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President's Corner

Hello, MHS members,

It's the last 1/6 of the year already with the holidays fast approaching. Will you be ready? By reading the next 8 pages of this newsletter, you will see what a busy month October has been, and how much we've accomplished.

Please take the time to read and fill out the survey on page 9. It's important that we keep the MHS goals and objectives in mind, and when possible, help to fulfill them. Our last three published books were "History of Victor Valley" by Leo Lyman in 2010, "Mohahve VI" (a collection) in 2011, and Fran Elgin's "Rancho Yucca Loma" in 2014. We hope to start working on Mohahve VII in the near future. It will be a big project, but we probably have enough unpublished material for Mohahve VII, VIII, and IX, and I'm not kidding! Our organization will celebrate 60 years in 2024, so let's continue to preserve, share, and publish our history.

Marcy



Mary saying a last good-bye to a tortoise friend whose status is "threatened," just one notch below "endangered." Therefore, he cannot leave the state and move to Indiana.

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MHS members join Daily Press reporter Rene de la Cruz at the Victor Valley Museum.

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MHS Upcoming Events

- Nov. 16 **MHS Mtg.** Speaker Dennis Hom "Growing Up in Old Town Victorville", Election of 2024 Board officers.
 Dec. 14 **Christmas Celebration, 5pm**, Installation of 2024 Board Officers

Community Events

- Nov 11 **Veteran's Day Parade, 9am**, Old Town Victorville, Victor Valley Legacy Museum open **
 Nov 18 **Museum Hop with Town of AV, 10 - 1:30pm**, Meet at VV Museum, Register 760-240-5000, Ext. 7055
 Dec. 2 **Christmas Parade, 10am**, Old Town Victorville
 Dec. 5 **AV Tree Lighting, 5-7pm**, Civic Center Park
 Dec. 9 **Santa Fe Trading Co. Crafts Show, 10am - 4pm**, Old Town Victorville **
 Dec 12 **Apple Valley Town Council Christmas Tea 5-6:30pm**

** MHS booth at these locations

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by Marcy Taylor



On Saturday Oct. 7 Marcy took a scenic drive to Pioneer Town to pick up the finished "America's Main Street Route 66" monument plaque to be placed on the reconstructed Helendale monument sometime soon. On Tuesday Oct. 10 she drove the other direction to Helendale to deliver the plaque and the 2 "Historic California Route 66 Helendale" Road signs to be placed back to back on the top of the monument. Now the ball is in their court to get it all put together. We will sure look forward to the ribbon cutting for this one!

(BTW Monument donations are still needed and appreciated.)

November Speaker



Dennis showing page 118 of Mohahve-6. Photo of his Dad at State Café on lower 7th Street.

Our **November 16** speaker will be our own Mohahve Historical Society member and Director #2, Dennis Hom, who was born and raised in Victorville when it was the heart of the High Desert on the old Route 66.



Long-time residents all remember Dennis's parents, Tommy and Edna Hom, as the proprietors of the New State Cafe and later Hom's Restaurant. Dennis and his siblings grew up attending Victorville Schools and working alongside their parents. Two out of the three of them are still calling the Victor Valley their home.

Dennis will share the story of how and where his parents grew up, how they met and ended up in Victorville, and how they raised their family in the Old Town area. His PowerPoint presentation and photos will introduce newcomers to the desert to the "Good Ole Days" in a small but important desert town, and give the old timers a chance to think back and reminisce.

As usual, doors will open at 6:30 for the 7:00 meeting. Please use the 6:30-7:00 time slot to take care of these matters:

- Membership renewals (\$20 single, \$30 couple or family, cash or check only)
- Board nominations for open offices,
- Buzz Book submissions (membership directory),
- Christmas dinner party ticket purchases (\$25 cash or check)
- Fieldtrip sign-ups
- Goals / Objectives survey submission
- Christmas shopping for books and MHS logo wear.

Now that's a lot to do in 30 minutes! Thanks to those of you who got started early in September.



Good-bye to MHS Director 1 / the Tortoise Lady Mary Dutro

By Marcy Taylor

The sudden impromptu "good-bye" celebration for long-time Apple Valley resident Mary Dutro was bittersweet, to say the least. An unfortunate incident at the Lewis Center Tortoise Terrace Wednesday July 19 was the beginning of Mary's three-month ordeal, starting with one week spent at St. Mary's, over two months at Knolls West, and another week at Desert Valley Hospital. She was home less than a week to "get her affairs in order," pack a suitcase, and take off on a plane bound for her new home in Indiana. WOW!



Although I knew Mary would eventually be resigning from the MHS board after 31 years, and I knew her son and daughters were encouraging her to move before Christmas and before the cold Mid-West weather set in, I guess I was still in denial when her daughter came to the Apple Valley Legacy Museum Sunday Oct. 8 and handed me the key to the book closet at Lone Wolf Colony, and informed me that Mary would be out of here early Tuesday morning. I had already felt the pain at the September MHS meeting without Mary quietly setting up her books, selling her books, and putting her books away. But there's a lot more to it than that. There's the inventory, the ordering, and most importantly, having every book we sell read and literally memorized, in order to tell prospective buyers why they should purchase it and treasure it forever. There's also her presence at Board meetings with her photographic memory and calm level-headed demeanor, and her explanations of the issues and why we should or should not, or must or must not, do this or that. There's her help at community events, her presence at fieldtrips, on and on.

So the finality is hard to accept. The closet key has been returned. The backyard tortoises and hospital patients living in HER den have all been relocated. The menagerie of assorted indoor and outdoor pets have all found new homes. Members of the Friends of the Apple Valley Library (FAVL) have picked up boxes of books for resale at the Friends' Bookstore.

I would truly like to thank Regene Fonville and Deborah Hengel from the California Turtle and Tortoise Club, High Desert Branch, for the last minute invitation to attend their scheduled monthly meeting at the Sterling Inn that very night Monday Oct. 9 at 6:00 PM. The usual business meeting would instead be a tribute to long-time Tortoise Adoption Chairman Mary Dutro. Their organization presented her with a recognition plaque they



Pres. Regene Fonville and Mary

had intended to give her last July or August, and the "Golden Tortoise" cut-out, which will be affixed to the fence at the Lewis Center Tortoise Terrace fence in Mary's honor. I would also like to thank long-time MHS members Fran Elgin, Jerry Hutchison, and Andrea Gutierrez, as well as current board members Dennis Hom and Mike Phillips for showing up on such short notice, and Toni Clegg for representing both organizations.



Members of the HD Branch of the California Turtle and Tortoise Club

Mary, all of us have fond memories of time spent with you. I remember your weekly Sunday afternoon trips to the museum to pick up "tortoise food" left from the buffet at work, and our monthly (sometimes weekly) meetings to turn in book sale money, work on book orders or inventory, and have discussions of matters of importance. I remember trips to the doctor's office where you worked well into your eighties, so I could drop off or pick up this or that, when you'd come around the corner looking sharp in your nurse's uniform. We did a lot of community events to try to raise money for the MHS organization, at the museum, at booths in the park, and even all the way to the Needles Harvey House for their Route 66 festival. You weren't afraid to drive out into the desert, sometimes late at night or early in the morning, to pick up a deserted or injured tortoise. I will never forget Tripod with his prosthetic, or the tortoise (forgot name) who arrived with his shell covered with oil-based paint and barely breathing, and how you painstakingly ground off the paint, panel by panel with a little sander. And how about that little old-fashioned stethoscope you used to stick between the shell and body to examine new arrivals? Many of us in various organizations will always remember the re-dedication ceremony of "Sherman" at the Victor Valley Museum two years ago.

Mary, we will miss you, but certainly wish you good health and happiness, and good times with your family in Indiana. Since you are a Life Member of MHS you will continue to hear from us every month, and we hope to hear from you too.

Best Wishes in your new home!

Hickory Corners Michigan by Marcy Taylor

Most of you probably know MHS member Jeff Hardy. He's hard to miss because he's very tall. You may remember him playing the part of the Tarantula in the skit at our Christmas celebration last year. You may associate him with cookies. He has surprised us with Route 66 cookies, Halloween cookies, Christmas cookies, and cookies at movie night, including the Tarantula and the "Eight on the Lam" VW bug. (Well, I think his wife Cathleen actually made them, but Jeff did make the movie night popcorn himself.) You may also recognize him as the official chauffeur of the Honorable Honorary Mayor of Oro Grande and first dog Randy.

But, besides all that, Jeff is a true historian who also likes to travel and share the sights. Last year he sent back a photo of the Historical Museum he and Cathleen visited in Hawaii. And this year's travels took them to an out-of-the-way place 2 hours outside of Dearborn, Michigan, to the Gilmore Car Museum in the little known town of Hickory Corners, Michigan. Ever heard of it? Me neither. Well, the town claims to have North America's largest auto museum, so it doesn't surprise me that car buff Jeff would put it on his itinerary.

Jeff and his wife also visited the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, and sent back these priceless photos of vehicles with important histories. Jeff is standing beside the



original restored #2857 bus on the Cleveland Avenue route, that Rosa Parks was riding in Dec. 1, 1955, when she was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to relinquish her seat to a white passenger. An interesting fact: Rosa's niece lives in Victorville, attends the Burning Bush Church on 7th Street, and as a young child, was

living in the midst of the heated Civil Rights movement. She well remembers the organizers meeting in her aunt's living room to plan the protests.

In a second photo, Jeff is standing at the display of the 1961 Lincoln President John F. Kennedy was riding in when he was assassinated in November of 1963 in Dallas, Texas. I'm sure many of us were greatly affected by these two unfortunate (and in one case tragic) events that occurred 52 and 60 years ago, that have gone down in the history books, never to be forgotten.

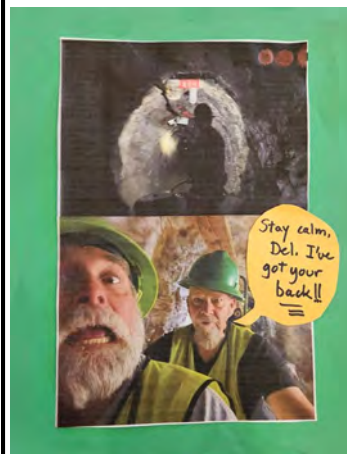
Traveling across the country by car did not provide the same experience for all Americans. If travelers were anything but Caucasian, a Green Book would come in mighty handy to guide them to a safe place to spend the night or even get a bite to eat. Jeff and Cathleen discovered an original Green Book on the counter at the museum, and a large informative exhibit on Green Book sites. Knowing that we had a popular Green Book site right here on the desert in Apple Valley, the Murray's Overall Wearing Dude Ranch, Jeff wanted to share their experience. Thanks for

keeping us informed, and next time, invite us along on one of your many adventures.



MHS Vacationers Share Their Adventures

Two of our adventurous board members, Delvin and Eric, traveled to Bisbee, Arizona to experience the Queen Mine Underground Tour. They got a great lesson on desert mining history, learning that life was rough, dangerous, and a bit scary back then. You can tell by the look on Delvin's face!



These same two members discovered a Clamper monument at the Tombstone Boot Hill Cemetery on their travels. They sent a photo with this comment, "We are good MHS members always on the lookout for historic monuments!" Yes, you guys deserve extra credit and a raise in salary.



Thank you, Delvin and Eric, Jeff and Cathleen, for sharing your photos with us, back here at home on the High Desert.

Lt. Manuel P. Rodriguez World War II Medals Presentation to Victor Valley Museum by Marcy Taylor

If you visit the Oro Grande Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in the Victor Valley, the first thing you will see as you pass through the decorated wrought iron gates is the Lt. Manuel P. Rodriguez monument. The brainchild of high school student Kenny Blum, the monument was placed in 1976 to honor a 21-year-old Oro Grande man, the first San Bernardino County casualty of World War II, who was serving in the Philippines.

Here's the sad story: During the 1940's the desert was segregated and you might even say racist. So a young Hispanic man, out of school and unemployed, was falsely accused and arrested for the murder of a Mr. Chacon, who was known to carry a large amount of cash in his money belt. Despite the fact that a Mr. Bennington later confessed to the murder, was executed, and buried in an unmarked grave in the Oro Grande Cemetery, young Manuel was not exonerated. He was given a choice to stay in jail or join the service. His boyhood friend, Felix Diaz, saw Manuel for the last time as he boarded the bus, which had come to pick up a number of young Hispanics living in Oro Grande or on the E Street side of the tracks in neighboring Victorville. It was November of 1940, and the men were off to the Philippines, where the following year they would face the Japanese troops. The Americans were outnumbered in manpower, weapons, ammunition, and equipment, and Lt. Rodriguez did not make it home. He and many others did not survive the Bataan Death March, and lie somewhere in the islands in an unmarked mass grave.

Fast forward to 2013: Brothers George and Tony Valdivia, neighbors to the Rodriguez family, found Manuel's Purple Heart out in the desert! They brought their find to the attention of George Salazar, who was in charge of conducting Memorial Day services at the Oro Grande Cemetery. He passed the medal to Manuel's boyhood friend, Felix Diaz, who in June of 2018 donated it to the Victor Valley Museum for display in the Veterans Tribute area.

Fast forward again to 2023: Angelina Flores, the great-grand niece of Manuel

Rodriguez, and the daughter of nephew David Carrasco, was exploring her relative's town of Oro Grande. Like most visitors, she stopped at the only restaurant, the Cross-Eyed Cow Pizza place for lunch. While waiting for her order, she noticed on the wall an "Epoch Times" newspaper article featuring Joe Manners, the Honorary Mayor of Oro Grande and caretaker of the cemetery. One thing led to another, and after a series of phone calls between Joe and the family, a meeting was arranged. So the nephew of Lt. Manuel P. Rodriguez and his wife Margie arrived at the Oro Grande Cemetery on Tuesday September 19, 2023, to see, for the first time, the monument dedicated to his uncle. The family made the decision to return Manuel's medals and commendations to the desert, to the area of his hometown, where they belong.

The following day, Wednesday September 20, 2023, a group met at the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley, the location of Manuel's Purple Heart. In attendance were Honorary Mayor Joe Manners, also a member of Mohahve Historical Society; three other MHS members Marcy Taylor, President; Meera Maheswaran, Recording Secretary; and Mike Phillips, Director 3 and editor of the society's newsletter; as well as Rene de la Cruz, reporter from the local Daily Press newspaper, who had written the article on Felix Diaz presenting the Purple Heart to the museum in 2018; and Tiffany Talavera, Victor Valley Museum Director. Family in attendance included David and Margie Carrasco from Phoenix, Arizona, and David's sister Julia and her husband Laszlo Gogacz from Redlands. The short ceremony in the Veterans area, beside the display case housing Manuel's Purple Heart, included the playing of Taps, a tribute speech by David Carrasco, a history of Manuel's time in Oro Grande, as well as the events and circumstances leading up to his deployment by Joe Manners, and a presentation of a thank-you certificate from the family to the Victor Valley Museum.

It was an emotional time for those in attendance. The display box of medals and badges of Lt. Manuel P. Rodriguez will hopefully soon be on display near his Purple Heart in the Veterans tribute area for all museum visitors to see. We in the Victor Valley are proud to honor our local Veterans, and those who gave their lives

for our country.



David and Margie Carrasco presenting Lt. Rodriguez Medals to the Victor Valley Museum Director Tiffany Talavera.



Taps by Laszlo Gogacz



David and Julia Gogacz Joe Manners (Honorary Mayor of Oro Grande) and David Carrasco

Mojave River Valley's Mini BBQ by Marcy Taylor

It was a beautiful warm (and non-windy) night for the annual MRVM BBQ on Wed. Sept. 27. We all enjoyed a delicious meal and way too many home-made desserts, as the band played by the light of a giant Super Moon! In our defense, how could we be expected to vote for the best dessert if we didn't sample them all? It was



also a good night to renew a membership, buy a 50/50 ticket, or purchase books at 20% off, all to support local history and keep the museum doors open.



MHS was well represented by Board Members Carol Wiley, Delvin Harbour, and Marcy Taylor, as well as Brent Gaddis, Jessica Ebert, Katie Boyd, and Nelson Miller. Actually all 7 of us are members of both organizations, and I might add, Brent and Nelson are MRVM Board Members, and Katie is a docent and exhibit curator, all working to make this event a success.

If you haven't visited the MRVM lately, take a short drive up the I-15 to Barstow Road (Hwy 247) exit, turn left, go 2 blocks to Virginia Way, and there you are. Or better yet, take the scenic route, the old Route 66, i.e. the Mother Road, i.e. National Trails Highway, through Oro Grande and Helendale to Barstow's Main Street, turn right on Barstow Road, and go up the hill to the museum. You won't be sorry. The inside and outside displays are over the top, and the books and gifts for sale are hard to pass up. I learn something new every time I visit, and so will you.

Amboy, Here We Come! by Marcy Taylor



On the evening of Thurs. Sept. 28, Mohave Historical Society members took a virtual trip east on Route 66 to the small town of Amboy, courtesy of speaker John Beyer of "Beyer's Byways" fame. His PowerPoint presentation showed the "then" and "now" of the once thriving railroad/ Route 66 town, unfortunately bypassed by the I-40. For so many small Route 66 towns, the I-40 seemed to be the beginning of the end. But fortunately for Amboy, who else but Albert Okura, the "Chicken Man" of Juan Pollo restaurant fame, stepped up to the plate and bought the entire town in 2005. He managed to keep it (somewhat) alive for many more years, and the Route 66 tourists, many from foreign countries, just keep on coming! There was a lot of hoopla in 2019 when the iconic Roy's Restaurant's neon sign was lit up after decades of darkness. Our VP Delvin Harbour, in his role as VP of the Route 66 Association California East, was of course there for the festivities.

In his presentation John mused that it's somewhat amazing that this almost ghost town in the middle of the desert, with only a few buildings left standing, one store open, no potable drinking water, and a line of porta-potties, continues to attract tourists, curious for the "experience" Amboy has to offer. He reminded us that the empty school buildings, the deserted motel rooms, and the small cemetery are all reminders of the many lives that had once filled the town. I suspect that the several Clampers monuments touting its importance, the Yin and Yang statues greeting people, and the bragging rights for hosting the successful 2018 "Mad Mike" rocket launch, might contribute to its hanging on by a shoestring.

The sudden death of the town's owner, Albert Okura, in January 2023 was a shock to many. But a few relatives and dedicated staff members have taken the reins to keep the memories alive. So why not take the Route 66 instead of the I-40 the next time you're heading east, and stop in and say "Hello." You'll find it well worth driving a few extra miles.

Route 66 Sights Worth a Visit by Marcy Taylor

Sept. 30, a group of MHS members headed in the other direction on the Route 66 to another one of Albert Okura's popular tourist attractions, the McDonald's Museum in San Bernardino, located on the site of the original McDonald's on North E Street. Although that restaurant was torn down in 1972, Okura turned its 1980 replacement building into his iconic museum, honoring the well-known fast food restaurant chain.

However, that was not our first stop. The day's adventure started at Camp Cajon on Wagon Train Toad in the pass, where we were met by San Bernardino Historical and Pioneer Society President, Nick Cataldo. After a brief overview of the importance



of the site and a look at the attractions there- the original Santa Fe and Salt Lake monument, the replica Camp Cajon Centennial monument erected in 2019, one of the original concrete picnic tables, and the "work in progress" information kiosk- we were off to follow the old Route 66 down the mountain.

At the Cleghorn Road stop we learned about the early trails and wagon roads, the mule and camel caravans, the John Brown Toll Road, and the nearby 1912 monument dedicated to pioneers Sheldon Stoddard and Sidney Waite. We passed through Cozy Dell, the location of the lower toll house, and made a quick stop at Blue Cut, where we unfortunately found the Clampers 1994 monument tagged with graffiti. We learned about, but were unable to see, the Sycamore Grove monument, now within the Glen Helen Park property. Never fear, the information packets, photos, and map of the trails and roads could be reviewed at a later time (for homework.)

Then it was time to actually drive the rest of the way on the original Route 66 into the city of San Bernardino, something many of us had never taken the time to do. And let me tell you, it took a lot longer than a zip down the I-15. So that gave the shotgun passenger plenty of time to share the "Lower Cajon Pass Tour" booklet with the driver and other passengers.

When we arrived at the McDonald's Museum, our two MHS members who live in LA were there waiting for us. And boy, was



there a lot to see! It's impossible to describe the gigantic collection of McDonald's memorabilia within those walls. Even more exciting are the parking lot displays- plenty of huge cartoon characters, including Bugs Bunny and the Hamburglar, and vehicles such as the Scooby Doo Mystery Machine, and the Hotdog Mobile. My favorites parts are the unbelievably detailed colorful murals, created by Phil Yeh and other artists and community members, that cover all four outside walls of the building. One depicts the California Route 66 from Santa Monica to Needles, with the High Desert well represented. You can find the Iron Hog Saloon in Oro Grande, and Elmer Long's Bottle-tree Ranch in Helendale. And you can't miss the Victorville Route 66 Museum, and good old Trigger standing tall on his pedestal. You'll also see Roy's Cafe in Amboy, and Snoopy's brother Spike further down the road in Needles.

Members who wanted more to see had only to stroll across the parking lot to the Military Museum, actually two buildings packed with more photos, memorabilia, uniforms, and vehicles than a person could possibly digest in one short visit. The



friendly and knowledgeable docents in both places made for an enjoyable and educational experience.

While the McDonald's Museum is open daily, to see them both you must go on a Saturday. And to see another of Phil Yeh's detailed community mural projects, look no farther than Old Town Victorville on the wall of the old Bank of America building on A Street at Seventh, across the parking lot from the Victor Valley Legacy Museum. If you look closely, you will see the MHS name on one of the railroad cars, as a donor to the project.

Ten Years of the Cow by Marcy Taylor

The Cross-Eyed Cow Pizza in Oro Grande, which has the distinction of being the only restaurant in town, celebrated its 10-year anniversary and a changing of the guard Friday the 13th of October. But there was



no bad luck involved! The Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce members turned out in full force with the red ribbon and giant scissors, as owners Jim and Donna Granger handed the reins one generation down to daughter Weather Grace Preston.

It doesn't seem that long ago that Donna Granger came to a Victorville Old Town Route 66 meeting to introduce herself and to announce that they were going to be opening a pizza place with a catchy name on Route 66 in Oro Grande. But thinking back, that meeting was in 2012, the summer I painted all the silhouette murals on boarded up Old Town buildings in preparation for the August Route 66 festival coming to town. Time flies!

After a welcome by the Chamber President Mark Creffield, the keynote speaker was none other than MHS member and Honorary Oro Grande Mayor, Joe Manners. He gave a bit of history of the location, that started off in the early 1920's as a Tedford gas station and garage. After years of being vacant, when Studebaker



New owner, Weather Grace Preston, addressed by Joe Manners, Honorary Oro Grande Mayor.



Corporation went out of business in 1966, owner Carl King moved into the building to sell used cars and Studebaker parts. The next tenant was Ralph Baker, who sold used appliances. Following another period of vacancy, Jim Granger bought the place, and with a lot of hard work and imagination, opened the iconic Cow 10 years ago.

Joe's Two Bits worth was followed by the presentation of certificates by local dignitaries, one who claimed to have gone to elementary school with new owner, Grace. Next came the ribbon cutting, a beautiful ceremony on the restaurant patio, with the rumblings of passing trains providing background music.

Most of you historians know the old trails followed the river, and later the railroad and the Route 66 did the same. But did you know that when the train stops in Barstow, the engineers have been known to call in their pizza order, which is hot and ready when they make an unscheduled stop, just across the road from the restaurant, to pick it up. Now that's life in a small American town!

So if there's anyone around this part of the world that has not visited the Oro Grande CEC Pizza restaurant, what are you waiting for? And for you regulars, there is always something new to see, like the almost finished new mural out back, or the shiny red bicycle sculpture piece that appeared on the patio. Wishing you guys another 10 or 20 or 30 great years!



Ring of Fire by Marcy Taylor

The Ring of Fire! No, I'm not talking about the Johnny Cash song. I'm talking about the historic event in the universe that occurred the morning of October 14 when the moon passed between the earth and sun, blocking out 80% of the sun's light and creating an eerie Halloween-ish ring. This phenomenon is known as an annular solar eclipse or a "Ring of Fire" eclipse.

The Lewis Center for Educational Research in Apple Valley partnered with NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab to monitor Saturday's eclipse, and will do the same April 8, 2024, when the next one occurs. Recently five new projects received funding by a NASA grant to the Goldstone Apple Valley Radio Telescope (GAVRT) team based at the Lewis Center, to complement its Solar Patrol campaign. One project will allow students to study the sun and its influence on Earth using various instruments.

Mohahve Historical Society Goals / Objectives / Activities SURVEY

Please complete this survey and submit at a meeting, by email, or by mailing to the PO Box.
Thank you in advance for completing this task.

Name _____

The MHS tri-fold brochure states:

The MHS is a non-profit organization formed in 1964 whose members research, record, teach, and publish the history of the people and communities of the Mojave Desert region. ("Teach" includes giving presentations and leading field trips.)

Historical Society goals are listed as:

- **Educating residents of the area about historic places and events in the greater Victor Valley.
- **Document the recent history through oral interviews with long-time residents.
- **Preserving historical Points of Interest.
- **Exploring the Mojave Desert region and sharing your experience.
- **Collecting and preserving historical documents, relics, antique items, and artifacts.
- **Publishing books, articles, newsletters of local history.

What have you personally done to contribute to / meet these goals?

Society activities are listed as:

- **Attending monthly meetings with speakers on local history or points of interest. _____
- **Attending monthly or periodic field trips. _____
- **Attending the annual Christmas dinner or celebration. _____
- **Recognizing and placing historical markers at significant spots. _____

What have you personally done to participate in the society's activities? (List or check off.)

What suggestions do you have for encouraging members to be active and contribute to the goals / objectives of the Mohahve Historical Society?

What could you personally do to contribute that either you have not been doing or you could do more often?

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MHS GENERAL MEETING

Lone Wolf Colony
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