

# THE MOHAHVE MUSE

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## President's Corner

Hello, MHS members and Friends,

Yes, it's election month. Please send your nominations into Juanita Riedell ASAP. We have an opening for a Recording Secretary. We will vote at the Nov. 18 meeting. If all candidates are running unopposed, we can vote by show of hands. If there are two or more candidates for an office, we will provide a written ballot. Thanks to those of you who have submitted your nomination forms.

A big shout out to Mike Phillips for not only putting together the award winning "Mohahve Muse" newsletter, but for sending out timely reminders with maps, driving directions, and even links for more info. Go, Mike!

A big thank you to those of you who attended our first meeting at the Lone Wolf Colony. Some important procedures: Please do not by-pass the check-in table. Soon the weather will be changing, and if you hold up the show, people will be waiting outside. Please sign in, then move down the table to your right to take care of the business of the month, such as paying dues, buying a holiday dinner ticket, or whatever is pertinent at the time.

Then you can go visit Mary and buy a book or two or three, stop by the refreshment table, visit the speaker's table, and find a seat. We should be able to accomplish all of this between 6:30 and 7:00 if we really try!

Parking reminders: Come in the OUT gate. Yes, we will be breaking the usual IN /OUT rule at the request of the management, so we do not have to drive clear around the building to park. This is a change from the way we have in the past entered for the holiday party. Turn into the first driveway BEFORE the building, not after. There are limited parking spaces in front of the building. Please reserve these spaces for members who may have trouble walking, as well as the speaker and any board members who may have supplies to unload. If you park on the dirt, be careful. We have requested more lighting out front, so hopefully it will be taken care of soon.

In case you have forgotten, the Smithsonian Institute's Traveling "Negro Motorist Green Book" exhibit will be at the California Museum in Sacramento from Dec. 4 through Feb. 27, 2022. Although we will not go as a group on a bus trip, as previously considered, you can certainly drive

up yourself or carpool with other members to check it out. Don't forget, our very own Apple Valley's "Murray's Overall Wearing Dude Ranch" is highlighted, as a very rare and at the time unheard-of stopping place, offering the Western experience to minority travelers, as well as catering to locals of all races. For more information on the Murray's, the site of the filming of the late 1930's Herb Jeffries westerns with an all black cast, later purchased by Pearl Bailey and her husband Louie Bellson, stop by the Apple Valley Legacy Museum.

Thanks for all of your support and your interest in learning about and preserving local history.

### November Meeting Reminders!

**Board Officers Election**

**Annual membership Renewal**

**Member Contact Update**

**Holiday Dinner Ticket Purchase**  
(\$20.00 / person)



**Happy Thanksgiving**  
*Marcy*

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## MHS Upcoming Events

### Nov 18 Membership Meeting

6:30pm Doors Open

7:00pm Speaker: Nick Cataldo

“Earp Clan in Southern California”

Lone Wolf Colony

25200 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley

### Dec 17 MHS Holiday Dinner Celebration

5:00pm Doors Open (Social Hour)

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Oath of Office Ceremony & Entertainment

Lone Wolf Colony

25200 Bear Valley Road, Apple Valley

## Community Upcoming Events

### Nov 7 Santa Fe Trading Co. Crafts Fair

10am 15464 7th Street, Old Town Victorville

- 4pm MHS booth and Veterans Display

### Nov 9 Friends of Apple Valley Library Meeting

11am 14901 Dale Evans Pkwy, AV 92307

“Apple Valley Curiosities” by M. Taylor

All are welcomed

### Nov 11 Veterans Day Parade

9am 7th Street from Mojave towards Forrest

Victorville. Ceremony at Veterans

Memorial at Forrest. Reception at VVLM

15492 7th Street, Old Town Victorville

### Dec 4 Victorville Christmas Parade

10am 7th Street From La Paz to Forrest

Victorville

### Dec 11 Santa Fe Trading Co. Crafts Fair

10am 15464 7th Street, Old Town Victorville

- 4pm VV Legacy Museum open - MHS booth

### Dec 14 Apple Valley Town Council Tea

Grand Opening AV Heritage Display Room

5pm Apple Valley Town Hall

14995 Dale Evans Pkwy, Apple Valley

## MHS MONUMENTS

## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION



The Mohave Historical Society is strongly committed to its on-going preservation of all its historical monuments and markers. The task includes repairs and the removal of trash, weeds and graffiti. The financial support of the community is needed. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

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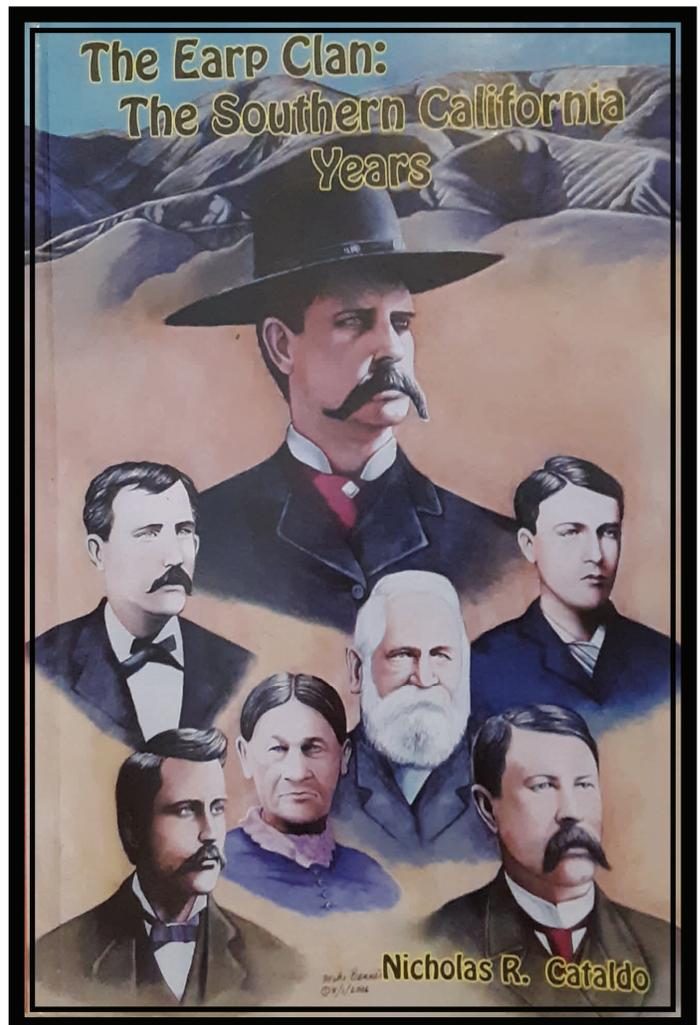
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## November Guest Speaker by Therese Moore



Remember to join us for **Nicholas Cataldo** at our November 18th meeting at 7 PM. The meeting is a week early this month due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Nick will be presenting on the Earp Clan in Southern California.

Nick, a retired teacher, is a well-known local historian and president of the San Bernardino Historical Society. He writes a weekly column in The Sun. His book, “The Earp Clan: The Southern California Years”, is a must read for Earp enthusiasts.



## HAPPY TRAILS PARADE by Marcy Taylor



Float was Awarded  
"Best Overall"

Photo courtesy Delvin Harbour

The Apple Valley Legacy Museum volunteers created a local history themed float entitled "Roy and Dale Say Apple Valley is For Fun!" based on a 1960's era brochure for the Roy Rogers Apple Valley Inn. The museum volunteers, along with some Mohahve Historical Society members and a few other loyal supporters, had a great time acting out the many activities Inn guests could expect to enjoy, all included in their stay: tennis, golf, archery, croquet, fishing, swimming, horseback riding, musical entertainment, and of course the weekly steaks. We love Apple Valley history and you will too.

### New Apple Valley Historical Signs - by Marcy Taylor

You may not know this, but the Mohahve Historical Society has always had a seat on the Apple valley Historical Advisory Committee. Fran Elgin and Al Bush are past committee members. After a five year break, the committee reconvened in September of 2020. Each council member has a committee representative. Marcy Taylor serves as the rep for Councilwoman Kari Leon, and Michelle Lovato serves as the rep for Councilman Curt Emick. Other committee members appointed by Councilmen are Tom Hoergeman, Barbara Davisson, and Rick Piercy. Marcy also represents the Apple Valley Legacy Museum and MHS, Tom also represents the Apple Valley School District, Rick represents the Lewis Center for Educational Research, and Barbara represents the Bass Foundation.

You may have noticed that all of the signs marking Historical Points of Interest have been recently replaced. In fact, one stands in front of our meeting place, the Lone Wolf Colony. A ribbon cutting was held at the El Pueblo Shops, Apple Valley first "strip mall," on Tuesday October 12 at 4:00 P.M. to celebrate the new signage.



Photo courtesy Delvin Harbour

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I would like to thank MHS members Delvin Harbour, Bryan Taylor, and Stormie Reid who attended to support and take photos. A flyer listing the sights, which includes a driving tour map, is now available. A detailed booklet with then and now photos developed by Marcy and Michelle will soon be available. QR codes on the signs allow the traveler to learn a bit more about the location. Historical Points of Interest Booklet #2 is also in the works. We will look forward to a MHS driving tour in the spring to take a look into Apple Valley's past.

By Marcy Taylor

*A big thank-you goes out to our two September presenters:*

**Mark Landis** and **Waldo Stakes.**

Thursday Sept. 23 marked our first return to an inside venue with a speaker and Power-Point presentation.

**Mark Landis** of Wrightwood treated us to a journey through the Cajon Pass with a visit to Camp Cajon, a welcome rest stop for weary Route 66 travelers of the 1920's and 1930's. Mark and his team are responsible for two recent monumental accomplishments: the July 4, 2019 unveiling of a replica Camp Cajon monument, the original of which was presented July 4, 1919, exactly 100 years prior; and the recent relocation of one of the original concrete picnic tables, salvaged from the great flood of 1938 and now back home, proudly resting between two monuments, and once again inviting travelers to "sit for a spell." While the meeting was well-attended, we hope that more of our long-time members will join us at future meetings at the Lone Wolf Colony.



Saturday Sept. 25, MHS members and guests assembled in east Apple Valley at the outdoor Dare Devils and Speed Museum. Sitting in a circle under the Joshua trees, attendees were surrounded by some of the scaffolding and actual vehicles used to break or attempt to break speed records. **Waldo Stakes**, a MHS Life Mem-



ber, used a table full of props and photos to enhance his tales of courage, success, and in some cases, disaster. After the talk, members were free to explore the four huge containers, stuffed full of items and photos representing: Dare Devils, Land Speed, Air Speed, and Water Speed.

All attendees learned a little (or a lot), and we appreciate those who came from as far away as Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Redlands to join us for this adventure.

**New Roy Rogers Monument at Horseman's Center** by Marcy Taylor

On October 10, 2021, a new monument honoring Apple Valley icon Roy Rogers was unveiled at Horseman's Center right beside the flagpole. It was dedicated in a grand ceremony hosted by the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus, Billy Holcomb Chapter 1069, at their fall "Clampout," attended by 500 red-shirted members. Noble Grand Humbug Eric "Pirate" Peterson welcomed the crowd and led the pledge. He immediately reminded the hundreds that had been camped there since Thursday evening that they were to leave the park cleaner than when they arrived, prompting Councilman Art Bishop to tell them they are certainly welcome back any time.



On left, Councilman Art Bishop, Marcy Taylor & Bob Tinsley representing Apple Valley.

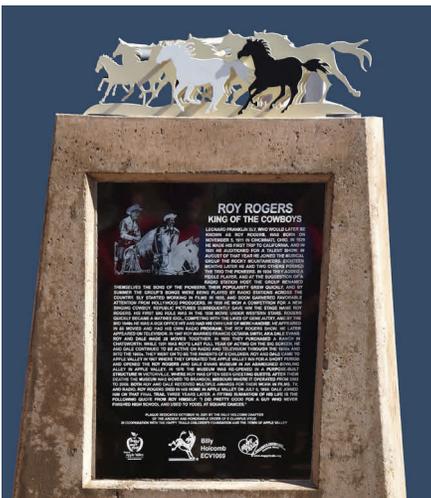
Ex-Trash and Trek leader Paul Renner treated the crowd to a detailed and touching tribute to Leonard Slye, later known as Roy Rogers. He told the story of Roy's amazing life, which he also documented in a beautifully written commemorative booklet, with Roy and Trigger gracing the cover.



Paul Renner addressing audience with a tribute to Roy Rogers

In the midst of the sea of red created by the shirts and jackets of the Clampers, many adorned with buttons and patches from past events, were a few recognizable Apple Valley folks: Art Bishop, the Town Councilman who arranged to host the group at beautiful Horseman's Center; Bob and Karin Tinsley, longtime Apple Valley residents, Happy Trails members and close friends of the Rogers family; Marcy Taylor, representing Mohahve Historical Society, the Apple Valley Legacy Museum, and the Apple Valley Historic Advisory Committee; several Apple Valley Legacy Museum volunteers; and a number of MHS members. Most importantly, a number of members of the extended Roy Rogers family were in attendance. The relatives included Roy's oldest daughter Cheryl's daughter (i.e. Roy's granddaughter) Kim Comer and family, who came from Lancaster, as well as Roy's sister Kathleen's grandson (i.e. Roy's great nephew) David Odell and his wife Ollie, Apple Valley residents, whom many recognize as the owners of Old Town Dogs.

The weather was perfect, the crowd was enthusiastic, and the Roy Rogers monument topped with a metal sculpture of galloping horses will continue to honor of longtime Apple Valley resident Roy Rogers. Around here he may have been treated as just one of the local folks, which is how he liked it, but "The King of the Cowboys" was known nationwide and around the world as one of the most influential positive role models for children and adults alike, and the Roy Rogers Riders' Rules should still be followed today. Thank you, Roy, and "May the Good Lord take a likin' to you!"



Rogers family relatives David and Ollie Odell, Kim Comer and family, with locals.

**Mojave River Valley's Annual Mini-BBQ**



MHS members, Marcy Taylor, Anna Diamond, and Carol Wiley with MRVM President and blacksmith Brent Gaddis

It was a beautiful warm and non-windy evening in Barstow Wed. Sept. 29 for the Mojave River Valley's annual Mini-BBQ. It was attended by at least six, maybe more, MHS members, and many other familiar-looking folks. Delicious food, scrumptious desserts, good music, the "make an offer" sale of left-over items, perfect weather, and friendly folks made for an enjoyable evening.

**October General Meeting** by Marcy Taylor

The Oct. 28 MHS meeting at the Lone Wolf Colony featured speaker John Grasson, an expert on "Lost Ships of the Desert." The 26 members and 9 guests in attendance learned about the how and why ocean-going ships ended up buried in the sand. Thanks to Mary Ruth Hughes for suggesting



this speaker, and John for coming all the way from Banning to educate us on this little-known topic.



Thank you John for your presentation on an unusual historical subject of the desert.



A pirate, a farmer, a cowboy, several witches, and other creatures of the season replaced the usual MHS board members. Dressed in her Halloween attire, Juanita Riedell, Nominations Chairperson, updated us on the nominees,

and reminded us that voting will take place at the November meeting. Member Clara Petrosky surprised the Halloween birthday witch with some beautiful flowers and a birthday balloon, possibly to assure herself that no spell would be cast upon her this year.



Please remember to **RENEW** your annual membership at the November General Meeting. Please fill out the form on page 8 ahead of time and submit the form with the appropriate dues to the Membership Chair at the desk. This will speed up the registration process for the evening. Thank You.

Thanks to those of you who renewed your memberships and purchased your dinner tickets. Since time is closing in on us, could you please mail membership and ticket checks to **Marcy Taylor, 19900 Hwy 18, Apple Valley, Ca., 92307** instead of the PO box in Victorville. This will save some time and trouble to close out the year. Thank you.

**New Members**

Lori King, Jeff & Julie Moffatt

**Renewals**

Linda Boruff, Anna Carey, Mike Guiffredo  
 Delvin Harbour, Patty Hedges, Jim Jacobs  
 Carol Johnson, Juanita Riedell, Elizabeth Ross  
 Rick Schmidt & Pal Bevilacqua  
 Mike & Yvonne Phillips

## Fourth Generation Cambridge Family Preserving Local History by Marcy Taylor

The 1997 Mohave Historical Society newsletter editor, Arleen Kallenberger, wrote a front page story in the May edition entitled "A Man to Remember: Carl Cambridge, Sr." According to Kallenberger, Carl was an "instigator" in forming the society back in 1964 and became their Charter President, continuing to support the organization until his passing in 1971. The article speaks of his contributions to the Victor Valley as a dairy farmer, but after his 1961 retirement, "devoting his life to his private home museum as curator."

The second page of the newsletter goes down two and three generations of Cambridges, to discuss Founders Night on January 19, 1978. Grandson Jim Cambridge and his wife Shirley were to be in charge of the latest venture of the MHS organization, a group of local youth age 6-25 to be known as the Apple Valley branch of "The Desert Seekers." And who should be elected as their first president? None other than twelve-year-old great grandson Bobby Cambridge.

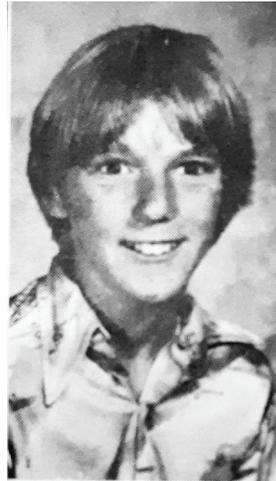
The group got off to a roaring start with their "parade



within a parade" at Apple Valley PowWow Days. The entry included three scenes: (1) Father Garces and his Indians, (2) Pioneer families in a covered wagon, and (3) miners on their way to Holcomb Valley. The following year, June of 1979, the group won the "Award of Merit" in the "Young Historians" category at the Conference of California Historical Societies held at the Sonoma Mission Inn. Using the Apple Valley chapter as inspiration, Barstow and Hesperia chapters were soon organized (but we're going to stick with Apple Valley.)

So some of you may know that little Bobby grew up, is now retired, and he and his wife Michelle are current members of MHS. You might also remember that before the "shutdown" in the spring of 2019, Bob gave a wonderful presentation at the Redeemer Church on his great grandfather, Carl Cambridge, and his popular Indian museum. In addition to a PowerPoint, Bob displayed beautiful pottery, blankets, and other artifacts from his family's collection.

So to backtrack a bit: MHS board member Rick Schmidt, who volunteers weekly at the MHS history room at the Victor Valley College Library, gave me some duplicate copies of some old newsletters, including the one from May 1997. Shortly after that I happened to see Bob Cambridge at a 911 Event and Car Show at the Apple Valley



BOBBY CAMBRIDGE

### 'Seekers' elect first president

Inn, and congratulated him on his early fame. A few days later he arrived at the Apple Valley Legacy Museum with a thick black notebook entitled "The Desert Seekers," so I could see for myself the fine start these young historians got in life. Twenty local youth are listed as charter members, some with family names such as Cambridge, Culbertson, Mason, Paulsen and Doepke. The notebook includes their Constitution, plenty of newspaper articles, fieldtrip and parade photos, photos of excavations and members sporting club t-shirts, as well as newsletters and paperwork from the CCHS symposiums and other events.

An article in the 1978 Victor Valley Daily Press states, "From great grandfather to grandson, the Cambridge family has been "Desert Seekers" for four generations. In fact, that statement is true today. In December of 2018 Bob donated much of his great grandfather's collection to the Mojave River Valley Museum in Barstow, to be displayed in their soon-to-be-completed additional display room. Then in Dec. 2020 he brought a truckload of manos and metates to the Apple Valley Legacy Museum, along with a large bag of corn, so visitors could experience grinding corn into flour in the manner of local Native Americans. And I am happy to add another generation to the story. Sat. Oct. 2, a great great grandson, Kevin Cambridge, showed up at the Apple Valley Legacy Museum to check out his family's history. He discovered the Cambridge name in "History of Victor Valley," "Mohave" 2, 3, 4, and 5, and other sources. Since he was on his way to work and didn't want to be late, Kevin said that he would definitely be back. That's what we like to hear!

A big thank-you to Bob and Michelle Cambridge for your MHS membership, your participation in community events, and your important contributions to local history.



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RENEWAL  NEW MEMBER

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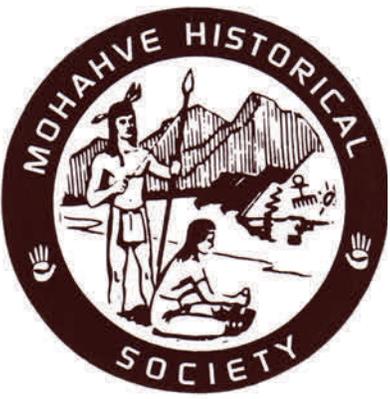
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