youth Ministries music night & clothing drive 6:30 to 8:30pm.
- Dec 2** -- Momtrepreneur's Hello Holidays Market 11am to 4pm.
- Dec 5** -- Private party in central courtyard.
- Dec 7** -- Night of Hope 5:30 to 8:30pm live music, fundraiser for Show Hope.
- Dec 8** -- Pictures with Santa at Winchester Western 4pm to 7pm.  
 Project T.O.U.C.H drive sponsored by AARE 11am to 2pm - Project T.O.U.C.H. is a local non-profit helping those in need.
- Dec 12** -- Project T.O.U.C.H drive sponsored by AARE 2pm to 5pm.
- Dec 13** -- Celebration of life memorial service for Bob Morris in central courtyard 1pm.
- Dec 15** -- Temecula Chilled at Vail HQ 5pm to 9pm – Bundle up for an evening of Holiday fun at Vail Headquarters! Bring the whole family along for a stroll through our historic property and enjoy these activities: Picture with Santa; carriage rides, face painting, crafts, games, prizes, music, Christmas carolers, hot cocoa and more.
- Dec 16** -- BMX demo in front parking lot (near IHOP) 12pm to 4pm.
- Dec 21** -- Generation Voice paint along fundraiser in central courtyard 10am to 3pm.
- Dec 22** -- Ramble On Holiday Car Show 5pm to 9pm. Classic cars and bikes, music, food & brews, vendor booths, and free pictures with Santa for the lil ones!
- Dec 26** -- San Diego Blood Bank blood drive in front parking lot 10am to 3pm.

## Headquarters Bits & Pieces

■ Multiple renovation activities are taking place as this issue goes to press. The Cookhouse will become a food court with four restaurants, and in the barn will be a brewery, four escape rooms and a vintage clothing store. All anticipated to be open before the end of the year.

■ Did you know that everywhere you see an old wagon wheel and a slab of granite there is an informative plaque? Take a walk around the property and you will learn a lot from the plaques. We are sometimes asked why we don't have informative brochures. The plaques are a way to eliminate paper waste.

■ Did you know there is a Little Free Library box at Vail Headquarters, between Cheflavor and the old Vail cookhouse? We stock children's books mainly and enjoy seeing young ones engaged in reading when they visit Vail HQ. The principle behind the Little Free Library movement is to take a book and bring it back or to take one and donate another.

■ At times during the year Vail HQ hosts Starlight Bazaars which are "magical" evenings with live music, vendors, horse & carriage rides in the moonlight and usually over 1,000 people visiting under the stars. Watch the schedule for these and other events.

■ Remember that during the summer months there are Friday Night Movies on the Vail HQ Stage. Plan to bring your friends, low-back beach chairs and blankets. Grab dinner from one of the vendors and settle in for a family friendly movie

■ We love hosting Farmers Market each Tuesday morning. It is a smaller group that makes for a quick shopping trip and a comfortable and personal option for interacting with farmers and artisans.

## Student "Thank You" Letters

*(Editor's Note: The letters below are from students who attend Rancho Elementary School. We had a total of 120 students on 2 separate days visit in early May, 2018. They wrote "thank you" letters and we have reproduced some just as they were received with no correction to spelling or punctuation.)*

Dear Vail Ranch Volunteers,

In my opinion our field trip to the Vail Ranch History headquarters was enlightening. I felt it was enlightening because I learned about how the people in Vail Ranch did their lownday, I learned how it felt to ride in a Butterfield Stage Coach and I got to ride in a speedy old car.

First of all, I beleve that the field trip was enlightening because I learned how the people in Vail Ranch did their job every day.

Seconed of all, I like how you guys told storsys of what they did like the chuck wagin and the stage coach.

Finally, I rely enjoyed the field trip because the speede car the car went so fast but when he said "are you ready" I was ready but not for that.

In conclusion, the field trip to your history center was enlightening. I enjoyed being able to have fun and learn more about our community's history.

Sincerely, Colin

Dear Vail Ranch Volunteers,

In my opinion our field trip to the Vail Ranch history headquarters was Fascinating. I felt it was Fascinating because there was so much things in the past I did not now.

First of all I believe that the field trip was Fascinating because I got to ride in a Buttrfield stage cauch for my first time. It was really bupey but Fascinating. In addition, I think it is Fascinating because I rode a fast car. We want really fast and it was a cool ride.

Finily I now it was the best field trip because I learnd that doing things were so hard. By doing landry you need to wash the close by were hands and it take at lest 2 days. Now we put our close in the washing mashine and it is all done. Thank you for leting me learn so much.

Sincerely, Spencer

Dear Vail Ranch Volunteers,

In my opinion our field trip to the Vail Ranch History headquarters was incredible. I felt it was incredible because we got to ride in a Butter field stage coach, the fast truck and the person and the garden.

First of all, I believe that the field trip was incredible because of the butter felid stage coach it was so old it looked like the real one. Thank you so much for are feild trip.

Sincerely, Morgan

Dear Vail Ranch Volunteers,

In my opinion, our field trip to Vail Ranch was amazing.

I felt it was great because it had many amazing things to enjoy, like a car from the 1920's, a Butterfeild Stage Coach, and a real blacksmith.

First of all, it was amazing because of the car. When I got on it I had not expected it to go so fast. I've never bin in a car so fast. In addition, I believe that the field trip was also great because of the Butterfeild Stage Coach. It was so amazing. I felt like I was in the olden dilevering mail.

Don't forget the blacksmith. I have never seen a piece of medal so scorching hot. It was very interesting how the hotness of the medal made it able to bend.

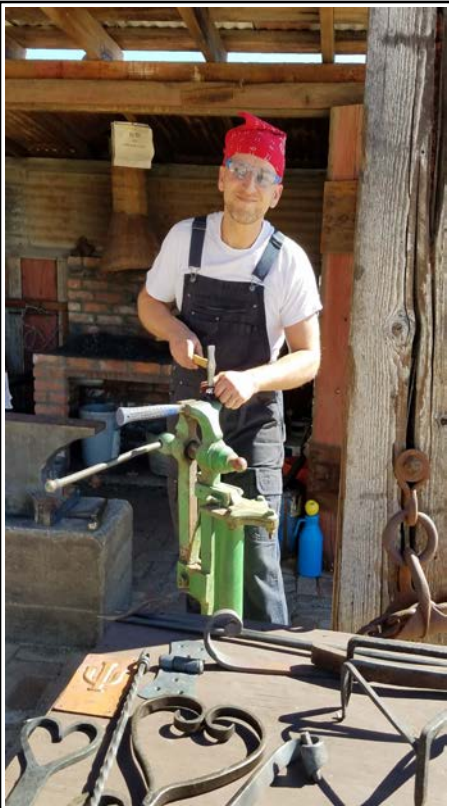
This was the best field trip ever.

Sincerly, Dinjin

Dear Vail History Museum,

The first thing I want to way is I hand so mush fun. The Ford car is so fast. How fast dus the Ford car go. The blacksmith was cool and so interse becus how the irne is made, and how you can form it. It is cool how to wash clos. First you wash the clos. Next you scrub it. Three you watr it. Last you hag is to dri.

Love, Ethan



**Matthew Oliphant**, shown above, is one of the blacksmiths who volunteers at Vail HQ on Sundays. He and his fellow craftsmen Jeff, Arlie, and John are happy to visit with people and to talk about their work while they are demonstrating at the smithy. The items they craft, like the ones in the photo are available for purchase. They also are willing to make custom items at a reasonable cost. Stop by to hear the clang of hammer on metal and the sizzling of hot iron cooled in water.

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***Be sure to "Like" VaARRA  
And Vail HQ on  
Facebook to receive  
updated  
Information about events.***

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***Also be sure to visit  
[www.vailhq.com](http://www.vailhq.com)***

# More Student "Thank You" Letters

Dear Vail History Museum Center,

Thank you for letting us go on the fun awesome ride the Ford was a lot fun. I also liked the grinding coffee it smelled like coffee.

I loved cracking the acorn nuts the lady said some acorn nuts can be bad for you. So that's why they want to get the good acorn nuts. We filled the animal fur it was weird to fill it. One of the animal fur was really soft. I'm happy we were here this was fun.

Love, Khloe

Dear Vail History Museum,

The first thing I want to say is I had so much fun. The Ford car is so fast. How fast does the Ford car go. The blacksmith was cool and so interesting because how the iron is made, and how you can form it.

It is cool how to wash clothes. First you wash the clothes. Next you scrub it. Then you wring it. Last you hang it to dry.

Love, Ethan

Dear Vail Ranch Volunteers,

In my opinion you did a good job with the order of the lesson of what it was like in the olden days. Also the way you showed us and let us touch stuff, and hold it too.

First, the stage coach. I like how they have that there was a little space for 2 people in it. I thought it was creative.

Second the blacksmith I like him showing us what he had made. He made a fire and a candle holder.

Last the car ride. Also I like where we rode in the car. The best part was the seat bump that's when every one screamed that my favorite part also.

From Cambel

Dear Vail Ranch Volunteers,

In my opinion, our field trip to the Vail Ranch History headquarters was incredible. I felt it was incredible because I got to ride in a Butterfield stage coach, I got to see how a blacksmith bends his tools, and wash clothes.

First of all, I believe that the field trip was incredible because when I was on the Butterfield stage coach I was sitting in the back of the Butterfield stagecoach I could see almost everything. I could see all my friends I loved it.

In addition, I think the field trip was incredible because when we went to the blacksmiths shop I got to touch utensils that the blacksmith made and a whole lot of other things when we were there the blacksmith was making something.

Finally, I really enjoyed the field trip because when I learned how to wash clothes like it was in the olden days it was actually fun because the I never do laundry but now I want to go back and do it again.

In conclusion, the field trip to your history center was informative and interesting. I enjoyed to be able to have and learn more about our community's history.

Sincerely, Lila

Dear Vail Ranch Volunteers,

In my point of view, I think going on that field trip was enjoyable. I believe it was enjoyable because of the blacksmith and the stage coach and Model A truck.

First of all, I think the field trip was enjoyable because of the blacksmith.

I liked the blacksmith because I did not know that the mangle could get so red hot. In addition, I think the field trip was enjoyable because of the stage coach. I did not know that the stage coach went so slow.

Finally I think the field trip was enjoyable because of the Model A truck. I did not know that you can make it yourself. In conclusion I can't wait to bring my family and teach them.

Maddie