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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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2006 Outings

January 21 – ENCORE PRESENTATION: Film of Guided Cougar Hunt in North Bass area with Ambrose Means in 1917 by Linda Thompson, granddaughter of Ambrose Means.

This film shows the hunting party crossing over the Colorado River on the famed Bass cable cage and is where the photograph of Ambrose Means' horse hanging from the cable car is taken that is shown in Buzz Belknap's Grand Canyon River Guide.

Ambrose Means was earlier noted for his world championship roping and accompanying Buffalo Jones on two of his African expeditions, roping the wild animals of Africa. Ambrose then later rode in the Young Buffalo Wild West shows in 1910 which also headlined Annie Oakley. Two books, one entitled *Lassoing Wild Animals in Africa* by



Guy Scull and the other *Lord of Beasts* by Robert Easton and Mackenzie Brown tell of the African expeditions. The story of this 1917 film of the Grand Canyon trip was told by Rex Beach in his book entitled *Oh, Shoot*. All of the historical books and facts will also be on exhibit for your viewing.

The film includes **Uncle Jim Owens** and his hound dogs. Also accompanying Ambrose Means on part of the trip was **Bert Lauzon** and **William W. Bass**.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Screening Room A, Cline Library
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff

If you come early, some members will be gathering at Buster's Restaurant at 1800 South Milton Road around 11:30 AM. [Mike Coltrin, coordinator]

February 18 – *The Life and Times of Bert Loper* by Brad Dimock, a professional boatman and author. Bert Loper arrived on the San Juan River in 1893 and spent the next half century deeply involved with the Colorado River and its tributaries. Until his death at the oars in Grand Canyon just short of his 80th birthday, Bert Loper's tale encapsulates the history of the Colorado itself. Brad Dimock will discuss Loper's life and times accompanied by a comprehensive show of rarely seen images.

Program begins at 1:00 PM in the Screening Room A at the NAU Cline Library in Flagstaff.

March 25 – *Spirit of the Canyon: a River Journey Through Time* by Charly Heavenrich, a professional boatman and author. Charly has rafted the Grand Canyon over 75 times since 1978, as a commercial and private boater. His mission is to share the Canyon Experience with the world. He does this on the river as a commercial guide, as a speaker sharing stories of ordinary people having extraordinary experiences, as an author (*Dancing on the Edge*), and as a photographer (*Grand Canyon: A Different View*, *Spirit of the Canyon: A River Journey Through Time*).

Charly's presentation will include showing his newly released DVD slide show, *Spirit of the Canyon*, stories from his 28 years as a guide, and answering questions on the wide range of topics related to the Grand Canyon, including the new Colorado River Management Plan, Adaptive Management, operations of Glen Canyon dam, commercial and private trips, and more.

Program begins at 1:00 PM in the Screening Room A at the NAU Cline Library in Flagstaff.

April 8 – Grand Canyon Hikers Symposium. GCHS members are invited to attend the Grand Canyon Hikers and Backpackers Association's first Grand Canyon Hikers Symposium, tentatively set to be held at the Shrine of the Ages on the South Rim. The event is free and open to the public.

The purpose of this symposium is to share hiking and backpacking exploits and explorations in the Grand Canyon, as defined by the geographical region from Lee's Ferry to the Grand Wash Cliffs, rim to rim. Each of the 15-minute presentations may include a hike or overnight backpack on the corridor trails and surrounding area, historical trails such as the North and South Bass, Tanner, Grand View, and any number of canyon routes.

Look for more information in the coming months. In the meantime, if you plan to attend, please send a note to:

GCHS at PO Box 10067, Prescott AZ 86304
or Pioneers@GrandCanyonHistory.org

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May 20 – *Suggestions welcome.*

June 24 – *Annual Picnic at Shoshone Point.* Members from across the country converge at the Canyon's edge for a potluck of good food, friendly faces and lively conversation.

July 15 – *Annual Jacob Lake Campout.* Spend a day (and a night) in the North Kaibab Forest at the historic Jacob Lake Ranger Station with fellow Canyon adventurers.

August 19 – *Community Service Project.*

September 16 – *Havasupai History.*

October 21 – *Annual Board Meeting.*

November 18 – *Suggestions welcome.*

December – No meeting.

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Pioneer Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2006 Grand Canyon Historical Society Pioneer Award.

The Society wants to honor an individual who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of and knowledge about the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in such areas as geology, creation, river running, backcountry hiking, photography, history, administration, etc.; that is, any area that advances knowledge of the Grand Canyon.

Previous recipients of the Pioneer Award: Mike Anderson, 2005; Gary Ladd, 2004; 2003; Gale Burak, Bill Suran, 2002; George Steck, 1999; George Billingsley, 1998; and Harvey Butchart, 1997.

To make a nomination, simply submit the individual's name and their accomplishments and/or contributions that have advanced our knowledge of the Grand Canyon before April 1, 2006, to:

George Billingsley
P.O. Box 345
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Reminder – Time to Renew

Membership dues are payable on the 1st of January of each year. The month and year printed above your name on the address label of the newsletter indicates when your membership expires. If you see 2005, please mail your \$20 check today to:

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Future Outing 2007 Grand Canyon History Symposium January 25 - 28, 2007

The planning for the 2007 History Symposium is well underway. A meeting on December 7 with National Park Service, Xanterra, Grand Canyon Association and Grand Canyon Historical Society officers firmed up several items.

Those in attendance were: Judy Hellmich Bryan of the National Park Service; Bill Johnston of Xanterra; Brad Willis, Helen Thompson, Pam Frazier, Todd Berger and Mike Buchheit of Grand Canyon Association; and officers and members of the Grand Canyon Historical Society: Mike Anderson, Lee Albertson, Todd Berger, Dan Cassidy, Keith Green, Sally Underwood, and Beverly Loomis.

All agreed it was time to have the second history symposium, and that the South Rim of the Grand Canyon is the only place to have the event. A positive giant step was taken when Bill Johnston of Xanterra offered to make available the Yavapai Lodge Restaurant for the Symposium meals. He has indicated that rooms at Kachina/Thunderbird and Maswik will be at special rates for the Symposium.

The format for the 2007 Symposium will be nearly like the format for the 2002 Symposium. The Shrine of the Ages (Auditorium and Meeting Room) will be the primary site for the symposium. It is walking distance to the Yavapai Lodge Restaurant. The Maswik North and Kachina/Thunderbird rooms have been reserved for Symposium registrants/participants.

The formal 2007 History Symposium notice will be sent to Grand Canyon related organizations (backpackers, river guides, Indian Nations, and history departments, and others). This notice will be sent a number of times the first half of 2006. It is anticipated that the organizations will then put the notice in their monthly and/or quarterly bulletins, newsletters and magazines that are sent to members. The GCA, Grand Canyon Field Institute, GCHS and other mailing lists will be used to assure the widest possible broadcast of the notice for the Symposium. Steps will also be taken to send the notice to individuals/organizations using the email notification avenue.

Thanks go out to Keith Green, Todd Berger, Sally Underwood and Mike Anderson for making initial contacts with NPS, GCA, and Xanterra and laying the groundwork that made the December 7 meeting a success.

The next meeting for the Symposium planning committee will be **February 11** from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Flagstaff Public Library.

Editor's Note: Please be sure to read the article in the Jan/Feb/Mar 2006 issue of *The Ol' Pioneer* on the recently released book of the proceedings of the inaugural Grand Canyon History Symposium in January 2002, published by the Grand Canyon Association.

Outings/Programs: If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **2005/2006 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.