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GCPS Meetings for 2000

January 15: Jim Babbitt will give a talk on Artists of the Grand Canyon. We'll meet in Sedona at the Poco Diablo Resort at Noon for lunch. The presentation will begin at 1:00 PM. The resort is located at 1736 Highway 179.

February 19: Tom Myers, M.D. will give us a preview of his upcoming book, Death in the Grand Canyon, which he co-authored with Michael Ghiglieri. Dr. Myers has an undergraduate degree in history from Northern Arizona University. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Arizona in Tucson. He lived and worked full-time as a medical doctor at the Grand Canyon National Park Clinic from 1990 to 1999. He still does fill in work there although his regular practice is in Williams. Meet at Noon at the Route 66 Days Inn in Flagstaff for lunch followed by the program.

March 18: Maxine Edwards, curator of the Harvey Girl exhibit in the Bright Angel History Room, will talk about the Harvey Girls. The meeting will be at The Gathering Place on Campus of Bethany Community Church which is located on the northwest corner of Guadalupe Road and Price Road (Price Freeway, Loop 101) in Tempe. Lunch will be at 11:30 AM followed by the program.

April 15: Dr. Mike Anderson will talk about the Administrative History of the Grand Canyon. We'll meet on the South Rim in the Old Community Building, Grand Canyon Village at Noon.

April 22 & 23: Lee Albertson will lead the Easter Sunrise Service and backpacking trip in the Grand



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Canyon. Contact Lee via e-mail at Albertson1213@msn.com for more information.

May 20: Dick and Sherry Mangum will lead us on a field trip on part of the route of the Grand Canyon - Flagstaff Stage Coach Line. We'll meet at 10:00 AM in the parking lot of the Flagstaff Visitor Center.

June 17: Annual Picnic at Shoshone Point.

July 15: Pat Lauzon will give us a tour of the Lauzon Homestead and Bass Camp.

August 19: Keith Green, Grand Canyon National Park Ranger, will present a program on Phantom Ranch. The meeting place at the South Rim will be announced.

September 16: Rich Holtzin will give us a tour of Diamond Creek Canyon. We will take a 22 mile long road from Peach Springs to the Colorado River. This is the only way you can drive a vehicle all the way to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Details will follow in a later issue.

October 21: Annual Board Meeting and a talk by Tom Vail, a Colorado River guide for 20 years. The meeting will be in Flagstaff.

November 18: Jay Cravath, from the Arizona Humanities Council will talk about Kokopelli: The Mystery of the Flute Player. The meeting place will be announced at a later date.

December: No meeting

A New Book

Have you ever wondered where Harry McDonald carved his initials on a tree during the ill fated 1889 Stanton Brown Expedition through Grand Canyon? Did you know about the hike out to the Rim at South Canyon? How about the short hike to the petroglyphs at Tanner, or the location of the water jug filling spot at Phantom Ranch? Do you know there are 3 pull-in spots to access Matkatamiba Canyon? Ever wonder what the hike to Mooney Falls in Havasu is like, or what the winter sun potential at Tuckup is like? Did you know there are some amazing narrows at 193 Mile, or what the summer shade at Parashant is like? Have you seen the Rock Art at 202 Mile, and did you know there's a water source just a few miles downriver from there?

In *DAY HIKES FROM THE RIVER*, author, hiker and river runner Tom Martin offers river runners through Grand Canyon National Park the first text on exploring Grand Canyon National Park from the Colorado River. Besides a description of each hike, the text includes the best camps to stage the hike from. Information on winter and summer sun exposure,

along with pertinent pull-in information is also provided where needed. Each hike description includes images from USGS topographic maps with the hike clearly marked on the map.

This book is for the river runner who wants to increase their options for activities and gain a greater appreciation of what rafting in Grand Canyon has to offer, besides running great whitewater. This guide identifies many camps that are not listed in any other guidebook. This book is intended to be used by river runners to expand their knowledge base beyond the most heavily visited attraction sites on the river. While this book includes every heavily visited site on the River, it expands river runner's options to include 60 other wonderful places to visit in the most Grand of Canyons.

Tom Martin has been hiking in Grand Canyon from river rafting trips since 1969. He has participated on scientific rafting trips as a field technician, worked as a commercial river guide, and participated on private rafting trips. With four first ascents through the Redwall Limestone and numerous ascents of Grand Canyon named buttes in day hikes from the river, the author has hiked enough of Grand Canyon to be able to say "Of the cat that is Grand Canyon, I have seen one hair." Tom co-founded the Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association, and currently works as a physical therapist at the Grand Canyon Clinic.

This recently published book is available from Five Quail Books --West (602) 861-0548 and other fine booksellers.

Two more comments about the Glen Canyon Controversy have been received:

Editor:

I have mixed feelings about the draining of Lake Powell. My husband John so loved fishing there. We scattered his ashes above his favorite cove on the lake.

In truth I should like to see Glen Canyon and Flagstaff returned to the way I knew and loved them in the 1950's.

Miriam Pederson
Flagstaff, AZ

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Editor:

This is to respond to your request for opinions on the Glen Canyon dam. We are Buck and Susan Olberding and differ even amongst ourselves. Buck says the lake is good because it provides recreational opportunities for so many more than Glen Canyon ever did. Susan wishes the dam was never built because of the paradise known as Glen Canyon that was lost. We both agree that removing the dam now would not restore Glen Canyon to its splendor and think it's futile to consider such an idea. Perhaps we have learned to think carefully before damming a place.

Buck and Susan Olberding

Flagstaff, AZ

The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or Reflections and Remembrances.

Please send them to

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