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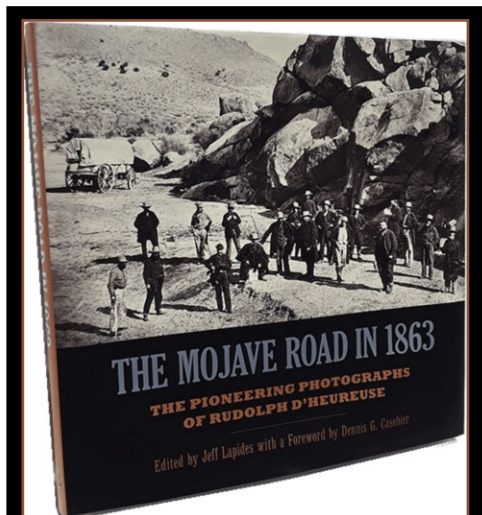
Traveling the Mojave Road in 1863

Guest Speaker: Photographer Jeff Lapidés

Rudolph d'Heureuse—surveyor, cartographer, civil engineer, mining engineer, oenologist, inventor—on one momentous journey in 1863

photographed the Mojave Road from the shores of the Pacific Ocean to the banks of the Colorado River and the mines of Eldorado Canyon in today's Nevada. His subjects included San Bernardino, Cajon Pass, and the seaport of New San Pedro (Wilmington). His camera captured images of the wild Mojave Desert and its travelers, crossroads, forts, soldiers, and watering holes at a moment in time that is gone forever.

Jeff Lapidés is a Southern California photographer and book designer residing in Sierra Madre. During our January 24th MHS meeting, Lapidés will talk about how he stumbled across the photographs that became *The Mojave Road in 1863: The Pioneering Photographs of Rudolph d'Heureuse*. **BRING A FRIEND!**



THE MOJAVE ROAD IN 1863: The Pioneering Photographs of Rudolph d'Heureuse – a unique coffee-table book edited by Jeff Lapidés, with a foreword by Denis Casebier.

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I'm on the lookout for history stories & photos, or information about historical locations. You don't have to be a writer to contribute. Just write out the facts about the topic and I'll turn them into an article – and you'll get the byline.

Send to Mary DeSantis at
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or see me at our monthly meeting.



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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

MEMBERS NOTE:

MHS dues are now due for 2019

All memberships expired in December. If your mailing label is highlighted in yellow, you need to renew NOW in order to keep receiving *The Mohahve Muse*.

Please see the Membership Application form on Page 7 for dues information.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Thank you for your
continued support!

2019 CALENDAR

The Guest Speaker line-up often changes due to last-minute scheduling conflicts. Below is the most up-to-date schedule.

January 24

GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Jeff Lapides

Topic: *The Mojave Road In 1863: The Pioneering Photographs of Rudolph D'Heureuse.*

February 28

GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Ruth Nolan

Topic: Fire on the Mojave – stories of fighting wildfires in the deserts and mountains of Southern California.

March 28

GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Matt Cabe

Topic: Filmmaking in the Victor Valley

April 25

GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Nick Webster

Topic: The Narrow Gauge Railway from Calico to Daggett

2019 FIELD TRIPS

All events and field trips will be posted to our website as soon as they are planned:

www.mohahve.org

DECEMBER RECAP

Annual Christmas Potluck

Story and photos by Mary DeSantis

Our annual Christmas party at the historic Lone Wolf Colony in Apple Valley on December 13, 2018, was a really enjoyable affair. Thirty-five people attended. Bertha Churchill volunteered to cook the ham, and everybody brought delicious side dishes and desserts.

After dinner, the newly elected officers were officially installed during a brief swearing-in ceremony hosted by President Jim Mustra.

Fran Elgin and Marcy Taylor organized five historical skits, complete with quirky costumes, and the impromptu dramas were performed by party attendees who had only a few minutes to prepare. The performances produced lots of laughs and we all learned things we didn't know about our local history. Thanks to all those who volunteered to showcase their acting talents.

We rounded off the evening with a Christmas sing-along, led by the High Desert Jammers band – Marcy Taylor, Patty Hedges, Tessie Fiore, Frankie Fiore, Marina Kranz, and Roger Morgan.



Marcy Taylor, Fran Elgin, and Bill Moffat



Jack Magro and Rita Wells



Bertha Churchill and Barb Marnell

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DECEMBER RECAP

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During their January meeting, the MHS Board voted to have next year's Christmas party entirely catered by Lone Wolf Colony. It will be a full-service sit-down dinner. There will be a minimal cost per person, but this is a lot less than what most people spend on a potluck. Seating will be limited and tickets will have to be purchased in advance.



Adrienne and Ford Sheridan

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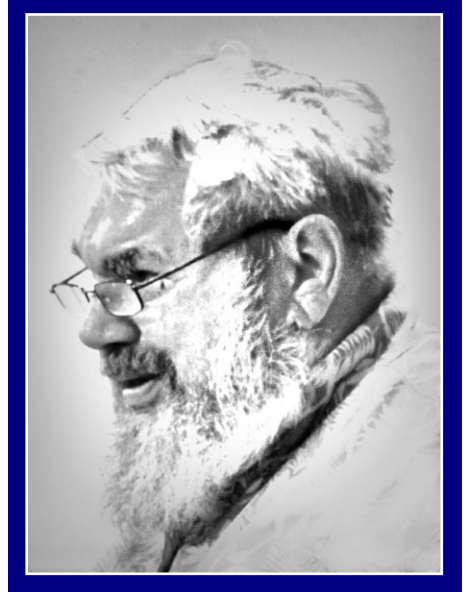
Jim Mustra



Mel Marks



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



-Jim Mustra-

I have been working hard to get a line-up of excellent speakers for our meetings this year. Due to schedule changes, I've had to rearrange some of the pre-booked speakers, but the 2019 slots are now mostly filled.

Matt Cabe of the Daily Press will return this spring to talk about filmmaking in the Victor Valley. In May we are tentatively booked for a tour and presentation of Roy Rogers Ranch. Later in the year, I hope to book a husband-and-wife duo who call themselves the Gypsy Time Travelers. Their act will involve an outdoor setting, a forge, and storytelling. In September we will host a viewing of a film titled "The Life and Times of Pancho Barnes and the Happy Bottom Riding Club," which details the life of a very unique (for her day) resident of the Mojave Desert.

If you have any suggestions for a speaker please email it to me at mohahve@verizon.net.

My position as President of the Mohahve Historical Society expires this year and I will not be running for re-election in November. Andrea Gutierrez has also decided to retire from her longtime position as our Membership Chair and Director-at-large. We need more of our members to become actively involved in our society in order to keep it functioning. Please think about running for office this coming November.



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Jerry Hutchinson and John Marnell

Mary Dutro



Bill Moffat



Pal Bevilaqua and Rick Schmidt



UNSUNG HERO OF THE MONTH

Bertha Churchill



Our grateful thanks to this gracious lady who has volunteered year after year to cook the main meat course for our annual Christmas potluck. Bertha has also served on the Board of Directors. Bertha is a delight to know. She's always warm and upbeat.

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Installation of officers. Fran Elgin (Corresponding Secretary), Rick Schmidt (Recording Secretary), Jim Mustra (President), Mary Ruth Hughes (Vice President), Mary Dutro (Director), and Mary DeSantis (Director). Board members not pictured: Andrea Gutierrez, Elizabeth Ross, & Mel Marks.



John Marnell and Ken Churchill hamming it up during a John Wayne skit



Barb Marnell and Mary Ruth Hughes



The High Desert Jammers: (L-R) Roger Morgan, Marcy Taylor, Marina Kranz, Teresa Fiore, Frankie Fiore, and Patty Hedges

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Barb Marnell, Fran Elgin, and Mary Ruth Hughes



Frankie Fiore



Patty Hedges and Mary Ruth Hughes



John Marnell and Marcy Taylor