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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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Jacob Lake Campout

by John Azar



Jacob Lake Ranger Station [photo by Diane Cassidy]

Many thanks to the members and guests who attended the July 15 outing at Jacob Lake Ranger Compound. The weather was cool but smoke inversions from the Warm Fire bothered our eyes in the morning before it lifted with the warming temperatures. By 10 o'clock in the morning, the smoke was gone and the rest of the day was just beautiful.

On Friday, Ann Reynolds arrived after spending Thursday night at Kaibab Lodge in De Motte Park. Keith and Nancy Green arrived shortly after Ann drove in.

Also on Friday, John Heyneman came by to see the cabin and barn restorations. John runs the North Rim Ranch for Grand Canyon Trust (GCT), who recently bought the famous Kane Ranch. The new holdings for the GCT include the original Kane Ranch House down in Houserock Valley, and Two Mile Ranch, just up the road from Kane in Buckskin Valley. John was impressed with the work that has been done on the cabin and barn, and hopes to upgrade the cabins held by GCT in the near future.

On Saturday, Mary Ellen Hamilton and Joe Fields arrived, as well as the Homer Family, Tom Gunderson and his friend, and Steve Boyer. Steve is the civiculturest officer for the North Kaibab Ranger District.

Late in the afternoon, after a fine meal of combined efforts, we watched a movie about the life of David Brower. Mr. Brower was responsible for helping the movement to halt the damming of the Grand Canyon. The Bureau of Reclamation, under the direction of Floyd Dominy, were set to build two dams, one in Marble Canyon, and one at Bridge Canyon in the western section of Grand Canyon. These dams, had they been built, would have flooded large sections of Marble and Grand Canyons. Brower, along with the Sierra Club, were able to stop the development of these dams, thus preserving such places as Vasey's Paradise, Redwall Cavern, Silver Grotto, Elves Chasm, and many more special places.

After the movie, we sat around and discussed the history of the area.

2006 Outings

August 19 – *The Spirit of Grand Canyon* by Interpretive Ranger Bob Audretsch. Bob will discuss his thoughts of how Grand Canyon inspired many writers, artists, musicians and poets, reading from the works of such people as John Wesley Powell, Henry Van Dyke, Teresa Jordan, Carl Sandburg, and Colin Fletcher. Be prepared; Bob may ask us to write an observation or compose some poetry to share (or not) with the group.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Shrine of the Ages

South Rim Village, Grand Canyon

Look for members and the presenter having lunch at 12:00 Noon in the Maswik Cafeteria.

September 16 – available

October 21 – *Annual Board Meeting* held at Flagstaff City Library Community Room, 300 W Aspen from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM.

November 18 – *Seeking Summits Below the Rim: The Stories and History of Climbing in Grand Canyon*, by Mathieu Brown (2005 GCHS Scholarship recipient). Seeking Summits is a project to document the stories of early climbing in Grand Canyon. Despite the prolific activity of a handful of climbers little has been publicly written and documented on their pursuits. Like any time period in Grand Canyon history, that of the early summiteers carries its own perspectives and adds value and depth to our collective understanding of the Grand Canyon and its influence on the human individual and regional meaning. Although not publicly documented, the knowledge of early Grand Canyon climbing remains rich. It is held in the journals, letters, photographs, and memories of the individuals active in the pursuit. Luckily, many of these stories have yet to vanish and sit waiting to be uncovered and rediscovered from the climbers themselves on a local and regional scale.

December – No meeting.

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Board Elections – 2006

The GCHS Board of Directors continues to build and guide the organization. The strengths of the organization are worth repeating: monthly outings; community service projects; *The Bulletin* (monthly newsletter); *The Ol' Pioneer* (quarterly magazine); the Pioneer Award; scholarship of \$1,000 to a student at NAU doing research on Colorado Plateau issues; collection of historical and significant documents to be housed at the NAU Cline Library, Special Collections; and organizing the 2007 Grand Canyon History Symposium.

Do you love the Grand Canyon? Do you think the Historical Society is a worthwhile organization? During the next year, which will have 8,760 hours, do you think you can find a few hours, say 6 to 8 hours, to devote to the Grand Canyon? If the answer is yes to any or all of these questions, then you are an excellent candidate for the Board of Directors of GCHS.

Are you thinking, "No way"? Why? If you are a new member of the Grand Canyon Historical Society—wonderful! The board is always in need of fresh ideas and new perspectives. If you are a very busy person—great! As the "old saw" goes, give the job to the busiest person and they will get it done. If you're thinking "I have been there and done that for years"—fabulous! Your experience is invaluable.

Don't hesitate to nominate yourself or others (with their permission) to the board. Please call or write Todd Berger for more information or to submit your nomination. Please submit your nomination by August 20, 2006.

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Welcome New Member

Barbara Stephens Odderstol – New Bern NC

July Outing Attendance

Despite smoky mornings and cool days, these hardy campers enjoyed the North Kaibab forest during the Jacob Lake camp out: Ann Reynolds of Prescott, Mary Ellen Hamilton and Joe Fields of Flagstaff, Keith & Nancy Green of Grand Canyon; John Azar of Fredonia, and John Heyneman, the Homer Family, Tom Gunderson and his friend, and Steve Boyer.

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Letter to GCHS Members

We are developing an exhibit that will highlight those of Irish birth or heritage who helped build Arizona as healers, miners, railroad men, educators, clerics, and other endeavors. We will unveil our first public project in the new Heritage Pavilion at the Sixth Annual Arizona Irish Festival on Saturday, October 28, 2006.

We would like to include Mary Colter as an influential Arizonan of Irish ancestry (her parents were from Ireland). We would be pleased if any of your members or contacts would like to write the material we use (up to 500 words).

Also, I have been trying to track down background information on Al Doyle, guide for Sharlot Hall, Zane Grey, and many others. I understand he was born in New York; the date leads me to believe his parents might have been immigrants from Ireland during one of the famines. Do you have any information in this regard? We would be interested in listing Doyle in our exhibit as well, if I can get a little further information.

Thanks again--Best wishes,

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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 **2006 Outings Coordinator:** Mike Coltrin, 2041 West Brichta Drive, Tucson AZ 85745; phone: 520-624-1831; email: 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.