



Bob and Karen Foster, owners and your hosts.

Karen and I invite you to return to, or visit for the first time, our Valley in the Rockies. Come experience first-hand the rest of our "Oooo-aaaah" service story and enjoy a vacation you can't afford not to take this year. Helpin' Make Happiness Happen in 2009.

### Thoughts From Bob & Karen... Oooooaaah!

It's the most memorable sound at Lost Valley. We shout it when the bell rings in the dining room, we sing it as we asked you to "...., join the fun", and it's the involuntary cry of excitement as you catch that fish, ride that horse or gaze out over the Pike National Forest from Helen's Rock. The answer to all is "Ooooo-aaaah!!"

Lost Valley's western cry was the invention of a wrangler in the early 1960's. Over the years it has expanded and evolved into our verbal identity. I've heard it from former guests on the streets of NYC, a mall in Northbrook, IL and the airport terminal in Hong Kong.

Several years ago, we used it as an acronym to teach new staff our unique Brand of Western Hospitality. 1. Open your heart.... smile. 2. Open your mouth... greet. 3. Open your ears... listen. 4. Open your eyes... observe. However, it all begins with the heart.

### We Welcome The American Thoracic Society.

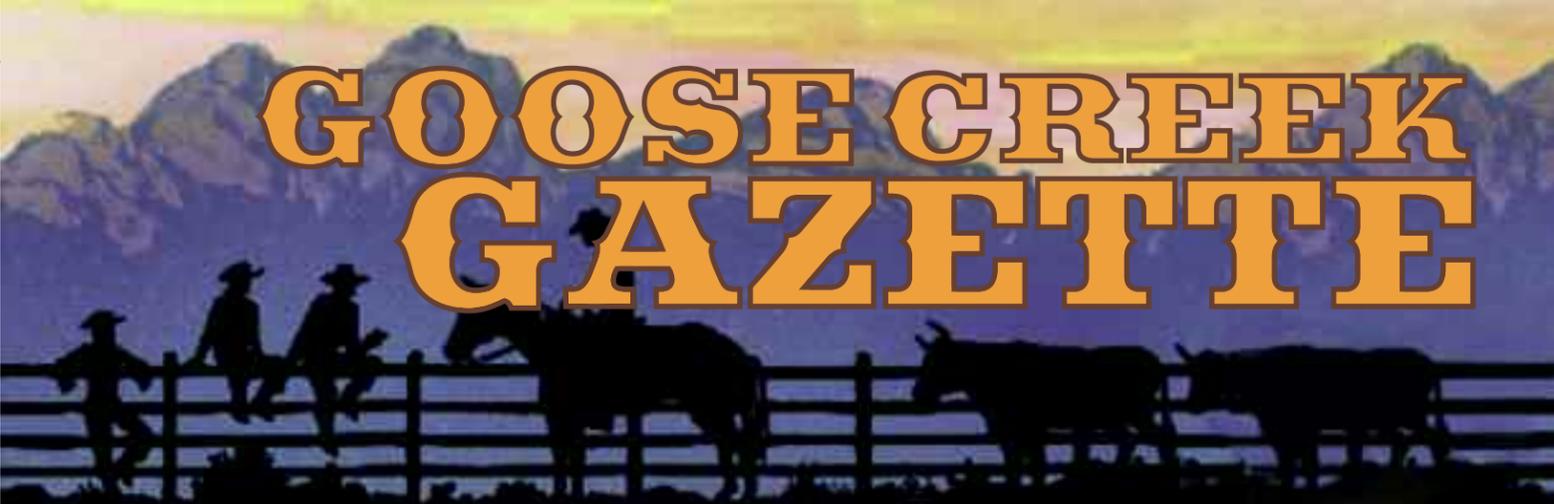


The Grover Conference of this medical society once again met at the ranch in September. This is a conference that we host every other year and is an international forum of MD's and Ph.D.'s that discuss advances in pulmonary medicine. There were 70 attendees from the US, Europe and Asia.

Much of the group's day is spent in the classroom but when the meetings break everyone heads for the corral, swimming pool, fish pond and trapshooting range for some deserved relaxation.

The organization has selected Lost Valley because of our secluded location, lack of distractions and our outdoor recreational activities and unique meeting facilities.

Call Bob Foster if you have a professional meeting we can host.



"Happiness Happens Here"

Ohio born, Roy was the lead yodeler with the western music group "Sons of the Pioneers", before getting bit parts in the popular western movies of the 1940's. Roy and Dale's career took off when as Autry was called to service in WWII. In 1960 when Big Bob was buying Lost Valley, he mentioned to a friend that little Rick Foster didn't have a pair of cowboy boots. Well, guess who gifted Rick with boots - yep, Roy Rogers. They wore the same size. Today, those boots are on display in the ranch's dining room for all to see.



"King of the Cowboys"



Roy Rogers and Dale Evans

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## Bighorn Return to Sheep Rock

The Colorado Department of Wildlife is planning to relocate Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep to areas of their historic range, including our Sheep Rock Mountain. Due to improved habitat conditions following the Hayman Fire, as many as 12 ewes and 5 rams could be released near Lost Valley in 2009. That's exciting news! Keep your eyes peeled for a glimpse of these majestic creatures – the state animal of Colorado.



## Remembering Walt Disney



"Just treat them just like any other guests," Big Bob told us in August 1966. That was difficult to imagine when "they" were Walt Disney and his wife, Lillian. It was during a business trip to Colorado, Walt wanted to visit a dude ranch and he chose Lost Valley.

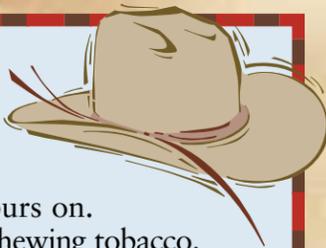
The staff knew Walt Disney from his films, TV shows and Disneyland. What we didn't know was that he was seriously ill and had only a few months to live. The Disneys stayed in Colt .45 cabin, surrounded by the beauty of the valley and the sounds of families enjoying the ranch.

Big Bob recalls a memorable corral fence conversation with Mr. Disney who said, "What you've built at Lost Valley offers recreation. But what God has made here gives re-creation." Walt Disney's life and legacy have enriched us all.

"As with all of the guests that visit Lost Valley Ranch, Walt Disney burned his brand into the Lodge wall. See if you can find it on your next visit."



## Real Cowboy Wisdom



- ★ Don't squat with your spurs on.
- ★ Never slap a man whose chewing tobacco.
- ★ If your horse doesn't want to go there, neither should you.
- ★ An angry bull is less dangerous than an angry woman.
- ★ Always drink upstream from the herd.
- ★ Some days you're the dog and some days you're the fencepost.
- ★ A good horse never comes in a bad color.
- ★ Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- ★ Like a good cowboy, a good hat just gets better as it gets older.
- ★ To a cowboy, all women are ladies and all ladies are to be respected.

## It's A Great Time To Reunite...

This past year Lost Valley Ranch had the privilege of hosting 36 family reunions, anniversary and birthday groups. They ranged in size from 7 guests to more than 50 guests.

We offer special rates, special activities, special meals and special attention is planned by the staff to insure that each family gathering enjoys the camaraderie, hospitality and memories that the ranch offers.

Can we help plan yours in 2009?



## Lost Valley Ranch Does It Again

For 35 consecutive years, Lost Valley has received the AAA Four Diamond Award for Excellence. There are but a handful of vacation destinations in the entire U.S. that can boast of such an honor. We are truly the standard by which others are measured!



## Welcome Jeremy and Molly McClish

Jeremy and Molly just joined our staff at the end of August 2008. You may remember Molly working with the teens or in the Trading Post when she was on staff in 1996 and 1997. They both were raised in Indiana, met in college and married ten years later in 2005. Molly spent her time off the ranch as an 8th grade teacher in Parker, Colorado, and is now working as the ranch's reservationist. Jeremy worked as a franchise consultant for RE/MAX International and is heading up Lost Valley's maintenance crew. When not working, Jeremy enjoys riding on the trails through the Pike National Forest and Molly loves to run to our Ute Jail with their dog, Tilly. Jeremy and Molly are both enthusiastic about their life's newest adventure and look forward to seeing you all across our cattle guard.



## What's your favorite thing?

To help us make your Lost Valley Ranch experience better, we asked your children (what better critics) "What was the very favorite thing you did at the ranch?". Here are a few of the replies we received.

*The very best thing was to ride my horse, "Snickers". I also loved the square dance and fake jail. Russel and Biff, our wranglers, were really nice. I miss them.* ANNA

*My favorite thing was meeting new friends. I liked the view from our cabin. I liked riding my horses "Navajo Jo" and "Waffles". I loved the hot chocolate.* ABBY

*The best thing that I did at Lost Valley was the square dance. And riding my horse "Flash". "I had a new drink at the Trading Post".* BILLY

As you can see, these "critics" were short and to the point. But how did we fare with you? We'd love to hear what you liked (or disliked) most about your vacation at the ranch. Please drop us a email of your thoughts to [info@lostvalleyranch.com](mailto:info@lostvalleyranch.com).

We'd really appreciate hearing from you.

## SPECIALTY WEEKS AND HOLIDAYS -

*For just the two of you  
or the entire family.*

✓ May 22-31, 2009

MEMORIAL DAY -

Springtime in the Rockies! Simply awesome. Choose from 3 day, 6 day and 9 day packages.

✓ August 29 – September 4, 2009

3 R'S WEEK (Riding, Roping & Roundup) -

Six days of adult only cowboy fantasy. Help with our cattle, learn how to rope from your horse and ride into our wilderness.

✓ September 12-20, 2009 and  
October 11-18, 2009

HORSEMANSHIP WEEKS -

Adult only week of improving your riding skills (beginner to advanced) with professional western instructors. Variety of riding including cattle work

✓ September 20-27, 2009

RIDE, RIDE, RIDE WEEK -

Ride, Ride, Ride is an adult only week of 8-10 hours of riding the back country and wilderness areas.

✓ September 20-27, 2009

FALL COLORS WEEK -

Fall Colors week runs concurrently and is for beginner to advanced with emphasis of riding thru the explosive color of the aspen groves.

✓ September 27 - October 4, 2009

CATTLE WEEK -

Round 'em up and head 'em down - from the herds summer grazing meadows in the highcountry to the lower wintering pastures. This is being a cowboy!

✓ October 11-18, 2009

HORSEMANSHIP WEEK -

Professional instruction by Laurie Krause, for beginners through advanced. This is an adult only week.

✓ November 22-29, 2009

THANKSGIVING -

Join the Foster Family for their traditional feast of fun and fest. Choose from 4 day and 7 day packages.

*These are all very busy times at the ranch. For rates, features and exact dates visit our website at [lostvalleyranch.com](http://lostvalleyranch.com) and click on Specialty Weeks.*