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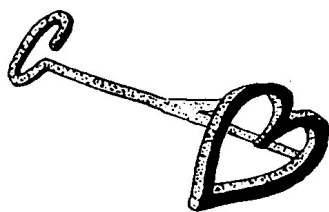
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*"Dedicated to the preservation
and restoration of the Historic
Vail Ranch Headquarters."*

**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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Drone view on Ribbon Cutting Opening Day. What a joyous and proud day for VaRRA.

Mission Accomplished!

Some of you have been following the progress of the Vail Ranch Restoration Association (VaRRA) for more than a couple of decades and some of you are newer friends and acquaintances. Regardless of which category you fall into, we appreciate all of you.

When VaRRA began in the mid-1990s to consider how best to save the Vail Headquarters property from demolition we didn't have a concept of how long it would take, or how difficult it would be.

You may know the story of how two of our members were plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the County of Riverside and MDC Vail to prevent destruction of the buildings on the property. Six months later, in November 1998, a settlement agreement was made for a four-acre parcel and all of the buildings to be preserved. For some of the buildings, it meant dismantling and numbering every board so they could be reconstructed within the four acres as long as four years later.

At that juncture, VaRRA agreed to consider Old Town San Diego as a model for commercial use of the historic district. The rationale was to keep Vail HQ open as a vibrant living history area and not as a museum that would close at 5 pm.

Little did we know that it would take 22 years and four more owners before Jerry Tessier and Arteco Partners would bring Vail HQ to a life even brighter than we imagined. On the day of the Ribbon Cutting, VaRRA was

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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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overjoyed. We are delighted with all the finishing touches, the great retail establishments and wonderful public events held in the historic district.

With the opening of Temecula Brewing Company and The Cookhouse food mall in June, our mission will be complete. No, we are not going away, but we will be combining forces with the Temecula Valley Historical Society (TVHS) to watch over the historic property.

For that reason, this is the last stand-alone newsletter you will receive from VaARRA. From now through December of this year, you will receive complimentary copies of the TVHS newsletters. If you are a member of VaARRA, your membership will be accepted by TVHS until your VaARRA membership expires.

We will continue to watch over Vail HQ and will continue running the train and antique store on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings and for special occasions. Your support through the years has been an encouragement to us. We hope you will continue to love and support the merchants and activities at Vail HQ.

This is not a goodbye, just a "look for us in a different format".

*Sincere thanks to everyone for the support
and encouragement from all . . .*

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*Stop by the
Ranch HQ or the History Center and visit . . .
We'd love to see you.*