

THE MOHAHVE MUSE

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President's Corner

Hello, MHS members, long-time and new, and friends:

Due to losing the four months of March to June in 2020 because of you know what, we will attempt to make up for lost time by offering activities (and the MUSE) in July and August of 2021.

Join us at James Woody Park, 13467 Navajo Road, Apple Valley on Sat. July 3 from 10am - 2pm for the Apple Valley Village Street Fair and Car Show. We will have a booth.

Get your \$15 ticket for the Apple Valley Legacy Shindig on Sat. July 10 starting at 4:00pm. Enjoy a live band, narrated historical hayrides, good food, and Western entertainment. Call (760) 985-1918 or stop by the Apple Valley Legacy Museum during open hours to get your tickets.

The MHS will have booth at the following events so mark your calendars:
Aug. 18 and Oct. 23 Apple Valley Flea Markets in Lions Park 8am - 1pm.
Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 14, and Dec. 11 Santa Fe Trading Co. Crafts Fairs 10am - 4pm.

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Summer and Fall fieldtrips/excursions:

Thursday July 29 - Hesperia Zoo, 6pm - 8pm, located at 19038 Willow St, Hesperia, CA 92345, hosted by Judy and Stephanie Taunton.

Thursday Aug. 26 - Hesperia Monuments Driving Tour, 6 - 8pm. Meet at Lime Street Park at 5:45pm.

Saturday Sept. 25 - Museum of Speed in SE Apple Valley at 12 noon hosted by Waldo Stakes.

Saturday Oct. 9 - Daggett Museum, blacksmith shop, hotel, and garage hosted by Daryl Schendel. Meet at 10am with optional trip following to Newberry Springs Bagdad Cafe for lunch, and Huell Howser Volcano House (outside only).

As of September, our regular meetings will be held on the **fourth Thursday** at 7pm at the Lone Wolf Colony.

Thursday Sept. 23 - Nick Cataldo presenting on the Wyatt Earp family.

Thursday Oct. 28 - John Grasson presenting on Lost Ship of the Desert (Salton Sea).

Thursday Nov. 18 - (3rd Thurs. due to Thanksgiving) Mark Landis - Camp Cajon - history; monument and table update.

Friday Dec. 17 - Christmas celebration at Lone Wolf Colony.

Looking ahead:

Thursday Jan. 27 - TBD.

Thursday Feb. 24 - Rebecca Dougherty presenting a re-enactment of Annie Rikert- Calico's Lady Miner.

Thursday Mar. 24 - TBD.

Thursday April 28 - Black Mountain and Inscription Canyon Petroglyphs by Nelson Miller (with fieldtrip following on Sat. Apr. 30).

Thursday May 26 - TBD.

Thursday June 23 - TBD.

Let's get active again!! See you soon.

Marcy

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MHS Monument Driving Tour by Marcy Taylor

It was a beautiful warm evening when a group of 20 MHS members and friends gathered at the Mojave River Crossing monument on the historic Turner Road, a perfect spot to see how the footpaths, wagon trails, and later the railroad and Route 66 all followed the river. After the welcome and a few brief announcements, Marcy provided a little history

of the trails, the Native Americans, the explorers, and pioneers, as well as the pioneering Turner family, the descendants of whom still live right there. The next six stops covered ten more monuments, with short talks provided at Mormon Springs, by Vice-president Michelle Lovato; and Temple Rock, Desert Tortoise, Mojave Indian Trail, and Hesperia Lake by Corresponding Secretary Therese Moore. Marcy covered the rest: Bridges of the Mojave, Victor Valley Memorial Park, and three dedicated to John Brown, his toll road, and the connecting Holcomb Valley Road.



Viewing the "John Brown" monument in Old Town Victorville



Therese Moore talks about "Mojave Indian Trail" Monument in Hesperia Lake Park.

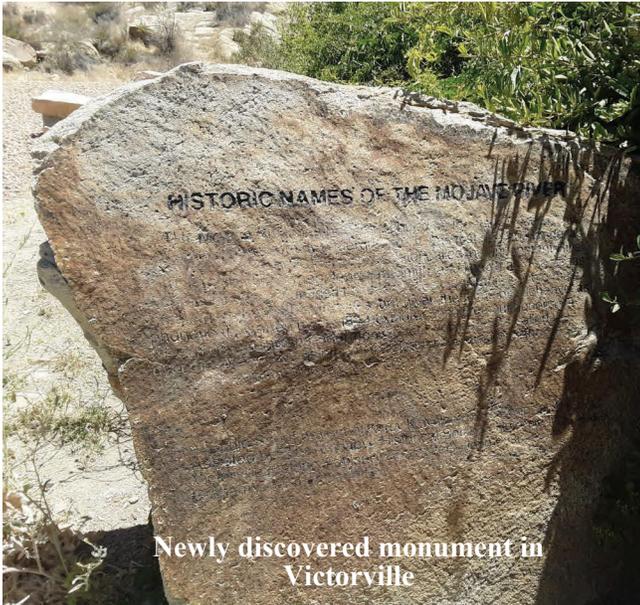
Six attendees purchased MHS Monuments booklet, and three purchased "The Arduous Road," which tells the history of the trails, providing detailed maps of the dangerous wagon road from Salt Lake City to San Bernardino. A few prepared for the upcoming Hesperia driving fieldtrip with a purchase of Scott Johnson's "Hesperia: Gateway to the High Desert," a detailed history which includes all of the Hesperia monuments. (It's not too late to support the MHS with purchase of these books and more!) The trip ended just before sunset at beautiful Hesperia Lakes, the site of the last two monuments, with a raffle drawing for four lucky winners.

Thanks to the Hesperia Lake Park staff for leaving the gates open late to accommodate us.

Monument Update and Maintenance by Marcy Taylor

Whether or not you went on the driving tour, and whether or not you've seen any of our 14-15 monuments, most placed in conjunction with other organizations or as Eagle Scout projects, I'd like to reach out to you for a bit of financial assistance for their maintenance. As you can imagine, with monument placement beginning in Sept. and Oct. of 1988 with the Chuck Yeager Monument (formerly at George AFB and currently at Edwards) and the Mojave River crossing Monument on Turner Road, deterioration and unfortunate vandalism take their toll. Here's the story which you can follow in the monuments booklet:

- #3, #5, #6 and #7 - I personally touched up the missing letters, painted over some magic marker damage, and sealed with fixative.
- #2 and #4 - cannot be repaired. #2 was vandalized with spray paint New Years Eve, and the resulting cleaning removed 75% of the lettering. A property owner gave a generous donation towards the cost of the granite plaque which will be installed free of charge by the Billy Holcomb Chapter of the E Clampus Vitus (Clampers.) The granite plaque has been ordered. #4 also needs a plaque. The board voted to order and pay for it, then hopefully get some donations towards the cost.
- #8 and #9 - The Victor Valley Museum cares for these since they are on County property. The plaques are ok but the tortoise sculpture is badly deteriorating and will need to be repaired.
- #10, #11, and #12 - Hesperia Rec and Park District is responsible. They are in good shape.
- #13 - Camp Cajon group is responsible. It is only two years old and in great shape.
- #14 - Monument is missing; location and condition of time capsule unknown. More info to follow.
- #15 - Not in the booklet, as I just discovered it under a pile of trash and tumbleweed on 11th St. south of D. It is on cemetery property as are #4, #5, and #6. The location has since been cleaned up and the monument is now visible. The subject is "Historic Names of the Mojave River." I am trying to decipher the verbiage, as it is also damaged. May also require a plaque if unable to repair.



Newly discovered monument in Victorville

Not only will the Clampers chisel the stone and install the plaque when all are repaired, they will seal with industrial grade fixative that will repel spray paint.

Photos of these monuments and a short summary of their significance can be viewed in the MHS Monuments booklet which can be purchased for \$5.00. Adjacent is a tax deductible donation form that provide the information for your donation large or small to assist in the repair and maintenance of these monuments. Donations can be dropped off at any MHS function or the AV Legacy Museum, or a check written to MHS and mailed to the MHS, PO Box 21, Victorville CA 92393. All donations are greatly appreciated in keeping the historical significance of the monuments of the Mojave Desert very much alive.

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Reminder!!

The Village Street Fair and Car Show

James A. Moody Community Center
13467 Navajo Road, Apple Valley

Saturday July 3, 10am - 2pm

Join us and support the
Mohave Historical Society Booth

MHS MONUMENTS TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION

(Restoration and continued maintenance)

Immediate Repairs:

#2 Mojave River Crossing

#4 Historic Bridges of the Mojave

#5, #6, #7 Touch-ups

#2 - #9 Sealant to prevent further damage

Ongoing:

Maintenance of monuments/sites (weeds, trash, graffiti)

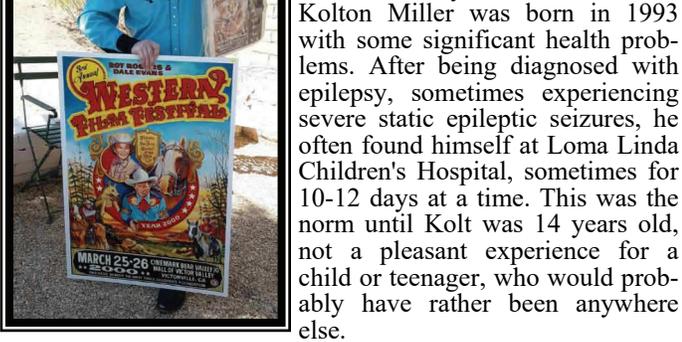
Name _____ Phone _____

Amount donated _____ Receipt needed? _____

Checks must be made out to MHS, submitted in person,
or mailed to MHS PO Box 21, Victorville, Ca. 92393

An Inspirational Character by Marcy Taylor

You may have seen this "character" taking part in a shoot-out at Oro Grande Days or the Roy Rogers Ranch. You may have seen him lurking around Barstow or Apple Valley at a Western-themed event. You can recognize him, as he's usually smiling, dressed in his best Western duds, and keeping an eye out for Roy Rogers and Dale Evans collectibles. There's a reason for that. Here's the story:



Kolt Miller was born in 1993 with some significant health problems. After being diagnosed with epilepsy, sometimes experiencing severe static epileptic seizures, he often found himself at Loma Linda Children's Hospital, sometimes for 10-12 days at a time. This was the norm until Kolt was 14 years old, not a pleasant experience for a child or teenager, who would probably have rather been anywhere else.

Kolt's parents came up with the idea of calling upon Roy and Dale to get Kolt through the tough times. Their voices on CD's soothed him while he was inside the scary EKG machine. For good behavior at the hospital, he was rewarded by a stop at the Roy Rogers Dale Evans Museum on the way home to Barstow. As a lucky four-year-old, Kolt first met Dale and Dusty on one of these trips back up the hill.

In 2001, when Kolt was eight years old and hospitalized once again in the 400 wing of Loma Linda, Dusty Rogers himself came to pay a visit. He introduced himself, although that

wouldn't have been necessary. After visiting awhile, Dusty gave Kolt a Bible, which he still cherishes. That visit made a lasting impression on the child. How wonderful of Dusty to carry on his parents' tradition of visiting sick and handicapped children to bring joy and comfort! And this was not the only visit Kolt received from Dusty.

Kolt has never forgotten the kindness and influence of the Rogers family. He has become an avid collector of memorabilia, filling up his room and part of the living room of the family home in Barstow Heights. He has on display a Roy Rogers capgun, a lantern, several yoyos, a pinball game, a stuffed plush Bullet, a Roy Rogers Restaurant hat, and two Roy Rogers cups. His set of figurines from the Heartland Collection includes: Roy and Trigger, a rearing Trigger, Dale and Buttermilk, and Bullet. He just recently completed his collection of all seven Roy Rogers Dale Evans Film Festival Posters from 1998-2004, by purchasing #3 (and the program) at the Apple Valley Legacy Museum's President's weekend porch sale, and the rare and cherished #1 at the museum booth at the Mojave River Valley Museum BBQ in Barstow.

Although Kolt was only five years old when Roy died and eight when Dale passed away, he will always think of them as his heroes. According to Kolt, it is from them that he learned his Christian values. Dale's book, "Angel Unaware," illustrates the power of faith to get you through all adversity.

Kolt recently graduated from Barstow Community College, earning an AA degree in Humanities, with an emphasis in Theatre and American West History. His faith and determination has certainly paid off. You can catch him performing at the Apple Valley Legacy Museum's July 10 Shindig during the Western shoot-out. Keep up the good work, Kolt.

You are a great example for all of us!



Tossing in a little Geology by Ken Churchill.

The Mountains. Why do the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains run West-East when most other mountains run North-South? Plate Tectonics and Faults push lots of landscapes around.

The Pacific Plate pushed under the North American Plate and lifted California out of the Pacific Ocean about 200 million years ago. The Pacific Plate first created the Rocky Mountains, then the Sierra Nevada, and finally the San Gabriel/San Bernardino Mountains, all of which paralleled the Pacific Coast 20 million years ago.

Twenty three (23) million years ago the San Andreas Fault began, and with the help of the Englewood Fault pushed the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains around until they were the West-East mountains we know today. They also left behind the Los Angeles and San Bernardino Basins and changed part of the Pacific Coast Line to an East-West orientation South of Orange County.

The Faults and Rivers. The San Andreas Fault runs North-South for most of its journey but changes East-West in the Cajon Pass, then gradually changes back North-South through the Tejon Pass. It split a mountain of Pelona Schist and moved half from near Mentone to the Cajon Pass. It also split the Neenach Pinnacles and moved half to near Hollister - all this in 20 million years. In the next 40 million years it will move Los Angeles to become a suburb of San Francisco.

Before San Andreas moved mountains to block our view of the Pacific Ocean and change our climate from wet to dry, the Mojave River ran into the Pacific Ocean - now it runs backwards to Baker. The Owens River ran from Mammoth to Death Valley. Rivers ran through Baldy Mesa, Hesperia and Victorville. Mount Baldy was closer and higher than it is now. Victorville is built on Mount Baldy's alluvial plain.

Once in the distant past a part of California bordered the Atlantic Ocean! Given enough time anything is possible!



Volunteers of the Apple Valley Legacy Museum

Invite you to
Enjoy a beautiful evening

Saturday July 10, 2021

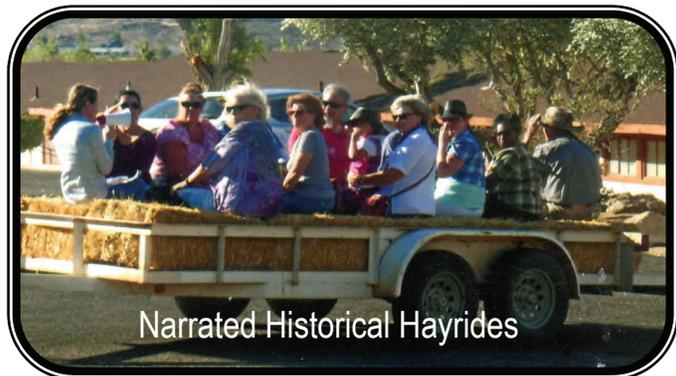


AVLM 6th Anniversary Shindig

at the Historic Apple Valley Inn Cottage 153.
20601 Highway 18, Apple Valley CA

- 2:00 - 4:00pm Collectibles Sale, Silent Auction, Museum visits.
- 4:00pm Welcome and Live Western Music.
- 4:00 & 4:30pm Narrated Historical Hayrides.
- 4:30pm Dinner begins, served by "Old Town Dogs".
- 5:00pm Old West Shootout - Comedy skit, "Mojave Nights" Band.
- 5:45pm Raffle and Silent Auction Results.
- 6:00 & 6:30pm Narrated Historical Hayrides, Music and Museum visits.

Tickets - \$15.00 (includes Dinner) on sale now at Apple Valley Legacy Museum.
Call (760) 985-1918 for info or reserved seating.



\$15.00 Ticket
includes dinner and entertainment



Happy Trails!

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ANNUAL: FAMILY/COUPLE \$30 SINGLE \$20
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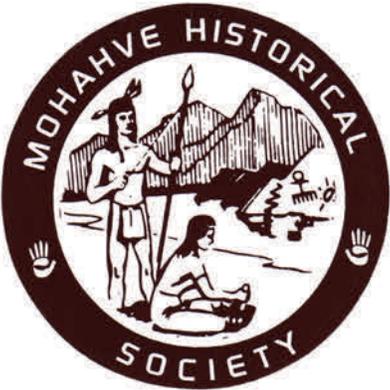
LIFETIME: FAMILY/COUPLE \$200 SINGLE \$150

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