



The Bulletin

Unexpected Farewell

Steven Landes GCHS Board Member

GCHS Board Member Steven Landes passed away unexpectedly on February 1 due to complications from a recent surgery. Steven spent most of his career as a teacher, counselor, and administrator in Arizona, including a time as principal of the school at Grand Canyon. At the time of his death, he was living in Mesa, AZ while completing work on his Ph.D. Although he was relatively new to the historical society, he had a long history with the Grand Canyon and a life-long love of the outdoors. Steven grew up in Flagstaff, and as a Cub Scout and later Boy Scout (who eventually obtained the rank of Eagle Scout), he made frequent hiking and backpacking trips in the canyon and throughout northern Arizona. Friend and GCHS member, Erik Berg, remembers an epic hike with Steven down the Grandview Trail one wintery December when they were both home from college. A huge storm rolled in and began dumping snow while they were out on Horseshoe Mesa, forcing them to climb out on increasingly icy and slippery trails. For years afterwards, both would talk about crawling on hands and knees across the infamous catwalk section of the trail. Friends, family, students, and coworkers valued his thoughtful judgment and enjoyed his whimsical sense of humor. He will be sadly missed.

Submitted by Erik Berg

March 5-6 Grand Canyon Climbing History

The North American Climbing History Archives (NACHA), the Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA), and the Grand Canyon Historical Society are pleased to announce the fourth annual Granitica Festival to be held on March 5-6, 2016 at the MNA auditorium, 3101 North Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff, AZ. Hours on Saturday and Sunday will be 10 am to 6 pm; admission is \$20 with seating limited. Tickets are available through the Vertical Relief Gym in Flagstaff <http://flagstaffclimbing.com/4th-annual-granitica-festival>.

The theme for 2016 is: **The Templed Horizon - Grand Canyon Climbing**. We will be examining the history of technical climbing in and around the Grand Canyon. This is a uniquely American climbing destination that has always offered a wilderness adventure to those in search of that kind of experience.

Come and hear about the adventures directly from the pioneers themselves as we revisit the best climbs and summits. There will be plenty of images.

Tentative speakers include: Dave Ganci, Rick Tidrick, Jerry Robertson, George Bain, Spencer McIntyre, Mike Sherrick, Scott Baxter, Albert Newman, Glenn Rink, Tom Martin, Paul Davidson, Jim Haisley, Bruce Grubbs, Chauncey Parker, Eric Meudt and more.

2016 Outings



Builder Randy Dersham in Susie Too Replica

March 14 & 15 Replica Boat Trip Launch. Lees Ferry. *See Page 2 article for more details.* Contact [Dave Mortenson](mailto:dave@davemortenson.com) to sign up for the "no host" dinner and "Voyagers Without Trace" film screening. Title your email "GCHS Lees Ferry Outing". dave@davemortenson.com

March 29 Re-enact Toroweap Mirror Flashing From Rim to Replica Boat Trip. *See Page 3 for details.* If interested in this and to be kept up to date on the trip progress and road conditions [email Arnie Richards](mailto:wannawalk52@gmail.com) at wannawalk52@gmail.com and title your email "GCHS Toroweap".

Saturday July 9, 2016 Annual Picnic, Shoshone Point.

November 4-6, 2016 History Symposium, Grand Canyon South Rim

Updates: <http://www.grandcanyonhistory.org/>

November 4-6 2016 History Symposium Call For Presentation Proposals

The official announcement went out by email to GCHS members in January. This is a reminder in case you missed it. Complete details and updates on the Symposium are available at www.GrandCanyonHistory.org.

The Grand Canyon Historical Society is pleased to announce the 4th Grand Canyon History Symposium, to be held on **November 4-6, 2016**. We encourage everyone who has done research on (or been a part of) Grand Canyon regional history to consider presenting. Proposals must be received by **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**.

National Park Service Focus: The 2016 Symposium will be unique in that there will only be 16 presentations with preference in selecting presentations given to those that tie Grand Canyon National Park to the National Park Service. Presentations concerning the history of the greater Grand Canyon and its adjacent areas within the Kaibab Plateau will also be considered. Candidates who are not

chosen for the 2016 symposium are encouraged to re-submit their proposals for the 2019 Symposium.

Submitting a Proposal: To be considered, please submit the following information by **Tuesday, March 1, 2016:**

- Name
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Email address
- Presentation title with a 150-300 word abstract or summary of your presentation
- Audio-visual requirements
- Acknowledgement that, if selected, you agree to submit your complete PowerPoint presentation and up to 3,000 word presentation in essay form by Saturday, October 15, 2016

Send Proposal to:

Grand Canyon Historical Society

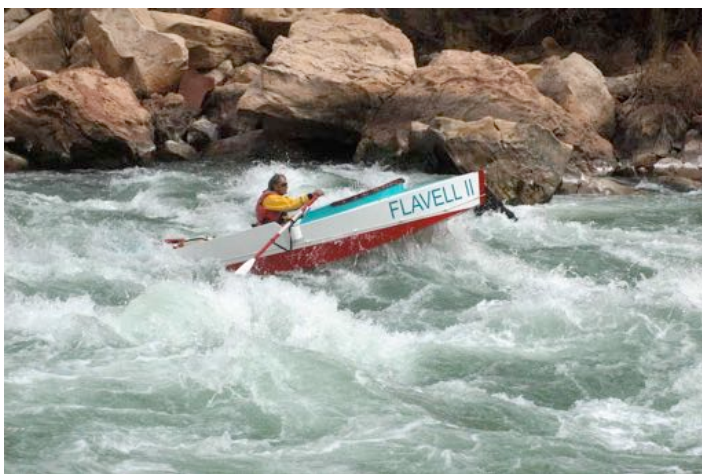
PO Box 31405

Flagstaff, AZ 86003-1405

Or To: Secretary@GrandCanyonHistory.org

March Outings at Lees Ferry and Toroweap

In this 100th year of the National Park system, we should all celebrate that our country had the fortitude and wisdom to persevere and protect places like the Grand Canyon. What better way to celebrate than to be part of a Grand Canyon Historical Society outing?



1962 Flavell II Replica

Lees Ferry Activity March 14th and 15th:

Background: Lees Ferry has a long and incredible history. It has been and continues to be a place where people can cross the upper reaches of the Grand Canyon. This was done first by ferry and then via the Navajo Bridge. Lees Ferry was a destination for river runners before Glen Canyon Dam when the runners came downriver. It was also a starting point before the dam for those running 278 miles downriver to the Grand Wash Cliffs at the other end of the Grand Canyon. This year some 25,000 people will leave this place heading downriver on commercially guided or self-guided river trips.

Monday, March 14: A self-guided trip of six wooden boats will be putting in their handcrafted boats early afternoon, launch scheduled for the next morning. Five of

these boats are replicas of craft that first ran in the mid-1950s and early 1960s. Back then, river pioneers P.T. "Pat" Reilly, Moulty Fulmer, Martin Litton and Brick Mortenson designed and built boats that established the traditions and type of hard hulled craft, called dories, used today on the Colorado. No need to sign up to visit the put-in.



1950s Boats Built by P.T. Reilly (come see the replicated trailer)

Dinner & French Kayaker Film, Monday 5:30 PM

March 14: Those coming to the "put-in" are invited to join the river runners and their support team for a "no host" dinner at Marble Canyon Lodge Restaurant at 5:30PM. After dinner, documentary producer Ian McCluskey will show his acclaimed film 'Voyagers Without Trace' frenchkayakfilm.com:

In 1938, three young Parisians arrived in the American West with kayaks, cameras, and beer. They had a bold, even foolhardy plan: be the first to take kayaks down the wild Green and Colorado rivers. They recorded their journey, creating the first adventure film shot in vivid color. But the reels go unseen for 75 years, until director Ian McCluskey spots a photo of the



trio on a roadside marker. His curiosity sends him on a historical treasure hunt. Ian traces the trio's wake back to Europe, uncovering unexpected connections to the French Resistance, the advent of the French Riviera, and the possibilities that free-spirited risk-taking offers to all.

NOTE: GCHS Board member Dave Mortenson will be leading this outing and asks that if you plan to attend please send an email so he can keep you notified of specific scheduling. **Those planning to join the "no host" dinner must contact Dave since space is limited.** Contact Dave at dave@davemortenson.com and please title your email "**GCHS Lees Ferry Outing**".

Tuesday, March 15: Around 11:00 AM, the six boats will shove off. Those viewing the launch can then drive the short one-mile distance to observe the boats running the Paria Riffle. After the boats float by, everyone viewing should head to Navajo Bridge where they will be able to view down some 470 feet as the boats float below, deep in Marble Canyon. Make sure to obey the speed limit, as it will

take the boats about twenty minutes to float below the bridge.

If you come to Lees Ferry to observe the launch, please recognize that a river trip launching requires a lot of work to accomplish in a short time. The GC River Rangers will be doing inspections and briefings. These Rangers and the river runners are all dedicated to keeping the Grand Canyon protected, clean and safe. Observing all that happens will make your long trip to Lees Ferry worth the beautiful drive.

Toroweap Activity March 29th:



Background: Over the last 100 years most of the Grand Canyon was not part of the National Park System. Grand Canyon National Park was created in 1919 but much of the Grand Canyon was not within the park boundary. Part of the Canyon between Kanab Canyon and Whitmore Wash, primarily on the north rim side on the Kanab Plateau, was designated as Grand Canyon National Monument. John H. Riffe was assigned to the Tuweep Ranger Station on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in 1942. This lone ranger's primary task was to manage the grazing of homesteaders in Tuweep Valley who ran livestock in the National Monument. In the late 1940s and 1950s Ranger Riffe, when asked, would watch for the rare river trip to pass below Toroweap as they approached Lava Falls. If he spotted the river trip he would flash a mirror to signal. For the river runners this would be their last chance for someone to see they were okay until they traveled 100 more miles to Lake Mead.

Tuesday, March 29: Around 11:00 AM as the replica boat trip makes it way down river, an attempt will be made to do the "mirror flashing" to honor what John Riffe did to contact the river party 3,000 feet below. GCHS Board member Arnie Richards will be leading this outing.

The Toroweap area is one of the iconic places in the Grand Canyon but it is not easy to get to. There is a 60-mile drive on an intermittently maintained dirt road to reach the National Park Boundary. The last five miles inside the park is rugged. A four-wheel high clearance vehicle with rugged tires and at least one spare is strongly recommended. The end of March can be a wonderful time to go to Toroweap but, depending on spring weather, it can be all mud and almost impassible.

NOTE: If you plan on joining this activity please contact Arnie Richards as he will be in contact with the river trip to verify they are on schedule and he will determine if the road is passable. **Contact Arnie at wannawalk52@gmail.com**. Please title your email "**GCHS Toroweap**".

GCHS Scholarship Announcement

GCHS members are welcome to apply. Please pass this on to researchers you think may benefit.

WHAT: A \$1500 scholarship for support of research involving cultural or natural history, or historic or environmental preservation in the Grand Canyon region.

WHO: Any graduate student enrolled at an Arizona university; any NPS, USFS or USGS professional; or any historian working in the above fields of research is eligible to apply.

WHEN: Applications must be received No Later Than (NLT) March 4, 2016. The \$1500 award will be made by the Society in April, 2016.

WHERE: For information contact Al Richmond at alrichmond@npgcable.com or (928) 606-2781

Submit application to: alrichmond@npgcable.com

Eligible Projects:

- Any work that results in original research concerning historical individuals, events, sites, organizations, businesses or environmental issues in the Grand Canyon region.
- Any work that results in original research that supports or leads to historical preservation of any historical site, photographs, documents, or diaries with origins in the Grand Canyon region.

REQUIREMENTS:

In order for your project to be considered complete, one or more of the following end products must be included:

- Submission of a paper suitable for publication to the Society NLT 2 December 2016.
- Presentation of a paper at a legitimate conference with a copy of the paper to the Society. The copy must be presented to the Society NLT 2 December 2016 with presentation scheduled at the earliest possible meeting of the conference.
- A thesis or dissertation of which component parts resulted from the research with a copy of the included work presented to the Society NLT 2 December 2016.
- Historical preservation of photographs, documents or diaries requires at least delivery of a photocopy of the items in question to the Society NLT 2 December 2016. Preservation of actual items is preferred.
- Site research requires a completed nomination or submission of material to the Society NLT 2 December 2016 for inclusion in a nomination of the site to the National Register of Historic Places.

Papers and/or items submitted as a result of research will become a part of the Grand Canyon Historical Society Collection in the Special Collections and Archives of Northern Arizona University's Cline Library for use by anyone doing research in those subjects involving the Grand Canyon region. The author will receive full credit for any material used in publication.

TO APPLY: Submit a ONE-PAGE letter of application to the above address that includes a short biography with your name, address, phone number, undergraduate and/or graduate degree(s); current degree program, department and advisor (if applicable). Also, describe in a short

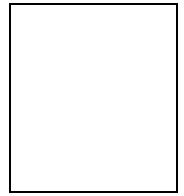
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Scholarship (cont'd)

paragraph the project to which the scholarship would be applied and include a proposed budget of how you will use the \$1500 award.

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:

Mary Williams
4880 Weatherford Rd
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Phone: 928-779-3377
info@marywilliamsdesign.com

Board Approved At Annual Meeting

At the December 6, 2015 Annual Board Meeting in Flagstaff, the 2016 Board was approved. Meeting minutes will appear in the next Bulletin.

Board Officers are:

President - Wayne Ranney
Vice President - Beth Hickey
Secretary - Tom Martin
Treasurer - Amy Horn
Membership - Karen Greig
Hall of Fame Award/Research Grants
Scholarship - Al Richmond
Pioneer Award Chair - Lee Albertson
Oral History Chair - Tom Martin
Outings Chair - Ellen Brennan

New and Continuing board members not previously mentioned are: Ron Brown, Kathy Farretta, Donelle Huffer, Dave Mortenson, Jack Pennington, Arnie Richards, Frank Romaglia, and Jon Streit.

Save the Date: History Symposium

November 4-6, 2016

Presentations Saturday Nov. 5

Mixer/Evening Program Fri. Nov 4

Outings/Tours Sunday Nov 6

Outings/Programs: If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **Outings Coordinator** Ellen Brennan at ellen_brennan@nps.gov

The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances.

Please send them to: kgreig@yahoo.com