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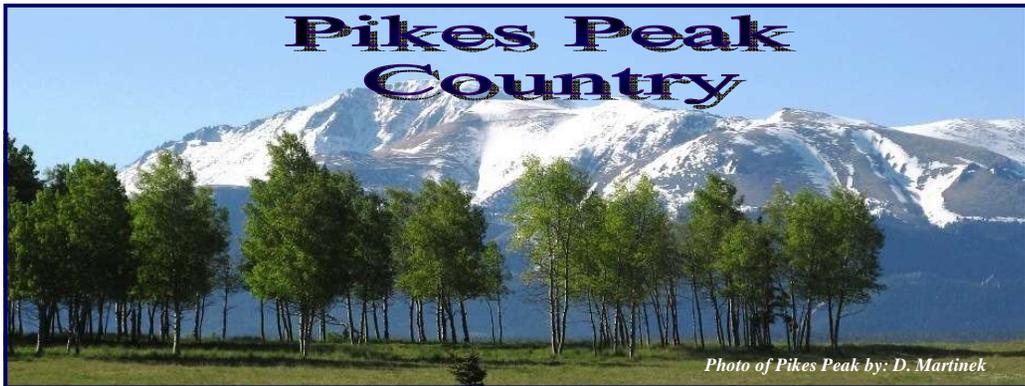


Photo of Pikes Peak by: D. Martinek

Teller Tales

Surprise! Now, I'm a radio star! Actually, I'm an internet radio star, and I use the word "star" only to whet my ego and get attention. Recently, some enterprising locals in Woodland Park have begun a company that net casts internet radio for the Teller County and Ute Pass region. The beauty of internet radio, besides not having to obtain an FCC license to broadcast over the air, is that the potential audience is virtually limitless – restricted only by those who haven't yet emerged into the computer age. The downside, of course, is whether the audience ever finds you.



*I'm not signing
autographs yet.*

TellerNetCast.com began operations in early April of 2009. They are located at 240 E Highway 24 in Woodland Park, Colorado, in the Prudential building, and they are owned and operated by Hotchkiss Communications Corporation. They have full studios for both live and recorded production, and professionally produced radio commercials plus talk shows are done on a weekly basis. They are growing.

My stardom began about three weeks ago when a local, well known author and historian (Mel McFarland) and I offered to do a segment for one of the daytime talk shows being developed, called *Teller Life*. The program consists of a series of twelve-minute episodes about various aspects of the community, and ours is the segment on the history of the region, with an emphasis on railroad history.

Mel is really the star. I'm just the Ed McMahan-type sidekick. But we are having fun, and we've recorded four segments to date. As we say in each segment's introduction and in our promo: "It's important that we know our history, because history tells us what happened in the past. History keeps us grounded in the present and gives us a sense of belonging. And history helps us to face the future."

We call our segment "Teller Tales" and invite local listeners (and even not-so-local ones) to participate by sending us emails with their questions and comments. Eventually, we'll have enough emails to do a couple of segments where we just respond to various questions (see our email address below).

TellerNetCast.com saves the audio segments on their website so anyone can go there and play them back whenever they want. The intent, through this effort, is to have an oral history archive for the Ute Pass region, at least to the extent of Mel's and my knowledge and memory (mostly



The reasons for the show are to emphasis railroad and local history throughout the Ute Pass region - and to create an oral history archive.

Mel's). I'm not signing autographs yet, nor am I being treated like a celebrity, but I do enjoy the chance to use another medium to promote local interest in the railroads and in the history of the region in general. Howard Stern, look out!

Website: www.tellernetcast.com Our email: tellertales@tellernetcast.com

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Dave's Buyers' Guide

A sampling of properties offered by Coldwell Banker 1st Choice Realty.

Prices and status effective as of May 31, 2009

**Colorado...
It's Waiting for you Here**

You imagine Ute Indians camping and hunting game where houses now stand. They raised monuments to their dead and to the Great Spirit. Later, ranchers grazed cattle here and built fences. Eventually, the ranch land was platted into 35 acres plots or smaller. Yet the area is still rural and isolated and the history still comes through, if you stand still and listen.

Notwithstanding separate mineral rights and the limitations on use of airspace, when you own a piece of land, you own the surface acreage and everything underneath. Technically speaking, you own an upside-down pyramid extending all the way to the center of the earth. The land, then, is your connection to world.

You survey the Peak, the rock outcroppings, the decomposed granite soil and the volcanic debris that has littered the hillside for millennia. You see the mountainside across the meadows and wonder what events and things happened, or what people lived and passed through here in ages past. Everything has a history; and you can be part of it.

Some people settle down and plant roots that lasts for generations. Others, imbued with the pioneer spirit, venture out in search of that one place where nature and the world comes together for them. And there they plant their roots anew. I don't need to over-dramatize the experience of owning land in Colorado, but I do want to impress upon the readers who may yearn for the quiet solitude of a big blue sky and fresh mountain air – it's here waiting for you.

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\$149,900

192 Silbani, Divide
Like New! A well-maintained home with 3 BR/2BA on 0.7 acres. 1736 SF. Erected in 2004, this Arabian Acres homes in minutes from Woodland Park. It's a perfect vacation home or permanent residence. #559973



\$157,900

60 E. Aspen Drive, Divide Rancher. A mountain home re-modeled inside and out. 3BR/2BA, 1309 S.F. New carpet, plumbing, wood stove and roof. Fenced backyard and outbuildings. Quiet cul-de-sac. Ideal for permanent residence or vacation getaway. #474569



\$184,900

194 Appian Way, Florissant 7 GPM Well. South-facing among the trees; features skylights, 2 fireplaces, Jack & Jill bath on main level and decks all around. A padded music studio is in the garage, ready to use. 2 acres, 3BR/ 2BA/2GA, 1732 S.F. #435367



\$189,900

198 Shannon Place, Divide One Owner. 2BR/2BA/2GAR, 1351 S.F. Bright and spacious, fully finished, vaulted ceilings, tall windows, move-in ready. Pride of ownership shows. Heated garage, fenced courtyard, mature trees. #454577



\$314,900

105 Pennsylvania. Woodland PK Pikes Peak View. 2.17 acres hosts this spacious rancher with a Peak view from the front deck. New hardwood floors and plenty of room to stretch out. 4BR/3BA/2GAR; 3264 S.F. Minutes from Woodland Park and the Springs. #547690



\$319,850

121 Golden Ct., Woodland Park Cul-de-sac. 4BR/4BA/2GAR, 2871 S.F. .44 acres of panoramic views, excellent condition in cul-de-sac neighborhood. Spacious kitchen and pantry; stonewall fireplace in family room. Professionally landscaped. #478342



\$329,000

741 Wolfe Road, Hartsel Privacy. Drive west into South Park and you get to this place. A mountain dream home complete with a SW view of the Collegiates, Pikes Peak and the Reservoirs. Privacy is an everyday occurrence. 2BR/3BA, 2506 S.F. #522604



\$375,000

931 Cheyenne Crk Dr., Florissant Seclusion. Open floor plan, solid oak plank floors, radiant heat on 3 levels. 4BR/3BA/4GAR, 3570 S.F. Garage has RV space. Upper level master with loft/library and exercise area. About 10 acres of nature and wildlife. #516730



\$425,000

6973 County Road 8, Victor Exceptional Hideaway! A real 8 " log cabin on 35 acres; backs to National Forest. 3BR/2BA/2GA, 2858 S.F. Steel barn, workshop & shed. Completely off the grid. Huge aspen and pine surround. Great hunting/horse property. #431966



\$728,500

57 acres of sunsets!

FEATURED PROPERTY

#563797

Amazing views! Sit on the treks-floored decks and watch the sun rise and set with a full view of Pikes Peak, Mt. Pisgah, the Cripple Creek Valley and the Sangres. Built in 2008, this new home has beautiful wide-plank soft pine wood floors (stained walnut), radiant heat, 4 fireplaces, 5 ceiling fans and a delightful gourmet kitchen. Custom alder wood cabinets surround a large pantry, ample counter space and a range-top center island with down-draft vent. A huge master bath compliments the walkout master bedroom - 4 bedrooms in all. 57.4 very private, wonderful acres!