

# Grand Canyon Pioneers Society - Monthly Bulletin - November 1998

# The 1998 Annual Meeting

The 1998 Annual Meeting of the Grand Canyon Pioneers Society was held at the Radisson Hotel in Flagstaff, AZ. Saturday October 17. The first item on the agenda was to announce the results of the election of new board members and elect the new officers for the 98-99 term.

The new board is made up of nine members, Jim Ohlman, Betty Leavengood, Fred Schick, Tom Carmony, Lee Albertson, Edwin Druding, Mike Gibson, Gene Wendt and Dan Cassidy. Fred Schick is the only new member, the others were re-elected to fill out a second term. Tom Carmony was elected by the board to serve as President, Betty Leavengood Vice President, Fred Schick Treasurer, and Lee Albertson as Secretary. The new board and officers will take over in November.

Other items of business included the vote to award the GCPS scholarship for 1999 and to increase the amount from \$500 to \$1000. Al Richmond will continue to take charge of posting information and collecting the applications for the prize.

Betty Leavengood took on the responsibility of meeting chairman to arrange the outings and meetings for the coming year. Lee Albertson will continue to chair the committee for the Pioneer award. The subject of naming a rapid on the Colorado River in honor of Georgie White Clark was discussed and the board tabled a decision on this until a later date.

After a lunch break the group enjoyed am excellent slide show on the Grand Canyon by member Rich Holtzin. The photographs were taken by him over a period of years and he composed the music and narration that accompanied the slides.

All in all it was a well organized and enjoyable get-together.

#### **Dear Editor**

Thank you again for the Grand Canyon Pioneers Society Scholarship. The funds were used in my recent trip to the National Archives and paid for the round-trip airfare and some of the lodging expenses. My dissertation topic is the history of the Navajo Ordnance Depot and will include a chapter on the Austrian prisoners of war and perhaps a chapter on 'other prisoners of war' in northern Arizona---the internment of 87 Japanese-Americans at Leupp

in 1943. The article on the Austrian prisoners of war will appear in the January edition of the Journal of Arizona History. Once my photos are returned I would be more than happy to give an informal presentation to the society on the Austrian prisoners of war and the status of my research on Depot history.

John S. Westerland NAU Flagstaff.

#### **Books and CDs**

Since the holiday season is close at hand you might consider giving a copy of the Grand Canyon Pioneers Cook Book. The book is filled with a lot of good recipes that boils down to good eating. The book can be ordered direct from the Pioneers Society at P.O. Box 2372, Flagstaff, AZ 86003-2372 for only \$8.95 + \$2.00 postage and handling.

Another ideal gift for the lover of Grand Canyon and a computer buff is Pioneer member, Bob Ribokas' CD Rom packed with Canyon information as well as a lot of Grand Canyon Pioneers stories. There are two editions of the Rom disk. The older copy 'Grand Canyon Explorer' (\$19.95) can be ordered from InfoMagic in Flagstaff Az. from their web site:

## http://www.infomagic.com/catalog.htm#grand canyon

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or by mail at --

Infomagic, 11950 N Highway 89, Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

The newer edition 'Trailvision - Exploring the Grand Canyon' (\$29.95) is more complete can be obtained from Discovery Productions

# http://www.gohike.com/

This is also available at a number of outlets in and around the Phoenix area.

For the price, all of these items make good stocking stuffers.

### THE COOKIE JAR

#### MY ADVENTURE

By Jake

Boy, was that a trip! I went with my owners, (that's Carol and Ron Werham) to Toroweap the middle of September. There were others like me on the trip too, but they didn't have the fun I did. That's because I'm a German Shorthair. While all those Grand Canyon Pioneers were oohing and ahing about the view from the top of Mt. Logan I was resting in my cage in the back of the truck and watching what went on, when all of a sudden, out of

the corner of my eye I saw something I had never seen before. It was moving through the rocks and bushes. I stood up and kept it in sight until it got too far away.

Was that a different smell? Did it come from that pile of rocks where the Something had disappeared? I jumped out of the truck and took off in that direction, just to see what it was, you understand. But it kept moving on down the hillside and I just got glimpses of it, and, now and then could catch its scent.

It suddenly put on a burst of speed and was about to get away from me, but I speeded up too, and it was a chase! Through the rocks, bushes, a few trees, down and down we went. I was not a bit closer to the Whatever, but I could follow the smell anyway. Or maybe I thought of this too late because it seemed that suddenly it disappeared. I sniffed the wind, searching the area but nothing! 'Round and 'round, up and down the mountainside I moved about, looked in all the holes, went down the steep side and smelled water 'way below. I tried to get down there for a drink, but didn't find a way. So decided I might as well go back with my people. So climbed 'way back up the side of the mountain, casting around but didn't see anything interesting. I wearily followed my scent back to where I started - - or was it? Yes, there was my lady's smell. I followed until it disappeared. I caught the smell of the truck too. Then I discovered - - - I was alone! And boy, was I thirsty. No point in standing and looking. But I kept searching for the rest of the day. I didn't find my people or a drink or anything to eat. As night fell I found a snug place, dug a little hole beside a rock out of the wind and went to sleep. Next day was much the same and I didn't know where I was. I listened for the truck or my master's call, searched for water, and tried several unidentified things to eat, but none of them suited me. I was getting pretty discouraged and lonely and figured that this time I had overdone my wandering. I was wondering what would happen to me.

Next day I had better luck. As the sun got hot I went uphill to some shade and continued trying to find someone. Was that a voice I heard? Were people talking along that ridge? I warily followed the sound, and yes, there were a few men planting trees. They looked at me then looked around for someone with me. I began searching for their cache of water. One of the men poured some into a dish. Another suggested that maybe I was hungry. He looked at my collar and exclaimed, 'This dog is from Parks, AZ'. I had found friends, and something to eat. So I took a nap.

They must have called my owners because later we went for a ride to Colorado City. I was happy to have some children to play with and so content that I almost didn't notice when my mistress came. After her first hug she didn't seem very pleased with me, but I didn't care as she said we were going home. I hope they go to that place again soon so that maybe I can find the thing I was chasing. It smelled like a cat.

# **Pioneer Society Meetings**

**November 14, 1998**: Program presented by Dick and Sherry Mangum on GC Pioneer Pete Berry. The meeting will be held at the Albright Training Center at Grand Canyon at 11 A.M.

**November 15, 1998**: There will be a hike down to Horseshoe Mesa for a look at the newly named Berry Butte. The naming of the Butte was the work of Dick and Sherry and was sponsored by the GCPS last year. Those interested in making this day hike to the

Butte will meet at Grandview Point at 8:00 AM Sunday morning. The plan is to drop down the Grandview Trail to the top of the Redwall and then contour over to the butte at that level. After ascending the Butte the group will return to the trail via the southeast arm of Grapevine Canyon.

**December**: No meeting scheduled

#### Remembrances and Reflections

In the October issue of The Bulletin this column featured an article about Winnie Ruth Judd. Ironically, she died this week in Phoenix at the home of a friend. History will still brand her as the trunk murderess. I know differently.

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