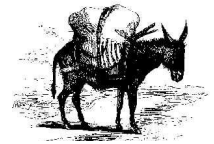
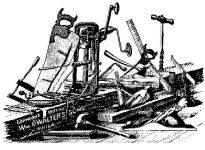


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# Kentucky Camp Chronicle



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## Who Visits Kentucky Camp?

By Mary Farrell and Jeff Burton

The last time we took a close look at the Kentucky Camp log book, in early 2003, we were surprised at the number of states, and even foreign countries, represented. In 2002, visitors who listed their general address came from six different countries besides the United States; 40 states were represented. The comments were very complementary, many expressing tremendous appreciation for the work of the *Friends of Kentucky Camp*.

At Mark Doumas's request, we set out to see how the log book entries for 2004, 2005, and 2006 compared. Of course, the same caveats apply: log books can grossly underestimate the true number of visitors, and the resulting sample may not be representative of the whole population of visitors. It seems fair to assume that many of the same factors that influenced whether a visitor signed the log book in 2002 also applied in 2004-2006. For example, visitors are less likely to sign in at free sites, and individuals in groups are less likely to sign in. Repeat visitors may also be less likely to sign in, possibly causing a decline of sign-ins in 2005 and 2006, after a peak in 2004. However, in 2004 we commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kentucky Camp with a well-advertised Open House in March, a "Centennial PIT," and the October centennial celebration. These festivities probably enhanced public awareness of Kentucky Camp and increased visitation.

Overall, it looks like annual visitation has increased by over 50 percent since 2002. Visitors are even more geographically diverse, with 46 of the 50 states represented in 2004 and 2005, 47 plus the District of Columbia in 2006. Over the course of the 3 years tallied, all 50 states were represented. During those 3 years, visitors from 17 countries other than the U.S. signed the log book. While Tucson and Green Valley continue to dominate the entries, there are even more dramatic increases in visitation

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from the nearby growing communities of Sierra Vista, Vail, and Sahuarita.

Visitors continue to express appreciation for the site and for *Friends of Kentucky Camp*. For example: "A sudden, hidden pleasure." "We love it. Thank you." "Loved everything about it." "We will return!" "Great!" "Super!" "Very glad you are saving this place and time." "Fantastic progress since our last visit!" "Wow! Thanks for all the hard work!" "Keep up the great work!" "This place is awesome!" "I've visited quite a few ghost/old mining towns. This is wonderful – thank you for all your work preserving history." "Done a great job with restoration." "Fantastic restoration – thanks for letting us look!" "It is SO gorgeous out here!" "Thank you, Volunteers!"

Some visitors were especially pleased with the information Mark Doumas provided during a tour. One comment cited INAH partner Isaac Romero for giving a bilingual welcome as well as demonstrations of mud plastering. One comment hints at a more frustrating experience: "Lost Subaru keys, please call ###-###-### if found." Others reflect a slight clash between modesty and the camp's primitive conditions: "Close the wood on the shower thing – no gaps" (this and similar opinions were expressed by several young campers from the Ak-Chin Indian Community). The only negative comments were dated New Year's Eve, December 31, 2005,

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## Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch

By Sarah Barchas

[Editor's note: We first reported on the formation of the Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch in the September 2005 issue of the Kentucky Camp Chronicle. This group is the "sister chapter" of Friends of Kentucky Camp under the Coronado National Forest Heritage Society. While there is no common history between the two sites, we do like to periodically let our members know what's going on with our sister chapter.]

We welcome the opportunity to share with our colleagues at Friends of Kentucky Camp.

The culminating event for us in 2006 after many months of preparation was our Centennial, celebrating 100 years of the old historic adobe house built in approximately 1906 at what is now known as Brown Canyon Ranch. Ownership of the beautiful 160-acre site at the base of Brown Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains had moved from John Brown in the 1800's to James and Lessie Haverty, who homesteaded it in 1912; to William and Margaret Carmichael in 1921; to Roy and Stella Rambo in 1946; to Samuel and Cecile Barchas in 1957 and finally to Sarah Barchas in 1961. It was known as Barchas Ranch for 37 years until Sarah completed a land exchange with the Forest Service in 1998, putting the ownership and long-term preservation of the house, buildings and 160 acres in the hands of the Forest Service.

A Passport in Time special event initiated by Forest Service archaeologists in 2001 brought together master masons in adobe from Mexico with Forest Service personnel, and individual volunteers including schools. Motivated by that hands-on experience, a partnership was formed between the Forest Service and Charter High School Center for Academic Success in a 2-year project in which restoration and maintenance of Brown Canyon Ranch was a centerpiece for hands-on, project-based learning under the leadership of teacher, John Kugler, Forest Service archaeologists Chris Schrager and Chris LeBlanc, and supported by principal Dorothy Bonvillain. Their combined efforts, research and collaboration won regional and national recognition in the Windows of the Past Heritage Award for 2003.

In 2005, FBCR was formed as a non-profit organization. Our first board consisted of John Kugler, President; Charles Cravens, VP; Bob Jones, Treasurer; Willow Elliot, Secretary; and Jean Cenac, Historian/Member at large. Our current board is John Kugler, President; Bill Hargis VP; Bob Jones, Treasurer; Jean Cenac, Secretary; Sarah Barchas. Our Centennial celebration, held on the weekend of November 4 & 5, 2006 was a culmination and celebration of commonality of purpose and vision in valuing of history and beauty and preservation for the future. It was a spectacular success with demonstrations in pioneer arts and crafts, pottery, bead-making, quilting, weaving, herbal medicine, horse care and grooming. It featured the famed Fort Huachuca 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry team with skilled riders on well-trained horses. It included nature tours and three musical events: Americana (Jones Gang), original ranch songs (Barchas family), & Southwest & bilingual (Santa Cruz River Band). The bake-sale, transportation shuttle, community response and teamwork by Forest Service, FBCR, and all were marvelous.



Of special historical interest in the Centennial was a unique historical panel featuring people representing the first half-century history of the ranch. Mary Estes, granddaughter of Tom Haverty, who built the house; Linda McCann, granddaughter of James (Jim) Haverty, who homesteaded the house; Virgil Haverty, born in the house, and son of Pete Haverty, legendary one-legged cowboy; Bill Gillespie, Forest Service Archeologist, who told of the Carmichael

years; and Joe Garcia, born in the old house, who with Albert Laguna and Nacho Valenzuela represented the substantial community of Hispanic persons who lived and worked in the immediate area of the ranch and Brown Canyon as wood cutters and workers at the Fort. The involvement of the Hauser Museum and Nancy Krieski in featuring Brown Canyon Ranch history and displays at the Museum and at the Ranch were an important and vital contribution.

Much has been done in corral work, water line and storage improvements and maintenance, fencing around the pond, painting, continued work on repairs. Plans are moving toward a small scale education program in the future, and continued workdays and nature walks. We look forward to a special day on Saturday, May 19 for workday, pot luck and nature walk. Later in the year on Saturday, November 3, will feature an all day Open House with demonstrations, activities, food, which can be an annual event on a smaller scale than the centennial. We hope to have picnic tables constructed, signs labeling distinctive plants and trees, and are trying to explore additional sources of revenue. We are moving forward to complete access both through the established gate and road off Calle Metate, and develop and finalize an extended trail for equestrians and pedestrians for access to Brown Canyon Ranch and Brown Canyon beyond the parking area off Ramsey Canyon Road. We have over 70 members and we want to keep growing. We send hearty best wishes to Friends of Kentucky Camp and a cordial invitation to visit us anytime!



## PIT-like Event – Final Notice

We're just a couple of weeks away from our 2007 "PIT-like" event. (April 30-May 4) We still have room for a few more folks, so contact Mark Doumas at 520 299-4281 or doumas@mindspring.com if you are interested in attending. This will be a week-long event at the Kentucky Camp site where we'll tackle some of the more substantial projects. Accommodations will be the usual on-site camping. It's also a great event for meeting with fellow Friends and having a good time.

We've continued to refine the week's project list. The main addition to the list is that we'll be installing a new caretaker's trailer! Our Friends at the Forest Service have located a newer trailer and we'll be swapping out the old trailer with the new one during the first part of the PIT week. The current trailer has served us well, but it's getting a bit run-down and sometimes we spend as much time repairing it as we do on the historic Kentucky Camp buildings!

### Project List:

- 1) Replace the caretaker's trailer - Kathy Makansi (our Forest Service liaison) has located a much newer trailer and has arranged for a truck to tow in the new trailer and tow out the old trailer. This will happen on Monday or Tuesday of the PIT week and we'll need to have some folks on hand to disconnect the awning, electrical, water, gas and drain. Then, reattach all these things to the new trailer. We'll also need to move kitchen supplies and other items from the old trailer to the new one. Doug Maus has agreed to lead this project.
- 2) Install inside doors in Headquarters building - This project will be led by John Weiss. It will be a doorway-by-doorway approach, first repairing the door jam and then installing a door and hardware. He will likely need one or two carpentry-minded folks to help on this project.
- 3) Adobe - Continue applying the sacrificial coat to the Gold Processing Building. We may

also continue work at Cabin A (basal coving) and Bldg B (sacrificial cap coat. We're expecting some of the team from INAH in Hermosillo to help us with this.

4) Tool Room Clean-up – This involves a major clean-out of all the "stuff" in the Headquarters building tool/store room. (Originally the kitchen) We'll literally move everything out of the room, and make some tough decisions on what to keep, what to sell, give to Friends of Brown

the desk that's currently in the "Gold room". Then, this desk will get moved to the new FKC office. I expect this would take a day for one or two folks. We also need to clean and oil one of the filing cabinets for use on the FKC office.

6) Digital Photo Archive – We have a bunch of Kentucky Camp photos and slides (from pre-digital camera era) that need to be digitized and labeled. We're planning to set up a couple



Canyon Ranch, or throw away. The goal is to make enough room to move the table saw and router into this room with plenty of room left to use them there. We'll need to have a Forest Service person and a FKC board member drive this project so we can make the right "keep or toss" decisions. We could also use a couple of additional folks to help move items in and out of the tool room. We'll probably start this project about mid-week after the trailer swap is complete.

5) FKC Office – We will repair, sand and refinish

of computers and a scanner, then digitize and label the images.

If you are interested in serving on the Friends of Kentucky Camp board of directors, contact Mark Doumas at 520 299-4281 or [doumas@mindspring.com](mailto:doumas@mindspring.com)

## Site Progress Report

Our efforts at Kentucky Camp continue to focus on getting the large Headquarters building rehabilitated.

Over the past few months, we have completed the kitchenette. Thanks to the efforts of John Weiss, the cabinets are installed and he recently installed some custom-built shelves. Everything looks great and is ready to use at the upcoming PITLE. We've had a number of kitchen donations: a crock pot, blender and a mixer. We're also planning to move the microwave oven from the current caretaker's trailer to the kitchenette. We still need some basic pots, pans and utensils to make the kitchenette fully functional. Please contact Mark Doumas at 520 299-4281 or [doumas@mindspring.com](mailto:doumas@mindspring.com) if you'd like to make a kitchen donation.

The Headquarters attic is also complete. All the debris has been removed and insulation has been installed. Max Schaefer and Alex Doumas made repeat visits to complete the cutting and fitting of the fiberglass insulation bats. Max and Alex were recognized for their contributions with certificates and Gerber multifunction tools from the Forest Service.

The most recent April 14<sup>th</sup> work day was spent preparing for the up-coming PIT-Like Event. We towed the green cook trailer into position near the Headquarters building. (So we won't have to walk so far for meals!) We repaired a light fixture in the trailer and Sylvia Barnard (current caretaker along with Bill Carpenter) has given the stove and grills in the trailer a thorough cleaning.

We strung the outdoor light strings in the "picnic area" behind the Headquarters building so we'll have a great place to hang out during PTLE evenings.

We're all set for a fun and productive PIT!

## Kentucky Camp Weather

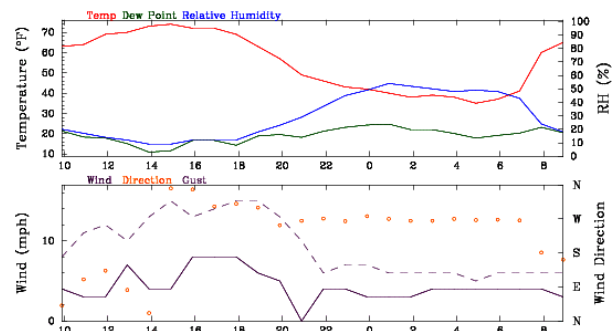
Have you ever wondered what the weather was like at Kentucky Camp? Maybe you're about to head out to the site and you'd like to know what sort of weather to dress for? Now, there's an easy way to check the weather online. There's a remote online weather station at Empire Ranch which is just 7 miles East North East of Kentucky Camp. Since Kentucky Camp is so close to Empire Ranch and the altitude of the sites is virtually the same, the weather at these two locations almost identical. To access the remote weather station at Empire Ranch, point your web browser to:

[http://www.met.utah.edu/cgi-bin/roman/meso\\_base.cgi?stn=QEMA3&time=MT](http://www.met.utah.edu/cgi-bin/roman/meso_base.cgi?stn=QEMA3&time=MT)

There is also a link to this weather station in the "Links" section at the Friends of Kentucky Camp web site. Once you get to the web site, there are numerous tables and charts that track temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation, etc. Here's one of the simpler tables that provides current conditions "at a glance".

	8:53	Max since Midnight	Min since Midnight	24 Hour Max	24 Hour Min
Temperature	65.0° F	65.0 at 8:53	35.0 at 4:53	74.0 at 14:53	35.0 at 4:53
Dew Point	20.5° F	24.7 at 0:53	17.8 at 4:53	24.7 at 0:53	10.9 at 13:53
Relative Humidity	18%	54 at 0:53	18 at 8:53	54 at 0:53	9 at 13:53
Wind Speed	3 mph from SSE	4 at 2:53	3 at 0:53	8 at 15:53	0 at 20:53
Wind Gust	6 mph	6 at 0:53	5 at 4:53	15 at 14:53	5 at 4:53
Solar Radiation	480.0 W/m²	480.0 at 8:53	0.0 at 0:53	998.0 at 12:53	0.0 at 19:53
Fuel Temperature	75.0° F	75.0 at 8:53	31.0 at 5:53	97.0 at 14:53	31.0 at 5:53
Battery voltage	13.30 volt	13.40 at 7:53	12.40 at 5:53	13.40 at 7:53	12.40 at 5:53

You can access MANY remote weather stations through this web site which is maintained by the University of Utah's Mountain Meteorology Group.



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complaining about ATV's and dirt bikes driving around the camp. This activity is contrary to the forest's rules for Kentucky Camp, and usually does not occur when caretakers are present.

In 2003, we looked at a few recommendations based on the results of our first look at the log book. Some of these, such as the installation of a sign on Highway 83, have been implemented. We have contacted some of the folks who have signed in, generating volunteer projects for entire Scout troops and school groups as well as individual Eagle scouts. There are brochures at the site about the Forest Service's "Rooms with a View", that provide information about renting the Kentucky Camp bed-and-no-breakfast cabin as well as other cabins in Arizona.

But we haven't yet done all the things recommended in 2003, and one of the many lovely, inspiring qualities of Kentucky Camp is that there are always more things that can be done. There are still opportunities to collaborate with other groups in the site's restoration and preservation. The Forest Service has additional information about birding, trails, and other recreational opportunities—we might want to incorporate a leaflet-distribution cabinet in our displays when we move them to the Assay Office. To supplement the existing geocache in the vicinity, *Friends* who are interested in geocaching could develop a real or virtual geocache that incorporates historical or other educational information.

Finally, the spike in visitation in 2004 suggests that the special events that the *Friends of Kentucky Camp* sponsor do generate extra interest in the site. Organizing, advertising, and staffing special events requires a lot of effort, and the *Friends* have been plenty busy restoring the Headquarters Building and preparing for the upcoming PITLE. But it's not too early to be thinking about our next major public events, such as the Open House in October. Reading the log book entries makes it clear that the visitors consider the work of the *Friends* a wonderful gift—and the public events are a much-appreciated way to share that gift with more of the public, while showcasing the *Friends'* good work.

#### Percentages of Total Visitors

	2002	2004	2005	2006
From U.S. beyond AZ	33%	26%	27%	31%
From AZ beyond Tucson	26%	30%	26%	32%
From Tucson	38%	41%	44%	33%
From outside US	3%	3%	4%	4%

#### Visitors by State

State	2002	2004	2005	2006
Alabama		1	4	3
Alaska	9	13	6	
Arizona	675	1569	1243	1073
Arkansas		6		10
California	36	54	45	30
Colorado	8	43	30	20
Connecticut		3	11	3
Delaware		3		
Florida	5	6	9	12
Georgia	5	3	6	5
Hawaii	1		2	3
Idaho	5	4	4	5
Illinois	15	33	23	26
Indiana	5	18	6	27
Iowa	4	15	5	8
Kansas	3	1	2	1
Kentucky	2	8	4	9
Louisiana		1		2
Maine	3	9	4	6
Maryland	2	3	2	1
Massachusetts	7	14	13	9
Michigan	24	44	56	37
Minnesota	30	26	33	26
Mississippi	2	3	2	4
Missouri	5	22	5	16
Montana	12	4	7	16
Nebraska	3	7	1	2
Nevada	1	3	5	1
New Hampshire	4	1	1	3
New Jersey	10	6	10	2
New Mexico	7	17	5	9
New York	24	26	14	29
North Carolina	6	6	7	2
North Dakota		1		
Ohio	14	19	14	25
Oklahoma			1	4
Oregon	29	20	21	24
Pennsylvania	9	15	9	12
Rhode Island	1		4	3
South Carolina		1	4	2
South Dakota	6	5	2	7
Tennessee	1	3	6	2
Texas	13	35	22	11
Utah		9	9	11
Vermont	1		6	6
Virginia	2	16	6	4
Washington	17	25	34	24
West Virginia		2	3	7
Wisconsin	11	13	8	38
Wyoming	5	3	3	4
District of Columbia		2		2
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>1,586</b>

**Visitors by Country**

Other countries	2002	2004	2005	2006
Germany	10	26	28	12
Mexico		7	9	1
United Kingdom		2	8	8
Canada	13	15	7	24
France	2	2	5	5
Japan		1	3	
Switzerland	2	4	1	
Italy	1	1	1	2
Australia			1	
Denmark				4
Austria		1		3
South Korea				1
Sweden		2		2
Turkey		2		
Russia				1
The Netherlands		3		
Venezuela	2			
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>

**Visitors from Arizona**

Arizona Locales	2002	2004	2005	2006
Ak-Chin Indian Community				16
Alpine		2		
Amado	1	5	2	
Apache Junction	1	3		
Arivaca	6		1	1
Arizona City				2
Arlington			1	
Avondale	2		2	
Benson	32	30	6	15
Bisbee	4	13		4
Buckeye	2			2
Casa Grande	1	2	3	2
Cascabel	1		1	
Camp Verde				2
Cave Creek		7	2	3
Chandler	4	6	1	2
Chino Valley		2	2	2
Clarksdale				2
Clifton		1		
Cochise Cy	14	4	2	17
Coolidge		3		
Concho		1		
Corona de Tucson		2		2
Cottonwood			1	4
Douglas			1	
Duncan		2		
Eager		1		
Elephant Head		1		
Elgin		14	14	
Flagstaff	6	15	2	5
Florence		4		1
Fort Huachuca	2	2	2	2
Fountain Hills		2		2
Gilbert	2		2	3
Glendale	5	2	9	5
Globe		3		
Gold Canyon		2	2	
Goodyear		5		
Green Valley	61	141	110	124

**Visitors from Arizona (Cont.)**

Arizona Locales	2002	2004	2005	2006
Heber		2		
Helvetia		2	1	1
Hereford/Palominas	5	3	12	15
Huachuca City	3	4	3	2
Kingman			1	
Lake Havasu		3	2	
Lakeside		4	2	
Laveen			1	
Marana	3	4	20	8
Maricopa				1
McNeil		1		
Mesa	6	17	1	16
Miami				1
Mormon Lake	1			
Morristown		1		
Mt Lemmon		1	1	
Naco		1		
Nogales	2	3	1	1
Oracle	2	3	2	
Oro Valley	2	11	9	3
Overgaard	2			
Page		1		
Patagonia	3	28	17	5
Payson		4	2	
Peoria		5	4	6
Phoenix	20	33	32	27
Pearce		1		
Pima				1
Pine	2		4	
Pomerene	1	1	1	1
Prescott		2	3	9
Queen Creek		8		8
Rio Rico	3	10	5	4
Saddlebrook	4	4	6	4
Safford		1	5	
Sahuarita		21	18	32
Saint David	5	12		
San Manuel				2
San Miguel		3		
Santa Rita Abbey			1	1
Scottsdale	2	7	4	6
Sedona		3		1
Sells				1
Sierra Vista	30	67	63	65
Sonoita	24	36	18	19
Springerville	2			
Stoneman Lake		1		
Sun Lakes		2	1	
Superior				1
Surprise		3		2
Tempe	3	10	11	4
Three Points			1	
Tombstone		7	2	
Tubac		7	9	4
Tucson	396	917	779	549
Tumacácori		2		
Vail	10	30	30	46
Whetstone		4	4	3
Wickenburg			1	
Winslow				2
Yuma		4	2	5
<b>Arizona Totals</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,074</b>
<b>Combined Totals</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1,649</b>

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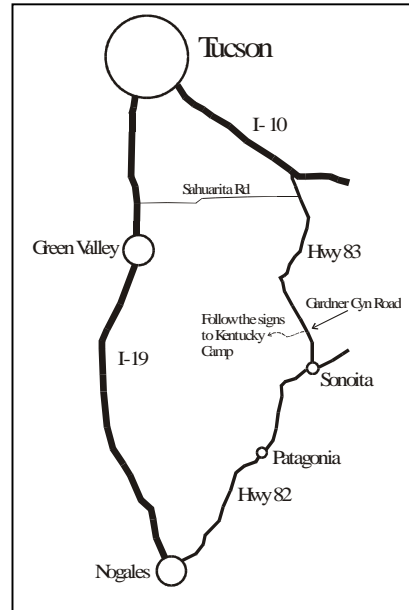
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