

KENTUCKY CAMP



CHRONICLE



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Deluxe Caretaker Trailer Arrives!

Monte Greene, architect extraordinaire and mild-mannered miracle worker, has produced a fabulous new caretaker trailer, thanks to the generosity of Dick Sabad and the other kind folks at Voyager R.V. Resort in Tucson. The 34-foot Fireball, complete with furniture, microwave, and (for a trailer) relatively gigantic refrigerator, belonged to Ralph Leeseberg, a resident of the Voyager Resort who now lives in Columbus, Ohio. Unable to return to Tucson, Mr. Leeseberg had asked Mr. Sabad, operation manager of the Resort, to find a good home for the trailer. Monte, architect for the Resort, was in the right place at the right time, and Jack Glenn was ready with his *Partners in Preservation* booklet that explained our need for housing at Kentucky Camp.

July *Passport in Time* Caretaker Bob Morris (who doubles as a Bovina, New York, college electrician instructor) figured out how to upgrade the wiring of the existing trailer hookup with minimum expense for maximum safety. The Nogales Ranger District fire crew



Miracle Workers: Jack Glenn, Barbara and Dick Sabad, John Chase, and Monte Greene.

(see photo on page 3) came to Tucson to get the trailer ready for the road and then shepherded it up and down the Forest roads with nary a scratch. Jack Glenn, ace administrator, took care of the paperwork, taxes, and insurance.

And the 26 participants in the July 12 "workday" helped to celebrate the trailer's arrival with a potluck picnic. Special thanks go to Dick and Gwenyth Corzine, who provided delicious burgers, hotdogs, and other treats, and to Bob Morris, who helped cook.

Stay tuned – the dedication ceremony (and an even bigger party!) is planned for the fall. We welcome the Voyager R.V. Resort as our first corporate partner!

Welcome to New *Friends*!

Jane Glenn	Dave & Mary Ogren
Hattie Wilson	Col. Latimer MacMillan
Kathy Makansi	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lord
Lynda Canfield	Drum Haverstock
Irene Bakos	Bob Wilson

Lewis Orrell, longtime *Friend* and KC researcher, is now our latest LIFE member!



HOWARD CEARFOSS MEMORIAL

Catherine Boushey, executor of the Howard Cearfoss estate, sent *The Friends* \$3,000, as provided in Howard's will. Although no strings were attached, we would like to use the money for a restoration project that would serve as a memorial to our first and oldest Life member. Another of Howard's favorite groups, the *Loners On Wheels*, is planning an October work day in his honor.

FAREWELL TO ANOTHER FRIEND

We have learned that we have lost another member. Dan Davis passed away April 27 1997. Dan was born in Creston, Iowa in 1922 and is survived by his wife, Joan, in Tucson. He served 35 years in the National Park Service and was the Director of the Desert Museum for the last 12 years.

ARCHITECTURAL DETECTIVE WORK

Scrutinizing historic photographs and archaeological evidence, Monte Greene has figured out how to replicate the missing Building C and D porches and has completed architectural drawings. Dimensions and design will be as close as possible to the original porches, but Monte's added some subterranean subtleties that will make the porches a little stronger and safer. Jack Glenn is working with Monte to develop cost estimates and construction plans for the smaller porch of Building C as our test case.

RESTORATION WORK

Friends of Kentucky Camp:

On our June 14 work day Tony Bratosh and Evalyn Neuhaus filled cracks in the big room of Building D, Jack Glenn worked on window sash, and Tom Tompkins completed an inventory of our tools and supplies. Jack typed up the inventory and sent copies to Mary Farrell and Mark South.

Jack Glenn and Tom Tompkins have restored two doors to be installed in the visitors room. We have two door locks and knobs which are of the original design; one is missing some parts but the other works fairly well.

Tom Gordon went to Kentucky Camp three weekends to fill in for *PIT* caretakers.

Passport in Time:

May *PIT* volunteers Bill Divers and Janyce Riess (536 hours; 4,600 miles) made adobe bricks, made three approaches to doorways, secured Building A to protect the public, and dug a drainage ditch beside Building A. They also dug out the pipe drain on the north side of Building D, filled in adobe and rocks around door frames, filled holes in the walls, and made a display board for visitors.

June *PIT* volunteers Doug and Joyce Jansz (469 hours 2,800 miles) made door approaches, hauled adobe bricks into Building D, filled cracks on inside walls, glazed four window sash, and mounted them in the casing and glazed a transom window and attached hardware. Joyce also tried her hand at making adobe bricks and picked up about two gallons of broken glass and many, many nails.

July *PIT* volunteer Bob Morris filled cracks in the adobe, fixed the downspout on Building D, dug a hole for a new donation tube, did carpentry chores, and rewired the electrical system for the new trailer. With the final tally of hand-mixed adobe bricks, Bob appears to be the *PIT* brickmaking king of the summer.

PIMERIA ALTA PICNIC

Over 120 people attended the Pimeria Alta Historical Society's annual picnic July 20, held for the first time at Kentucky Camp. One highlight of the picnic was a talk by Mary Farrell on the geology and history of the Kentucky Camp area. The PAHS, with members from all over the world, focuses on the history of southern Arizona and northern Sonora. Their museum, housed in the historic Nogales, Arizona, fire station, includes an extensive photograph and document collection open for researchers. Call 287-4621 for information about the museum or about joining the PAHS.

VISITORS

In spite of the hot weather, we continue to get visitors and a few donations, and some very favorable comments about the work being done at Kentucky Camp. Nogales Ranger District folks Mark South and Don Marion fabricated a donation tube for us. Right now it is installed in the ground by some trees near the entrance to Kentucky Camp, later we may replant it closer to the interpretive displays.

KIOSK PROJECT

Ann Phillips, a new member, has drawn an artist's sketch of a kiosk for us and Jack Glenn has prepared building



Have Trailer, Will Travel: left to right, Kevin Knapp, Mark South, Rene Martinez, Shane Lyman, and Charlotte Watts, the intrepid Nogales Fire Crew who moved the trailer from Voyager R.V. Resort in Tucson down to Kentucky Camp.

plans. The idea is to have some history and restoration information available for visitors outside of the buildings. We have been considering two options: one possibility is to place a kiosk in the area between Buildings C and D. The second option, from the Forest Service's original *Interpretive Plan*, is to build two kiosks off-site, one at each trail entrance.

The first option, of course, would cost half as much and avoid duplicating information. The second option keeps modern interpretive facilities away from the historic buildings, a possible advantage for photographers and in the future for potential Living History programs.

Or how about a third option: build the kiosk in the basin now, move it later, when we move the other modern "intrusions," (like the tool shed and trailers)?

If you have an opinions or any ideas about this project call Mary at 670-4564!

Wanted:

short-term and weekend caretakers; fresh air, deluxe accommodations, scenic views, meet interesting people, within walking distance of Arizona Trail, etc. call Mary 670-4564

FRIENDS IN PRINT

Gold Panning in New Mexico: from Map Reading to Staking the Claim, by Robert O. Wilson, Filter Press, 1996.

Check out this book by our own *Friend* Bob Wilson, who was one of the featured speakers at the April *Passport in Time* project. It includes a very clear introduction to map-reading as well as extensive reports on many placer gold deposits and mining ventures in New Mexico. Bob's included information on mining technology, such as panning, rocking, and sluicing, as well as on staking and proving a claim, and a glossary of useful mining, geological, and mapping terms. But if gold isn't enough of a lure, the book's scenic color photographs of our neighboring state would be enough to inspire a trip.



Partners in Preservation: Opportunities at Historic Kentucky Camp, compiled by Jack Glenn.

This new and improved edition of an old Forest Service brochure includes historical photographs of the Hummel family, the conditions in 1989 (when the Forest Service took over the site) and pictures of the site today. A limited number of copies will be made available for *Friends* to review and enjoy during work days, but please feel free to request your own copy if you know any generous potential donors you wish to impress.

**HISTORICAL RESEARCH**

Jack Glenn has indexed hundreds of pages of research that Arnold Franks has collected. The 70 indexed subjects include Greaterville pioneers, Stetson/McAneny, mine engineers' analysis of the gold and water in the Greater-ville area, information on the Hummel family and their children and grandchildren.

MINING HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Lew Orrell gave a talk about "Kentucky Camp Placer Mining" at the Mining History Association's Eighth Annual Conference, which was June 5-8 in Houghton, Michigan. The talk, which was well received, included highlights of the Santa Rita Water and Mining Company's history and developments, a perspective on the true value of the placer deposits in the area, and a discussion of some of the factors that contributed to McAneny's eventual financial problems.

CARETAKER CARE

Many, many thanks to all those who have helped fill in for Arnold during his well-deserved vacation. Our *Passport in Time* caretaker volunteers and *Friends* alike have donated hundreds of hours since the Franks took off. But I think we've all come to realize even more clearly how much time and effort Arnold and his family have been putting into the site, and how special a person Arnold is to be able to withstand the isolation and workload day after day. Let's not abandon him when he gets back!

Friends can continue to take turns being "Caretaker for a Day" or weekend or week, to give Arnold and Arlene more regular breaks. With the installation of the windows and other features, we may also want to increase coverage to seven days a week, which is likely beyond the endurance capacity of even Arnold.

Joan Bratosh, Jack Glenn, and Mary Farrell have been developing some "helpful hints"

CIVIL WAR TOUR A BIG SUCCESS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- ☞ map placer pits by GPS with Travis Pasqual (August only)
- ☞ help fetch material for and make bricks
- ☞ sand, paint, and install restored doors
- ☞ re-grade area behind Building D
- ☞ clean and paint ceiling molding
- ☞ install trailer awning
- ☞ patch and repair adobe walls
- ☞ plus many other important activities

RENEWAL OF INCORPORATION STATUS

To renew our status as a non-profit corporation with the Arizona Corporation Commission, Jack Glenn prepared a 30 June 1997 financial statement. Due to technical difficulties it could not be reproduced here, but look for it in our next newsletter.

We are still waiting to hear from a few of you *Friends* – did you know that July 1 marked the beginning of the new membership year? Please be sure to renew your membership, or this will be your last newsletter. We are anxious to hear your comments and suggestions, and look forward to finding a place for all *Friends* in this organization. Let us know if you need a tour, a ride to the site, or, if you've time and inclination to volunteer, we have tasks to suit every talent, time-frame, and temperament!

The *Friends of Kentucky Camp*, a chapter of the Coronado National Forest Heritage Society, is a non-profit organization established to help in the preservation and interpretation of Kentucky Camp. *Friends* sponsor work days, coordinate volunteer activities, and conduct and supervise stabilization and preservation, in cooperation with the Coronado National Forest.

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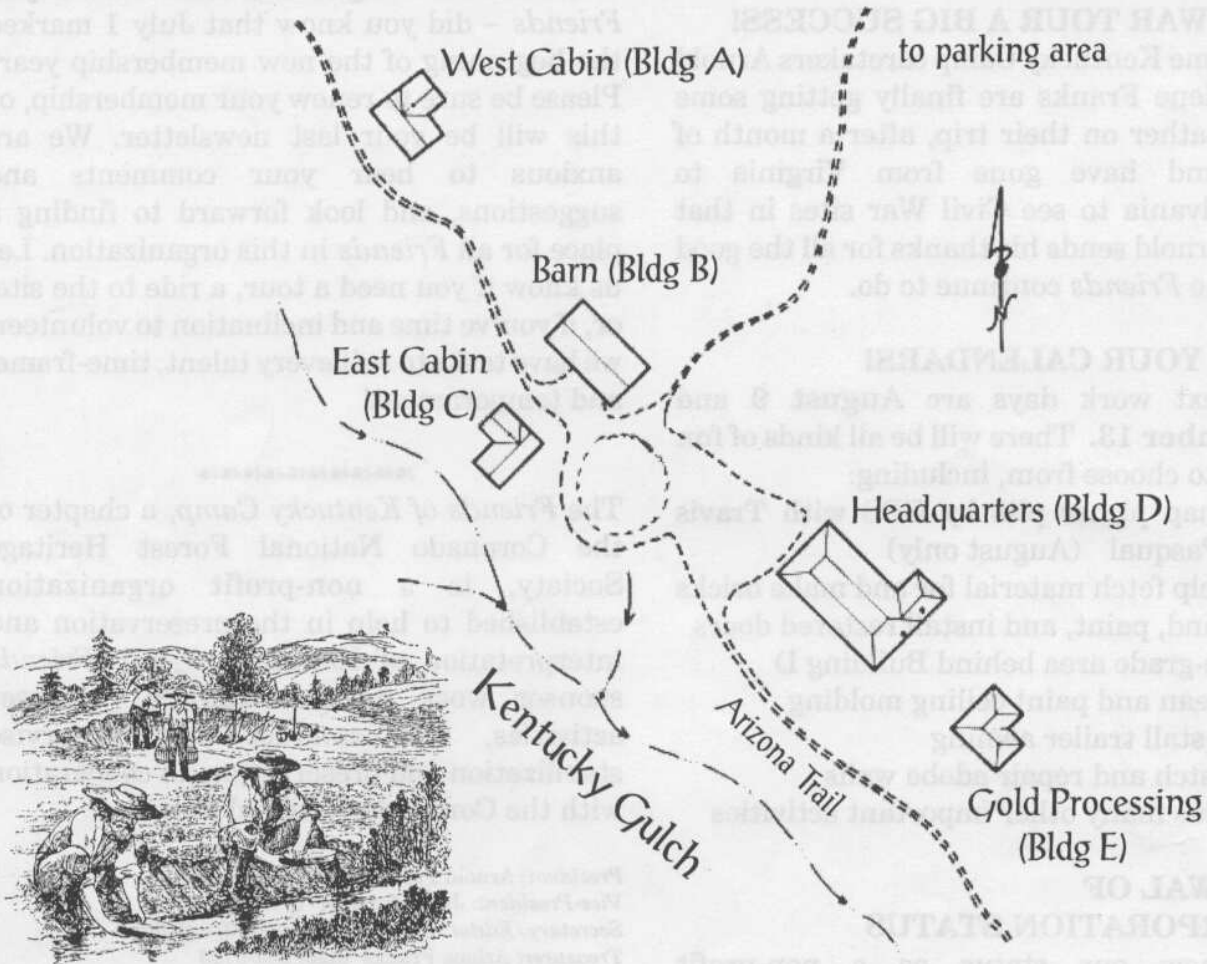
Visit Kentucky Camp on the internet at <http://www.Azstarnet.com/public/nonprofit/coronado/Intro.htm>

WANTED: NICE PATIO FURNITURE

We need to keep the new caretaker trailer smoke-free, not only to increase our pool of potential temporary caretakers to spell Arnold, but also for insurance and other regulations. Since some of our star caretakers smoke, we want to make a very comfortable and lovely smoking area outside! If you have any deluxe patio chairs or tables to donate, please call Jack Glenn at 625-5102.



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