



The Saddlebag

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The Kern River Valley Historical Society

Calendar of Events

August 1stChuck Barbee's *Wild West Country* showing at The Fox Theater in Bakersfield

August 9thCountry Store First Annual Porch Sale 10 am to 2 pm at the Museum

August 19thField Trip Part 2 'An excursion Along the Oregon Trail' 9 am to 11. Location:
New Anglican Church across from the Hi Ho Mobile Home Park Kernville.

August 26thBoard Meeting at St Peters Anglican Church in Kernville

August 26thPot Luck Dinner **6pm** at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella

September 16th .Field Trip to California Hot Springs. History, Luncheon and Hot Springs Swim

Chuck Barbee's showing of the movie 'Wild West Country' is being held at the Fox Theater on August 1st. Each of you have received a card which explains location, price, and a note that proceeds will go toward restoration of the Historic Lopez Hill House. What it doesn't say, is that it is also a chance for many Bakersfield patrons to find out that there is a Kern River Valley and that it does have a rich and compelling history. This is also an opportunity for Kern Valley residents who missed the showing here in the Valley to see this outstanding program. Our thanks go to Chuck Barbee for the massive amount of time and effort he expended to bring this movie to the silver screen.!

The Country Store is breaking tradition and will have its 1st annual Museum Porch Sale on Saturday August 9th from 10 am to 2pm. According to Sally, Cindy and Vicki there will be a bunch of great stuff for sale. Says' Sally,"Be sure to stop by and browse. Maybe there will be an item or two, that you just can't live without! Hope to see you there on **Saturday the 9th!!**

The Field Trip for August will be held on **August 19th at 9am** at the Anglican Church in Kernville. (Across from the Hi Ho Mobile Home Park)According to your host Ron Bolyard, this will be a computer slideshow presentation. Ron will be discussing and showing pictures of the Historical Oregon Trail as seen in the mid 1970's when he was stationed in Casper Wyoming. Ron's adventures and historical studies along this major emigration route will be as a traveling emigrant during the spring to late winter seasons of 1843 to 1844 between South Pass City, Wyoming, to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. Part 1 was presented in November of 2006, and it covered the first portion of the journey from Independence, Missouri to South Pass City, Wyoming. Many stories, attached to this region of the Western United States are unique and descriptive of the life and times of those who traveled, suffered, perished and settled during the early emigration by thousands of people desiring to find a better way of life in the west. This of course was 6 years before the Gold Rush. This program starting at 9am is about 2 hours long and will also include a narrative handout. Those of you who still have yours from 2006 are asked to bring it with you. **If you are going, please call Liz Bardos**

Get out your Mu Mu's and Hawaiian shirts, the program this month is our annual Potluck and The theme will be Hawaiian. What fun!! **Of course its at the Senior center and starts at 6pm** According to Social Chairperson Diane Bach you should bring yourself, your own service (plates, utensils, napkins etc) and your potluck dish. Your dish should have enough to serve 8-10 people. Coffee and Ice Tea will be provided. Here is the alphabet order for your food contribution:

- If your name begins with **A thru F bring a dessert**
- If your name begins with **G thru L bring a salad**
- If your name begins with **M thru Z bring a main dish**

And remember it all starts at 6pm and you are asked if possible, to wear Mu Mu's, Hawaiian Shirts etc. and who knows we might even have a Ukelele or two Be there and be prepared to eat well and have fun...

Looking ahead to the September field trip--CALIFORNIA HOT SPRINGS, September 16th. Hosted by Don Morrison and Jacqueline Morgan (The couple who brought you the fantastic Basque dinner in Bakersfield..twice)The field trip to California Hot Springs last year received such enthusiastic response that Liz and the Field Trip Committee asked for a repeat, now scheduled for September 16. The hot springs history goes back to the Yokut Native Americans who hollowed out logs to makes hot tubs and continues with use by early ranchers, farmers and miners. In the 20th century the resort built around the hot springs lured city folks, not only to the baths, but to a dance hall, hotel and outdoor adventures.The program for the September 16 field trip includes a history of the hot springs resort, with slides and artifacts, presented by the owners, followed by a brief story of the Yokuts by a mystery presenter. A delicious buffet lunch comes next, then an optional chance to soak and/or swim in one of three pools which vary in temperature. Make reservations by September 8 with Liz Bardos, and send a check for \$9 for the lunch or, if you choose, for \$15 which includes the soak/swim. Look for more details in the September Saddlebag.

Talk About Great Fortune. Last month we put out a plea for someone to take the place of the Hamilton's who moved to Hawaii. And as if by magic Rich Burdge received a call from **Bob and Betty Newman** who said that they would like to take on the task of watering, pruning, and occasionally planting in the landscape of our Museum. Then they rolled up their sleeves, grabbed a hoe, a rake, and snippers and set about weeding, pruning and generally beautifying our yard...What can we say except..."Thank You Both". We are overjoyed!!!

Tickets Tickets Tickets Tickets....In todays Saddlebag you received 2 books of tickets for our annual fund raising drive. It gives everyone a chance to win this years beautiful quilt, some cash and other goodies. We've included an envelope with our address already stamped on it, so you can put your filled out stubs inside and send back to us. **This is our main fund raiser** and much of our Museum operating expenses are derived from the monies received. Your generosity is always most appreciated. So.....Please send your check and stubs back today lest you forget!!

This and That

Basque Revisited...The second seating of members who attended the Basque dinner at Sandrinis Restaurant on July 1st, was deemed a real success. Basque History, memorable food, and good conversation made this a well rounded experience for those attending. A special thanks to Don and Jacqueline and to Liz for setting up this second trip for those who due to space limitations, were unable to attend the first seating

Teamwork was the name of the game. We were given the task of putting labels on over 500 postcards. The postcards were to remind folks of the upcoming showing at the Fox theater in Bakersfield of Chuck Barbees ‘Wild West Country’ and they needed to be labeled and mailed quickly. Shirley Fisher made the labels and the Saddlebag mailing crew was called. When they arrived they did all the work in 20 minutes and it was over..what a feat. Thanks to Dick and Virginia Snyder, Norma and Jim Whiteman, Jeri Hanson, Charlene and Fred Langer, Phyllis Nelson, Ron Bolyard (the Prez), Liz Barbee, Liz Bardos and Rod and Vicki Middleworth...

We Have a Website. And it is getting better and better each day as our Web Master Mike Ludiker, tweaks and fine tunes the pages. At the board meeting Mike said that in 21 days we had received 344 visits and most important 928 accesses. (those folks were looking at more than one page in our site). We received one visit from The Royal Historical Society of Great Britain. And we received 12 visits from Germany. Good job Mike you are helping the 21st century find History. For those with computers the website is always on the cover page of the Saddlebag and today to save you looking here it is again.... <http://www.krvhistoricalsociety.org> ...Try it!!

Shirley Fisher our Membership Chairperson says that we have 457 memberships (about 800 members). Four new members came aboard and they are: ***Doug and Wendy Quine*** of Victorville, ***Judy Smyth*** of Lake Forest, ***Rich and Ann Guy*** of Kernville, and ***Charles and Elizabeth White*** of Wofford Heights. We’d like to Welcome all of you to our organization. We would also like to extend an invitation to come to our monthly meetings, take advantage of our field trips and any other special programs you might see in our monthly Saddlebag. The door is open and we’d like to have you come on in!!

Our Sunshine Chairperson Juanita Kitchell told us that she sent get well cards to ***Sue Stevenson, Anne Hamilton, and Glenn Middleworth*** and a card of encouragement and concern to ***Rod and Vicki Middleworth*** for the illness of their son.

This Months Spotlight is on Liz Bardos for her outstanding work as Field Trip Chairperson. Trips set up under her watchful eye are well organized and creative. As Chairperson she is involved in preparation, advance visits, manager or director of activity arrangements, phone calls and many other chores. Field trips have been so interesting that several have had to be repeated to get all those who want to go... there. She follows up with committee persons and is always ready to help. Many of her tasks have been to take reservations, collect money and all the follow up that those kind of jobs involve...In her quiet manner Liz has made our field visits a “must go”for many of our members. Thank you Liz Bardos you are a credit to our Historical Society!!

Members take a look at the list of Businesses on our cover page. And then whenever you can, give them a visit and if possible your business, and let them know you saw their name here!!

The August General Meeting was a presentation by Tom Anderson President of The Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation. Tom was also voted Man of the Year by the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce. Deeply involved in the Heritage Foundation, Tom shared by powerpoint the current thrust of the organization which was the Bob Powers Gateway Preserve. 18 Acres located between the freeway off ramp and the Telephone Central Office, Tom gave us an inkling of the tremendous amount of work involved just to get permits and permission to do anything. He shared with us what a few grants have allowed them to do and a touch of what is planned for this corner. When finished, and it will take time and work, but will be a showcase located in the heart of the Kern River Valley. Thanks to Chet Rock for setting up the program and especially to Tom Anderson for sharing the dream and the reality...

The August Field Trip was our Ice Cream Social, held at Alta Sierra in the cool shade of mountain trees. Cake, Ice Cream, Cookies and over 50 members showed up to kick back and enjoy the 30 degree difference in temperature. Entertained by Out of the Blue and Friends it was a relaxing afternoon. We even celebrated 2 birthdays, one for Jack White and one for Katie Gallagher. A grand time was had by all...

The Art Gallery is home to this months artist, Patti McGarvey. Patti is a self taught artist with more than 25 years of experience behind a camera. Annually her work is on display at various businesses in the Kern River Valley, and in the Kern Valley Museum. Patti is a member of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge. Active since 1998 she serves on the photo committee as a rodeo photographer. She is a member of the KRV Art Association and the Bakersfield Art Association, and she is a freelance writer and photographer for the Kern Valley Sun. Her art work is recognized as "Award Winner" at the Kern County Fair Contests. She has participated annually in the art shows sponsored by the Kern Valley Art Assn. She currently has art on display at the East Hills Mall where much of her artwork is sold...

As an Added Note, we have been informed by Dan Mancini, Art Assn. President, that *Alice Beard* will not be exhibiting in the Museum Gallery in 2008. *We would like to take this opportunity to thank you Alice for your generous contributions to the Historical Society through your beautiful Art!! We look forward to seeing and exhibiting your work in our gallery in September of 2009. You are one of our favorite people!!*

No Movies Under The Stars in August...Construction of the cover for our outdoor theater will begin shortly and because of possible dangers we are foregoing the movies for August. We will begin again when construction is complete. Take a look at the Theater and note the Jenkins Pack Station sign It looks great. And thanks to the donation of Bill Jenkins we have a new money collection box in the Country Store. We are looking forward to a substantial increase in collected monies. The Assay Office which has seen little use is being upgraded and will become the repository for items selected by the Curator. Lots of good things are happening at your museum, drop by and visit a spell we'd sure like to see you!

.Be a Docent, work at the Museum, meet people and learn History. This is your chance to be a substantial figure in the preservation of our heritage. Call Jeri Hanson and get started!