

VaARRA News

Newsletter from the
Vail Ranch Restoration Association

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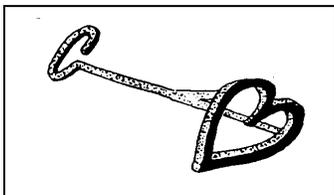
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*“Dedicated to the preservation
and restoration of the Historic
Vail Ranch Headquarters.”*

**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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Boy Scout Eagle Projects Par Excellence for Vail HQ

For many years VaARRA has hosted and provided a number of project ideas for local Boy Scouts needing a community service project worthy of the requirements for their advancement to Eagle Scout. Few have qualified to be declared “par excellence” (superior), in every measure.

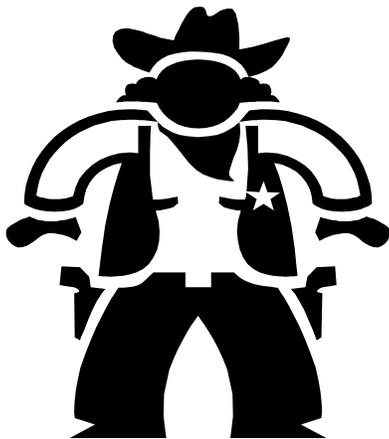
Beginning in 2015 two young men, and members of Boy Scout Troop 148 were in need of such projects. When twins Cole and Rafe Kitchell contacted Darell Farnbach for ideas, he outlined some needs that would assist efforts to restore the Vail Ranch Headquarters complex to its former glory. Cole decided to build seven benches to be placed outside along the south side of the Wolf Store, as attractive and authentic replacements for the originals that are clearly seen in old photos. Brother Rafe chose to restore an articulating wagon that VaARRA had salvaged some years ago. This would be placed at the Vail HQ as part of the distinctive old objects on display as part of the restored landscape.

Recently VaARRA received a letter from these two young men, thanking Darell and VaARRA for the opportunity to complete their project requirements for their Eagle Scout honor. As it turns out, part of the requirements for Eagle Scout projects is that they have to raise the funds for any expenses that might be incurred. Both Cole and Rafe managed to receive sufficient donations to allow them to acquire needed materials, but following completion of their projects the left over funds from both of their projects amounted to \$256. Accompanying the “thank you” letter from Cole and Rafe, was a check for these excess funds as a donation to VaARRA.

We have reproduced their letter and it appears in this issue of the VaARRA News. Indeed these two young men, their projects, and the follow through of donating their remaining donation funds to VaARRA, shows that these are Scouts of the highest caliber and are indeed Eagle Scouts Par Excellence. Well done, Cole & Rafe.

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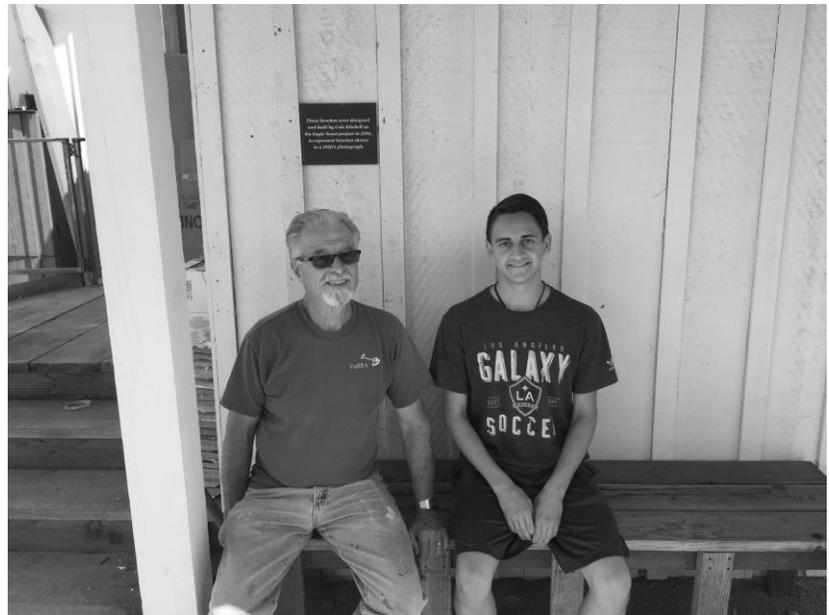


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Rare Kitchell standing next to the amazing wagon he restored as part of his Eagle Scout project requirement. The unique thing about this type of wagon is that when the towing tongue is turned the rear wheels turn in the opposite direction allowing for tight turns at the end of rows of crops.



Cole Kitchell sitting with Darell Farnbach on one of the numerous benches that he built. Old photos of the ranch show these types of benches placed along the south side of the Wolf Store building under the roof overhang. During the Vail Ranch days the senior cowboys occupied these rooms, rather than stay in the bunkhouse with the younger cowboys.

Volunteers Needed

Looking for something fun to do on Sundays? Come on down to the History Center / Vail Headquarters and volunteer . . . to help promote local history; get locals enthused about our Vail Ranch heritage; and also have a good time.

We have an ongoing need for volunteers to staff the History Center to sell tickets for train and stagecoach rides and to answer questions for visitors.

WHEN:

Every Sunday from Noon to 5:00 pm

WHERE:

Little Temecula History Center/Vail Headquarters

You are welcome to dress in period costume . . . visitors love that . . . however, costume dress is not required.

Let us know if you are interested . . . it should be lots of fun.

Check out this website for Vail Headquarters! <http://vailhq.com>
It is very colorful and talks about all the new vendors at the Ranch and activities that will be happening.

Contact us thru:

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(Editor's Note: Below is the text of the letter which accompanied the donation check from Eagle Scout's Cole and Rafe Kitchell noted in main story of this issue.)

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October 9, 2016

Dear Mr. Farnbach,

We would like to thank you for allowing us the opportunity to complete our BSA Eagle projects for the VaRRRA. Rafe restored an articulating wagon and Cole built seven benches that he placed outside the historical bunkhouse. It was a pleasure to plan our projects with you. You were wonderful to work with during the planning and building processes.

A requirement of the Eagle project is to raise funds to complete the proposed project. In addition to raising funds, we also received donations. Due to receiving donations for our projects, we each ended up with left over funds. Rafe had \$198 left over and Cole had \$58, for a total of \$256. We would like to donate these funds to the VaRRRA for future restoration projects.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to give back to our community through the VaRRRA.

Sincerely,

Cole Kitchell & Rafe Kitchell
Eagle Scouts
BSA Troop 148



Cole & Rafe Kitchell shown with their parents, Robert & Cheryl Kitchell of Temecula, following their Eagle Scout award ceremony.

Headquarters Bits & Pieces

- *Vail Pizza* is now open. The pizza is tasty and it is fun to eat in the old cowboy bunkhouse lined with the original paneling.
- At the other end of the bunkhouse is *Winchester Saddlery* with all things Western, including some awesome gift items that are suitable for city folks as well. Check out the interior of the store that has been done artfully with a lot of reclaimed wood from the ranch. By the way, have you peeked into the front display windows to see the historic bunkroom representations?
- *Cheflavor*, in the former Foreman's House, has tantalizing gourmet food items. They often give out sample tastes, sometimes incorporating zucchini and cherry tomatoes grown in the raised garden beds behind the business. Chef Matt is offering cooking classes at bargain prices.
- *Nectar*, a delightful women's clothing boutique has opened in the "Stables", the new building designed to look like a mule barn that used to be on the property.
- Next door to *Nectar* is *Moonbeams and Elephants*, an attractive boutique for babies and children's clothing and other items. Both *Nectar* and *Moonbeams* incorporate attractive historic-looking display items to blend in with the ranch theme.
- Sometime soon, *Juice it Up* will open next door to *Moonbeams and Elephants*. It will be a good place to get a nourishing and satisfying beverage.

Vail HQ is now Officially chartered As Little Free Library

Among the many special features in the newly restored Vail Headquarters is an officially chartered Little Free Library box, where people may take books and leave books for others. The idea is to promote reading in the community. This movement of Little Free Libraries began in Minnesota and has spread throughout the U.S. Our charter is #42756. As the designated stewards of the Little Library at Vail Headquarters, we will mainly supply children's and youths' books to promote literacy. If anyone has some to donate, they can be delivered to the Little Temecula History Center on Sunday afternoons or at the VaARRA Antique Store at Vail Headquarters on Sunday afternoons or Tuesday mornings. The books may be gently used, but not battered, yellowed or fragile. Please watch for books at garage sales. Classics like "Black Beauty" and children's picture books go fast. Families enjoy searching for and finding local Little Library boxes. See if you can find the one at Vail Headquarters. Any books donated that are unsuitable for the Little Library will be sold in the antique store to fund VaARRA projects.



Winter Wonderland

Amazing things are happening at the Vail Headquarters with many more special events, dining and shopping opportunities coming soon. Looking back, none of us even dreamed how the restoration of the Vail Headquarters would be such a welcome "gift" to the community. Every day we see people wandering through the park-like grounds discovering fun historic features. We love to see all the families and groups of people meeting up and enjoying coffee and ice cream, stepping away from their everyday activities to enter under the arch at the front of the property into a "Wonderland" of sorts.

Looking forward, artisans will be onsite on Saturday, Dec. 17th as well as on the usual Sundays afternoons and Tuesday mornings.

Visit Temecula has honored us by selecting Vail Headquarters as one of four locations for their holiday *Chilled* event. So on Thursday, December 22nd we will have the HQ site decked out with a lot of Christmas lights, and on that evening there will be caroling, stage-coach rides and special treats offered by all of the new businesses.