

# Grand Canyon Historical Society, Inc.

To develop and promote appreciation, understanding and education of the earlier history of the inhabitants and important events of the Grand Canyon and surrounding area.

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### 2005 Outings

**January 15 – Film of Guided Cougar Hunt in North Bass area with Ambrose Means in 1917** by Linda Thompson, granddaughter of Ambrose Means.

The hunting party included Rex Beach, a popular novelist of the time, Fred Stone, of music opera fame, and William Miller, the moving picture camera man. The film also includes Uncle Jim Owens and his hound dogs. Also accompanying Ambrose Means on part of the trip was Bert Lauzon and William W. Bass. This film shows the hunting party crossing over the Colorado River on the famed Bass cable cage and is where the photograph of Ambrose Means' horse hanging from the cable car is taken that is shown in Buzz Belknap's Grand Canyon River Guide.

Ambrose Means was earlier noted for his world championship roping and accompanying Buffalo Jones on two of his African expeditions, roping the wild animals of Africa. Then former-President Roosevelt was quoted commending Ambrose Means on his marvelous roping feats in Africa. Ambrose then later rode in the Young Buffalo Wild West shows in 1910 which also headlined Annie Oakley. Two books, one entitled *Lassoing Wild Animals in Africa* by Guy Scull and the other *Lord of Beasts* by Robert Easton and Mackenzie Brown tell of the African expeditions. The story of this 1917 film of the Grand Canyon trip was told by Rex Beach in his book entitled *Oh, Shoot*. All of the historical books and facts will also be on exhibit for your viewing.

Program begins at 11:00 AM in the screening room at the NAU Cline Library in Flagstaff. [Mike Coltrin, coordinator]

**February 19 - Geology in the American Southwest: New Processes, New Theories** by Gretchen Merton, 2004 GCHS Scholarship recipient [Nancy Green, event coordinator]

**March 26 - Tour of Lonely Dell at Lee's Ferry.** This historic ranch, near the mouth of the Paria River, was home to the families who operated Lees Ferry. The main ranch buildings are about 700 feet up the dirt road from the parking area. The complete tour of the orchard, log cabins, stone ranch house, and pioneer cemetery is about a 1-mile round trip. There are picnic tables and shade trees at the ranch. Take drinking water with you. Scheduled for the same weekend as the Grand Canyon River Guides' Spring Guides Training Seminar at Marble Canyon for those GCHS members who wish to participate in some of the GCRG programs. (See [www.gcr.org/gts.htm](http://www.gcr.org/gts.htm) for GCRG information.) [Mike Coltrin, event coordinator]

**April 16 - History of El Tovar/Verkamps/Hopi House** in celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the El Tovar, Verkamp's Store, and Hopi House [Keith Green, event coordinator]

**May 14 - Carving Grand Canyon** by Wayne Ranney. Geologist, author, Professor of Geology at Yavapai College in Sedona and Research Associate at the Museum of Northern Arizona, Wayne Ranney will describe in words and pictures the story of what we know and don't know about how rivers carve canyons and why it happened in northern Arizona. To be held at the Flagstaff Public Library. [Dan Cassidy, event coordinator]

**June 18 - Annual Shoshone Point Picnic.** Members from across the country converge at the Canyon's edge for a potluck of good food, friendly faces and lively conversation. [Linda Anderson, event coordinator]

**July 16 - Annual North Rim Campout.** Spend a day (and a night) in the North Kaibab Forest with fellow Canyon adventurers. [John Azar, event coordinator]

**August 20 - Community Service Project** at the Grand Canyon NPS Library. We will assist Librarian Susan Eubank with barcoding the entire book collection, which entails one group that will be physically putting barcodes on books and another group that will be entering those barcodes into the computer. We might also put labels on the books, if necessary. [Nancy Green, event coordinator]

**September 17 - The Bert Loper Story** by Brad Dimock. River runner and author, Brad Dimock will tell the story of river runner Bert Loper, who built the boat "Ross Wheeler" in 1914 for a trip with Charles Russell. The boat was abandoned around the South Bass trail. Loper took his last river trip on July 8, 1949, when he evidently had a heart attack in the big rapid at River Mile 24-1/2. Held in conjunction with the Prescott Book Festival on the grounds of the Sharlot Hall Museum. [Dan Cassidy, event coordinator]

**October 15 - Annual Board Meeting** [Mike Coltrin, event coordinator]

**November 19 - Powell Museum Visit.** [Keith Green, event coordinator]

**December - No meeting**

**Grand Canyon National Park Extends Public  
Comment Period On Draft Environmental Impact  
Statement To Revise Colorado River Management  
Plan**

**Comment Period Extended Until  
February 1, 2005**

Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent, Joseph F. Alston, announced an extension of the comment period on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to revise the Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP) for Grand Canyon National Park. The timeframe has been extended from January 7 to February 1, 2005.

"Given the complexity of the document and the intense level of interest, we felt it was best to extend the comment period until February 1," Alston said. "This will give everyone additional time to study the draft and provide us with the most substantive comments possible."

The National Park Service prepared the draft EIS for the CRMP under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The initial 90-day public comment period began on October 8, 2004, with publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register. This extension will be announced in the Federal Register as well.

A complete copy of the draft EIS can be downloaded at [www.nps.gov/grca/crmp](http://www.nps.gov/grca/crmp). A CD with the complete document can be ordered online at the same website.

During the past two months, seven public meetings were conducted to receive comments about the draft EIS. The meetings were held in Las Vegas, Nevada; Denver, Colorado; Salt Lake City, Utah; Phoenix, Arizona; San Francisco, California; Washington, D.C; and Flagstaff, Arizona.

The proposed CRMP is a visitor use management plan that specifies actions to preserve park resources while providing recreational opportunities in the river corridor. The plan is designed to cover the next decade, and will also establish goals and objectives for a longer timeframe. Comments on the draft EIS can be submitted any one of the following ways:

- Mail to CRMP Project, Grand Canyon National Park, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023;

- Through the Park's website at

[www.nps.gov/grca/crmp](http://www.nps.gov/grca/crmp);

- Fax to CRMP project at 928-638-7797; or

- Hand-deliver to Grand Canyon National Park

A summary of the scoping process and planning materials are also available on the Internet at

[www.nps.gov/grca/crmp](http://www.nps.gov/grca/crmp). For further information on this planning process, please call Rick Ernenwein at 928-779-6279 or Mary Killeen at 928-638-7885.

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**Outings/Programs:** If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **2005 Outings Coordinator:** Mike Coltrin, 2041 West Brichta Drive, Tucson AZ 85745; phone: 520-624-1831; email: [Coltrin1@cox.net](mailto:Coltrin1@cox.net).

**The Bulletin** welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances. Please send them to Diane Cassidy at 2112 Demerse Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301; email: [Pioneers@GrandCanyonHistory.org](mailto:Pioneers@GrandCanyonHistory.org).

**Welcome New Members**

C.G. & Helen Lindeman – Griswold IA  
Pam & Dave Mortenson – Kent WA

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**Membership Renewal**

If you have already mailed in your dues, THANK YOU. *If you don't recall if you have paid, look for the year printed above your name on the address label on The Ol'Pioneer.* If you see 2005, you are paid as of December 27. If you see the letter "C" or "L", then you are receiving the newsletter as a non-paying member. Otherwise, please review the Membership Renewal notice inserted with this issue, and continue to help support the Society in its mission to preserve Grand Canyon history.

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