

The Mohave Museum of History and Arts

Mohave Memories

September-October 2018

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

That which is found in nature is often described as simple, whereas anything associated with humans is penned as complicated. I have thought that nature's simplicity was good and the complexity of man as having a negative implication. This distinction has plagued me throughout the years; however, recently my eyes have been opened to the basic side of our civilization. Please bear with me, even though the message might seem convoluted. This Museum has taught me to take a careful look at what it represents, which is a segment of man's relationship with what appears to be a harsh landscape.

As I walk through our Native American displays I realize how these indigenous people developed a civilization in harmony with the desert. The Museum houses one of the great collections of Hualapai baskets, pottery, and photographs in Arizona. I have the privilege to see this collection daily, and now we have added a new case displaying jewelry and artifacts from other Native American Tribes. The newest artifact to be exhibited is a pair of spurs made by an unnamed Hualapai artist out of silver dollars, for Richard Eugene Hatfield in the 1960's. If you can, please come down and see our latest acquisition.



In other news, the Brunswick Hotel has a new display in the window: A telephone switchboard from the airport accompanied by an operator from the Museum. The nameless mannequin was originally on display circa 1960 at the old Penny's building on Fourth Street. It does not seem proper for an employee sitting at a phone system be without a name. My challenge to you is to please come up with a name befitting this tireless worker who does her work 24/7 without a break or complaint.

Please e-mail any suggestions to: museum@mohavemuseum.org. When I presented a few names to any that would listen, the consensus was that the nouns lacked imagination. So, instead, I gave myself a new handle "Museum Gatekeeper." That too was met with resistance, nobody knew what I was talking about, so "Director of a Great Museum" will have to suffice.

NAME THE TELEPHONE OPERATOR?

Once again thank you for the support you so graciously give to the Mohave Museum!

Shannon

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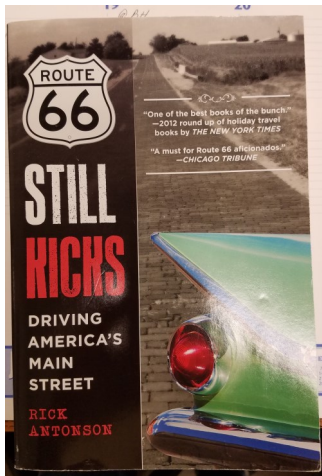
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Includes member and immediate family Free admission to Mohave Museum, Route 66 Museum & Bonelli House	
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Director's Circle	\$500.00



FROM THE LIBRARY

Never at a loss for words, it occurred to me that **Mohave Memories** readers may like to know about some of our books. **BUT FIRST**, the great news is we have been awarded a second AHRAB grant to help us complete our map encapsulation project! Thanks to the Arizona Historical Records Advisory Board!! AND, we submitted another grant application to AHS which, if awarded, would put us over the top for all necessary materials and supplies. We'll let you know in the next newsletter if the grant was awarded and how we're doing on the project. (Or you could drop in on Wednesday or Thursday sometime...)



ROUTE 66 STILL KICKS: Driving America's Main Street.

Author: Rick Antonson, 2012

While future "book reports" will focus on what we have in the research facility, I so enjoyed this book one day while volunteering at the Gift Shop that it seemed a perfect opportunity to tell you about it.

It's a recap of an adventure launched by two "old buddies" who wanted to drive a car on every remaining section of the Mother Road, from one end to the other. Written in casual style and good humor, the book is a fast read, an easy-to-read font size, and has plenty of photos (one, showing them broken down, in the mud!). It is historic, in that their great research allows the reader to join them in discovery of tiny off-road bits and pieces of the "Mother Road" through multiple states and various weather and road conditions as they crossed the nation. The author interjects historic stories of the areas, such as the Olive Oatman event in Arizona, and openly express the struggles of two mature adult men sharing tight quarters throughout the journey together. Personalities differed, as did opinions. Well-written, a little "edgy" on the language (my opinion) but a great Fall season read. You can purchase it in our Museum Gift Shop for \$16.95, and don't forget...if you're a Member of the Museum you get a ten percent discount.

ONE HUNDRED MILES OF SILENCE

CONTRIBUTED BY CHARLES COOK

Always enamored with the written word, in my spare time I read books, magazines, newspapers and any other printed matter of interest. I take to heart a saying I recently saw on a young person's t-shirt, "Dinosaurs didn't read, now they're extinct." The cell phone and computer are after-thoughts in my daily need for enlightenment. I'm old school.

One of my favorite pastimes is reading old issues of the Mohave County Miner, here at the Museum. There is a story I discovered in the November 1, 1949 issue which I had to read more than once to make me believe the article. I don't know the reporter of this news but the story left me puzzled and I'd like to share it with you:

MEN DRIVE TO WILLIAMS—THEN NOTICE GIRLS' ABSENCE

(MCM:11/01/1949)

"We're not going on any more trips with our husbands if they are going to act like that—if they don't have any more interest in us than not to check and see if we are in the car, or even try to talk to us for 140 miles." These were the sentiments of two Illinois men's wives as they waited in the Seligman sheriff's office until 3:20 a.m. last Tuesday morning while their husbands traveled from Kingman to Williams before they realized that their wives were no longer with them.

"It all started late last Monday night. The two wives were in the rear seat of a green 1949 Mercury, apparently asleep. The two husbands were spelling each other at the wheel. Arriving in Kingman, they stopped at the KIMO CAFÉ for a cup of java. Finishing their coffee,



the men climbed back into the automobile and drove off. It never occurred to either of them to glance in the rear seat and see if their wives were there.



"While the men were having coffee, the women had awakened and gone into the restroom. When they came out they were minus their car—and their husbands. Feeling sure that their loss would soon be discovered they waited. Finally they informed the Mohave County sheriff's office of their predicament. Deputy Sheriff Les Fuller of Seligman was informed to be on the lookout for the Mercury going east.

"Fuller set up a roadblock—but too late! The car had already passed through Seligman while the women were still waiting to have their disappearance discovered by their ever-loving husbands.

"When the men arrived in Williams, 140 miles to the east, they noticed for the first time their wives were not in the car and turned around to retrace their route to Kingman. Deputy Fuller stopped them near Seligman and informed them of their wives' whereabouts. The wives had already boarded the eastbound bus from Kingman to Seligman so the husbands waited in Seligman. No reports as to what was said then the women arrived in Seligman were available, however."

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I sure wouldn't have wanted to be in the shoes of those men from Illinois when their wives reached Seligman! What about you?



**DAUGHTERS OF MOHAVE COUNTY PIONEERS
60TH ANNIVERSARY ROUND UP**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15, 2018: 10:30 A.M. AT PALO CHRISTI SCHOOL

Cost: \$15 per person including lunch.

We will be remembering Daughters who have passed on, enjoying speakers about our pioneer history in ranching, mining, railroad, and education; viewing historical displays and photos, enjoying a western ranch lunch, a Hualapai tribal presentation, and ending with time for taking individual photos and reminiscing with each other.

All women whose family was in Mohave County before 1955 are eligible to join our group.

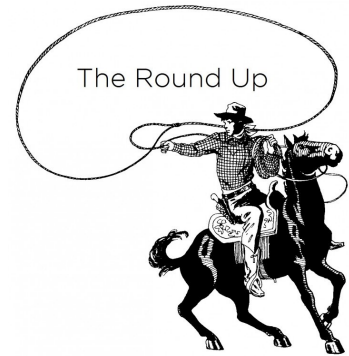
Dues are \$10 a year with a \$5 application fee

RSVP by 8/15/2018 to our FACEBOOK Page

Or RSVP to Phyllis at 928-753-2415

**Reminder!! We're selling Pioneer Bricks
for \$50 each**

You'll find applications available at Mohave Museum or call Phyllis...and check **our BRICK display** in the Museum auditorium. These bricks will be installed on an outside wall of the Museum by Evan Esplin, as his Eagle Scout project.



50 Years Ago from the Mohave County Miner

SEP—OCT 1968

Eight bids were opened for the new Mohave County General Hospital project on August 29, but the Board of Supervisors did not award the bids.

Two participants on television program "Dating Game" won a trip to Kingman and a flight over Grand Canyon.

The Kingman Jaycees have announced the trophy winners in the Los Campaneros Parade held in Kingman. The best all-around entry award went to the Kingman Rebecca Lodge for their marching unit.

A grassroots meeting was held August 26 at Yucca School with 32 people in attendance. Important issues for the betterment of Yucca were brought up and acted upon.

Sir Gilbert Inglefeld, Lord Mayor of London, will be present along with a host of other British officials at the dedication of the foundation stone of London Bridge Monday in Lake Havasu City.



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80 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

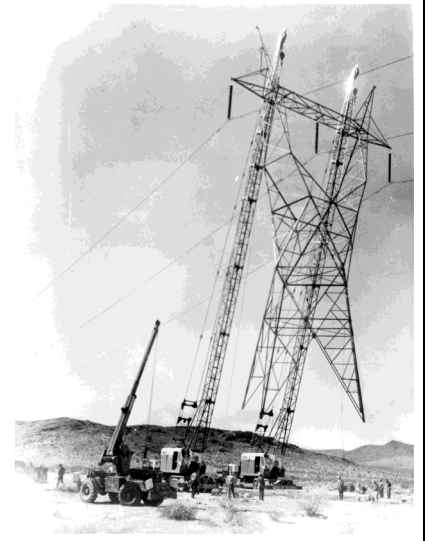
SEP—OCT 1938

Drawing the largest crowd ever to assemble in Kingman for a celebration, the town of Kingman was packed to capacity on all three days of the Dig-N-Dogie celebration.

4088 are registered to vote on Tuesday. The polls will be open in Mohave County from 6 am to 6 pm to allow every voter in the county to use his suffrage rights in selecting state and county officers.



Boulder Dam power was turned on in Kingman today to furnish a portion of the energy for local users.



Bert Jagerson has accepted a position at the Old Trails Garage.

Deposits of prehistoric quick sands in the Big Sandy region are adding today valuable information to science in its study of the animal life that inhabited this region one, two, three, possibly eight million years ago.

100 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

SEP—OCT 1918

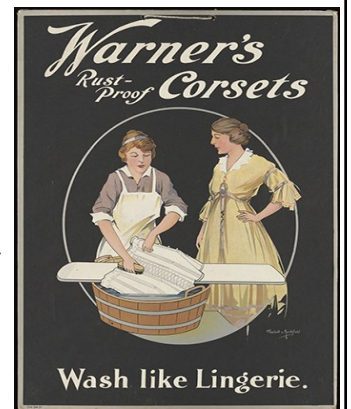
A large **black eagle** measuring about seven feet from tip to tip flew into the high line of the Desert Power and Water Company a few days ago and found to his sorrow that there are still live wires around Chloride.



Chief Leve-Leve, the old time peace chief of the Wallapai tribe, is lying at the point of death at his camp in the southern part of town where his passing is momentarily expected.

This week what was estimated to be over a ton of old clothing was collected in Kingman to be shipped to the destitute Belgians. This work was carried on by the Red Cross and was nation-wide.

Central Commercial is the exclusive agency in Kingman for the celebrated Warner guaranteed rustproof corsets and have a long line of popular styles in both front and back lace for mi-lady's selection.



Membership Renewal

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 Carlos Noli, Phoenix, AZ
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 City of Kingman Visitors Center
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 Larry and Mary Habil, Surprise, AZ
 Barbara Polumbo, Scottsdale, AZ
 Russ and Debbie Luke, Tucson, AZ
 Douglas Bonelli, Grass Valley, CA

NOTICE A NEW "PERK" FOR OUR MEMBERS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT,
 MEMBERS OF MOHAVE MUSEUM ARE WELCOME TO USE THEIR VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD TO
 OBTAIN ENTRANCE TO THE FOLLOWING REGIONAL HISTORICAL MUSEUMS

(We highly recommend you check online, or by telephone, for the museum's current open hours)

- * **Bullhead City (Colorado River Historical Mus.)** www.coloradoriverhistoricalsociety.org, 928-754-3399
- * **Chloride (Cyanide Springs Museum)** www.facebook.com/chloridehistoricalsociety, 928-565-9727
- * **Lake Havasu City (Lake Havasu Museum of History)** www.havasumuseum.com, 928-854-4938
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 - * **Searchlight Historic Museum**, www.searchlighthistoricmuseum.org, 702-297-1642

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

In Memory Of

Corliss Ann "Markee" Foley
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 Albert B. Noli, Jr

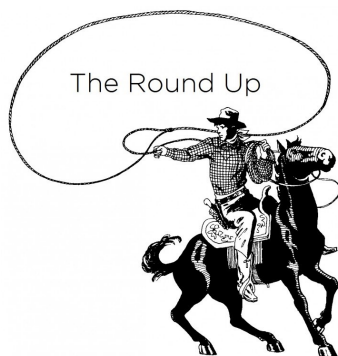
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DAUGHTERS OF MOHAVE COUNTY PIONEERS



***SATURDAY, SEP. 16—10:30 A.M.
 PALO CHRISTI SCHOOL
 (SEE PG. 4)***

SOUNDS OF KINGMAN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13: 2:00 PM
 MOHAVE MUSEUM
 OUR TIME, OUR HISTORY

"Armed With Our Language, We Went To War"
 THE NAVAJO CODE-TALKERS
 Laura Tohe, presenter

WWW.SOUNDSOFKINGMAN.COM

QUILT EXHIBIT

Presented by Kingman Quilters Guild

**OCTOBER 20-25—MOHAVE MUSEUM
 HOURS**

- Saturday afternoon, 1:00-4:30 PM
- Monday—Thursday, 9:00 AM-4:30PM

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