

## The Great Race June 26, 2015

The Great Race is pulling in to the Kingman Visitor Center (120 W. Andy Devine Ave.), for lunch and you can come down and see their cars. They'll be arriving at about 11:30 am have lunch and travel on about 1:30 pm.

The Great Race is designed for the enjoyment of the race participants and the spectators along the route. The race offers classic, vintage and antique car and rally enthusiasts an opportunity to engage in a competitive rally while enjoying their cars. The participants enjoy the camaraderie of automobile enthusiasts, develop their navigation and driving skills and compete for significant prize money in four competition categories.

The Great Race is a timed, navigation, controlled speed, endurance race. It is conducted on public roads with all specified speeds at or below the speed limits. The objective of the race is to match the precise time allowed for each section of the race by the rally master. The teams are issued Course Instructions each morning. The emphasis is on precise driving, speed control and accurate navigation. It is not difficult. However, excellent scores require skill on the part of both the driver and navigator.

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## Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Tour

October 6 – 9, 2015

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## Shannon's Letter

I have been asked repeatedly in many different situations at numerous times the question: what does the Museum contribute to Mohave County? The answer is simple, the Museum is a concentration of wealth. What is the nature of the treasure stored within its walls? Any such query can also be answered very simply, this institution records, stores and shares with the world, the record of a people that settled the area we now call home.

I was fortunate to have grown up in the West, a product of a strong pioneering lineage, unfortunately, the generations that came after the original settlers kept poor to shoddy records of the ventures that built the backbone of this nation; not so with the people of Mohave County. Thanks be to the locals that wrote about the hard working people that settled here. The Daughters of the Mohave Pioneers played such a pivotal role in establishing this Museum that continues to preserve and share their rich history.

With the advent of the electronic era of the twenty-first century, we can now share the Museum's entire collection of artifacts and archives with the world. The County's early settlers did a great job on collecting a wealth of information that it created a need for the next generations to store, catalog and share their work. I am here to report that this mission is being accomplished with the dedicated help of volunteers, board members and staff. I am proud to be a part of all the fine work done here.

The Bonelli House renovation is almost complete, thanks to the skilled craftsmen from the City. A special thanks to: Mike Meersman, Guy Reynolds, Scott Yocum, Steve Kerr, Russ Kuehner, Stan Mills, and all the City staff that gave so freely of their time and expertise. I would also like to acknowledge the Judy Bonelli family whose contribution made all of this possible. Great job, well done. The last, but far from least, group I would like to recognize is the Members of the Museum that keep this place going. Thank you one and all!

The Bonelli House's Hundredth Birthday celebration has a tentative date of August 7th along with the Courthouse's century debut. I will keep you posted on the time and place!



## PRESENTS - Free Concert

**The Rivals**

**June 14, 2015, 5 to 7 pm**

**At Metcalfe Park**

The Rivals are returning to the Concerts in the Park series! This group has a strong local presence, having appeared at Black Bridge Brewery, Jesters in Bullhead City, the Aquarius in Laughlin, and at Flagstaff's street fair. The Rivals are a family band that plays a mixture of SKA, rock, and pop music of their own invention and performs some original compositions as well as popular covers. If you are not familiar with SKA music, it came into fashion back in the late 1950's which is a blend of Jamaican Music, Calypso, and American Jazz and R&B.

They will be appearing on the new Stage at Metcalfe Park, which will be officially dedicated and presented to the City at 4:30, immediately preceding the Concert. So come early for the Ceremony.

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## HELP WANTED MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Applicants must be Brave,  
Courageous and Bold.  
Able to leap tall buildings, etc.

Openings are available for the following positions:

Greeting Museum Visitors at the  
Mohave Museum and/or  
Rt. 66 Museum

Assisting the Museum Librarian  
cataloging and maintaining  
research materials  
(Computer skills required)

Assisting in the Museum Archives  
cataloging and maintaining  
Artifacts  
(Computer skills required)

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## 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### June 1965

**David Alvarado**, one of the winners of the Mohave County talent contest and one of two county winners at the Arizona State Fair last year is to appear Sunday on the Lew King "Talent Showcase" on TV channel 3. He is also slated for an appearance on the Ted Mack show later this year. Alvarado sings and plays the guitar.

**Actor Phil Harris**, spending a few days vacationing at Lake Havasu City from his home at Palm Desert in the Coachella Valley, proved he can fish as well as entertain when he landed 18 large-mouth bass in two days.



**Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dudley** drove Kathleen Prosser, LeAnn Lovegrin and Johnnie Alday to West Yellowstone over the weekend. The girls will be employed there for the summer months.



**Lake Havasu City** now has more than 1000 residents! Senator Harrison A. Williams of New Jersey, after seeing Lake Havasu City, called it a "new concept in city development."

**The Swinging Hillbilly** Square Dance Club will meet at the V.F.W. Cub on the second and fourth Friday nights.

**The new Oatman River Valley School** held its first commencement exercises on Friday evening with five pupils graduating from the eighth grade.

**In keeping with the President's** beautification program for the nation, Davis Dam project will undertake a beautification program of its own. Houses in camp are being painted and painting of the dam itself is underway this week.

**Kingman's rifle platoon** of the Arizona National Guard left last Friday night by bus to take part in a two-week

training exercise in Hawaii.

**Fire destroyed** the interior of the Ricca Wholesale Distributing Co. Wednesday morning, causing an undetermined amount of damage to merchandise and equipment stored there, and blocking Highways 93 and 66.

**Mrs. Roy Dunton and Debbie** returned recently from a week's vacation in Los Angeles with Mrs. Dunton's parents. They visited Disneyland and Catalina Island.

**Bullhead City:** At the Colorado Riviera, construction of 28 new boat slips is now underway at the Marina. These will accommodate boats up to 20 feet in length. This will bring the total of boat slips up to 90.

**Oatman:** Ardis Bell, who operated the Mission Café for over 15 years and the last few years assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, closed the café June 13 for a vacation.

**Mrs. Lou Falkner and son Brian** were the winners of the ham given away recently by the Kingman Jaycees at a Schools-Out party at the Sage Drive-In Theater.

**Brice Tatum** of Kingman is spending about three weeks on his Yucca property.

**Marvin "Shorty" Hafley** president of the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the weekly breakfast meeting of the Multiple Listing Service of Mohave County. Mr. Hafley assured members that the new Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce was actively going to support all efforts to build a newer more attractive image of Mohave County throughout the southwest.

**The Boy Scouts of Troop 28** began their summer program last Monday evening with a Parents' Night and Open House at their new Scout Hall. Scouts of this troop have also been putting in many hours at Camp Levi Levi in the Hualapai Mountains, building platforms and bridges in the new camp site.



## 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### June 1935

**In the grammar school auditorium** Friday evening the 1935 class of Mohave County Union High School, numbering 27, received their diplomas confirming their satisfactory completion of the prescribed high school course.



**Big Sandy:** Tony Walters returned to his home at Chicken Springs Saturday. He spent the past several days riding with the Stephens boys.

**Three would-be “Barney Oldfields”** are still feeling the bumps and bruises they received when the Chevrolet coupe in which they were riding failed to make a curve on the road between Topock and Needles Sunday evening, the car turning completely over, damaging one side badly.

**The Business and Professional Women** are planning a swimming party followed by a wiener roast at the Goodwin’s pool next Thursday evening.

**Mrs. Mary Musser** reports an orange tree about eighteen inches tall, two years old, that she has raised in a pot is bearing blossom. This is probably the first orange tree to blossom in the higher elevations of Mohave County and it will be watched as to whether or not the blossom becomes a fruit.

**Painters have been busy** this week placing a white front on the Beale Hotel building, an improvement that adds much to its Front Street appearance.

**There are reports** rife on our streets of a very rich strike of gold and silver ore in the southern portions of the county but it has not been verified.

**Bill Kayser**, who is in the Navy, arrived this week for a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Kayser.

## 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### June 1915

**An immense number of automobiles** are now going over the Old Trails Road, many coming from Phoenix to Ash Fork and taking the only good road to the coast.



National Old Trails Highway near Needles, California

**We understand** that the Little mines in Walapai Mountains are showing up a splendid body of ore that will mill up to a high grade shipping product. The ore carries values in gold, silver and lead.

**The June report** of the automobiles crossing the Needles bridge give the number at 293, approximately ten each day of the month. This is not so bad when it is understood that there are not so many automobiles traveling west as was anticipated on account of the late spring conditions presented by the war in Europe. During the fall it is expected that many thousands will pass over the Old Trails Route.



J. Sam Withers, standing at Topock Bridge

# Mohave County Movers and Shakers

CHARLES A. "CHARLEY" DUTTON – Businessman, was born in 1891 in Flagstaff, Arizona. He came to Kingman about 1917 and married Josephine Ayers that year. They had two children, Allen and Margaret. Josephine died in 1938, and Charley later married Charlotte, who survived him.



In 1919, Dutton purchased the Soft Water Laundry from local businessman J. H. Knight. He was connected with that business until his death.

Dutton was active in the Kingman community, serving as secretary of the Mohave County Union High School board. He was a member of Elks Lodge No. 468 and served as Exalted Ruler. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge.

Charlie Dutton died in 1942 and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery.

HERBERT F. ELLERMAN, Realtor, was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1913. He married his first wife Viola in 1941, and in 1954 the family moved to Tucson.

They came to Kingman in the early 1960s where Herb worked with Storms Construction. In 1965 he started Storms Real Estate, Inc., and in 1970 took on the Century 21 Real Estate franchise for all of Mohave County. In 1972 he was elected a director of the Arizona Association of Realtors and was a member of the Mohave County Board of Realtors. He retired in 1978. After Viola's death Herb married Kay Nolting in 1978.

Mr. Ellerman was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and the Kingman Kiwanis Club. He served on the Board of Directors for the Kingman Chamber of Commerce and the Kingman Planning and Zoning Commission. He was a member of the Kingman Country club and a volunteer at the Mohave Museum of History and Arts.

Mr. Ellerman died on February 23, 2003 in Kingman.

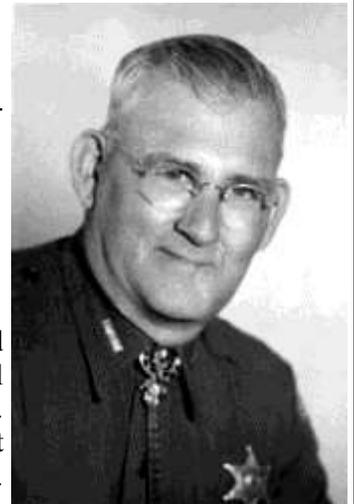
MILDRED DANIELS FREIDAY, Businesswoman and Homemaker, was born in Logan, Utah in 1919. Her parents lived in Oatman, Arizona, but there was no doctor there, so her mother traveled to Utah for the birth. Mildred graduated from Mohave County Union High School in 1938 and attended college in Logan, Utah.

Prior to World War II Mildred was postmistress at Goldroad. During the war she served in the Navy Quartermaster Corps at Oakland, California and Salt Lake City, Utah. After the war she returned to Arizona and began attending the University of Arizona. At this time she began having "the occasional date" with Bill Freiday. He would fly her back and forth to school in his Aeronca airplane. They were married in 1947.

Mildred and Bill operated Freiday Construction in Kingman for over 30 years and raised three children. After retiring they traveled around the country in their motorhome.

Mildred died on August 20, 2008.

DONALD W. "BILL" HARRIS, Sheriff 1961-1962, was born in Kingman on September 21, 1897, the son of Mohave County pioneers Ace and Libbie Harris. He attended Hackberry grammar school and Kingman High School. He served with the U.S. Navy in France during World War I.



After the war Harris worked for the Central Commercial Company and Babbitt Bros. Trading Co. In 1924 he went to work for Union Oil Co. and eventually headed the company's operations in Kingman.

He then served for five years with the Arizona Highway Patrol, and was in charge of Northern Arizona. In 1929 he joined the Mohave County Sheriff's office as deputy, and became undersheriff to Frank Porter, holding that post until he was elected sheriff in 1969. He retired due to ill health in 1962.

# Membership Renewal

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# Memories thru Photos

**The Mohave County Court House** is at 310 North Fourth Street in Kingman, AZ. The court house was built in 1915. Lescher & Kibbey were the architects from Phoenix and J. M. Wheeler and Collamore & Sons (from Arkansas) were the contractors. The court house was built with native stone from Metcalfe Quarry.

The court house was used for county government for 70 years. The buildings were added to the register in 1983 as Mohave County Municipal Complex. Both buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places and the number 83002990.

Mohave County Jail is at 310 North Fourth Street in Kingman, Arizona. The jail was built in 1909-10 and is of Neo Colonial Revival style. Pauley Jail Co. were the architects and John Mulligan was the contractor. It was constructed of poured-in-place reinforced concrete. Some of the reinforcing metal can be seen. The new jail replaced the old jail, because the prisoners were breaking out too easily. It is one of the few remaining County Jails in the state.



Photo# 9759, Seven men in front of old Courthouse. Plaque on courthouse says: Mohave County Court House taken October 17th, 1913. Left to right - J. P. Gideon, Sheriff; J. Bartholomew, Clerk of Boards; J. W. Morgan, Recorder; T. J. Whitney, Deputy Recorder; J. C. Lane, Undersheriff; L. M. Teale, (sitting) Clerk, Superint. Court; Thos. Devine, Treasurer



Photo #15547, Mohave County Court House and Jail

7365, Viquesney Dough-boy and Sailor Statues in front of Court House, WW I Memorial. Ca. 1950



Photo # 14094, Mohave County Court shortly after completion in 1915



Photo #, 13289, Group of Mohave County Sheriffs Officers taken on Court House Steps in 1942. Front Row left to right - Walter Black, Sheriff Ernie Graham, John Nelson, Frank Porter. Ed Neal 4th from left, 2nd row, Back row far right is Herb Cook.

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