

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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2009 Outings

March 28, 2PM - 4PM – *Ranching History of the Kaibab Plateau.* Presentations by Amy Horn, Archeologist, Grand Canyon National Park; and Connie Reid & Britt Betenson, Archeologists, Kaibab National Forest.

Where: North Kaibab Ranger District, S. Main St., Fredonia, AZ *GCHS carpooling/lunch options to be announced in March Bulletin.*

Please bring your ranching photos and stories to share!
Sponsored by Kaibab Vermillion Cliffs Heritage Alliance, as part of Arizona Archeology Awareness Month.

April - to be announced

May 23 - *A Tour of Hull Cabin District.* John Azar. Hull Cabin, near Grandview, South Rim. *Details to be announced.*

June 21, 11:00AM - *Annual Picnic at Shoshone Point.* Members from across the country converge at the Canyon's edge for good food, friendly faces and lively conversation.

Also happening....

June 20 *Louis Akin's Lost Bride:* The Photos, Poems and Adventures of Mai Richie Reed by Erik Berg. 7:00 PM at Riordan Mansion in Flagstaff

July – to be announced

August 22, 1:00PM - *Call of the Canyon.* Tom Martin & Hazel Clark. NAU Cline Library Screening Room A.

September - *A Mule's Eye View.* Mona McCroskey. *Details to be announced.*

October – to be announced

November 7 - *Annual Board Meeting.* *Details to be announced.*

Please check our web site for outings updates:
<http://www.grandcanyonhistory.org/>

Board Election Results

GCHS members elected five new board members at the end of 2008. The new members are: John Azar, Erik Berg, Jackie Brown, Kirstin Heins, and Adair Peterson.

Congratulations! **Board Officers are:**

President - Erik Berg
Vice President/Outings Coordinator - John Azar
Secretary - Amy Horn
Treasurer - Keith Green
Awards Chair - Al Richmond

Pioneer Award Chair – Kirstin Heins

Continuing board members not previously mentioned are: Lee Albertson, Gaylord Staveley, Paul Schnur, and Henry Karpinski.

We are grateful to retiring members Beverly Loomis, George Billingsley, and Susan Billingsley for helping to hold GCHS together through a tough period.

Nominations Accepted for Pioneer Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Grand Canyon Historical Society Pioneer Award. The Society wants to honor an individual who has made a significant contribution or contributions to the understanding of and knowledge about the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in areas such as the natural sciences, photography, river running, backcountry hiking, history, administration, art, etc. - any area that advances the knowledge of the Grand Canyon.

Previous recipients of the Pioneer Award: Lee Albertson, 2008; Mike Quinn, 2007; Al Richmond, 2006; Mike Anderson, 2005; Gary Ladd, 2004; George Billingsley, 2003; Bill Suran, 2002; George Steck, 1999; Gale Burak, 1998; and Harvey Butchart, 1997.

To make a nomination, submit the individual's name and their accomplishments and or contributions that have advanced our knowledge of the Grand Canyon, by **March 15, 2009 to:**

**Kirstin Heins
PO Box 868
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023**

Welcome New Members (8/07-12/08)

Robert & Maria Audretsch	Flagstaff, AZ
Erik Berg	Phoenix, AZ
Mark Braden	Torrance, CA
Tom Bryson	Scottsdale, AZ
Yvonne Freeman	Claypool, AZ
Mike & Mary Ann Garvey	Grand Canyon, AZ
Flood & Kathleen Hefley	Menifee, CA
Amy Horn	Flagstaff, AZ
Henry Karpinski	Grand Canyon, AZ
George Laben	Albuquerque, NM
Chris Lindberg	Powell, OH
Don & Natalie Neff	Salt Lake City, UT
Paul Schnur	Scottsdale, AZ
Gaylord Staveley	Flagstaff, AZ
Jack Welch	Flagstaff, AZ

Kane Ranch Open House

The Grand Canyon Trust is hosting an open house at the Kane Ranch to celebrate the restoration of the historic Kane Ranch House and its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2005, The Grand Canyon Trust and Conservation International purchased the Kane Ranch and Two Mile Ranch grazing allotments and began practicing conservation-based land management on 850,000 acres north of the Grand Canyon. Their interdisciplinary approach includes preserving the culture history of the area. One of their first efforts was to restore the historic Kane Ranch House, built around 1877. Over the past few years the building has been substantially restored by a crew led by GCHS's own John Azar.

Open House: Sat, Mar 21, 10am - 3pm. BBQ Lunch served from 12pm - 1pm. Reservations are not required.

Location: Kane Ranch Headquarters, House Rock Valley Road, about 8 miles south of US 89A.

Learn more at:

<http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/programs/kane/index.php>

GCHS at GCRG Guides Training Seminar

The Grand Canyon Historical Society will have an information booth at the Grand Canyon River Guide's Guides Training Seminar (GTS). GCHS President Erik Berg will be giving a presentation on the 1937 Carnegie-Caltech Colorado River expedition (including rarely seen original movie footage from the trip). The GTS will be held on March 28-29 at the Hatch River Expeditions facility at Marble Canyon, Arizona. This yearly event features a variety of short talks and presentations covering different aspects of the Colorado River's geology, botany and history. Although the primary audience is river runners and guides, the seminar is open to anyone with an interest in the Grand Canyon or river running in general (\$35 per person). To reserve a spot or get more details, contact Grand Canyon River Guides at gcrg@infomagic.net or (928)773-1075, <http://www.gcrg.org/gcrg.htm>.

50th Annual Arizona History Convention April 23-26

The 50th annual Arizona History Convention will be held at the historic Hassayampa Hotel in downtown Prescott over the weekend of April 23-26. The convention will include numerous short lectures and presentations on a wide range of southwest history topics as well as local tours, social gatherings and a substantial book dealer area. Grand Canyon Historical Society members Erik Berg and Richard Quartaroli are both presenting Grand Canyon related papers at the convention. For those that have never attended before, this is a very fun event and a great way to meet other local historians. Reservation information and detailed session listings will be available on the AZ History Convention website within the next month at: <http://www.arizonahistory.org/>.

"Charting the Canyon" Photo Exhibition Phoenix Art Museum March 22 - June 28

Arizona's Grand Canyon—natural wonder, national park, tourist attraction, sacred land—is perhaps the world's best "photo op." The collaborative photographic team of Mark Klett and Byron Wolfe has set out to explore this celebrated place of dramatic beauty, and the Phoenix Art Museum is the first to show a comprehensive look at their powerful, thoughtful, and playful approach to the Grand Canyon. Drawn from two seasons of fieldwork, the exhibition will include about 30 photographs ranging from a modest 11 by 14-inch print to a panorama nearly 10 feet wide. More details are at:

<http://www.phxart.org/exhibition/exhibitionklett.aspx>

Grand Canyon Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, November 1, 2008 East Flagstaff Public Library Meeting Room

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 am. Present were officers - President Keith Green, Vice-President/Outings Coordinator Erik Berg, Treasurer Susan Billingsley and Secretary Nancy Green. Also present were board members Paul Schnurr, George Billingsley, Lee Albertson, Amy Horn and Bev Loomis. Newly elected board members who were not present, but accounted for because of previous engagements were Jackie Brown, John Azar and Kirstin Heins. Adair Peterson was also elected to the board. Heartfelt thanks and congratulations are extended to these five new board members for being willing to serve the Society.

Minutes from the last meeting on February 9 were read by Nancy Green. Susan made a motion to approve the minutes, Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Susan presented the treasurer's report. Fred Swanson was given a free year's membership to the Society to thank him for his book sales donation. Amy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Erik seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keith gave a State of the Society and Grand Canyon National Park news update. The Hermit Road Project is almost completed. It was much needed, as the last time realignment was done was in the 1960's. It had degenerated badly due to the shuttle buses – something the road had never been designed for. In addition to the new road, there will also be new pedestrian walkways. The Grand Canyon Recreation Center is sponsoring a marathon as a community fundraiser. It will occur on November 15. Superintendent Steve Martin has worked on alleviating the parking problem. 600 new parking spaces are being created around CVIP. The road between CVIP and Mather Point will eventually be closed and used as a pedestrian walkway. Trial shuttle bus runs this summer between Tusayan and the park, and the Village and Desert View appeared to be successful. The new entrance and parking at Desert View

are completed. Efforts to increase visitor use of the Desert View entry to the park are being made by ADOT signage and park advertisements. Only 2% of Grand Canyon visitors use the Desert View entrance. Verkamp's has been taken over by NPS and GCA. It will be used by the Interpretive division and as a GCA bookstore. The question was raised if our Society could also utilize this building for meetings and/or a place to stage outings. Could this be a place to disseminate brochures? House a display case? Give fireside chats? Keith will find out about this for us.

This year the Society had some great outings. Thanks so much to Erik Berg for stepping up in the absence of Henry Karpinski to facilitate so many fine events. Erik planned the Grand Canyon Airport at Red Butte/Planes of Fame Museum tour in Valle. Erik was the one who got our Shoshone Point picnic permit for us. He also stepped in to cover the outing to Page when Richard Quartaroli became involved with the Katie Lee exhibit. Other fine events were the Ruth Stephens Baker memorial at Kolb Studio; and author Fred Swanson's discussion of his new book about Dave Rust paired with a historic boats tour by Jan Balsom. Thanks to all who helped to plan and pull off these interesting outings.

Membership – Concerns were raised over the slightly dropping numbers. We used to have over 200 members. There now are 185. Not only do we need members, we need ACTIVE members. It used to be that 200 addresses were necessary for our mailing permit. The Society will be making moves in 2009 to utilize email for our postings. Email addresses must be included on new or renewing membership forms. The Bulletin will be delivered via email. However, if you want to receive paper copies of the publications, that is certainly still an option. All you have to do is request this. Reminder emails could be sent out prior to an event. This change is necessary in the digital age – but it also will help to save a tree and save postage.

Al Richmond will continue with the three aspects of Society business that we have been so fortunate he is willing to do for us. Al is the chairperson for the Scholarship committee. This year, for the first time, the information will also be disseminated to U of A and ASU as well as NAU. Al is also the chairperson of the Hall of Fame award, and will continue to do so. He also has been our statutory agent for the Arizona Corporation Commission to file our non-profit status. He will continue to do this as well. Thank you so much Al for all your hard work.

The election of officers took place. Here is your new slate of officers for 2009. Thank you and congratulations!

President – Erik Berg

Vice-President/Outings Coordinator – John Azar

Treasurer – Paul Schnur [later stepped down, Keith Green is now treasurer]

Secretary – Amy Horn

Discussion took place concerning our publications. The opinion was that we published too few editions of the Bulletin and the Ol' Pioneer in 2008. For 2009, the proposal is three editions of the Ol' Pioneer and six editions of the Bulletin. These will be transmitted electronically for the most part. Amy will write an article explaining the changing policy for mailings as of March, 2009. Erik will communicate with Mary Williams, editor of the Ol' Pioneer and Karen Greig, editor of the Bulletin about these changes. Mary is already paid for her work. Lee made a motion to pay both Karen and Diane Cassidy, webmaster, \$150.00 for their services. Bev seconded. Motion carried.

John Azar gave us an email update of the work on the Pasture Wash Ranger Station. This July, John, along with Grand Canyon Youth led by Jacob Fillion, Tom and Wes Myers, and the Supai gatekeepers worked on the station for a week. The last ranger to work at the station in 1978 came and gave a talk and a tour. There are plans for another week of work next July. If so, the Society would like to be a part of that for an outing as well as helping with the work.

Discussion was held concerning the Pioneer Award. Susan made a motion that the award continue to be for one person per year, in order to keep it special and meaningful. Bev seconded. The motion carried. George had previously been the chairperson, but asked to have someone else take this over. Kirstin was nominated in absentia as the chairperson. Amy, Keith, Erik and Nancy will also serve on this committee. Nominations need to be received by March 15 so that the plaque can be made by the Department of Corrections. Lee said he would help see that happen. Keith will obtain the permit necessary for the Shoshone Point picnic in June. This is when the Pioneer Award will be presented. It was also proposed that this is when the scholarship recipient could make a presentation.

A proposed and tentative outline of outing events was formulated. Here is what we have so far, and is by no means the final schedule.

March – Amy Horn will see if the Society could participate along with the (River) Guides Training Seminar at Marble Canyon. The Society could operate a table to explain about our historical mission and quite possibly garner new members. Erik could do his presentation of the 1937 Cal Tech/Carnegie expedition. Gaylord would most likely have something to contribute.

April – Erik will try to get author Mona McCroskey to do a presentation on the books she has written about the canyon. (or in May)

May – Nancy will reschedule the Antelope Canyon outing which got cancelled this year due to rain and the danger of flash floods in slot canyons. (or in April)

June – Picnic at Shoshone Point

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Board Minutes...cont'd

July – Possible work with John Azar at the Pasture Wash Ranger Station

August – Tom Martin and Hazel Clark presentation on their 30 day river trip in one boat – together – husband and wife. (Hmmm) Bev will coordinate this.

September – Possible outing with John Azar at Hull Cabin

October - ????

November 7 – Annual board meeting at the East Flagstaff Public Library

The next item on the agenda was Lee Albertson broaching the daunting subject of the 2012 Grand Canyon Historical Society History Symposium. Lee meticulously outlined all of the work involved with the two previous symposiums, and all the work we have cut out for us this time around - again. (Lee has electronic copies of this.)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Green, former Secretary GCHS

Submit Your Stories for Ol' Pioneer

The Ol' Pioneer is the Society's magazine featuring stories, photos, and letters of historical relevance to the Grand Canyon. Submit your stories, photos, etc to the editor, Mary Williams at:

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Time to Renew

Membership is on an annual basis and dues are payable on the 1st of January each year. A Membership Renewal Notice is included with this Bulletin. Please renew promptly and help support the Society in its mission to preserve Grand Canyon history.

Also, please note that at the last Board meeting it was decided that the GCHS Bulletin will be sent to members via email beginning sometime in 2009. If you'd like to continue receiving the print, please indicate that on the space provided on the renewal notice. Also, be sure to provide your email address on the form. Thank you!

Outings/Programs: If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **2009 Outings Coordinator** at tontowalk@gmail.com.

The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances.
Please send them to: kgreig@yahoo.com