

ASH FORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DIRECTORS CORNER



Fayrene Hume

It's hard to believe we are approaching ten years since forming Ash Fork Historical Society. We may be small in number but mighty in work accomplished. It is a known fact we will never run out of work.

Things slow down in the cooler months so we'll pick up a work schedule to work on life size figures, such as a "cowgirl", "switchboard operator" and others, unless someone knows where we can pick up some at a reasonable price. Then we will have to sew the clothing.

You will see several of our members, Wil, Carole, Nancy and myself volunteering four to five days a week at the Tourist Center & Museum. It's great! We must look to the future, so this summer I had the opportunity to initiate my 13 year old granddaughter Kayla into volunteer work. Never pass up an opportunity. We have space for more volunteers. We have one in our sights now and hope that number grows.

Joseph Meehan, Curator from the Northern Arizona Pioneer

Museum in Flagstaff was a guest speaker at our September meeting. He provided much information to our group on preserving artifacts, etc. Kay and Harvey Jones and Bobbie Wicks from the Chino Valley Historical Society were also in attendance. Their organization is three years young. Marion Schiffgen, Librarian, Ash Fork Public Library shared books of Ash Fork History put together by Library Historian Elizabeth Campbell.

The Society members voted to put together a Museum brochure and Rosemary Hume volunteered for the project. Also voted on was to have a sign at the entrance of the Visitor Center/Museum announcing the Museum and information on Route 66. The plan is to attract those interested in history and possibly schedule mini-tours.

The local Classic Car/Pickup owners have shown an interest in putting together a Car Show. Great idea! We need things to bring people in and they will see our Museum too and tell others.

Our Annual Pioneer Day event, celebrated on the first Saturday in May (next one is May 5, 2007), requires much time and effort. We'd like young people to decorate their bikes and wagons and take part in the Parade (repeat of the Centennial Parade). Also mothers with baby strollers as well as the water haulers. How about it? Our schools plan to be more involved

too. This past year there were 20 entries for the Parade so we'll shoot for 25.

Our first open house last December was so great we are doing it again this year. Make a point to join us on Friday, December 15, 2006 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Carole, our editor, has given me the word our file on Pioneer families (long time residents) is growing thin, as one is featured in each Newsletter. Collecting history of what life in Ash Fork was like in days past is special. If your family has moved and you care to share your Ash Fork roots we would like to get that history and story about your family too. I hope to get an appointment from some of you still here real soon. You know our population, so everyone counts. Soon we'll be interviewing those in residence of fifteen or so years and see how things have changed.



Joe Meehan, Curator Northern Arizona Pioneer Museum

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Beginning with this issue is Directors Corner by Fayrene Hume. See what she has to say.*
- *Nancy Ulrich will be doing a column on the Ash Fork Museum beginning with this issue. We welcome her aboard.*

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SIMS ENDS 11-YEAR CAREER AT SHARLOT HALL MUSEUM



RICHARD SIMS, director of the Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott ends his 11-year career. He will become the director of the Montana Historical Society.

Not only did Sims lead Sharlot Hall Museum to it's first major sustained capital campaign to expand its grounds, which continues today, but added two festivals and three

lecture series while doubling its membership.

Sims received the Distinguished Service Award from the Museum Association of Arizona in 2005.

Ash Fork Historical Society will miss Richard as he helped us research our history, participated in Pioneer Day demonstrating Dutch oven biscuit making, entering the chili

contest as well as promoting our Society whenever the occasion arose.

We wish him well in his new endeavor.



Richard Sims

Don't forget **Open House** on December 15, 2006 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Museum/ Visitor Center sponsored by your Historical Society.

FIVE BABY AUSTINS FROM THE UK ON 'THE MOTHER ROAD'

This tour is being undertaken by a small group of enthusiasts from Great Britain. They are driving 5 of the famous pre-war, 750 cc, 75" wheel base, Austin Seven 'baby cars'.

The crews are all members of the UK, 750 Motor Club founded in 1939, mainly for such cars.

Their epic 2,450 mile journey began on Sept. 2nd and plan to arrive in Los Angeles on the 21st.



The cars arrived in New York by sea and the crews by air on the 23rd of August. The cars and their drivers will return to the UK the 28th of September. After spending a night in

Williams September 16th they stopped at Ash Fork Mobil for gas en route on Route 66 to Kingman September 17th. While having the time of their life one of Ash Fork locals tried to buy one of the cars. The answer was No Sale.

THE **Spotlight** IS ON: ALICE ROSALES MARTINEZ ROSE



Alice Rosales Martinez Rose was born in Ash Fork in October 1923 to Lino and Christina Rosales.

Alice’s father worked at the Big Store for George Washington. She stated his pay wasn’t big but they had plenty of food. Mr. Rosales was also one of the WPA workers who helped install the historic flagstone sidewalks in Ash Fork during the depression. Later he was hired on with the railroad.

Mr. Rosales purchased a Model T and it seems the family talked about trips to Flagstaff occasionally. One important trip for Alice was when she was taken up to the Nativity Catholic Church to be baptized.

When all grown up, Alice’s sister Roberta moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico and Alice and her mother would travel by train to visit her.

Alice recalls school days for her and her sister as being a very happy time. They liked school, had lots of friends and

many activities to keep them busy. She has fond memories of one of her teachers, Ms. Reek. “She was good but she didn’t tolerate any

foolishness”, states Alice.

The Rosales family lived on the west side of town where the stone yards are today. There were several little houses in that area. Years later when Alice’s Café was in business, she said, “Who would of thought that some day they would be operating a café right across the street from where they grew up?” (Café location near the Ash Fork Inn.)

Alice married Ernie Martinez and they began building a house with the help of her parents. That house is where she and her son Ernie live today. It has been her home for sixty years.

Alice worked as a waitress for 40 years. Twenty of those years was working for Harry and Judy Wallace at the H&J Café. Business was very good in those days with the railroad, mail clerks, and tourists traveling Route 66.

What are some changes in Ash Fork? Well, the Harvey House and Train Depot are

gone as well as many businesses and houses where many of us lived at one time.

Alice and her late husband Tommie Rose operated the Alice Café.

Alice had two sons, Ernie and Charley Martinez. Ernie graduated from Ash Fork High School in 1962 (a small world, his English Teacher Dorothy Zettler lived across the street from him.) Charley was involved in a fatal car accident on his prom night in 1966. She has one grandson Matthew who lives in Phoenix.



“Best Friends”
Alice Rosales and Benita Duran

ARCHAEOLOGY AWARD



Ron and Karen Peters, members of the Ash Fork Historical Society and local residents received the 2006 Governor's Award for Avocational Archaeology in the Public Sector this past April. The award was presented for their efforts in preservation of the Petroglyphs at Partridge Creek near Ash Fork. They were selected for this award

not only for their protection of this very large, archaic rock art site, but also for their efforts in study, education, wildlife conservation, community museum and Native American relationships that have developed because of their preservation of this very important Petroglyph site. Archaic is the oldest archaeological classification, which

means that this site is 4,000 to 6,000 years old. The Petroglyphs at Partridge Creek has approximately 400-600 Petroglyphs.

The Peters are currently working on a museum and an arboretum to provide even more of an

educational experience about the site. They are also planning a cabin site to help house archeologists and others who wish to spend more time studying the site, as well as a Newsletter for Members of the "Hero's for Petroglyphs" and a Web site to continue to inform anyone interested about events and news about the Petroglyphs.

OPEN HOUSE - 12/15/06

In 2005 Ash Fork Historical Society held their first Open House at the Museum/Tourist Center.

Plans are underway to do it again and everyone is welcome.

Make plans to visit on December 15, 2006 be-

tween 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Come and see for yourself what's old and what's new.

Photo from 2005 Open House.



ASH FORK MUSEUM

BY NANCY ULRICH

Two noteworthy additions were made at the Museum this past summer. The first was a fantastic collection of Indian Artifacts, on loan to us by Ash Fork pioneer Jack Diamond Campbell. It consists of nine pots in varying sizes, being Anazazi, Hopi and Hohokam in origin. Also, a gourd dipper, remnants of Yucca sandals, axe heads, monos, mortar and pestle and other artifacts. These objects are 50 to 1,000 years old. Many larger museums cannot match this display. We are excited to have these items for all to see.

There is also a large map, circa 1920's, showing the sheep trails from Phoenix to

Ash Fork. In years gone by thousands of sheep were herded along these trails in the spring to their summer pastures in northern Arizona. It also shows the railroads in use at the time, and the old highways before Black Canyon Highway.

The second display is Marshall Trimbles' high school letter sweater. It is mounted in a moth proof display case and hangs in our school room display area. We feel privileged to have this article in our collection. (We are looking for something of Ash Fork football days - can you help?)

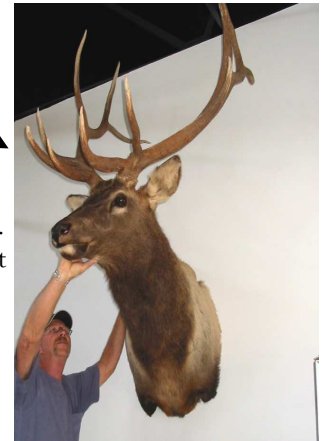
We also acquired a telephone switchboard - and the tourists love it. It brings back many

memories of days gone by and surprisingly enough some have either worked as an operator or knows someone that has.

Curtis Cauthen presented the Museum with a *very large* Elk head. It keeps watch over the "goodies" area.

Our gambling guys have authentic casino chairs to sit on now. No more kitchen chairs. Numerous photos are taken at the gaming table in front of the "loose" woman. Tourists love to put John Cauthens' retired Resistol hat on and have their pictures taken.

Thanks to the generosity of many, our little Museum is growing. We appreciate it very much.



Pioneer Day 2006 proved to be a great day both weather wise and enjoyment. Our Grand Marshall, Marshall Trimble decked out here in his Ash Fork School sweater was in fine spirits. The American Legion lead the parade of 18 entrants.

Ash Fork School participate featuring their Booster Club and displayed one of their new school busses. North Country Community Health Center gave free blood pressure tests, etc.

Several public officials were on hand to say some nice things about Marshall Trimble as well as some old school buddies.

Chili Contest winners this year were:

First Place: Joan Edel

Second Place: Jon Anderson

Third Place Tie" Gary Spiker & Mark Stringer and Michele Leverone (Not pictured)



Inside 18 booths were set up selling various items from jewelry to food. Robyn Dolan demonstrated wool spinning along with her handmade soaps and Rosemary Hume made Dutch oven biscuits. We even had



Rosemary Hume



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