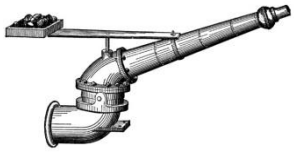


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Kentucky Camp Doors

By John Weiss

Quiz: How many internal and external door openings (Not including trap doors) are there in the original five adobe Kentucky Camp buildings? (Answer on page 5)

The long-term plan for Kentucky Camp's rehabilitation includes an item to install interior doors on all door openings in the Headquarters building and exterior doors in the Gold Processing building. This was essential in order to offer the Headquarters building as a Forest Service rental.

When the Forest Service acquired Kentucky Camp from Anamax Mine in 1989, most wood features had disappeared, including interior and exterior doors, window sash, window sills, window casing, porches and some floors. This probably happened after the ranching era, and during the mine-owned era, when the site was not cared for. This absence of care led to graffiti on walls and plastered adobe damage. The wood doors, sills, casing and some floors were probably used to fuel campfires over those years.

According to Bill Gillespie, exterior doors for the Headquarters building and Cabin C were installed shortly after the Forest Service acquired Kentucky Camp. Those doors were from the historic site at Florida Station.

In early 2006, the Forest Service purchased 18 doors from Arizona Sash and Door for the Headquarters and Gold Processing buildings. These were delivered to Kentucky Camp thanks to the efforts of Chris Schrager. During the Passport In Time (PIT) that year, the doors were primed and painted. Also during that PIT, prior hinge mortise attempts in door jambs were filled in, sanded and painted to ensure a consistent look and substantial platform for the new doors.

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The doors are made of a composite material consisting of 1/8" wood-textured Masonite on a core of particle board. The doors were 4-panel, to match existing doors at KC, as closely as possible. Each door was 80" high by 32" wide. Buying composite doors was a financial compromise, as a new fir door would have increased the cost by 10 times.

During the PIT in May, 2007, Drum Haverstock and I installed most of the doors. We averaged about 2 ½ doors per day.



Photo courtesy of Martha Jo Billy
Drum Haverstock and John Weiss shorten a door at the 2007 PIT-like event.

Each interior door opening had a different height dimension, several inches less than the purchased doors, so Drum and I had to modify each door. This was not a trivial task. First, we cut the door to length, from the bottom. After the cut, we slipped a jig made for this project, onto the bottom of the doors. Then, with a 3-inch straight bit, we routed out the core (particle board) to create void for the new bottom rail, using the jig as a guide. This was a noisy and dusty operation. After squaring out the void, we inserted and glued in the rail that we had removed for the bottom cut. With glue blocks, we clamped the rail until it cured (1-2 hours). This ensured the door's stability and also maintained the guarantee. After the glue dried, we cleaned up the glue squeeze-out by cutting 1/8" off and now we had a perfectly squared door.



Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas
John Weiss and Drum Haverstock install a door in the Headquarters Building at the 2007 work week.

Before installing each door, we had to mortise the door edge for the hinges. (Three mortises per door). Since this would have been 108 mortises total, hand chiseling would have been a nightmare, so I purchased a Hinge Butt

Template kit from Porter-Cable. This 80-inch template contraption was first secured to the door, then with a router, we mortised for the hinges, using the 3 templates on the kit as a router guide. Then, removing the template, we re-secured it to its mating door opening, and routed the mortises in the door jamb. This provided a perfect alignment for the hinges. Then we screwed in the hinge-halves to the door and jamb, and then added the hinge pins, so the door would swing. The final step was to plane the door to width, so it opened and closed nicely.

Installation of door hardware was completed after the PIT by Steve Waylett, who has been a reliable and constant caretaker for many months of each year. Steve added the vertical rim locks (surface mounted lock hardware), porcelain knobs, key escutcheons, strike plates and floor door stops.

The 2008 work week team put on the final touches by painting the doors and adding hooks to the backside of each door to provide a convenience hanger for the room occupant.



Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas
Becky Hopwood and Carol Batty prepare doors for painting at the 2008 PIT-like event.

Sixteen doors are now installed. Still left to complete is an exterior door on the Gold Processing building and the door leading from the kitchen (now a tool crib) to the dining room.

Hiking Guide to Boston Gulch

By Sandy Doumas

Visitors to Kentucky Camp are always happy to see the rehabilitation of the adobe buildings from the 1904 gold mining era. The five adobe buildings are the most visual reminder of the gold mining activities of the Santa Rita Water and Mining Company.

However, most visitors don't realize that the actual hydraulic mining operation took place in Boston Gulch which is just a short hike from Kentucky Camp. There has been a renewed interest in visiting Boston Gulch with last year's acquisition and display of one of the operation's historic water nozzles.

In Boston Gulch, visitors can see portions of the water line used to supply water to the nozzles, large gate valves for controlling the flow of water and the series of pits in the hillside from where gold-bearing earth was blasted away by the jets of water.

A brochure is now available to guide intrepid hikers to these historic mining features. Printed copies of the brochure are usually available at the Kentucky Camp visitor's center, but you may also look at, download, and print the brochure from the brochures section of the Friends of Kentucky Camp web site:

<http://kentuckycamp.org>

This trip is for experienced hikers. The route is not marked, and the trail can be difficult to follow. The round trip can take three hours or more if you take side trips. Be sure to take plenty of water and wear sturdy shoes. A compass or GPS unit, a hat, and sunscreen are highly recommended. The old pipes and rock piles often house rattlesnakes, scorpions, and spiders, and sometimes the route winds through patches of thorny bushes. Remember to take only photographs; all artifacts are protected by law.

You can also download GPX (for standalone GPS or smartphone GPS apps) or KMZ (for Google Earth) files of points and descriptions at the website.

Cabin A Adobe Repair

By Mark Doumas

We recently identified a worrisome crack in the exterior adobe wall of Cabin A that requires immediate stabilization. Cabin A is the northernmost building at the site which has not been rehabilitated but we still want to keep standing!

The crack runs vertically through the northern corner of the building and has allowed a section of wall to bulge outward about four inches around the north window and door.



We are in the process of removing this section of wall and replacing it with new adobe bricks. New bricks were made at a special work day on April 4th. On May 1-2, we will be removing the broken section of wall and replacing them with the new bricks. Contact Chris Schragger at (520) 591-8127 if you are interested in participating on this project.



New Developments at the FKC Website

By John Weiss

Many improvements have been made to the Friends of Kentucky Camp web site over the years. Our first web site was implemented in the mid-2000's on a free web service called AzTeC FreeNet. As with many free services, we had website issues and the site was frequently unavailable.

So, in October 2009, the Kentucky Camp Board of Directors voted to find a new hosting service for our website.

I researched several hosting services to replace AzTeC FreeNet. Ultimately, I selected FatCow as our host, primarily due to recommendations by my Information Technology peers, and the fact that this host was green, using wind power to run their servers. FatCow also provided unlimited disk space (AzTeC only provided 10 MB), and dozens of tools to help maintain the site. Their customer service was also very timely; I can get a response from them within an hour of a helpdesk question.

After the Friends of Kentucky Camp Board approved this selection, on Oct. 14, 2009, I moved our site to FatCow. Since then, we have had excellent web service. Also at this time we registered our own internet Domain: KentuckyCamp.org

Included in FatCow's toolbox are website statistics, generated daily. Here are a few tidbits:

Hits (visits to our website)

From Oct 14, 2009 to Oct. 12, 2012 (3 years), our average hit rate was 86 visits per month. From Oct 12, 2012 to present (April 1, 2013 – 5 months), our average hit rate is now 186 visits per month. This is probably due to the publicity that Kentucky Camp received in the Arizona Daily Star about the recovery of the Water Cannon and the unveiling event in October of last year. More awareness of Kentucky Camp has generated more membership and Cabin C rental inquiries. (now if we could only find the gold...)
If a person visited our site more than once per day from the same computer, this is counted as only one 'hit'.

Client Browsers Used

Did you know that about 40% of all PCs that access the website are using Internet Explorer? About 25% use Firefox, 15% use Safari, and 10% use Google Chrome. There are a few visitors using Opera, Mozilla and Netscape.

PC Clients (operating systems)

Roughly 70% of visitors are using a Microsoft Windows-based client, while 16% are Mac (Apple) users. Linux comes in at about 7%.

How people find us

The majority of people accessing our web site (45%) use 'direct address' (typing in the URL in the browser address box). This includes using a bookmark on their PC, or a link in an email. About 16% find us using a search engine, such as Google, Yahoo!, AOL, Yandex, Google Images, Ask, and Baidu. About 30% find us from other web sites, such as: Bing, the Cabin Rental Site, the AZ Trail site, Wikipedia, AZstarnet (specifically the water-cannon article last October), Goldpanningtools.com and the Old Pueblo Endurance Run site.

Robot Visits

Internet robot software ("Bots") are very busy checking us out and indexing our content for searching. These include: Googlebot, Yandex, BaiDuSpider, BSpider, MJ12bot, Nutch, MSBot-media, Sogou Spider and Yahoo Slurp. Those are the most frequent bot visitors, with at least 20 others.

This past year, we also added a membership page, so that current members can renew their membership using a built-in PayPal link. New members can also sign up for membership at this page. All members may update their information, such as address, preferred membership level and choice of how to receive the Friends of Kentucky Camp newsletter, *The Kentucky Camp Chronicle*.

Please feel free to let us know if you'd like to suggest any changes or add new content to our web site. There is a 'Comment' page that you can access from our Home Page.

<http://kentuckycamp.org>

Our next volunteer day is Saturday, May 11. Our first priority will be to do any required wrap-up work on the Cabin A adobe repair project. We also have some sacrificial adobe coat to apply to the Gold Processing Building and other light maintenance projects that need to get done. We typically work from 8AM to 2PM with a break for lunch. Contact Mark Doumas at doumas@mindspring.com if you are interested in participating in on-site activities.

We are in need of a Secretary for Friends of Kentucky Camp. The Secretary manages our membership list, collects material for newsletters and submits our annual ACC and IRS filings, etc. Experience with Microsoft Word and Excel are needed. Time requirements are typically a few hours per month. Contact Mark Doumas at doumas@mindspring.com if you are interested in supporting Kentucky Camp as Secretary!

Quiz Answer from Page One: 38 doors

- Headquarters Building: 15 Interior, 9 External
- Gold Processing Building: 1 Interior, 2 External
- Cabin C: 2 Interior, 4 External
- Cabin A: 2 Interior, 2 External
- Barn: 1 External (This doorway fell to the ground about four years ago after a monsoon rain, but still retains its doorway-ness)



Photo courtesy of John Weiss
Martha Jo Billy schmoozes with Smokey at Fairbank Day on March 2, 2013.

We have an email discussion group for Friends of Kentucky Camp where we discuss current events. (such as the new hydraulic monitor donation) To join the discussion group, send an email to:

FriendsofKentuckyCamp-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you have changed your email address recently and wondered why you no longer receive discussion group email, you need to resend an email to the above address from your new email account. To unsubscribe, send an email from the email account you want to be removed from the discussion group to:

FriendsofKentuckyCamp-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

You don't need to put anything in the subject line or body of the email. Look for a confirmation email after you send the email.... If you don't see one within a few hours, remember to check your spam folder. Additions to the distribution list are screened for spammers!

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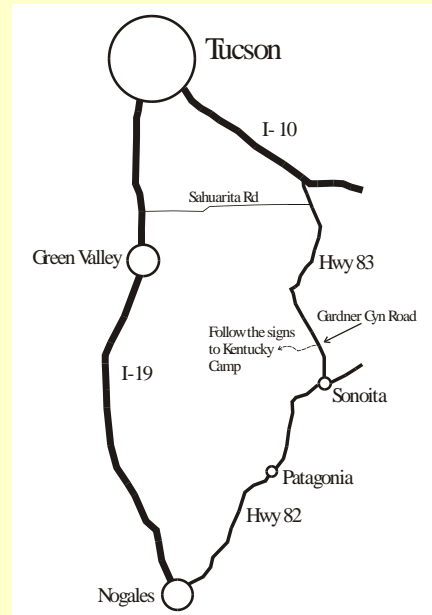
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