



The Saddlebag

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The Kern River Valley Historical Society

January Field Trip 10:45 am January 19th 2010, At the Brewery on Sierra Way in Kernville. (Across the street from Sierra Gateway Market) There the Staff will be serving up a delightful brew of good food and some interesting facts on the art of brewing and its history. You will have an opportunity to see how those big stainless steel vats are used and how beer is brewed. The information is worth the trip, but as a topper may I suggest you consider fish and chips for lunch. Its mighty good stuff!! . **To sign up and for more information call Program Coordinator Linda Diaz at 760-376-1686.**

Call today while its fresh in your memory!

January General Meeting.....7PM Tuesday January 26, 2010 Veterans Hall In Lake Isabella. Have you ever wondered what would happen if there was a major disaster and we here in the valley were cutoff from the rest of the world? What would we do if our small hospital was overwhelmed, our emergency responders were stretched beyond limits? Is there some organization that is there ready to help, ready to fill the gap, ready to give aid and save lives?. Indeed there is, and its called CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) And at our General Meeting on **January 26th** our guest speaker Dean Ott will give us a presentation on just what CERT is and what it does and even give those interested an opportunity to become part of this lifesaving organization. Dean is a retired Paramedic and Firefighter who was trained to teach average, interested citizens in the life saving techniques and disaster organization of CERT. The course agenda covers *Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, Organization, Disaster Psychology and Terrorism*. Dean has taught 15 classes with over 300 CERT graduates who are now part of emergency response here in the Valley. Dean is an entertaining speaker, and will give you a real understanding of this valuable organization. So get out your pen, mark your calendar for this informative and outstanding program, a great way to start out the new year, you'll be glad you did!

Did you mark your calendar? Good!!

Calendar of Events and Important Stuff!!

January 1st 2010.....*Time to get your Society Renewals into the Mail!!*

January 19th 2010.....*Field Trip to the Kernville Micro Brewery (Meet there at 10:45am)*

January 26th 2010..*Board meeting 9am, St Peters Church, Kernville*

General Meeting, 7pm Senior Center, Lake Isabella, Dean Ott Speaker

During January.....*Check out the photography of Patti McGarvey in our art room*

Check out the covered wagon display of Glen Smith in the backroom

hobby display cabinet

Webmaster Mike Ludiker reports that for the last month we had 820 accesses and 243 unique visits. Here are some search words that brought folks into our website: Alice Beard, Mammoth Mine, Rankin Ranch, Caliente Creek, Kernville Flood, Kern Valley, Kern Power Plant. Wow!

This months display in the Art Room of our museum, features Patti McGarvey. Patti is an excellent photographer and her pictures will be the draw in our Art Room for January. She also displays on a yearly basis in the Bakersfield Art Association Gallery in the East Hills Mall. Patti is a member of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge and is active in the photo committee as a Rodeo Photographer. She is also a member of the KRV Art Association and the Bakersfield Art Association and is a freelance writer and photographer for the Kern Valley Sun. She is an award winner at the Kern County Fair photo contests. Take a few moments to visit the Art room in our museum and enjoy the work of Patti McGarvey...

Its worth the visit!!

A Special Word of Thanks to all the members who have taken their time and are giving their efforts as members of the Board of Directors, (elected and appointed) for the Kern River Valley Historical Society. Their names and offices are printed on the front page of each months Saddlebag. Take a few minutes to see who they are, what position they hold and consider the time they are spending to keep our Historical Society operating, allowing us to continue having one of the finest museums of its size in California....Our Board members help keep our doors open, our bank account solvent and carry ideas from the membership to the board meetings. Thank you all we are proud of you!! We would like to voice a special appreciation to our new incoming president **Tom Mckinney** who is chomping at the bit to get started and who has a fistful of new ideas. And who with his own uniquely warm presence and cheerful greeting to all he meets, adds that special leadership quality to our Historical Society. Its going to be a great year I can tell!.

Our Installation and Awards Dinner was a great success. No matter how good the program is or how interesting the change of officers might be if the food isn't good then there is a feeling of disappointment. Not so this year. The dinner was perfect. No one went hungry and everyone was pleased with the fare. Santa Claus made his yearly visit and saw that everyone got a cherubic hello and a candy cane. The pre dinner music provided by Susan Fisher, Bill Whities and Jim Steele was perfect and set the tone for a great evening. Awards were ably handled by Chet Rock and the introduction and swearing in of new directors was done by immediate past president Ron Bolyard. Entertainment was at its highest as Larry Holochwest and Rich Zimmerman provided song and the sound of guitars to the delight of the almost 100 members and guests present. Rod Middleworth was Master of Ceremonies guiding the evening along. The quilt was won by Ted Lopez of San Jose, the \$150.00 Gift Certificate for Home Depot was won by Liz and Dave Bardos of Kernville and the \$100.00 cash was won by Don and Marilyn Panek of Wofford Hts. The evening attendees had lots of time to visit and to welcome the Christmas Season. Table decorations were provided by Diane Bach who was in charge of setting up the room and all the advance planning. The greeters Vicki Middleworth, Cindy Ott and Diane Bach set the tone of the evening with their cheerful presence .A tip of the hat to all!! It was a great evening were you there? Next year?

A few words of thanks go out from the membership to *Immediate Past President Ron Bolyard* who led our Society for 3 years. He gave his time, and his efforts to guide this organization and did an excellent job. Just because he is a past president, we are not going to let him cool his heels. No doubt Incoming President Tom has plans to use his expertise and kindly manner in one or more of our various programs. So don't relax too much Ron, 2010 is around the corner

Lucky You!

Good News, Liz Bardos Chairman Field Trips and Vicki Middleworth Chairman Programs have both had their meetings with their committees and have tentatively set up the schedules for the year 2010. Some dates have yet to be firmed but a peek at the agendas promises a banner year for both field trips and programs. Good work Liz and Vicki I can hardly wait!

This and That: An interesting side note is the number and diversity of visitors that pass through our museum doors each year. First off we had 11,077 recorded visitors. They came from places like, Virginia, Florida, Indiana, Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Mexico, South America, and Southlake. They visited, read, watched, and were given tours and many bought items from the Country Store. As a matter of fact the Country Store gave \$9000,00 to the Society from store profits during 2009. Our thanks to all the docents (visitor guides) and those who manned the cash register. Some of our best customers are our own docents. If you are looking for gifts for any occasion, give your store a quick look-see. We've got lots of specialty items Stop by and browse!!

At the Awards Dinner on December 4th in the program that everyone received was a list of highlights from the past year. For those of you who weren't there and didn't see this list, I am copying it for you. If friends want to know what the Historical Society does and is, let them read this I think it speaks for itself. 1. By laws were updated and rewritten**The new Gene Verbeet 2010 Calendar was put on sale just after the 2009 calendars sold out**Construction on the Jenkins PackStation Outdoor theatre was completed**The Quilt was set up for raffle** May History Days was a rousing success** Approval given for 2 plaques to be set at Powers Peak and Cannell Trail**Museum Brochures were printed for giveaways at Fairs and prominent public gatherings**6 recipients received from the Society \$800.00 scholarships**Participation in Whiskey Flat Days Parade with Graham Truck**35 Children participated in the historical essay contest** The New Kern River Cookin' cookbook was printed and placed on sale in the Country Store ** Participation by Society in renaming portion of Pacific Crest Trail for Ruby Jenkins**Picture and Brick was placed in memory of Don Dufus Legg**Received Grant from Co Board of Trade to advertise Society**Over 14,000 accesses made on websites ** Showed Movies Under the Stars in Museums Outdoor Theater**We ended the year with 440 family memberships (appx 900 folks)** August Potluck a yummy success**Field Trips included the following..Kern Co Museum and Pioneer Village..Walker House Art and library tour and Dutch Oven luncheon..Silver City Ghost Town visit.. Mcfarland Toll rd tour..Greenhorn Ice Cream Social..Piute Mountain fire damage tour..Stage Stops from Onyx to Highway 14 and old stage road..Reverse Osmosis Plant in Kernville..Rankin Ranch and Alice Rankin Beard home tour..There were 10 programs given at the General Meetings from packing mules to driving the old Ridgeroute. This is not the complete list but it gives you an idea. We had a great year, one full of history, fellowship, and general interest. Whoopee!!

Notice if you will, next to the Museums front yard Bull Wheel, the newest pad of bricks just recently laid. This is the perfect time to put Rod to work building pads, laying new bricks and making him get his hands dirty. There is still room in the front yard of the museum for just a couple more brick pads. So if you have been putting off ordering your brick which when laid will be there for a long long while. Now is the time. What other opportunity will you ever have to make a statement to humanity that will last in perpetuity(never)? The path of History, is your opportunity to be a part of the future in a place that houses the past. For ideas of what to say give Vicki Middleworth a call at 760-376-6039 and *get 'er done!!* You'll be glad you did!!

Its time to thank Rich Burdge and Dick Snyder for all of the work they do around our museum. Dick is always there to open and close and to pick up and deliver the mail and a host of other jobs that need doing. Rich is the guy who puts up the Christmas decorations, calls on major contractors for repairs and in general helps keep the museum running smoothly. Both of them do their work without fanfare or undue attention. We appreciate them both and know how important they both are to the operation of the museum. Thanks Guys They are neat guys!!

Have you sent in your membership dues? If so, thank you, if not, don't forget Dues are our lifeline
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