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Route 66 Fun Run

Three day drive event: May 1-3, 2015

The **Historic Route 66 Fun Run®** began as a dedication of Historic Arizona Route 66 in 1988, which had just been decommissioned with the opening of I-40.



A little over 200 entries total the first year and more than 60 cars did the complete journey from Seligman to Topack. During the festivities, Will Roger's Jr., son of the famous humorist and actor, attended and gave a talk saying that "In 1926, a man named Disney from Oklahoma... thought it was a good idea to call it Will Rogers Highway after my father." "it was called Will Rogers Highway until World War II. I'm glad to be here and be a part of this moment and I'm very glad you're preserving it." - Mofford lauds effort preserving Route 66 as historic roadway, Mohave Daily Miner, April 25, 1988.

More than 800 classic, custom and unique automobiles show up for this fantastic celebration of Route 66!



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Presents

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Second FREE Concert in the Park for the
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Directors Letter

In this day and age of pessimism, the daily mantras boast of transparency. I decided to reject both notions. It seems that the objects have become so transparent that they are actually invisible, and it begs the question how one can be either positive or negative about something non-existent.

Alas, we move our perception to the concrete, as I have often said: the Museum is a living testament to our forefathers. A person can touch objects that our ancestors used in their daily lives. I enjoy watching people wince as they look at the dental chair and the foot pedal drill by its side. I have never seen anyone faint as they mentally place themselves in the seat of terror, but I do notice some with apparent dental phobias get weak in the knees. The player piano is another exhibit, that when playing can transport a person back in time to the era of the music roll spinning out the melody.

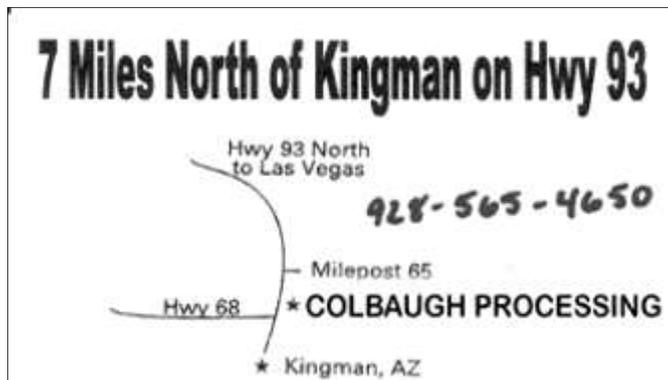
Real things representing chronological time are on display for all to see. The Museum houses magical and wonderful items that were developed to make man's journey easier and more memorable. Today's youth have a tendency to take cell phones and computers for granted and dismiss phonographs and crystal radios as not only archaic but totally unnecessary; when in reality the only transparency they should be concerned with is the elusive waves that travel unobstructed throughout the universe that were discovered so long ago. The Museum houses the receivers that bear witness to all the profound thought of generations past.

I invite, even challenge everyone to come down and not only see for themselves what the Museum bears witness to but also help improve this fine institution. Thank you one and all for your continued support.

Shannon Rossiter-Director

Museum Business Membership

These are some of the Business Members who support the heritage and culture of Mohave County



50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

May, 1965

Dr. John Lingenfelter and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Draper of Los Angeles spent Sunday and Monday at Supai.

The Arizona State Highway Commission meeting in Kingman Friday unanimously voted to hold the federal Government to its present agreement on routing of Interstate 40. A number of citizens of both the Mohave County area and from California voiced their protest at a Bureau of Public Roads proposal to re-study a northerly routing through Searchlight, Nevada.

Some 131 seniors at Mohave County Union High School will receive their diplomas May 27 in ceremonies at the school athletic field.



Third grade children at the Palo Christi Elementary School feted their teacher Mrs. Rua Delk at a "retirement party" Friday afternoon. They presented her with a rose corsage and a gift of Fieldcrest towels. Mrs. Delk has been a teacher for 29 years, 23 years have been with the Kingman elementary schools.

The Kingman Jaycees are sponsoring a "school is out celebration" June 2nd at Sage Drive-In Theatre. See "The Time Machine." Admission is \$2 per car.

Purchasing patterns of Arizona women may take on a new look when a general-purpose credit card plan is launched this month. Use of a single credit card charge plan can make shopping more convenient and budgeting easier for Arizona homemakers, officials of Valley National Bank believe.

Lake Mead climbed more than six feet during the past month as the spring runoff from the Colorado River watershed boosted the Hoover Dam reservoir closer to its rated operating head, Regional Director A. B. West of the Bu-

reau of Reclamation's Region 3 reported.

Lake Havasu City is establishing their first ball park. The location is across from the airport. The work is being done by a committee of the VFW Post No 9401. It is for the use of the Pee-Wee League and the Little League.

Lake Havasu City-Pacific Catamaran Race was held May 22 and 23. It would take a skillful artist's brush to capture the beauty of the blue and white sails against the background of the blue sky and mountains. There was a large crowd in attendance.

Lake Mohave: Mr. and Mrs. Morey Randall with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Poe from San Bernardino returned from a four-day fishing trip to Lake Havasu City and report catfish were plentiful as well as turtles.

Crews from U. S. Steel's American Bridge Division placed connecting steel work across almost 400 foot deep Burro Creek Canyon, marking completion of the 680 foot long steel arch, "backbone" for Arizona's newest highway bridge on State Route 93 near Wickieup.



Burro Creek Bridge. The second largest steel arch bridge in Arizona was designed by Martin Toney, Chief bridge engineer for the Arizona Highway Department. Completed and dedicated in the summer of 1966, it was designed to withstand high winds and raises the route to a safe distance above the creek bed where cars had to ford the creek on the low bridge after rains. The bridge, located south of Wikieup on Highway 93 is 300 feet wide with sidewalks alongside, 600 feet long and towers 400 feet above the stream bed.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

May. 1935

Tomorrow is the day of the drawing for the autos given away by the Shriners in Phoenix. Judging by what we've heard there will be many disappointed people in Mohave County because everyone is expecting his ticket to be one of the lucky ones.

The carnival that is located across from the courthouse is giving a special feature for children Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6. The price of all rides and shows will be five cents during those hours instead of the usual ten cents.

Ray Van Marter left Monday for the mountains in the southern end of the county on a lion hunt. Mr. Van Marter has a somewhat famous pack of hounds which he took with him on the trip. A similar trip three years ago netted the local sportsman three mountain lions.

Stereopticon slides on the Romance of American Methodism will be shown at the M. E. Church Sunday evening.

C. C. Ball, Underwood typewriter salesman from Phoenix was calling on his customers here today.

The visit here last week of Captain Edward Maynard Fickett of Fort Bliss, assistant district executive officer in the establishment of CCC park camps, resulted in his selection of a site on the Lawe ranch in the Hualapai mountains a short distance from the present Boy Scout camp. A plentiful supply of water is found here and is available.

Dale Cofer, fifth grade student, won fourth prize on an essay entitled "Spring" which he wrote and sent to the fifth edition of "My Weekly Reader," a publication of the American Education Press, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio. The prize is a set of ten booklets.



Katherine Mine and Mill taken in 1935.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

May. 1915

Coming at Elks Theatre: Saturday, June 5th we will offer the big six-reel Keystone Comedy Tillie's Punctured Romance, with Charles Chaplain and Marie Dressler, a roaring farce.

Maxwell "The Wonder Car." Order a Maxwell from us now, and when you want it delivered, we will give you your car, not an excuse on delivery day. \$695. M. C. Wagner, Agent.



James Kenney, who has been a ranger of this county under J. P. Gideon, departed to Nevada last Wednesday for the purpose of gathering a large number of horses for the allies. Europe is drawing largely on the United States for every class of supplies and have already purchased many thousands of horses, mules and burros to send to the front.

A number of businessmen of Kingman are trying to get together on a celebration of the Fourth of July in Kingman. Kingman is one of the most prosperous towns in the state and it would not be the right thing to allow the Nation's Natal Day to pass by without some observance.

L. M. Quigley was over from Chloride this week and showed the effects of the terrible scorching he sustained in his effort to save some of his effects when the Metropole hotel burned last week.

M. W. Musgrove, the energetic editor of the Oatman News, was a Kingman visitor this week, coming over to the county capitol to look after important business matters. He reports that the Oatman country is one of the most active camps in the State.

Mohave County Movers and Shakers

HARVEY HUBBS, County Sheriff, Treasurer, Supervisor was born in California about 1855. He came to Kingman at the age of 17 with a cattle drive. In his early years in Kingman he freighted lumber from Kingman to the American Flag Mine in the Hualapai mountains.

In 1886 Hubbs married Johanna Wilkinson. Their residence at South Fourth Street and Golconda is known as the Hubbs Residence and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Harvey and Johanna were proprietors of The Hubbs House, a boardinghouse, which burned twice and was replaced by Hubbs and John Mulligan with the Beale Hotel.

Hubbs served as Mohave County Sheriff from 1898 to 1900, and also as County Treasurer and Supervisor.

Harvey Hubbs died in July 1931.

WALTER P. "PHIL" JORDAN, Mohave County Sheriff, 1973-1976, was born in 1927 in Glendale, Arizona. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was discharged in 1946 and then enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a paratrooper. After the death of his father he returned home to care for his mother. Wanting to be in public service, he decided on the law.

Jordan was elected Mohave County Sheriff in 1973 and served until 1976. During those years he initiated the TIP program (turn in a pusher) to help in the fight against drugs in Mohave County.

Phil Jordan and his wife Portia had four children.

BILL RICHARDSON, Sheriff was born in Walsenburg, Colorado on April 25, 1921. In the mid 1970's he retired from the Los Angeles Police Department and moved to Arizona, settling in Bullhead City.

Richardson was elected Sheriff of Mohave County in 1980 and served until 1984. In 1981 there was controversy over his issuance of identification cards to persons other than deputies, ostensibly granting them police powers. The cards were later corrected.

Richardson was active in civic organizations in the Bullhead City area, and was appointed by the Arizona gover-

nor to the Law Enforcement Merit Board.

After Richardson's death in Phoenix on November 13, 1990, services were held in Bullhead City.

ROBERT STEEN, Sheriff, was born in New York in 1840. He served as Mohave County Sheriff from 1883 to 1888.

In 1887 Steen formed a "chain gang" of "all tramps, drunks and bad Indians" to clean up the streets of Kingman.

Steen survived a mine cave-in in Southern California in 1897 and was reported as having disappeared from San Francisco in 1889. He later turned up in Guatemala. The date of his death is unknown.

FRANK L. PORTER, Mohave County Sheriff, 1945-1960, was born in 1905 in Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri, and came to Kingman in 1929 with American Telephone and Telegraph.

Porter became a Mohave County deputy sheriff in 1940. He attended the FBI National Academy in Washington, graduating in 1942. He was elected Mohave County Sheriff in 1944 and served from January 1945 until his death in 1960.

In 1947 Porter set up the first police radio system in Mohave County. He was an instructor at FBI police training schools throughout Arizona and served as an instructor for Arizona Highway Patrol recruit training. He was active in civic work including the Boy Scouts, the Cancer Crusade, the Kingman Volunteer Fire Department, the Rotary Club, Elks and the Chamber of Commerce.

Frank and Frances Porter had a daughter and a son. When Frank died in 1960, Frances accepted the appointment to complete his term of office.



Membership Renewal

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Doug & Patsy L Chapin	Jill Gernetzke-Hays
Thelma Craver	Mary J (Molly) Meyer, Kingman,, AZ
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Mr & Mrs Clifford Preston, Hualapai, AZ	

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Pat Hartup	Up Your Alley Antiques Rick and Jaynell Chambers
Jill Gernetzke-Hays	Vivian J. Hopkins, Mohave Valley, AZ
Mary J (Molly) Meyer, Kingman,, AZ	Silvia Shaffer
Pat West/Dave Valentine	Betty K. Stimson
Mary Brock	Bill and Bobbi Butler, Ft. Mohave, AZ
Albert Lemke, Fort Mohave, AZ	Joel and Brittany Gould
Kristine Allaman	
Mr & Mrs William B Graves, Colorado Springs, CO	
John R Byram, Pasadena, CA	

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Memories thru Photos



Children gathered in front of school house, no leaves on trees. Ca, 1920, Kingman.



The one room school house in Moccasin on the Arizona Strip. Probably 1950s/60s .



Little Red School House , Valentine, Arizona. "...Fifteen children in attendance, teachers lived in the basement of the school.



Southeast View from Mt. Trumbull School House September 1996.



First county high school in state of Arizona, later used as IOOF Hall, 5th & Beale corner.



Mohave County Union High School

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