

# MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ARTS

# MOHAVE MEMORIES

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**Sounds of Kingman** is partnering with the Mohave Museum of History & Arts and Arizona Humanities to present a series of programs exploring where we are today and how we got here. Topics will range from history to archeology, to cowboy music, to who knows what!. Please reserve the following dates and times for these programs. All the events will be held at the Mohave Museum and additional information will be sent prior to each event.

### November 15, 2014, 7:00 pm

"Dear Emma" with Todd Weber as John Wesley Powell. The evening before embarking on his 1869 exploration of the Colorado River, the "Great Unknown", he writes a letter to his wife anticipating and fearing what he is facing. A History Alive! program.



Presented in cooperation with  
Brock Chiropractic  
And Chicago Tittle

### January 24th at 1:00 pm

The Ballad of Arizona by Jay Cravath. An exploration of how cowboy music both informed and entertained as well as shared news and stories across the west and followed the great tradition of balladeers throughout history.

### March 21st at 1:00 pm

There's a New Sheriff in Town: Early Women in Arizona Law Enforcement by Heidi Ossalaer. Our contribution to Women's History Month.

For more information call 928-715-0288.



Sounds of Kingman

AZ Humanities Council



## Don't Forget - The Mohave Museum



12th Annual Wine & Cheese  
Saturday November 1st  
6:00 PM -- 8:30 PM



### Letter from the Director

November 2014, bears witness that the Museum has withstood the test of time. There is another criteria that most institutions ignore in their resumes and that is the "cloud of excellence". It is no longer enough to live on the laurels of longevity, we must now consider the quality of the journey. I have been director of the Museum for nearly thirteen years and in that tenure, I have, time and time again, witnessed the sacrifices made from everyone involved in the creative experiences required to keep this Museum not only pertinent, but also of the most impeccable quality.

With your help and support, the Museum has overcome all obstacles and embraced the future with certainty and all this made possible because of the hard work of so many of you. Thank you.

I read many different news letters from museums around the state of Arizona and they usually solicit help to fix some perceived dilemma; whereas, I find myself continually thanking everyone for taking the necessary steps to avoid such drama. What a great job I have, once again thank you all.

I would like to remind you that 2015 marks the hundredth birthday for the Bonelli House, and due to the generosity of Judy Bonelli and her family, this grand house will get a makeover to insure it enters the century mark with dignity.

There is a third facility embraced in our Museum Family: Route 66 Museum. By managing this facility along with the Mohave Museum, we have been able to open our doors to Tour Buses. So far to date we have been privileged hosts to 42 buses. The willingness to do business on Sundays has contributed to making Kingman a "destination" rather than a drive-by, and nearly 2,000 new visitors have stopped and enjoyed Kingman's hospitality.

The Mohave Museum, the Bonelli House and the Powerhouse are truly the foundation for Kingman's transition from a sleepy little Arizona town to a hub of bristling tourism.

*Shannon*

## It's a Small World



A recent bus tour group from Diamond Tours visiting our Museum had a guest by the name of Darlene Porter. When Darlene who is from Kansas visited our gift shop, she realized she was looking at the face of her ex-sister-in-law, Jessie Morrill, the Gift Shop Manager. The two had a nice short visit after almost 45 years since the last time they had talked or seen each other. The two were able to get caught up on all the news.



Judy Collins-Davis,  
Sept, 2014 in the  
Ranching Exhibit

The Mohave Museum in Kingman has a rifle on exhibit that a tree had grown around. It was found by my Dad on the right of way of the Santa Fe Railroad close to Hackberry, Ariz. He and his supervisor, Coy Delk, donated it to the museum many years ago

## Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Tour

October 6 – 9, 2015

Escorted Coach from Kingman, 3 Nights Hotel Accommodations, 3 Dinners, 3 Breakfasts, 2 Visits to the Balloon Festival, Santa Fe and Albuquerque sightseeing, Sandia Peak Tram Ride

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Limited space this sells out fast!

***The Sounds of Kingman  
is happy to partner with the Mohave Museum  
of History and Arts to bring a Christmas  
Concert to Kingman at 2:00 PM  
on Sunday, Dec. 7th***

***Kathy Zach will lead the Choirs of St. Mary  
in a selection of traditional Christmas songs  
in English and Spanish.***

***Sherri Cullison will bring her Christmas  
songs in "Sing-along with Sherri" where we  
can jingle our bells in a winter wonderland  
and let it snow, let it snow.***

***Sounds of Kingman would like to thank Lietz-  
Fraze Funeral Home and Crematory for their  
generous support.***

***We hope you will join us for the musical kick-  
off to the Christmas Season.***

## HERE COMES SANTA

Don't look now, but Jolly Ole Saint Nick is coming just around the corner!! It won't be long before he will be coming down that chimney to bring his Christmas Cheer. Don't let him be caught with an empty bag. COME TO THE MUSEUM TO SHOP FOR THOSE SPECIAL PEOPLE! You will be able to find unique and personal gifts for those on your list who are hard to buy for or who have everything.

**The Annual Christmas Sale in the Museum Gift Shop starts Monday, November 24, 2014, and continues through Wednesday, December 31, 2014.**

If you can't choose from among the many wonderful items, you can get a gift certificate for that special person or persons and let them choose their own gift! Remember--all items are discounted at 10% except for consignment items and members will also receive their 10% discount for a total of 20% for members. Come and bring your friends to the Museum Gift Shop for that special Christmas shopping spree!!!

## 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### November 1964

**Bullhead City:** Clyde Green reports catching a four-pound catfish out of the Colorado River while fishing for trout this week.

**The “Whys and Wherefores”** of all-number telephone dialing were explained to members of the Kingman Rotary Club last Wednesday by Al Luck, the telephone superintendent for Citizens Utilities Company, who presented a color film on digit dialing.

**A statement** of Kingman and Mohave County’s need for water from the Central Arizona Project was presented to a House of Representatives subcommittee Monday by H. Dene Pattillo.

**The Exits**, popular local rock and roll band, will appear at the Teen Center at the State Fair in Phoenix Saturday. Members of the band are Terry Mitchell, Charlie Waters, Robert Bell and Wayne Rutschman. They are all students at Mohave County Union High School.



**The Citizens Utility Company** is embarking on a \$200,000 program which will in the first part of 1965 offer one- or two-party telephone service to residents of Hilltop and the area east of Kingman, A. A. Luck, telephone superintendent said.

**Mrs. Donald George** attended the ASU homecoming over the weekend as her class of 1924 was honored.

**Nine persons were injured** in five accidents after a blizzard swept the Kingman area Sunday, the Arizona Highway Patrol reported. A van carrying the Fats Domino troop collided with a car Monday on Highway 66 about two miles east of Peach Springs, injuring eight persons. The band was enroute back to Las Vegas from an engagement at Window Rock.

The citizens — and tax payers — of Kingman are getting a new fire station on Hilltop and the cost is being held to a minimum by volunteer efforts of the members of the Kingman Fire Department.

More than 100 of the nation’s foremost outboard racing drivers will converge on Lake Havasu City over the coming weekend to compete in the \$10,000 Lake Havasu City Outboard World Championships Saturday and Sunday. Both races start at 10 a.m. and both will be over a special eight-mile course that starts in front of the Nautical Inn.

Plans are underway to include Highway 93 in the Alcan Highway system linking Mexico and Canada, State Senator Robert E. Morrow reported this week.

Quietly and without fanfare Mohave County reached a historic place in its economic development this morning. The Duval Corporation, operators of the huge new copper mine and mill at Mineral Park, delivered its first truckload of copper concentrates to its Santa Fe Railroad railhead in Kingman at 10 a.m. today.



Duval, 1964,  
looking North

A \$3500 burglary was discovered Monday when an employee of the Market Basket came to work and found the rear door of the grocery unlocked, Kingman police reported. Thieves entered the building by drilling a series of holes in a piece of plywood at the northeast corner of the building and removing a 12x18-inch section. They left by unbarring the rear door, officers said.

**The Mohave County Union High School Band** journeyed to Phoenix on November 10 to perform at the state fair. The band is under the direction of Stan Gould, who accompanied the students.

**The NRA** safety class sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and under the direction of Floyd Hastings turned out some pretty accurate hunters this year. Among those tagging their first deer were Bill Jordan, John Conneally, Mike Corbin, Steve Hoover, and Darrell Willis.

## 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### November, 1934

**Verne Wright**, a senior in the Mohave County Union High School has qualified for the Gregg 120-word award. In order to win this award she was required to take for five minutes material from the Congressional Record, dictated at 120 words a minute, and transcribe her notes with an accuracy of 95 percent. Verne's accuracy grade was 98 percent.

**Wednesday evening** the residents of Oatman royally welcomed members of the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce for the Mohave County Day in Oatman celebration. More than 130 Kingman and out of Oatman visitors were present for the festivities.



**The world-famous** Glen Rice and his Beverly Hill Billies will appear in person on the stage of Lang's Theater Wednesday, November 14.

**The addition** to the Van Marter Mortuary was completed this week with the building of an awning over the front door.

**Carpenters** have been busy this week tearing down partitions and moving the offices of the Kingman Meat Market. The offices are being moved toward the rear of the building, allowing a much larger space for the grocery store and market. This move has been accomplished according to Ira George, proprietor of the establishment, by a decided increase in business and by his sincere belief that Kingman's future holds most encouraging prospects. Mr. George is a pioneer of Mohave County, having come here in 1895. He established the Kingman Meat Market January 1, 1904.



*Photo 4126*

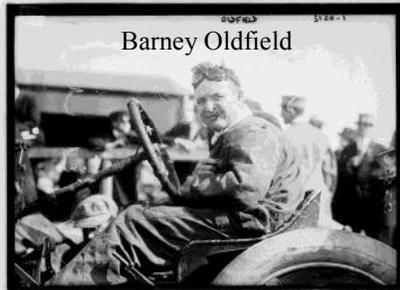
**Announcement** was made this week that Tarr, McComb and Ware Commercial Company has been appointed distributor for the Stromberg-Carlson radio.

**Clarence Allen** has reorganized his orchestra and will be known as Clarence Allen and the Aristocrats.

## 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### November 1914

**One of the greatest** automobile races in years will be run from Los Angeles to Phoenix by way of Needles and Kingman on the 10th of this month. The racers will leave Los Angeles on the morning of the 9th, arriving in Needles in the evening where they will remain all night. Leaving Needles early in the morning they will drive across the Santa Fe bridge at Topock and over the Tom Reed Road to Oatman, thence through Kingman to Prescott. Notable drivers include Barney Oldfield and Louis Chevrolet. This race will give the Old Trails Road a good tryout and will do much to advertise it through motorland.



**The Santa Fe** "Howdy Train" that came in while the racers were in Kingman made quite a hit along the road. This is the first time in the history of racing across the country that a railroad train was able to keep the racers in sight the greater part of the way. East of town for miles the racers were kept in sight by the train and in many places the train cars raced along side by side.

Especially this is true of the Wallapai Valley, where for about twenty miles the roads are parallel and only about 200 feet apart

**The Golconda**, of which company John Boyle is principal stockholder and manager, continues its regular daily shipment of 40 tons of concentrates. The Golconda has produced nearly \$800,000 and has paid the expense of development from the grass roots besides furnishing the money necessary to buy rich adjoining property. The ore carries the best grade of zinc of any mine in the world.

**The masons** at the new courthouse building are getting ready to lay the first course of stone. Several thousand feet of fine grey lava rock have been cut and when put in place will make the building one of the handsomest structures in the state. It is understood that a public function will be held at the laying of the corner stone of the edifice, a handsome stone for that purpose having been secured.

**Harry K. Knight**, the genial and popular president of the Arizona Stores Company, was over at Oatman this week, looking after affairs of their branch store.



*Photo 7762*

# Memories Thru Photo's



Photo # 14979, Max Anderson, at left, chairman of Kingman Armistice Day parade in November, 1928

Photo #13132 taken on 5th street from the south. November 1941, just a month before Pearl Harbor Attack.



Photo # 15006, Kingman, November 11, 1934, Armistice Day parade on Front Street. Lovin Building is at center left and Luthy Block is at right.



Photo #14078, This image is from a glass plate in the Museum Collection, believed to be a Tarr Studios Photo. It was printed in the November 1932 Mohave Miner, Golden Anniversary Edition.

Caption read: *Six of the eight automobiles in Mohave County in 1909 lined up on 4th Street in front of where now stands the Post Office and Pete Campbell's store."*

## Membership Renewal

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Butler  
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Bob and Sue Jausaud, Mohave Valley, AZ  
Gary and Mickey Chace  
Jim and Mary Federico, Yucca, AZ  
Mai (Mabel) Gray, Tucson, AZ

## New Memberships

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Carpenter, Flagstaff, AZ  
Patricia Chambers  
David Stapleton  
Christy Hafley Otto  
Tom Clinkenbeard, Glendale, AZ  
William R. and Pamela J. Walker, Golden Valley, AZ

## Memorials

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

### In Memory Of

Lois Hanna  
Sylvester H. Attebery  
Edythe Virginia Attebery-Estep

### Donor

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## Mohave Movers and Shakers

**HADJI ALI (HI-JOLLY)**, Camel Driver, Many stories are told about Hadji Ali, who became known as Hi Jolly and who was also known as Philip Tedro. It is thought he was born in Smyrna about 1828. He came to the U.S. in 1856 to accompany a drove of camels brought to this country at the direction of Secretary of War Jefferson Davis, who hoped to use the camels as beasts of burden in the American Southwest.

In 1857 Lt. Edward F. Beale took 28 of the animals, along with Hi Jolly, on an assignment to open a wagon road from New Mexico to California. Hi Jolly stayed with his camels through many unsatisfactory attempts by the government to use them. Finally the camels were sold in 1864 and scattered through the Southwest. There are many reports of the camels being seen throughout Arizona.



*Hadji Ali, AKA Phillip Tedro, with wife Gertrudes Serna.*

Hi Jolly stayed with the Army until 1866. After leaving the army he became a mule packer, and then prospected for gold. In 1880 Hi Jolly married Gertrude Serna.

Hi Jolly died in 1902 at Quartzite, Arizona. In 1934 his burial site was marked with a rock pyramid topped with a metal silhouette of one of his beloved camels.

**J. E. PERRY**, Merchant, Lawmaker, was born in San Francisco in 1867. He came to Kingman in 1886, where he was employed by the Taggart Mercantile Co.

In 1893 he joined O.D.M. Gaddis to form the mercantile business of Gaddis and Perry. The firm had a store in Kingman and branches in other Mohave County communities.

Perry was elected probate judge and school superintendent in 1897. He was opposed to joint statehood with New Mexico, and was chosen Mohave County's representative to the council in 1905.



**WILLIAM J. "Bill" ROPER**, Mining Engineer, was born in 1924 in Richmond, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was wounded in the Rhine River Battle. In 1948 he graduated from the University of Texas, and in 1952 joined the Duval Corporation.



He came to Kingman in 1959 and worked for Duval at Mineral Park as ore control engineer. He was named manager in 1965.

After retirement in 1980 Roper ran for and was elected county supervisor for Kingman Area District I in November of that year. He served as county supervisor from 1981 to 1992 and was chairman of the board in 1983.

From October 1982 to October 1983 Bill Roper was chairman of the Kingman Centennial Commission and was awarded a plaque from the City of Kingman honoring him for his service.

**ERNEST GRAHAM**, Mohave County, was born on December 5, 1882 in Silver Reef, Utah and came with his family to Arizona in 1888.

He was elected Sheriff of Mohave County in 1928 and served until his retirement in January 1945. During his years as sheriff the department was expanded and maintained cooperation with Federal law enforcement. The department was known to have among the most complete records in the state.



Over the years Graham owned a ranch in the Hualapai foothills. He was a member of the Kingman Elks and the Small Mine Owners Association.

Ernest Graham died in June 1948.

**JOSEPH P. GIDEON**, Mohave County Sheriff, 1913-1914, was born in Mississippi in 1852. He came to Arizona in about 1883 and served as sheriff in several locations throughout the state. Gideon was married to Jennie Fisher.

After coming to Arizona Gideon lived primarily in Mohave County, and served as sheriff of Mohave County in 1913 and 1914. In Kingman he was a member of the Elks Lodge. Joseph Gideon died in 1925 and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery

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