

# **THE KENTUCKY CAMP CHRONICLE**

**April, 1995**

## **UPDATE**

The month of April has been a good one for our organization. We are at last an official non-profit organization, approved by, and now listed with, the State of Arizona Corporation Commission. We are the "Coronado National Forest Heritage Society", "Chapter 1, Friends of Kentucky Camp". The filing with the Corporation Commission cost \$40., the requisite publishing (3 issues) of the Articles of Incorporation in the Green Valley News cost \$170.92. The next step will be to file with Pima County (\$10), and then we will request a tax-exempt number from IRS. This will cost between \$150 & \$300, we have 15 months to complete this step, but will file as soon as our bank balance will allow.

If other groups wish to work for the conservation and preservation of a specific cultural resource site or sites on the Coronado NF, they can do so by simply joining the Heritage Society as a separate Chapter. All that will be entailed will be the payment of a fee and adopting the Articles of Incorporation.

Our membership has been growing steadily since the article in Tucson papers about Kentucky Camp. Right after that was published Jack Glenn addressed 90 envelopes for a mass mailing about membership in the Friends. We now have 17 individual memberships and 12 family memberships (3 of the family memberships are contributing members.)

## **SEASONAL RESIDENTS**

Be sure you list your summer residence address with the Friends of Kentucky Camp so that we can send your newsletters to you and keep you abreast of what has been happening at the Camp.

## **FISCAL YEAR/DUES PAYING**

When we registered with the Corporation Commission we were required to select a date for the ending of our fiscal year. Because we were filing in March, I plucked the date of June 30 out of the air. Because of this we made the arbitrary choice of May 1 as the beginning of our dues paying year, so that we would have most members paid up when we made our annual statement to the state and IRS. Since we have no records of when dues were paid prior to December 1994 we then made another arbitrary decision: **THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES SINCE JUNE 1, 1994 ARE AUTOMATICALLY PAID TILL MAY 1, 1996.** This seemed only fair to those who joined last summer but had little benefit till the winter/spring. It was the dues they paid that allowed us to start the Incorporation procedure.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Now that we are organized, with Articles of Incorporation, our next step will be to formulate by-laws. It would be very helpful if 3 members would like to volunteer to act in this capacity. We have the bylaws (amended) from the Friends of Madera Canyon to provide some guidance. Jack Glenn has indicated he would be willing to serve, so we need 2 more volunteers.

### **ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK**

The weekend of March 26 and 27 the Coronado National Forest provided a van to bus people from the end of Gardner Canyon to Kentucky Camp. Jim McDonald, Forest Archeologist and Kathy Makansi, archeologist, drove the vans. The Nogales District had been busy all week improving the access road. (They have since continued their work and the road is now a "boulevard" in comparison to its condition a month ago). Arnold Frank, Tom Gordon and Frank & Billee Hoornbeek were on hand to greet the visitors and give them a tour of the camp. Over that weekend we had over 100 visitors.

### **OLD ADOBE HORSELESS CARRIAGE SOCIETY**

On April 1 Tom Peterson led an entourage of restored antique cars to Kentucky Camp. Fourteen of Old Adobe's finest carriages set out from Tucson in the early AM. It is a tribute to the talents of the members that 13 of the vintage autos made it to Camp. They were met there by Arnold Franks who gave them a full tour of the camp. They had brought their lunches and so "nooned" with Arnold and enjoyed the scenery and fine weather before setting out for home. Jack Glenn was on hand with his camcorder to record the event. Jack made a copy of the footage and we have it available to lend to members who would like to view what we hope will be the "First Annual Trip" of the Old Adobe Horseless Carriage Society to Kentucky Camp. If they will pay us a visit next year the Friends will have to plan some extra entertainment and a large picnic.

### **APRIL 7, 1995, A WORK DAY**

The workday dawned bright and clear. Thirteen members were on hand to learn how to make mud plaster, adobe bricks and apply linseed oil to the aged wood in the buildings. Mary Farrell, Archeologist, from the Supervisor's Office and Bill Gillespie, Archeologist, from the Sierra Vista District were on hand to direct the training. Mark South from the Nogales District brought a cement mixer (and a privy) and provided instruction on the making of adobe bricks. Arnold Franks and Tom Gordon ably acted as hosts. They also served as very talented "gophers". The idea behind the workday was to train a cadre of members who could then organize workparties using the skills they had learned.

The adobe bricks met a sad fate, a herd of cattle came through camp and trampled them. Once our fencing is in place we won't have that problem any more!

### **BUILDING LOGS**

No, I don't mean the kind you cut from trees! Now that we are starting to stabilize and restore the buildings we need a book or "Log" for each building in which we can list what we do to the building (the treatment), what portion of the building we treat, the date(s) and who was involved. If new components are constructed (as wooden sills, etc), what kind of wood was used, what patterns were used to guide the construction, and any other details that will serve to explain our actions to those who work on the buildings in the future. If we work with mud or adobe bricks, the source of the soil and sand, the proportions of each, and methods of mixing should be in the notes, also the area of the building to which they are applied. Whenever possible, photographs of the portions treated before, and then after, including closeup photos of the repairs, stabilization, reconstruction or enhancement should accompany the notes. We are entrusted with the care of buildings that will soon be on the National Register of Historic Places, we must act in accordance with the instructions and regulations that govern the care of these National Treasures.

### **PROPOSED MAY 4, MEETING DATE**

Would it be possible for you, as members, to attend a 10AM planning session/meeting on Thursday, May 4 at Kentucky Camp? Please drop a line or give me (Billee) a call if you can make it. Since many of us will be gone for 1 or more months during the summer we should make plans to insure that the business of the "Friends" continues, as well as organizing some workdays and getting volunteers to "sign on" to take on some of the tasks. Certainly some of you will want to organize some picnics and fun times also. We are also looking for volunteer(s) to put out a newsletter this summer. Plan on bringing a lunch and enjoying some fellowship along with the business of the day.

### **PATIENCE WILL BE REWARDED (I HOPE)**

Membership cards may (If the computer Gods have smiled upon me) be included in this packet. I bought a program and cardstock--so far I must say the efforts have resembled my first efforts at making bread--rather flat and not fit for public viewing. I will continue my efforts, and if you shake the envelope and nothing but moths drop out, I hope to have them ready to present at the May 4th meeting.

### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

A number of the members have completed, or are working on some diverse projects at the present time:

Jack Glenn designed and completed a box for the entry station that will contain our brochures, membership applications and guest sign-in book.

Bill & Priscilla Robinson have provided a listing of the birds that can be sighted between Highway 83 and Kentucky Camp. This list will be used as a basis for an ROG (Recreation Opportunity Guide) that will be provided for interested visitors. It will also be on file at the District Office and at Madera Canyon.

Charlie and Beverly Worthman are knowledgeable botanists who have indicated that they will be happy to provide a detailed listing of the plants that are in and around the "Camp". This will also be used for an ROG.

David Brown is working on a detailed map of the Camp. He has already established datums and can often be seen around camp with transit and stadia rod. Arnold has been assisting by manning the rod for him. If there are others out there that would like to learn more about surveying, just give Dave a call and offer your services as a rodman (person). 887-6048

### **A WELL-DESERVED ATTA-BOY**

We have made great strides these last two months. It is due to the efforts of all of the members--time to smile and pat ourselves on the back. A special thanks should be extended to Arnold Franks, who never gave up hope and continued to give the "Camp" his best efforts even when there was little support. A special thanks also to Tom Gordon who worked with Arnold and served as an assistant care-taker.

Our thanks also to the archeologists of the Coronado National Forest who have provided help, support and training for the "Friends".