



MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ARTS

# MOHAVE MEMORIES

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## JOURNEY Stories

Exhibiting at the  
**Mohave Museum  
of History & Arts**  
400 w. Beale Street  
Kingman, AZ



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**Opening September 28**  
Pioneer Days - Ranching & Mining  
(September 28 to Oct 11)  
Includes co-display of Journey Quilts

Railroad Oct 12 to Oct 19

Route 66 Oct 20 to Nov 2

Taking Flight Nov 3 to Nov 9

**Closing November 9**

  
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hungered to move.”**

— JOHN STEINBECK, American novelist

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**Americans are all about going places.**

We savor our freedom to travel, and we have always been an intensely mobile society. That mobility spurred the development of transportation modes and systems: trains, cars, boats, and airplanes; trails, roads, and massive highways—all to make “getting there” as easy as possible.

**Where have YOU gone? How did YOU get there?**

We all look back on our travels and recall our own journey stories. Whether we remember moving from one city to another, driving across the country in the family station wagon, traveling from Chicago to Los Angeles on a train, or taking our first trip on an airplane, everyone has a tale to tell.

Or perhaps there are stories in your family of how your ancestors came to America, how they made the arduous journey, where they settled once they arrived. From Native Americans to recent immigrants, and regardless of our ethnic and racial backgrounds, we all bring something to a complex history of travel, immigration, and transportation in America.

[www.museumonmainstreet.org/journeystories](http://www.museumonmainstreet.org/journeystories)

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**Mohave Museum of History and Arts Companion Exhibit**

As a companion exhibit to the Smithsonian Journey Stories exhibition the Kingman Quilters Guild is presenting a quilt exhibit from September 28th through October 10th. The first theme will tell the history of American quilting with examples of popular quilts from seven different eras: Pioneer quilts, Album quilts, Decorative Art quilts, War quilts, Depression era quilts, Folk Art quilts and Contemporary quilts. The second theme of the exhibit will be 25-30 small Journey quilts made by members of the Kingman Quilters Guild to depict their individual journeys through life. The third theme will be a History of Transportation in Mohave county told through quilts.

*Kingman, by Joan Burtrum*



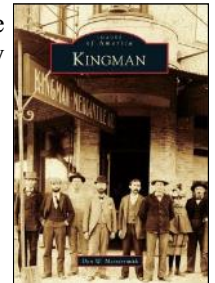


**Kingman Journey Stories Exhibit**  
**A Smithsonian Museum on Mainstreet project**  
**At**  
**Mohave Museum of History & Arts**



The Journey Stories Exhibit has traveled throughout America from 2009 to 2012, visiting 100 communities in 18 states. This is the first opportunity for Arizona to host the Exhibition. Coordinated by the Arizona Humanities Council, Journey Stories began in Winslow in June of 2013 and will finish the tour in Sierra Vista in April of 2014. Kingman is the third stop, running from September 28 to November 10, 2013 at the Mohave Museum of History & Arts.

**Dan Messersmith**, Mohave County Historian and author of several publications including *Kingman* (from the *Images of America* series): Dan will be on site to introduce visitors to the exhibit with a presentation on the history of Kingman.



**Date:** September 28, 2013 (Saturday)

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Where:** Mohave Museum of History & Arts (400 W. Beale Street) in the Museum Library

**Jay Cravath, Ph. D.:** Dr. Cravath's "Along the California Trail" covers an ancient set of Indian paths and the natural flow of the Gila River created a major artery for travel through Arizona. The Gila provided a ready route for the earliest traders, including Toltecs of Mexico, who traded with the Mogollon, Anasazi and Hohokam. This program focuses on the varied travelers along this route—their struggles, stories and fates. It also explores the legacies these explorers left. The journals, stories, songs and art that came from these travels are rich and revealing of our state's explorers and citizens.

**Date:** October 11, 2013 (Friday)

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Where:** Mohave Community College - Neale Campus Kingman (1971 Jagerson Ave)

**Roy Purcell**, famed Southwestern artist and former director of the Mohave Museum of History and Arts and the Southern Nevada Museum in Henderson: Roy will give a guided tour of the 'Mohave Epic' Exhibit he created at the Museum nearly 50 years ago.



**Date:** October 12, 2013 (Saturday)

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Where:** Mohave Museum of History & Arts (400 W. Beale St.) in the Mohave Epic room

**David Bacon**, Curator of the Kingman Railroad Museum: David will cover the history of the Santa Fe Rail Road and how it has impacted Kingman.

**Date:** October 13, 2013 (Sunday)

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Where:** Kingman Rail Road Museum, (402 E. Andy Devine Ave)



**Ann-Mary Lutzick**, Director of the Old Trails Museum in Winslow, Board Member of the Museum Association of Arizona and author of Winslow (from the Images of America series): Ann-Mary's "Harvey Girls of the Southwest" covers the Fred Harvey Company which operated its exceptional chain of restaurants and hotels along the Santa Fe Railway from 1876 through the 1950's. This presentation explores the creation of the Harvey Girls, their life and work at the Harvey Houses and grand hotels in the Southwest, and their influence on the changing roles of women in the national workforce, as well as on society and popular culture in the American West.

Kingman's Harvey House was located across 4th Street from the Railroad depot until the mid-1950's when it caught fire and was torn down.

**Date:** October 19, 2013 (Saturday)

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Where:** Mohave Museum of History & Arts (400 W. Beale St.) in the auditorium.

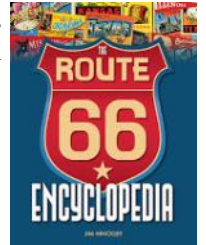


**Jim Hinckley**, Route 66 Historian and Author of several books including the Route 66 Encyclopedia: Jim's talk is about the passion for the road less traveled, the history of the people who followed those roads, and the vehicles in which they made those travels.

**Date:** October 19, 2013 (Saturday)

**Time:** 5:30 - 8:00 pm (In conjunction with October's Chillin' on Beale Street)

**Where:** Redneck's Southern Pit BBQ



**Dr. John Craft**, Professor at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication: Dr. Craft's "Along Old Route 66" presentation includes tales of the Mother Road's impact as told by longtime Arizona residents. His talk includes fascinating footage from two television documentaries that were produced in Arizona and broadcast across the U.S.

**Date:** October 24, 2013 (Thursday)

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Where:** Mohave Museum of History & Arts (400 W. Beale Street) in the auditorium.



**Dan Messersmith**, Mohave County Historian and author of several publications including Kingman (from the Images of America series): Dan will be at the Powerhouse Route 66 Museum to give a guided tour of the exhibit.

**Date:** October 26, 2013 (Saturday)

**Time:** Two tours - 10:00 & 11:30 am

**Where:** Powerhouse Route 66 Museum (120 W. Andy Devine Ave).

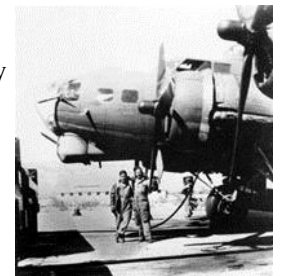


**Rob Chilcoat**, Historian and Curator of the Kingman Army Airfield Museum: Rob's talk will cover the history of the TAT Port Kingman and the Kingman Army Airfield.

**Date:** November 5 (Tuesday)

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Where:** Mohave Museum of History & Arts (400 W. Beale Street) in the auditorium.



**Elizabeth Larson**, Ph.D., lecturer at the School of Geographical Sciences at Arizona State University: "Who Lives in Arizona? Arizona's Changing Demography" uses national census data, media coverage, and other graphics to explore how Arizona's population has changed over the decades and how trends indicate it will grow in the future.

**Date:** November 7 (Thursday)

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Where:** Mohave Museum of History & Arts (400 W. Beale Street) in the auditorium.

## 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### September 1963

Bill Porter returned to Tucson last Friday, where he is a student at the university, after spending the summer with his mother Mrs. Winelle Porter.

The Kingman Garden Club's "Ladybugs" met Wednesday evening to complete plans for their booth at the fair.

Chief of Police Harold Hanna announced this week that the two-hour parking regulation in the business section of Kingman will be strictly enforced. He also stated that a three-wheel motorcycle is being added to the police department fleet. This will be used primarily for enforcing the parking regulations and for escort service.

The staff of the El Trovatore Chevron Service Station in Kingman will fly to Catalina Island on Saturday for a weekend of fun. The trip was brought about as a result of a sales contest held at the station recently, owner Moe Cobb says.

Kingman's Jalisco Club will commemorate Mexican independence days with a big dance at the fairgrounds building here Saturday night starting at 9 p.m. The Delgadillos of Seligman will play and the public is invited to the dance.

The Mohave County Sheriff's jeep posse is sponsoring a four-wheel-drive rally in the Hualapai mountains on Sunday, September 15, with posses from Phoenix, Prescott, Flagstaff, Las Vegas and Provo, Utah invited to participate.

Chloride: Welcome to Mrs. Gordon, our new teacher, presently of Lake Mohave Ranchos. The Gordons will soon be moving to Chloride. Most of the children and all of the mothers welcomed the opening of school on September 3. We now have four teachers and about 55 children.

Open house and brief dedication ceremonies will take place at the new Hilltop Elementary School Monday, September 23. The public is cordially invited to attend. Principal Les Byram said he and the school personnel hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to see the new building and meet the teachers.

A group of young people of the Cactus Wrens 4-H Club and the Forceful Feeders club journeyed to Phoenix Saturday and toured part of the Cudahy meat packing plant. These young people were especially interested, since they raise their own cattle in their club work.

Movie of the week at the Davis Dam Recreation Hall will be "The Geisha Boy" starring Jerry Lewis. Parents and youths alike will enjoy this one.

The Mohave County Sheriff's office department is investigating a burglary at Stuckey's on East Highway 66, which apparently took place between 3:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. More than \$300 was stolen from two cash registers and in change under the counter.

Safeway opened its new supermarket at Beale and Sixth Streets here yesterday. Big crowds were at the store at a special invitational preview Tuesday evening and were on hand for the opening yesterday morning.

If you didn't get your fill of scattergun shooting during the first dove and whitewing season, September 1 through September 25, keep your fowling piece handy for the quail season that starts September 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Mecham and Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Hobbs of Kingman recently visited the scenic wonders of Dinosaur Caverns, one of Arizona's finest cultural tourist attractions, located 25 miles west of Seligman on U. S. Highway 66.

Chloride: It seems some people can't enjoy things without destroying them. Someone has been tearing the pickets off the park fence again. A park is to be used and enjoyed but there can never be beauty in a thing defaced.

Chloride is no longer a one-horse town. Pete Campbell bought a roping horse last week and Alex Schultz bought a mare.

Mrs. Denise Harshburger is a new employee in the ladies' ready-to-wear department at Penney's.

Tentative plans for a building program which would add much-needed classroom space to Mohave County Union High School was the chief topic of discussion at the Tuesday night meeting of the Board of Education.

A new church spire with a church bell for the Bullhead City Baptist Church is being finished. The bell will ring before Sunday worship each Sunday morning.

## 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### September 1933

The Clyde Cofer home at Hot Springs burned completely to the ground last Thursday afternoon while the family was away in the Hualapai mountains vacationing.

Miss Selma Braem and Miss Vivian Anderson, teachers in the local schools, will move into the Horner home on Beale Street for this year. The Horners will leave for the coast soon to be close to their children.

Mohave County will have the pleasure of hearing a local musician's first attempt at song writing over radio station KNX, Hollywood, on the evening of September 20. The title of the song is "Lay Your Head Upon My Shoulder." The composer is Tom Waller of the Big Sandy.

The fire truck was called out Monday morning when the oil stove in the Club Café blew back. The department soon had the fire out and reported no damage done.

E. E. Wishon, justice of the peace in Kingman, left today for the American Legion convention as a representative from the department of Arizona. The convention will be

held in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry LeClair were up from their Colorado River ranch on Thursday of this week attending to business matters. They paid a visit to the Miner office and showed us pictures of their new date palm orchard which was recently moved from the government experimental station at Fort Mohave.

The lobby of Lang's Theater was newly decorated last week, the work being finished in time for the opening last Friday evening. Len Rader was the decorator, and his work was well done.

Mrs. Frank R. Brown returned from the first week of the Los Angeles City Fair at Pomona where she had entered her prize-winning Pekin ducks and Bronze turkeys, and as usual taking her share of the ribbons.

H. J. Hand had the misfortune to have his car turn over last Monday night while on his way down from his Wallapai Mountain home. Very little damage was done to the car, and "Heinie" escaped uninjured.

## 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### September 1913

W. A. Neal came up from the Big Sandy a few days ago and took a look over the growing town. This is his first visit in several years.

G. S. Haskins and a number of Needles gentlemen passed through here the first of the week on their way to the Santa Maria grant, where they expect to hunt wild boar and grizzly bears. Just what they will get is another thing.

A. B. Fancher has removed his family from Kingman to the Windmill ranch where they will remain for a year or more. The Fanchers have built up a big cattle interest at the head of the Sandy and are to make many important improvements in and around the range this fall.

The board of supervisors have been quite busy this past week getting things in shape for the handling of the road bond issue. Should the bonds be sold within the next few months, road builders will have an excellent condition under which to begin the work of the national highway.

The board of supervisors was in session yesterday examining the new plans for the courthouse. It is expected that a few corrections will be made in the plans and that within the next ten days proposals will be asked for the erection of the building. It is to be hoped that work on this structure will be commenced within the next 60 days. Mohave County needs this building badly. The present building is one of great danger to the public records of the county, entirely unfit for the uses of the officers and an eyesore to the people.

Kingman public school opened last Monday with a rather large enrollment of pupils, there being 131 entered for the term.

The old Distaff mine at Chloride is producing splendid silver-lead ore from the 100 level below the adit drift.

W. R. Ruggles is hard at work arousing sentiment in favor of a great mineral exhibit at the Yavapai county fair. It is expected to not only make this exhibit at Prescott but also to Phoenix for the state fair.

## Membership Renewal

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Paul & Linda Bennett	F Marilyn Stover
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Jane Coleman	Mohave State Bank
Krystal Burge Desert De Oro Foods Inc	Patricia Green
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Gene R Jerabek	Michael R and Rebecca D Gross, Golden Valley, AZ
Paul Shuffler Kingman True Value	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel D Gaddis II, Woodland, CA
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Robert L Odle, Golden Valley, AZ	Susie Patch, Golden Valley, AZ
	KC and Kathy DenDooven, Wickenburg, AZ

## New Memberships

Richard & Rita Basinger  
Dolores Robb, Meadview, AZ  
S. Slahor, Palm Springs, CA

## Memorials

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