



Letter From The Director

May comes rushing in wearing a coat of many colors. I love the desert in May (actually I just simply love the desert). The weather in May is usually perfect with just a hint of the heat that June will pound us with, and the many cactus' that spray the landscape with every primary color living amongst rainbows.

We are truly blessed to live in an area that is so visually pleasing. I even like some the days when the wind shows it's never ending whining through the leaves at Metcalf Park, I remember my days as a youth in Utah when aspen leaves would shimmer and make the rustling sound akin to a mountain brook. The Museum is a wonderful place to reflect on things of the past.

The Museum has three new additions. The first added attraction is a large metal Route 66 sign mounted on the Highway 93 side of the building that was painted by our favorite artist: Sandy Rusinko. Sandy always does such great work and she has a great partner in Mike Rusinko helping her bring her visions to fruition. I would be amiss not to mention my wife Lyn, whose love of Route 66, conceived of this sign to honor the "Mother Road". Secondly, there is a new jail in town, right here on the Museum's grounds. This creation has been the work of so many, including Bruce Ott that did the actual building and Gary Markee (the Museum's volunteer down stairs Artifact Curator) that did all the prep work and worked with Bruce to retrieve the necessary bars to keep outlaws temporally incarcerated (at least for a photo opt). Last, but far from least, is a new covered wagon that adorns the front room of the Museum. This wagon, that is one quarter scale, is the work of David Savage, a master wood worker from Pioche, Nevada. David has done wood working for years that are on display in museums from Canada to Mexico. David donated his time and material to create this masterpiece. Thank you for a job well done. I realize that I have failed to acknowledge everyone that has worked on these projects but that is a matter for future newsletters. What is most important is that you come down and witness for yourself how your Museum keeps getting better and better.



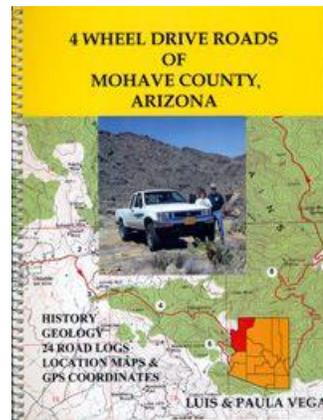
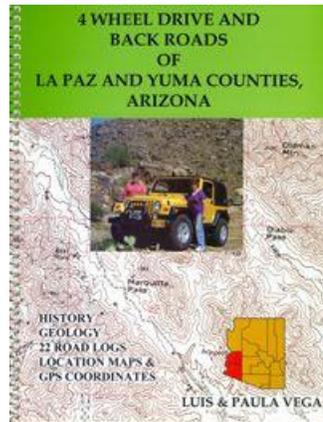
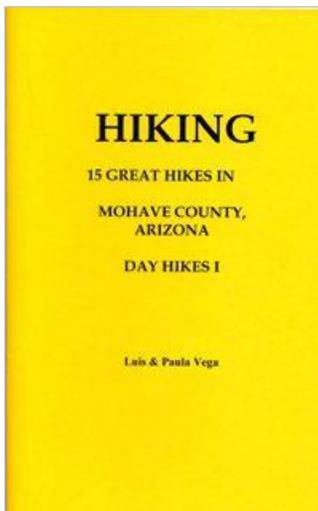
David Savage with his creation in the front room of the Museum. This "covered wagon" will provide a chance for visitors to have a photo opportunity, as well seeing a true artist's rendition of living history

THE MOHAVE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU.

Our genealogy society meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm at the Mohave Museum to discuss ancestry and help members sort out their respective family histories.

Featured this month in our Gift shop: Three fantastic books, by Paula Vega, for the hiking enthusiasts or the 4 wheel drive loves in and around Mohave County.

Come in and purchase your copy today!



Calendar of Events

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 Mohave Memories Newsletter is Online

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Mohave Museum of History & Arts

The Mohave Museum of History & Arts invites you to participate in preserving our past and building for the future.

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50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

May 1964

Dr. and Mrs. Martin Ahlene and son participated on a four-wheel-drive trip to Indio, California last weekend. There were 326 vehicles in the caravan and approximately 1000 people.

Operation Desert Strike, a vast military maneuver, will soon be launched in our area and throughout Eastern California. Thousands of troops are being brought here to take part in war games which will insure that United States military personnel will have a reasonable training in the field if they are ever called on for the real thing.

Bullhead City: Colorado River Park held its grand opening Saturday, May 2. A western barbecue was served.

Success of the first annual Lake Havasu City Catamaran Regatta held in early May for speedy Pacific class has participants looking forward to next year's event. All three top places in the four-race event, the first sailing competition ever held on Lake Havasu, went to Southern California skippers.

The 49th Annual Convention of the Arizona State Elks Association is underway in Kingman. It will continue through Saturday with an attendance expected to reach 1000.

City Council Monday night voted 4-3 in favor of opening Beale Street through to Highway 66 on the east.

Oatman residents awakened on Thursday to sleet and snow. The moisture was badly needed and helps the stock men.

Davis Dam and Lake Mohave: Movie of the week for May 22nd will be the "Centerville Ghost," 95 minutes of comedy starring Charles Laughton and Margaret O'Brien. It is in black and white.

Grand winners of the Cub Scout Pack 24 Pinewood Derby are Mike Wonfor, first place, Leonard Paup, second, and Barry Bailey, third. The boys made their cars with the help of their fathers and the race was held Saturday evening in the old high school gym.

Homer Johnston won the best speaker award last Thursday morning at the Kingman Toastmasters breakfast with his talk entitled "A step Higher."

Billy Guitar and his band are now playing regularly every Friday and Saturday night at the Mohave Ranch Club, six miles NE on Pierce Ferry Road off North Highway 93.

Officials presided at a ground-breaking ceremony last week for the new Ramada Inn Roadside Hotel to be built just south of El Trovatore on Hilltop. The motel, which is to be completed by fall, will include 65 unites plus office space, swimming pool, administration building and other appurtenances.

Golden Valley: We very much enjoyed our brief visit of the GI's involved in the Desert Strike. They were a very nice group of fellows and they left nice clean camps.

Kingman area residents were thanked by Major General J. C. Wilson, the Adjutant General of the Arizona National Guard as a part of Operation Desert Strike. "Kingman residents went out of their way to be helpful and left nothing undone. Their efforts made our stay, though under trying and tiring training conditions, as enjoyable as possible."

Chloride: Dick Lawrence has finished the new signs for the "Golden Mohave Estates" on Highway 93 near Santa Clause, and very attractive they are.

"The Male Animal," a satire on education, will be shown here this week as a benefit for the PTA's scholarship fund, officials said today. The one-hour forty minute film featuring Henry Fonda, Olivia Dehaviland and Jack Carson will be shown to the public in the high school auditorium.

The Mohave County Chamber of Commerce sponsored Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Week will start May 14 and continue through May 21.

The "Chloride Rattler" came out this week. It is not a snake but a very attractive and informative newspaper written by the school children.

Bullhead City: The new clubhouse at the Colorado Riviera is in the finishing stages and is a wonderful improvement with the new marina to the river area. The grand opening will be announced soon.

Marilo Ramos, who has spent the school year with the Ken Conraths, is preparing to return to his homeland. The 17-year-old Brazilian youth says, "It was just wonderful. It's something I'll never forget."

Big Sandy: Virgil Short, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Short, was a patient in the hospital in Kingman Monday and Tuesday of last week. His leg was injured when he was run over by his 4-H horse.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

May 1934

George P. Hunt, former governor of Arizona, was in Kingman last Friday afternoon looking up many of his old-time Mohave County friends.

A change in the management and ownership of the Beale Barber and Beauty Shop was announced last weekend. Tom Ruskin and R. D. Stout, both residents of Bisbee, Arizona for many years, have taken over the place which will be known in the future as the Beale Barber and Beauty Studio.

The Kingman fire department held a drill last evening presumably for initiating new members into the company, at least, several of the boys returned from the drill well soaked.

A. J. Kemp of the Boriana Mining Company was in town yesterday. He informed us that the payroll now totals over 100 men and that three wings are now going down in great ore at the mine.

Saturday and Sunday were Business and Professional

Women's days in Kingman and Mohave County with 55 visiting delegates and 83 Kingman members attending the Arizona state convention here.

E. Ross Householder, county engineer, and C. B. Krause this week finished flagging the road from the summit to the DW camp where the CCC boys will be camped. The new road will be an 18-foot road, making for safe driving.

The eighth grade of the Kingman grammar school enjoyed a picnic and swimming party at the Crozier swimming pool last Saturday. All of them report that they had a wonderful time.

Celebration of the opening of Shep's store in Chloride started last Saturday afternoon and continued until well after midnight. The new store was attractively decorated with flowers sent by well wishers.

Miss Dorothy de Mary and Miss Lena Whitney were hostesses Saturday night to 14 tables of bridge at the Kingman Country Club. The affair was one of the largest and prettiest of the season with the decorations and flowers carrying out the spring mode of green, yellow and pink.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

May 1914

N. W. Tarr came out from Los Angeles the first of the week and has been looking after business matters at this end of the line.

An aviation corps passed through Kingman on the way from San Diego to Galveston where they will embark for Vera Cruz. The men were all seasoned army men and will do much scout work when they arrive at their destination.

A few days ago a rock from a blast, put off in the sinking of reservoirs for the oil of the new garage of Haskins and Tolbard, broke one of the big plate glass windows in the front of the store of Nickell & Co.

This week shows a big influx of tourists over the Old Trails Route, five cars coming through each day.

Old Trails Garage is now the agent for the Hupmobile cars and the best tire manufactured. This garage is capable of turning out the best work to be had between Kingman and Los Angeles.

Andrew Devine, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Devine, fell from the rear porch of the Hogan residence yesterday afternoon and suffered the fracture of one arm. The fracture was reduced and the little fellow is getting along nicely.

The people of Kingman should not fail to attend the entertainment given in the Elks opera house tonight. The regular Sunday night pictures will be run and in addition there will be presented a Suffrage Burlesque which will be delightful and entertaining. The gentlemen need have no fear of attending for the jokes are on the ladies. Only the regular picture show prices will be charged. First reel of pictures will be run promptly at eight o'clock.

As an illustration of the splendid condition of the highway between Yucca and Kingman we will state that L. Hoffman, in a Metz with one passenger, left Yucca yesterday a few minutes after the overland passenger train pulled out from that station, and arrived here nearly five minutes ahead of it. The distance by rail is a fraction over 23 miles, while the highway covers about 26 miles. The time of the automobile was 57 minutes with a stop of about three minutes.

Memories Thru Photo's

GOLD KING

Mansion

1929

Located East of the Hualapai Mountains, in an isolated area, the Gold King Mansion greets those willing to 4 wheel and then hike for up to 1-1/2 hours. The mountain terrain crisscrosses a stream bed as one climbs. Eventually you will find this archaeological site. It exists without graffiti and trash perhaps as a result of its isolation. The mountain steam that flows beside the mansion and mining site is a scenario that makes the long journey more attractive. The Gold King Mansion was built early in 1929, according to a sign at the site. It was built by the Gold King Corporation and it used this ornate structure to entertain wealthy investors. It also housed the mine foreman. The mine produced gold, silver, copper and lead. The stock market crash in October of 1929 brought the end to the mine. According to a sign at the site, the roof and walls of the mansion were made of poured concrete, a technique not found in mining camps in this area. The second floor contains 7 rooms including a shower. One of the rooms has a fireplace, fancy cornices and ceiling fan location. A balcony of the second floor provided a view towards the mine. The Cornices that still exist are symbolic of that era.

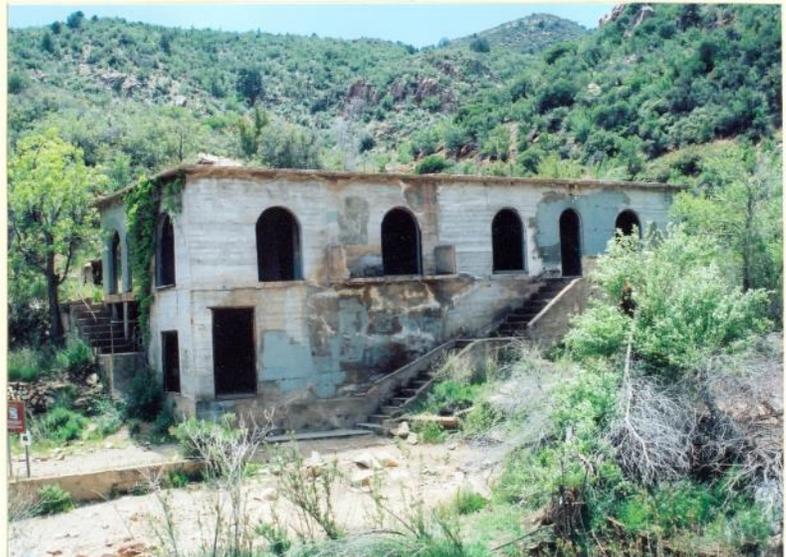
Photo's and Notes by Bob Roddy of Kingman Arizona



Note: cornice board at ceiling and curved doorways inside



Entrance stones along the old road leading to the Mansion



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Mohave County Movers and Shakers



GEORGE TAPLAN "TAP" DUNCAN

Gunslinger and Rancher. Widely known and respected over the entire southwest, Tap Duncan was born in 1869 in Texas. He married Ollie Ann Bimmon in 1891. They moved to Idaho in 1892 where Tap was wagon boss for Sparks and Harold Shoe Sole, and later built up a brand of his own. Tap and Ollie had two sons and two daughters. The family did not like the cold Idaho winters so left for Arizona in 1898 with Ollie driving the wagon and Tap herding a bunch of saddle horses. They make a perilous crossing of the Colorado at Bonelli's Ferry and settled in Hackberry where Duncan bought Jack Harden's Knight Creek ranch.

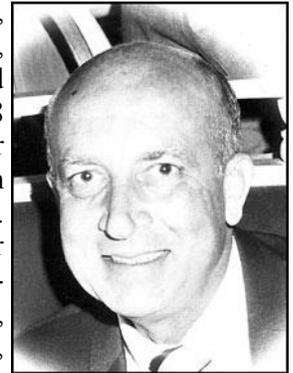
By 1910 Duncan was able to buy the famous Diamond Bar Ranch which eventually grew to 1,450,000 acres and which he held along with other properties until his death.

During his years in Idaho and before becoming a "cattle baron" with the Diamond Bar, Tap sometimes rode with the famous Hole in the Wall gang, which included Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. To them he was known as the last two-gun man in Mohave County. Western writer Louis L'Amour said Tap taught him all he knew about "cowboying."

Ollie Duncan was a great horsewoman and rode the range after cattle. While riding the range one day she picked up a piece of quartz heavy with gold. The piece led to the locating of the King Tut Placers.

In November 1944, while walking on Fourth Street in Kingman, Duncan was hit by an auto and killed. His daughters continued to run the ranch until Ollie's death four years later, when most of the Diamond Bar was sold. What remains is now Grand Canyon West Ranch.

ELMER LAVERN BUTLER, Developer and Philanthropist, was born in 1923 in Iowa and grew up in California. In 1958 Butler and his family took their savings and bought property in Kingman for back taxes. Through the 50s and 60s Elmer Butler became one of Kingman's largest land subdividers, developing Greater Kingman, "Birdland" (which he called a place where people could afford to buy land), the New Kingman Addition (also known as Butler), commercial footage on Route 66 and the Camelback area.



Elmer Butler died in February 2009. His ashes were laid to rest in Peach Springs.

CARLOS ELMER began his career as a photographer in Kingman in the 1930's, shooting pictures for magazines, and became published throughout the world as an author and photographer. He was born in Washington, D.C. in 1920 and came to Kingman with his family in 1926. He graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, and served in World War II as a captain in a photography unit.



Elmer contributed to Arizona Highways magazine for more than 50 years, including an article in the March 1988 issue called "Growing Up in Kingman." During his lifetime he wrote and illustrated more than nine books, most of which are available in the Mohave Museum research library.

Elmer was a member of Kingman Rotary 66, The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers and the Society of Photographic Optical Instrumentation. In 1989 he was given a Life Achievement Award by the Kingman Chamber of Commerce.

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