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Christmas Dinner Reservation

Lone Wolf Colony
Thurs. Dec 17, 5:00pm

\$15.00 per person

Call 760-985-1918
for your reservation!

Hello, MHS members and welcome to month 3 of a return to business (but not as usual.) We have held two fairly successful combination outdoor meetings/fieldtrips in Sept. and Oct. and were fortunate on the weather both nights. See page 2 for details on the planned trip to Oro Grande Sat. Nov. 21 (after the time change, so trip is being held on Sat.)

The Dec. meeting is traditionally a holiday dinner and swearing in of new officers held at the historic Lone Wolf Colony. Our reserved date is Thursday Dec. 17, with plans to open at 5:00 and have dinner at 6:00, followed by installation and entertainment at 7:00. However, this year attendance will be limited and other restrictions will be in place. First seats will go to inductees and their families, with remaining seats open to MHS members. \$15 dinner tickets will be sold in advance. ***First, call Marcy at 760-985-1918 for seat availability, then pay cash or check at Oro Grande field trip or mail check to PO Box 21, Victorville, CA 92393.***

The year 2021 will most likely start off with two more outdoor fieldtrips, as the Redeemer Church is undergoing a major renovation with no timeline for completion available at this time. Tentative plans are January to Camp Cajon (four 30-minute short walking trips led by four different knowledgeable docents), and Feb. back to Lone Wolf Colony for presentation on history and tour of grounds, followed by tour of Bell Telephone Museum located on-site. Details to follow.

Now for an update on sales and membership: Networking and collaboration pays off. Since we have not been able to meet at the Redeemer Church, meaning Director Mary Dutro has been unable to sell her books, we have taken the show on the road. MHS books were available for purchase at the Apple Valley Legacy Museum booth at Town's End in Apple Valley during July and August, and at the Victor Valley Legacy Museum booth at the Santa Fe Trading Company's Crafts Fairs in Old Town Victorville during Sept. and Oct. Three non-profits sharing the booth has resulted in both book sales and new memberships, as well as several folks joining us on the Oct. fieldtrip. Books and other MHS items are always on sale at the AVLM and VVLM, as well as the front counter at the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce office.

Three up-coming crafts fairs are scheduled for **Sat. Nov. 21**, **Sat. Dec. 5** and **Sat. Dec. 19** from 10:00am-4:00pm. Since the Nov. fair, which will include food vendors, fall crafts items for sale, live music, and museum visits, along with a special tribute to our local Veterans, is scheduled on the same day as our Oro Grande fieldtrip, we will have a more modified booth with three volunteers staying until closing and joining us later. Plan to come by on your way to Oro Grande Nov. 21 or to "shop until you drop" Dec. 5 and Dec. 19. Tell your friends and family where to safely Christmas shop outdoors and support MHS.

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We are still in need of a member to serve as Recording Secretary. Requirements: Come to board meetings the first Tues. at 7:00 PM, record accurate minutes, type up and distribute, all the while keeping a smile on your face! Director Jack Magro will be glad to accept your nominations by email, US mail, or phone. (Include contact information).

Time is almost up for voluntary inclusion in the "Buzz Book" or MHS Membership Directory. Send info to Therese Moore, Corresponding Secretary at VictorvilleTess@gmail.com.

Two recent problems for which I apologize: #1- Due to a mix-up, a group of fieldtrip attendees gathered at a location just short of the intended first stop where the Chimney Rock monument is clearly visible. The intention was to start looking once you passed Joshua Street until you saw an MHS sign, my truck, and a group gathered on the north side of Hwy 18. #2- Somehow a "phishing" scheme hacked some MHS member's email accounts asking for a donation. I never got the email, but understand my name was included. Hopefully you recognized that as a version of the "Grandparent's Scheme." Apparently something similar happened to some email accounts of the California's Writers Club members a few weeks earlier. Hackers are everywhere, so beware!

Marcy

PLEASE CALL
(760) 985-1918
TO REGISTER FOR THE
ORO GRANDE TOUR!
SAT. NOV 21, 2020

Saturday Nov. 21, 2020 (In lieu of Nov. 19 meeting)

"Oro Grande: A Route 66 Town"

Presenter: The Honorable Joe Manners, Official (Honorary)
Mayor of Oro Grande

Itinerary:

3:00PM. First stop- Cross-Eyed Cow Pizza.

19242 National Trails Hwy (which is the continuation of Hwy 18, D Street, and Rt. 66 so technically the same road as the Oct. trip in the opposite direction.) Take D St. west from Victorville, go under the I-15 freeway, across the old iron bridge, and approximately 5 miles to the restaurant, which is easy to spot with the colorful cow on top. Just past the restaurant turn in to the parking area. (Although the smells will tempt you, we will return to dine AFTER the tour, got that?) Here you will sign in and get your raffle ticket and vote for 2021 Board members. MHS members are free; \$2 non-members, but with the opportunity to join. Mayor Joe will take us on a short walking tour of the old town of Oro Grande.



4:00PM Depart - Cross-Eyed Cow Pizza

Depart for the historic cemetery, a few blocks away on the north side of the railroad tracks. At the Mohawk Mini-mart (now closed) cross the street and drive under the tracks. Immediately turn right, then left on Olive, which will take you to the cemetery. The raffle will follow the tour. Donations will be accepted for our host.

5:00PM Return to the Cross-Eyed Cow Pizza

Dinner and socializing. Outside seating is available.



Chimney Rock Road Trip

By Marcy Taylor

Thursday Oct. 22, 31 members of the Mohave Historical Society, along with 9 guests, spent a beautiful



warm and remarkably windless evening learning about California State Historic Landmark 737,



Chimney Rock. Many attendees said they had zoomed by it numerous times on their way to Big Bear or Yucca Valley, having no idea of the significance. The first stop at the rock formation, and second stop at the markers relating the history, led to the third stop at the Lucerne Valley Museum Association's

"Open Air Museum." Here guests were treated to a

tour of the outside displays led by docent **Michael Rasberry**, followed by a slide presentation of "The Last Indian Battle at Chimney Rock" presented by **President Chelsea LaGrange**. She was assisted by volunteers **Jeff LaGrange** on lights and sound and



Rusty LaGrange serving complimentary refreshments.

The outside museum, located on Highway 18 just past the intersection with Hwy 247, is open every first Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM throughout the year weather permitting. For further info call 760-248-6777 or 760-646-2660.



Mobile Military Museum Display Spring Valley Lake Veterans' Day, Wednesday, Nov 11, 10:00am - Noon

In honor of America's Veterans, a free Mobile Military Museum exhibit will be on public display in front of the Spring Valley Post Office on Veterans' Day. The exhibit includes a display dedicated to Apple Valley's USAF Capt. Joe McConnell, American field uniforms, field equipment, medals and other historical items from WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Visitors are invited to sign Christmas cards and write personal messages to residents of Barstow Veterans home.

Operation Spotlight on the Arts

By Marcy Taylor

A group of local theater buffs, dancers and musicians is on a mission to refurbish an important piece of Victor Valley's past, a historic building that started its life in 1941 as a USO site and is currently known as the High Desert Center of the Arts in Old Town Victorville. Currently six local performing groups call the venue home despite being sidelined by Covid-19 and then a fire. The recently aired fundraiser performance can be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be/Phd5LOiqnVg>

Email: OperationSpotlightontheArts@gmail.com

Phone: 760-475-9239 - Karla Franko.

MHS members staff booth at Old Town Crafts Fair



Coming Craft Fairs, Old Town Victorville
(7th Street between Forrest & A Street)

Sat. Nov. 21, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sat. Dec. 5, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sat. Dec. 19, 10:00am - 4:00pm



Announcement From The CAMP CAJON Team

By Mark Landis

The Mohahve Historical Society joined three other local historical societies to construct a beautiful replica of the Camp Cajon Monument, that was unveiled on July 4th, 2019. The site of the new monument is just a few hundred feet from the site of Camp Cajon, which was located about ½ mile southeast of the present-day intersection of the I-15 Freeway and Highway 138.

The Camp Cajon Team that brought the rebuilt monument to life in 2019, has organized a historic homecoming project to partner with the City of San Bernardino and the U.S. Forest Service to bring one of the camp's famous concrete picnic tables back to its home in the Cajon Pass!

When Camp Cajon was decommissioned in 1938, many of the camp's extraordinary concrete picnic tables that were fitted with hand-crafted iron dedication plaques were salvaged and placed in Lytle Creek and Perris Hill Parks in San Bernardino. The Camp Cajon Team has developed a complete plan to relocate a table from Lytle Creek Park, but the project has been on hold over the last several months due to Covid-19 issues.

The Camp Cajon Team is now ramping up our fundraising efforts, and we are pleased that the Mohahve Historical Society

is continuing to support the project! The team will be providing more information over the coming months, and we look forward to working with you!

For more information, go to the Camp Cajon Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/campcajonmonument>

Rick Schmidt is the new Mohahve Historical Society's representative on the Camp Cajon Team

