



The Saddlebag

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The Kern River Valley Historical Society

Calendar of Events

- October 13thDocent Appreciation Lunch at the Museum Outdoor Theater 1 PM
- October 20th‘Next RO’, Field Trip to the New Reverse Osmosis Plant in Kernville
- October 22.....Movies Under The Stars at Museums Outdoor Theater 7PM
- October 27thBoard Meeting St Peters Church in Kernville
- October 27thButch Partin Reveals the Secrets of China Lake at our General Meeting
- November 17thRankin Ranch Family History and Lunch (A great Lunch)

On October 13th an Appreciation Luncheon has been scheduled for **1pm** at the museums outdoor theater. Here’s what Jeri Hansen docent coordinator says in a note to the Saddlebag. *“Attention all Docents (museum guides) and your spouses, mark your calendar for OCTOBER 13TH at 1pm! It is a special day set aside to tell you just how special you are. Nothing fancy, just come to the Museum backyard at 1pm on the 13th for hot dogs, other goodies and a beverage. Because seating is limited, think about bringing a chair and your appetite. It’ll be fun and it’s a free lunch. See you on the 13th at 1pm”* (Don’t forget)

The tour on October 20th at 10am hosted by Charles Topping will be to the manufacturing facility of **Next RO** who specializes in the new wave of Reverse Osmosis. According to Charles, Reverse Osmosis has been around for a long time. It is the process of purifying water by pushing it through a membrane which removes the impurities. **Next RO** has come up with a new and vastly improved method for this process (the first in 50 years) and its right here in Kernville. **The President of Next RO, Tom Beal** will show us how the units are made, why it’s a unique product and the future of his company related to the Kern Valley. The visit to the facility will be followed by lunch at the Airport Café. Coming from Kernville the Next RO building is on Sierra Way about a mile from the Airport. We will meet at 10am in the big parking lot that is immediately left of the disposal site road entrance. **Please call Charles Topping at 760-376-1907** so he can tell Mr Beal how many to expect and also tell the Airport Café crew the possibility of many burgers! This should be a good’un and one not to miss!!

(Mark your calendar)

Movies Under The Stars this month will be at **7pm** on **October 22nd** in our backyard theater the (Jenkins Pack Station). The movie will start at **7pm** and as usual is free with 5 cent popcorn and soft drinks available. As a special treat the movie will be **‘Paint Your Wagon’**. It’s a tad long so bring a cushion for your tush. By this time in October it might be a wee coolish, so bring a wrap.

Check out the new 2010 calendar on sale in the Museum Country Store. They are only \$8.99 and contain pictures which alone are worth the price of the calendar. Drop by and take a look..

The General Meeting is on October 20th (4th Tuesday). Its at 7pm and is at the Veterans center in Lake Isabella. The featured speaker is our own **Butch Partin**, who will be sharing words about our famous neighbor to the east, *China Lake*. The name of his program is '**Legacy of the Lake**'. It's an especially made video about China Lake from the 1940's through the 1980's. The video was produced from a slide presentation made in the late 1980's, and was edited by Butch. He will be explaining in further detail, how and why those slides were made and from them the video. This promises to be a rare and insightful program about our China Lake friends east of Ridge-crest. When Butch retired he was the Scientific and Technical Photographic Supervisor for China Lake. So set aside a couple of hours on **June 23rd** and be prepared to be entertained. Butch promises that you will really enjoy this program It all starts at 7pm and after the program we will have refreshments. Butch says he will be prepared to answer any and all questions. This promises to be a great evening for your enjoyment. Will we see you there??? We hope so! (Bring a friend!)

While we are talking about Butch Partin, we must remember he is also our Museum Curator. He is at the Museum rain or shine every Thursday am. and he asks this favor. "As your curator I would like to make a plea to all museum guides. Please do not accept any items from persons wishing to donate something to the Museum. They may call me at 760-379-1881. Or my cell phone at 760-417-1385 to make arrangements to meet with me any Thursday when I am at the Museum. The reason for this request is because of the difficulty of returning items that don't meet with the Museum criteria. Thank's for your understanding". (Don't forget!)

Another Partin is on tap. This time it's Sally who is in charge of the Collectors Showcase in the museum library/meeting room. She says that the participation is going well and the next open date is already into January of 2010. October is Katie Gallagher, November is Cindy Ott, and December is Sally Partin. If anyone would like to start out the new year with their special collection or any time next year give Sally a call at 379-1881. (Share your hobby or collection!)

In October the Museum Art Room is featuring the paintings of *Edie Bradley*. She was born in Oklahoma and attended a country school for grades 1 to 8. Her interest in art was kindled by her teacher who was talented in sketching, music and painting. She continued this interest in High School. Then for a while her art was put on hold while working and raising a family. In 1980 she moved to the Kern River Valley and joined the KRV Art Association where she met other artists, took some classes and rekindled her talent. Presently she spends many hours sketching and painting and participates in several Art shows each year. So set aside some time and stop by the Museum (Thursday thru Sunday 10am to 4pm)to enjoy and appreciate the work of *Edie Bradley!*

Pride Day held on September 19th (Vicki's Birthday) was a real success. 22 helpers cleaned up Sierra Way from the Chamber Office to the Dump Road. 46 bags of trash were picked up by the Participants: Rod Middleworth, Chairman, Jim Baird, truck driver, Vicki Middleworth and Marian Baird at the greeting table. Picker-uppers were: Jim and Norma Whiteman, Jeri Hanson, Dick & Virginia Snyder, Carol Mofran, Bob Yothers, Bob Woods, Bill & Jane O'Hara, Don Morrison & Jacqueline Morgan, Jack & Connie Merrilat, Neil & Donni Higgins, Fred & Charlene Langer and a couple of volunteer non members, John & Beverly Beck. (good job!)

The September Field Trip to the Kern Valley Stage Stops and Freeman Junction went smoothly with 20 participants. Ending at the Maturango Museum the day was topped by a visit to the best Chinese restaurant in Ridgecrest. All had a good time and some are going back to Freeman J.!!

The September General Meeting featuring Harrison Scott was a smashing success. We heard and saw a riviting presentation of the history of the Ridge Route by the most knowledgeable person in the country. If you missed this history lesson of our neighbor 'The Ridge Route' I hope you had a good reason. An outstanding evening!! Thanks to the Oreskovichs for this program!

Mark Your Calendar. A Visit to the Rankin Ranch and Lunch,

November 17th at 11:30.

The Rankins hope you'll plan to join them for lunch and Rankin Family History

Where? Rankin Ranch, Walker Basin California.

When? *Tuesday November 17th, 2009.*..Arrive at 11:30....Lunch at 12.00

History Presentation by Glenda Rankin following lunch

Cost? **\$10.00 per person.** Includes History Session and Buffet Style Lunch and Dessert.

Our tour will actually start at Alice Rankin Beards home at 10 am where coffee will be served.

Reservations are required and seating is limited. ***Call Liz Bardos at 376-3844*** and leave your name Phone number and Society members in your group. The \$10 lunch is payable in advance and the checks should be mad out to KRVHS and mailed to Liz Bardos c/o KV Museum, P.O. Box 651 Kernville Ca. 93238, or drop your check in an envelope at the Museum c/o Liz Bardos. Cancellations after Nov 9th will not be refunded.

We meet at the Senior Center on November 17th at 8:45am and leave promptly at 9:00am

Why the Application Form?? Here is a note from Membership Chairman Linda Diaz to explain.." Have you ever thought about all the benefits of Historical Society membership? Maybe you have enjoyed our field trips and thought of asking your best friend or neighbor to come along. And since you never miss our monthly meetings wouldn't it be fun to bring a buddy to share the driving? Even just having a pal to do docent duty with you would be fun. So just to make sure you have a membership application in hand when these thoughts occur. We are enclosing one in this month's Saddlebag.

A FEW REASONS FOR JOINING THE KERN RIVER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: By joining you have or will become a member of the largest rural historical society in California. Size is important because with an all-volunteer staff..NO PAID PERSONNEL..we direct all dues and donations to school programs, scholarships, libraries, and educational programs for adults. The cost of operating the Society and Museum is paid for by income at the Museum. A reserve fund protects us for emergencies, repairs, and replacement of equipment.

SOCIETY OBJECTIVES.. The Society is unique in California in that we provide grants to schools and libraries for projects promoting local and Western history. In addition we award up to six \$500 scholarships to local high school seniors annually.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR MEMBERS? ..A monthly Saddlebag newsletter, monthly docent led field trips of historical interest, social events and monthly programs. And the opportunity to meet some really nice people!!

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY DUES DOLLARS??.They do not go to people, or stamps, or office supplies. **THEY FUND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.....*If you know anyone interested, they can mail the enclosed***

application and appropriate amount to:

KERN RIVER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - P.O. Box 651 - Kernville, Ca 93238.....

Annual basic household or individual membership\$25.00 Business ...\$25.00..... Corporate...\$100"