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## Save the Date: Sat, May 24th Spring Outing Driving Tour of the Flagstaff to Grand Canyon Stage Line

GCHS is working with archaeologist Neil Weintraub to organize a daylong driving tour of sections of the original Flagstaff to Grand Canyon stage line. The tour will include stops at important historic sites including the Babbitt ranches, the Moqui stage station, and historic Hull cabin in the Kaibab National Forest. The tour is tentatively planned for Saturday, May 24, and will likely be an all-day event. The exact details, times, and itinerary are still being determined. If you are interested in joining this tour, please contact Erik Berg at [Treasurer@grandcanyonhistory.org](mailto:Treasurer@grandcanyonhistory.org) or by phone (480-961-5005).

## And Save This Date...

**Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> Noon to 4pm. Annual Picnic and Award Ceremony at Shoshone Point, South Rim** Food, Friends, Fraternity, Fun!

## Oral History Project Update

Members of the Oral History Committee have been busy gathering information about how the Society's new Oral History Project (OHP) can contribute to the recording and preservation of Grand Canyon's personal histories. During the week of February 16, members of the OHP Committee met in Flagstaff with Kim Besom of Grand Canyon National Park Collections and representatives of Cline Library Special Collections (NAU - Flagstaff). Both meetings were productive and will help the committee collect information about the numerous protocols and responsibilities involved in collecting oral histories. Not surprisingly, there is much more involved than just turning on a recording device!

Ms. Besom of Grand Canyon National Park presented information on how to correctly conduct an oral history. Members present were able to view one of the four state-of-the-art recording devices that Collections keeps for such purposes. We will be able to use one of these devices in collecting oral histories. Three representatives from NAU Cline Library shared what is involved to house these oral histories (and their transcripts) should the Board decide to ultimately house the oral histories at NAU.

Through the information gathering process, the committee learned of a 50-year agreement that the Society has with Cline Library to serve as the repository for some of our records and archives. The original agreement, signed in 1987, included an allotment of 15 linear feet of shelf space for GCHS records. To date, we are using 18 linear feet, so a renegotiation of the agreement may be in order.

Much work is being performed to organize and set up this vital part of our mission. Oral histories may be underway quite soon and certainly can proceed before deciding on a proper repository. If you would like to nominate someone to be interviewed, help fund the Project, or be involved with collecting histories, please write to Committee Chairperson Tom Martin at: [secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org](mailto:secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org) please cc: [president@grandcanyonhistory.org](mailto:president@grandcanyonhistory.org).

*Submitted by Wayne Ranney*

## Shirley Temple Visits Grand Canyon-1938

The world lost Shirley Temple Black on February 10th, prompting Traci Schellbach-Wyrick to submit this 1938 newspaper clipping of her grandfather, Park Naturalist Louis Schellbach, giving young Shirley a personal tour.



On her motor trip East, Shirley Temple stopped in Arizona to give the Grand Canyon a view of the littlest wonder of the world. She's with a Park Ranger.  
*LOUIS SCHELLBACH III, Park Naturalist*

## Congratulations to Board Member Beth Hickey

On Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:19am, GCHS Board member Beth Hickey gave birth to a daughter, Juniper. "Six lbs 9oz and cute as a button." Congratulations to Juniper's mom and dad!

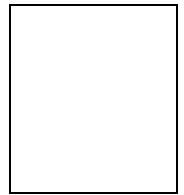
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## Historic River Boats Afloat Again

Another Historic River Boats Afloat (HRBA) replica trip through Grand Canyon is launching on March 5, 2014. Helen Howard will be writing a daily report during this HRBA replica trip. This 25-day trip will have three replicas of the original craft first run on a 1962 trip and again in 1964 to document what would be lost if two dams were built within Grand Canyon. The story that the river runners were able to tell using these boats resulted in Congress agreeing not to fund any more dams. These boats helped "Save The Grand Canyon" from more dams, and some 25,000 people each year are able to run the river.

Helen Howard, who is the trip leader, built a replica of the Susie Too, later renamed the Music Temple. She is the third person to replicate this historically significant boat. Craig Wolfson built a replica of the Flavell II that represented the last Cataract style boat built to run the Colorado. The third boat of the 1962 boats replicated, named the Portola, was built by Greg Hatten in 2012. Here is a short film "[Grand Canyoneers 1962-2012](http://youtu.be/puAHNnXGKwo)" (<http://youtu.be/puAHNnXGKwo>) about two of the boats.

Born from the 1962 and 1964 trips a film [The Grand Canyon: Living River-Living Canyon](#)

(<http://vimeo.com/58308306>), filmed by Martin Litton and written by David Brower, was produced focusing on the splendor of the canyon and how we can all work together to save it from the "progress" of mankind. The book "[Time and The River Flowing](http://www.gcr.org/bqr/7-3/time.htm)" (<http://www.gcr.org/bqr/7-3/time.htm>) was also a product of these trips. This visual and printed information successfully led to the saving of the Grand Canyon from two more dams

Go to the Historic River Boats Afloat website to follow the blog: [historicriverboatsafloat.org](http://historicriverboatsafloat.org).

Thanks and we will talk to you from the river!

*Submitted by Dave Mortenson*

## 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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