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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



In 1784 Daylight Savings Time was conceived by Benjamin Franklin when a group of American Delegates gathered in Paris.

The main purpose of Daylight Savings Time was to increase evening, so that outdoor leisure activities during the summer may be enjoyed longer. Today the focus for changing the clock is to save energy consumption.

Seventy countries worldwide observe setting clocks ahead during the summer months. In 2007 Daylight Savings Time was extended to an additional three weeks in the spring and one week in the fall.



MINING in the Morongo Basin

By Jim Wharff, President/CEO • First Class Miners, Inc.

"Where the miner goes, civilization will soon follow." This statement signifies the expansion of the United States and the development of the American West more than any other. Throughout the history of the American West, the miner has been an important explorer and in most cases took the lead in the expansion, settling, and the opening of new lands, and the Morongo Basin was no exception.

The first miners in the Morongo basin are lost to history. However, to the west in the San Bernardino Mountains, it is documented that gold was being mined in Bear Valley as early as 1855. With the discovery of the Holcomb Valley Placers by William "Billy" Holcomb in 1860, both areas drew experienced miners from the Mother Lode in northern California (1). It only stands to reason that some of these miners prospected into the western end of the basin.

Any one of the Southern California gold-mining areas could have spilled prospectors into this area. The earliest mention of mining in the Morongo Basin comes from an interview of Bill McHaney in 1934. McHaney states, "a member of the Washington survey party, Drinkwater by name, first worked the Anaconda mine" in 1855 (2). The Anaconda Mine is located one and one-half miles south of the Joshua Tree National Park boundary and one-quarter mile west of the park road leading from 29 Palms.

The earliest claim, known as the Winters Claim, was filed in 1872 by William Germaine and another by the name of McKenzie (3). It was located on the eastern side of the mountains behind the present MCAGCC base housing area. On March 17th 1873, the Blue Jay Company, owned by Joseph Voshay, filed on a 160-acre homestead near the Oasis of Mara, which was used as a base of operations for several of the prospects around the area (4). With interest developing and more miners arriving, the Palms Mining District was formed south of the Oasis. Later the Gold Park District would be organized and the formation of these districts spurred a small rush into the area. Several mines were developed, with some being good, others were not. However, by 1883 many

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Hats Off to John Hale and The Twenty-Nine Palms Marine Base!

By Laurie Geeson, Program Chair



On an absolutely picture-perfect desert day, thirty-six MBHS members gathered aboard the 29 Palms Marine Base in the Curation Building to not only enjoy Archeologist John Hale's very informative presentations on both that area's prehistoric and historical data, but we were also able to view preserved examples from the archeological and paleontological findings on the base. Our learning continued during the working luncheon at the Officers Club. John, assisted by his wife Amy, who was home on leave from Yale, continued his local history presentation using a slide show to recount the history and importance of Condor Field in glider training in World War II.

MBHS member Pauline Hanson remarked that it was a wonderful day, a wonderful program, and wonderful that everyone treated her so graciously. I think we all felt the same. Thank you and the entire Marine Base staff, John! We came away feeling welcomed and far more knowledgeable about our local area history dating back to about 10,000 B.C.

Thanks also to Jim Wharff, assisted by Greg Herring, for the mining and gold panning display and excellent explanation of how each displayed piece of mining equipment worked. Also thanks to Dale Noel for helping me with the coordination, and to Kim Pederson, who made the whole "base process" move so smoothly.



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MBHS *Schedule of Events*

By Laurie Geeson, Program Chair and
Carole Kester, Fundraiser Chair

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All programs listed below and Board Meetings are at the
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FEBRUARY 2008

MOVIE NITE

CISCO KID

Friday, February 8, 2008

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Bring a blanket

MARCH 2008

PASTEL WORKSHOP

(See page 4 for detailed information)

Saturday, March 1, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$40.00

Instructors:

Hazel Bader and Darrell Sanders

FOR INFORMATION CALL

Darrell Sanders: 760-364-3771

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Darrell Sanders, P.O. Box 3402, Landers CA 92285

BY FEBRUARY 20, 2008

MOVIE NITE

IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD

Friday, March 7, 2008

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

MEMBER PROGRAM

(See page 4 for detailed information)

THE STORY OF THE SALTON SEA

Sunday, March 9, 2008

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Presentation By:

Carol Hann of the Desert Institute

Registration Fee: \$10.00

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL

Laurie Geeson: 760-363-6681

BY MARCH 3, 2008

MARCH 2008 (Continued)

WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

(See page 6 for detailed information)

Saturday, March 15, 2008

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FOR MEMBERS: \$30.00

NON-MEMBERS: \$40.00

INCLUDES ALL WORKSHOP
MATERIALS PLUS LUNCH & SNACKS

WORKSHOP FACILITATOR:

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APRIL 2008

MOVIE NITE

MOVIE TBD

Friday, April 11, 2008

MBHS FUNDRAISER

(See page 2 for detailed information)

MAD HATTER HISTORICAL HAT TEA SOCIAL

Sunday, April 20, 2008

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

INCLUDES SANDWICHES AND DESSERTS!

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REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR TEA SOCIAL AT
THE MBHS MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTER!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR
TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 5 • MARCH 4 • APRIL 1, 2008
1:00 p.m. at the MBHS Museum & Research Center in Landers.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

When I think of how our MBHS Museum and Research Center in Landers is taking shape and the fine events taking place there, I realize how many volunteer hours led up to such



progress. Not everyone turns in their volunteer hours so finding a reliable volunteer figure is difficult, but I can assure you that in one year thousands of hours are donated by many members willing to give of their talents and time.

For the coming fiscal year of 2008-2009, for example, we need members to volunteer for the following:

- Treasurer, with computer skills.
- Membership Co-Chair, with computer skills.
- Assistant Registrar, with computer skills

We have **MANY** other needs as most of our current staff members have dedicated their efforts in serving our Society since we were established in 1999. It is time to bring in some new folks to carry on our efforts to preserve Morongo Basin history.

Step up and give us a call: 760-365-1877. We definitely would appreciate the help.

Energy flows where attention goes!

Bob Connors

PRESIDENT 2002-2007

ANYONE INTERESTED?

With the retirement of Bernice Falltrick, an open Chair is available. If you would like to become an active member of the MBHS contact Barbara Harris @ 760-365-3266 to get more information.

Typing skill is necessary. Computer skills with knowledge of the programs Word or Excel are helpful but can be taught.

ALSO LOOKING FOR ONE MORE PERSON TO BE ON THE 2008 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee contact Barbara Harris at: 760-365-3266 or email: mbhsinfo@aol.com

YOU GO, GIRL!!

We want to tell you the story of one of Yucca Valley's most dedicated community leaders and one of MBHS' three co-founders: Bernice Falltrick.

Bernice and her husband George discovered Yucca Valley 55 years ago, bought property to camp on with their children, and built their Yucca Valley home 38 years ago. George and Bernice worked as a team to help develop Yucca Valley, a town they had come to love.

Bernice's dedication as a community leader includes serving for many years on the Town of Yucca Valley Park & Recreation Commission. She also served diligently at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in various ways, including operating the Museum's gift shop. Also, Bernice has served as the president of the Yucca Valley Genealogical Society. The list goes on about Bernice's volunteer work.

In 1998 Bernice became a co-founder of the Morongo Basin Historical Society, dedicated to preserving the history of Morongo Basin that she came to treasure. She has diligently served as our Membership Chair for nine years, giving the responsibilities her all – which is Bernice's nature. We cannot begin to list all that Bernice has done and given to help our MBHS develop into a well respected Morongo Basin non-profit organization. Her efforts would fill this newsletter.

Bernice is an inspiration to all community volunteers by giving of her time, ideas, money, and energy. She gives generously and is always alert in ways to improve her community. MBHS has been fortunate in being a recipient of Bernice's dedication.

With George gone, Bernice is moving to Austin, Texas, to be with her grandchildren. She chuckles as she tells of her leaving Yucca Valley, "I think I'm going to like it, but I might be back because of the humidity and the bugs"! Wherever Bernice is, we know others will be inspired by her!

Editor's Note: By the end of February we will need someone to replace Bernice as Membership Chair – if interested, Call Barbara Harris at 760.365.3266.

OVERCOMING Writer's Block

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MEMBER NEWS

Another year has come and gone. Where has it gone??
Our membership count as of February 1st is:

87 Individual members
50 Family
14 Business/Organization
63 Lifetime members

New members since the last newsletter are: Betty Munson and Courtland Prittie from Johnson Valley. Omer "Les" Snodgrass from 29 Palms. Norma Mackie and Milton Johanson from Yucca Valley. Deen, Georgeanne and John Pohl, M.D. from Woodland Hills; and Elizabeth, Matt and Jessica Shickler from Corona. William and Phyllis Swinnerton from Yucca Valley, and Stanley Olsen, Bloomington, MN

We welcome them all to the Morongo Basin Historical Society!

Until the next newsletter, Bernice Falltrick, Membership Chair

DUES ARE DUE JULY 1st EXCEPT FOR LIFETIME MEMBERS

IN MEMORIAM

William "Bill" Skinner
August 7, 1930 - November 14, 2007

2008 GOALS

GOAL 1

Conduct Fundraisers to support our MBHS Museum and Research Center

GOAL 2

Increase our membership and volunteer team by 20%

GOAL 3

Apply for grants to further our efforts in preserving our Morongo Basin History

GOAL 4

Continue to file CA Historical Site Resources, provide and place historical site plaques, and produce Historical DVD's

MBHS MISSION STATEMENT

The specific purpose of this nonprofit corporation is to collect, conserve and exhibit artifacts; to collect, display, interpret and publish memorabilia relating to the history of the Morongo Basin; to locate identify and preserve historic sites; to promote the research and study of local history; and to share the rich heritage of the Morongo Basin with all the communities within and surrounding it.

The Story Of The SALTON SEA

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BY FEBRUARY 20, 2008

miners were following the old Weaver road east towards developments in the newly formed district of Virginia Dale.

In 1883, placer deposits were discovered within the canyons that drained into the north side of the Pinto Basin (5). Around the same time, a well was dug and an arrastra constructed near the present-day intersection of Gold Crown Road and Hi-way 62. A small village sprung up that would soon be called Virginia Dale. This mining camp would be the base of operations for all the mines in the Dale District for many years to come. Later that year, Tom Lyons met one Jonathan M. Wilson, aka Johnny Quarts Wilson, aka Charlie Wilson, aka Chuckawalla Wilson, aka Dirty Shirt Wilson (6), at the Oasis of Mara, and the two decided to follow the trail of dust from miners heading for the Dale Hills, 13 miles to the east of the Oasis. These two would form the Virginia Dale Mining Company in 1885 and filed on the most famous mine in the district, the Virginia Dale Mine.

Many more large mines were formed in the years following. These would include the Supply Mine, probably the highest producer in the district. The OK Mine, discovered in the early 1890s, would later be owned by United Greenwater, headed by Charles Schwab. The Brooklyn and Los Angeles Mines were located in the Riverside County side of the district. The Gold Crown, founded in the early twenties, would work intermittently right up to World War II. The Ivanhoe Mine, situated at the top of the Dale Hills, reported an average grade of gold ore of 15 dollars a ton (3/4 of an ounce). The Carlyle Mine had over 5,000 feet of tunnel works. These mines were just a few of many within the district that were developed, worked, and then played out in the years between 1883 and 1917.

By the time the area's mines had reached their apex, there were six organized mining districts within the Basin: the Palms, Virginia Dale, Rattler, Monte Negras, Gold Park, and the Washington. The Monte Negras and Washington Districts were located within the confines of the present-day Joshua Tree National Park.

By 1917 large scale mining was pretty much over. However, United Greenwater was not the last large company that would operate mines in the area. As stated, the Gold Crown Mining Company operated the Gold Crown and Lorman mines off and on until World War II. There was the Golden Bee inside the park boundaries, and the Iron Age Mine worked up until the early 1960's.

After larger mines closed down, most mining in the basin consisted of one and two man operations. Many were homesteaders that supplemented their income by prospecting and mining on the side. There was a surge of small-scale mining during the depression that consisted of men with no jobs who came in search of gold rather than stand in a soup kitchen line. These were shoestring outfits that used the older mines for equipment, timber and living quarters. During World War II, all mines that were not essential to the war effort were closed by Executive Order. Many owners tried to keep caretakers on the property, but as soon as expensive mill properties were left unattended, swarms of scrap metal dealers looted everything they could get their hands on. The losses to mine and mill owners were staggering (7) and most never recovered.

Early in 1954, the Thum Bum Claim near Big Bear Lake shipped out the first California Uranium ore to market. The Uranium rush of the 1950s was on; whole families came out to the desert with Geiger counters to make their fortune. Joshua Tree National Park was hard pressed to convince hundreds of Uranium hunters that prospecting within the park was illegal.

Almost all mining that takes place around the basin today is



Jim Wharff presented and demonstrated various tools used in mining at the recent program on the Twenty-Nine Palms Marine Base.

recreational. Weekend prospectors using modern metal detectors and gold concentrators are finding gold on a regular basis. The old Virginia Dale Mining District is still producing placer gold at a fairly good rate with good strikes being made often. One of the most recent large strikes was made on Easter Morning 1999. Using a metal detector, a recreational prospector removed 34 ounces of gold nuggets in one day (8). By the time he was finished, it is estimated he removed nearly a 100 ounces of gold nuggets from a wash 30 feet wide by 200 feet long.

At the time of this writing, gold closed at \$894.90 an ounce. Will these record prices mark the beginning of a new gold rush into this area? Last November, while the author was camping in the Dale Mining District, he came across several new claim location stakes for a N.W. Mining Company out of Monterey Park. On further research, it was found that the N.W. Mining Company had filed 10 claims in the district. It remains to be seen what they will do with these holdings. It also remains to be seen what the future holds for mining in the Morongo Basin.

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- (8) Jon Carlson, "The gold of Area 51, Glory Hole Discovered," First Class Miners Newsletter, p. 1, Apr/May 1999.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On-going clean-up crews at the MBHS Museum and Research Center in Landers.

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As a history lover, you know the infinite ways that history enriches our lives. As a member of the MBHS, we want to let you know that there is another way for you to preserve history far into the future. Most people know how important it is to have a will. Once you have provided for the people you love, we hope you will consider making a bequest to the MBHS. Bequests of any size will ensure that we can continue our work to preserve Morongo Basin history.



Sallie Brown,
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MEMBERS: \$30.00 • NON-MEMBERS: \$40.00

Includes Materials, Lunch and Snacks

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Movie Night Reviewed

2nd Friday of each month

FEBRUARY 8, 2008

MARCH 7, 2008 • APRIL 11, 2008

6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

I think we can all agree that it's winter and it's a bit cold lately. The MBHS Museum & Research Center is only heated with portable heaters and some of us felt we should postpone movie night until warmer weather. Still others voiced a need to continue through the rain, sleet, snow and wind! It's a FUN gathering, and I really look forward to spending time with friends, seeing a movie, and chomping down on some good "movie junk food." I especially like movies in the winter months, when days are cold and long. It seems that with warmer weather outside chores increase, along with the rise in social commitments, such as, graduations, birthdays, and BBQ's, leaving less time to gather for a Friday night movie. You might say that Winter Movie Night is a good time to relax, slow down and rest, before the commitments of spring and summer kick-in.

At the last movie (January 11) knowing that the Landers house can get really cold, and thinking it might be a bit uncomfortable I came prepared. I brought fresh clean blankets, pillows, gloves and hand heaters. Fortunately they weren't needed, thanks to members Dale and Rachael who showed up at the Center several hours before our arrival and heated and warmed the house to perfection. Thank you, Gals. They made it nice and cozy for a group of approximately 25 people to watch *Willie Boy* and enjoy hot dogs and snacks. mmmm

I used my blankets and pillows, because it was FUN to cozy up and relax while enjoying the movie. Next time I might bring my fuzzy slippers. If you have not experienced MBHS movie night, MARK YOUR CALENDAR, bring your fuzzy slippers, blankets and pillows and enjoy a FUN EVENING with friends. *It's a Cheap Date Night!* —By: Barbara Harris



Group gathers before movie to enjoy hot dogs and nachos.mmmm

Discover the Fun SOMETHING NEW

The Morongo Basin Historical Society will be partnering with the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley to create a program about the history of the Morongo Basin. The monthly event will be open to the public and will present Oral Interviews from the MBHS archives, clips of history from DVD's, available for sale, and live speakers that will enlighten, educate and entertain you with stories about the history of the Morongo Basin.

Presentation dates are being reviewed and we're looking for a name. Do you have any suggestions? Email Barbara @ mbhsinfo@aol.com to share your thoughts and ideas and if you'd like to help in putting this program together. We'll be advertising to let you know when the first presentation will take place. We're very excited to be co-sponsoring this educational, FUN program with the Hi-Desert Nature Museum. It will give you all a chance to learn and ask questions about the community in which you live. Keep your eyes and ears open, as more information becomes available about this program.



WHAT'S NEW IN THE MBHS GIFT SHOP

By Wayne & Linda Darnell, Sales Chairs

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The Gift Shop is featuring Southern California mining with three new books that include our area mining history. In Jim Wharff's article "Mining in the Morongo Basin" in this issue, Jim cites information from these books. If you want to know more about mining, you will find these three slender books "a gold mine." Here's a hint about each book:

Ronald Dean Miller's *Mines of the High Desert*:
Sample chapters - Virginia Dale, People of the Town, Desert Freighting, The McHaney Gang, Mine Closures, After Gold.

Ron & Peggy Miller's *Mines of the Mojave*:
Sample chapters - Mojave - Rosamond, El Paso - Randsburg, Barstow - Calico, Oro Grand - Victor Valley, Misplaced Mines.

John W. Robinson's *Mines of the San Bernardinos*:
Sample chapters - Bear Valley, Billy Holcomb's Discovery, Lone Valley, Rattlesnake Canyon, Rose Mine, Onyx Mine

These three books are small paperbacks but are very interesting and informative. In the back of each book references are listed which would give the serious student many additional sources for research.

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