



MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ARTS

MOHAVE MEMORIES

Volume 6

October 2014

Mohave Museum of History & Arts 12th Annual Wine and Cheese

Saturday
November 1, 2014
6:00 pm—8:30 pm

**Wine Tasting
Food
Silent Auction**



Tickets \$30.00 Per Person
Tickets on sale at Museum gift shop
(Must be at least 21 years old)

At The
**Mohave Museum
Of History and Arts
400 West. Beale St.**

Letter From the Director

Privilege, is the word I would use on this uniquely Arizona morning to write about our Museum. I have reviewed the first nine months of 2014 and concluded this institution reveled in unparalleled growth. There is only one way such growth is attained and that is through energy. Einstein said that energy can neither be created nor destroyed, it only changes form. I must admit the form the Museum has assumed is one of light and beauty.

Now is the time to peruse the remaining three months of this year. The Museum will be in the most dynamic time of the year, we will be hosting event after event with little time in between. The annual wine and cheese will be held on November first, and soon to follow is the Quilts of Valor, next will be the Sounds of Kingman presentation of History Alive and then our annual Christmas Program on December 7th and in the meantime throw in the Holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and you have the makings for a epic ending to the year. The Museum can only sustain this busy agenda because of all the support you and the community so freely give. Thank you for every bit of positive energy you add to these endeavors.

I would like to remind everyone that the Bonelli House will turn One Hundred years young in 2015. Please join us in the celebration of this fine structure in the upcoming year. I will keep you posted on any and all plans we have to honor this fine Home.

Shannon Rossiter

**Please visit the Museum before the
year's end and come into my office
and share with me your visions for
2015**

SAVE THE DATE

Mohave Museum of History and Arts

Panama Canal Cruise (NCL-Norwegian Star)

February 2—16, 2015 (Los Angeles to Miami)

Tour Highlights—Ports of Call:

02-02 Las Vegas to Los Angeles—Day of cruise
02-04 Cabo San Lucas 02-10 Puntarenas
02-04 Puerto Vallarta 02-12 Daylight Transit
Panama Canal
02-07 Huatulco 02-13 Cartagena
02-08 Puerto Chiapas 02-16 Miami to Las Vegas

Pricing per person base on double occupancy

Inside (IE)	\$2199.00 per person
Obstructed Ocean View (Port Hole)	\$2,559.00 per person
Picture Window (Ocean View)	\$2,659.00 per person
Balcony	\$3,599.00 per person

Initial deposit: \$250.00 per person
First Installment:
Due: Aug 15, 2014 \$500.00 per person
Final Payment: October 01, 2014
After October 01, 2014 prices increased

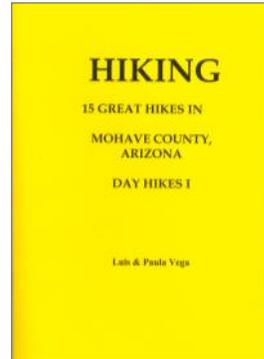
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Your 15 Great Hikes in Mohave County Arizona by Luis & Paula Vega

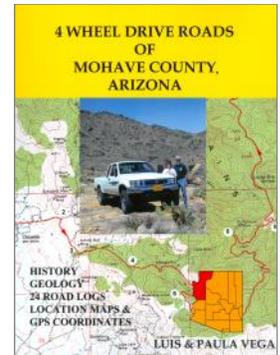
Long time Arizona residents, we came to Kingman in 1976. While we had “regular jobs” back then, the outdoors had always been a part of our lives - camping, hunting, fishing, prospecting, 4 wheeling and hiking, we were always ready to go. More recently, as the authors of three 4 wheel drive guide books for Arizona, the first one for Mohave County, the jump to a hiking book was a natural - another opportunity to describe the natural beauty that is all around us.



This book shares information we hope will make your hikes more interesting by pointing out some of the wonders you'll see along the trails. Because there's so much to see and write about in the area, we had a hard time keeping the book short.

4 Wheel Drive Roads of Mohave County

Luis & Paula, wrote this book to add to your enjoyment of the four-wheel drive (4WD) roads of Mohave County, Arizona. The book not only describes the roads, it also contains information on the geology and history of the areas through which the roads pass. Hopefully it will enrich your 4WD experience.



Most routes listed require a vehicle capable of traveling rough un-maintained dirt roads, such as a 4WD, an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or dirt motorcycle. Some of the roads are also suitable for horseback riding and mountain biking.

Museum Business Membership

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



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50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

October 1964

Registered voters in the county are now over the 5000 mark according to tentative figures given by Peggy B. Smith, county recorder, this week.

A project to provide additional downtown public parking has won acclaim from Kingman mayor Jim Dowling. The project is located at Fourth and Beale streets. The old Babbitt Bros. property on that corner is now owned by the First Navajo National Bank.

Grand Ole Opry stars Stonewall Jackson, Little Jimmy Dickens, Billy Walker, Red Sovine, Shirley Ray, Rex Rinehart, and the Tennessee Valley Boys will be here Saturday, October 17, and will present two shows. The shows will be held at the county fairgrounds auditorium.

Congressman George Senner has confirmed this week that the address of the new Kingman Post Office will be at the southeast corner of Eighth and Beale Streets. A contrary report received here from the Denver Post Office as incorrect, Senner's office said.

Frank and Lucille Gordon left two weeks ago for a trip to the World's Fair in New York, stopping over in Chicago to visit friends and relatives. They will return to Kingman Thursday by the southern route, spending a few days in Washington, D. C. and visiting the grave of President Kennedy.

Mrs. Paul George of 410 Gold Road Avenue called to inform us that she not only has two sets of twins on her block, but that the two sets both live in the same house. They are her neighbors Vicky Sue and Larry Dale Raley, aged 11, and Becky Jo and Danny Ray Raley, aged 9, the two sets of twins belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie R. Raley. He is the manager of Mohave Electric Cooperative.



The new **14,000 K W Mike Hart Generating Station** at Mineral Park was dedicated by the Citizens Utilities Company Saturday. Arizona Governor Paul Fannin, in dedicatory remarks, cited the installation "as dramatic evidence of the growth of this county" and called Hart "a man who has left a great mark."

The State Theatre, a Kingman business for the past 50 years, is moving to a new location and will open in newly remodeled quarters at Third and Beale Streets today.

Oatman: As we have not heard from John Voynich in some time, we wish to tell him that his birds have increased in population and the one-legged sparrow is still on the job.

The Mohave County Chamber of Commerce this week sent a letter to the state director of highways, Justin Herman, endorsing the plan to continue Beale Street through to Highway 66 on the east.

The annual food and rummage sale of the Mohave County Cowbellees will be held this Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, at the old Safeway building, 308 Beale Street.

Barbara Hull and Ellen Fiscel, both of Kingman, have been selected as members of the 1964-1965 Arizona State College marching band.

A new business will open Saturday, October 24, in the Country Club Addition on Simon Street between Broadway and Center, called the Honk and Holler Drive In Grocery. Proprietors are Roy and Bonnie Jackson. The grocery will be open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, 12:30 to 6 p.m. on Sundays, and will feature staple grocery items. Customers may drive up to the window and order what they want.

Mrs. Mildred Manten, of 2022 Louise Ave., reported to Kingman police Sunday that she had been bitten by a dog. Officer Donald E. Parrish, acting dog catcher, was dispatched to round up the animal. He impounded the dog—his own.

Paul H. Morton of Kingman left last week to attend a reunion of the First Gas Regiment of World War I in Detroit. Mr. Morton said that about 100 members of the old regiment will attend the get-together. The regiment was in France for 17 months in World War I.



Paul Morton, on right, at Central Commercial in 1959
Photo # 14204

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

October 1934

Many Kingmanites were at the Santa Fe depot yesterday morning when the Burlington Zephyr rolled through town, slowing up to about thirty miles an hour as they passed the depot. The tracks were lined on both sides by several hundred who wanted to at least have a look at this wonder train. The children of Kingman especially seemed to enjoy the sight of this wonder train and both John Girdler, principal of the high school, and Duncan McRuer, principal of the grammar school, allowed the children time to see the new train.

The newly organized Kingman band made their first public appearance on the streets of Kingman last evening, and treated the people who happened to be down on Front Street to a couple of tunes, before marching down to the high school gym, where the students were putting on a basketball game and other sports.

E. B. Carpenter and Tom Graves spent last weekend fishing near Pierce Ferry. They claim they caught twenty-five fish but put them back.

The Jay M. Gates home has recently received a new coat of paint. The color is the new popular shade of green.

The burning of the Signal school house removes another of the few old-time Signal landmarks.

More than 700 persons gathered at the summit of the Wallapai mountains Sunday morning to witness the dedication of the Mohave County Community Center Park and buildings constructed this summer by the CCC camp boys.

Next Saturday evening the Pythian Sunshine Girls will be hosts at their first dance since the organization of the order. The dance will be in the nature of a "Balloon Dance," and the girls are making every arrangement to make their first dance a most successful one. Dancing will start at 9:30 and Grace Fauth's Merry-makers will furnish the music.



Photo # 4877 Truckload of Pythian Sunshine Girls

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

October 1914

THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER. A mining paper for the general public. Eight pages of newsy matter every week. Subscription Three Dollars per Year.

M. G. Wagner of the Old Trails Garage is fitting up his "Jack Rabbit" car for entry in the Los Angeles-to-Phoenix race. This is the car that won the first Santa Monica race in 1909 and in the same year won the Oakland-Portola race. It is said to have one of the highest powered motors in any car of that make, and is speedy and shift on its wheels.

County Engineer R. P. Wheelock has made a new survey of the Big Sandy road, the new road making a detour around west of the Windmill and entering the old road again near Moss Wash. The Board of Supervisors has put the work of grading this piece of road in charge of L. M. Harris and people living along the route will be employed in the work.

The Northern Arizona Fair was a great success according to Chas. W. Lynch, the commissioner from Mohave County. All the counties in Northern Arizona were represented, but only Yavapai and Mohave had a mineral exhibit.

Mrs. H. H. Watkins and her two handsome and accomplished daughters, the Misses Zoa and Verda, returned from a six-week visit in California last Sunday.

Out near the Grand Canyon, a little east of north and distant about 90 miles from the enterprising town of Hackberry, which is also the nearest railroad and outfitting point, there is the richest copper mine on the face of the earth. The property is owned by W. B. Ridenour, a man of sterling business and personal integrity and a citizen of Hackberry.

The Citizens Bank recently installed an adding-subtracting machine to be used for ledger posting. The machine was manufactured by the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. of Detroit.



Citizens bank building on left was known as the Powers Bldg., named after president of Citizens Bank. Photo #4462

Engine #3759

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway 3759 is a standard gauge 4-8-4 (four leading wheels, eight driving wheels, and four trailing wheels), Northern type, steam railway locomotive built by Baldwin in 1928. It is on display in Locomotive Park, located between Andy Devine Avenue and Beale Street in Kingman, Arizona. The park was established in August 1957 with AT&SF 3759 donated to the City of Kingman in recognition of Kingman's history with the railroad.



3759 was delivered in 1928 as a 3751 class 4-8-4 passenger locomotive. Originally a coal burning locomotive with 73-inch drivers, the fleet was converted to oil in 1936 and rebuilt between 1938 and 1941 with 80-inch drivers. Its regular passenger run was from Los Angeles to Kansas City, with Kingman as a water stop on the way back to Los Angeles. Retired in 1953, the engine had traveled over 2,585,000 miles.

In February 1955, 3759 was brought out of retirement at the request of the Railway Club of Southern California for a special excursion run, dubbed "Farewell to Steam." It ran on February 6, a round trip between Los Angeles Union Station and Barstow, California with stops in Pasadena and San Bernardino and was the last Santa Fe revenue steam train to leave Los Angeles and to traverse Cajon Pass. After this trip, 3759 went back into storage, until Santa Fe donated the locomotive to the city of Kingman in 1957.



The locomotive was added to the National Register of Historic Places as **AT&SF Locomotive** in 1986, reference number 86001113. In 1987 caboose 999520 was retired and donated to Kingman to be added behind 3759



Membership Renewal

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Memorials

If a Memorial donation is not designated for a specific purpose, it will be used at the Museum's discretion

In Memory Of

Michael Alan Shaner
Helen Reid (Carrara) Graves
Michael Alan Shaner
Helen Ruth Honsinger
Helen Marie (Delaney) Eaton
Janet Jens Conn
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Mohave Movers and Shakes

BURNELL ALVIN “BILL” FREIDAY was born in 1915 in Rochelle, Illinois. He was stationed at Kingman Army Airfield during World War II, and was NCO in charge at Site Six, the rest and recreation camp built by the army at Lake



Havasu on what is now The Island. The rescue boat they maintained once pulled a downed P40 pilot out of the lake. After separation from the army at Tucson in 1945 Freiday returned to Kingman where he worked for Owens at the Ford Garage and for Roy Dunton when the garage was sold to him.

Freiday then worked at the airfield disassembling planes and moving barracks buildings into Kingman, where homes were built from the lumber, including the Freiday home where Bill lives as of this writing. In 1947 Bill married Mildred Daniels Leichsenring. They had three children.

Freiday owned a motel, restaurant and service station in Yucca. In 1957 he went to work for New Pacific Coal and Oil at the bat cave discovered at Granite Gorge on the Colorado. To access the site in order to mine the guano, U. S. Steel built a tramway across the canyon. However, the operation shut down in 1961 when they realized there was not as much guano to be mined as had been thought.

In 1960 Freiday started a welding business that eventually grew into Freiday Construction, which he and Mildred ran over the years. The business has installed most of the water lines in Kingman and the Butler area. Freiday sons Bill and Donald now operate the business.

B. A. Freiday passed away on October 12, 2011

MILDRED DANIELS LEICHSENRING-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.

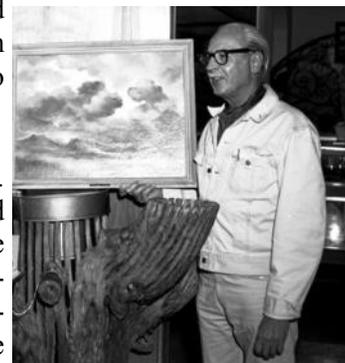
Prior to World War II Mildred was postmistress at Gol-

droad. 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.

WALLACE “Wally” STONE, Radio and Television Pioneer, was born in 1907 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Through the late 1920s and the 1930s he was involved in various aspects of the radio broadcasting field.



Wally served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. After the war he spent time in Florida working in the television industry. On a trip through the west he stopped overnight in Kingman and discovered a radio station for sale, KGAN.

In 1956 along with John Holbrook he formed Stonybrook Broadcasting Company and purchased station KGAN from J. J. Glancy. In 1958 Stone bought Holbrook’s share and owned the station until late 1971 when it was sold to Sun Mountain Broadcasting Corp. Throughout his ownership Stone was active in the station’s operations and was often seen in the station’s mobile unit following up on local news. After the sale in 1971 he continued to act as an advisor.

Wally Stone served as director of the Mohave County Red Cross, director of the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the Kingman Rotary Club and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mohave County Historical Society. He was proud to be listed in “America’s Radio Pioneers.”

Stone spent the last 30 years of his life in Kingman; he died on October 28, 1985.

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