

THE KENTUCKY CAMP CHRONICLE

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REMINDER – MUD DAY – WORKSHOP NOW APPROACHING

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 13, 1996. We plan on beginning at 10:00 a.m. and working until 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. We will assess the weather the night before. If the weather is going to be too miserable to work in, we (the Board of Directors) will start a phone tree to assure that all members are notified. It would help in the planning of the workday if we knew how many members will be there. If you plan to attend, please call 648-5793. If Billee is not home, just leave a message on her answering machine. A suggestion that if we cannot work on 13th of January is that we will reschedule for the second Saturday in March. A further suggestion, subject to a vote by the membership that we designate the second Saturday of every other month a workday. January, March, May, July, September, and November. That way we can plan ahead and everyone will know when we are working.

UPDATE

The November workday was a big success! 26 or 41% of the 63 members worked on our mud day. Even 6 non-members worked a full shift. The bricks made turned out quite well. Over 2/3 of them are whole, useable bricks. Many of the rest (in two or more pieces) are solid enough to be used as partial bricks or for fill. The color comes very close to matching the exterior of Building D.

37 or 58% of 63 members voted yes on the Bylaws. Only 51% was needed to pass them.

December 2, The *Tucson Weekly* came to KC to do a story. Arnold gave the visitor the grand tour and was interviewed. The story should appear soon.

December 6, Frank Hoornbeek met Mark South and his crew from the Nogales District on the road to camp. They hauled one load of sand and two loads of soil. This will be sufficient to make bricks on the workday.

December 8, Mary Farrell and Bill Gillespie of the Forest Service, Arnold Franks, Frank and Billee Hoornbeek met at Kentucky Camp to prepare the interior wall in Building D to be reconstructed on the January workday. Walt, an engineer from the Supervisors Office worked with them shoring up rafters in preparation for the project. The ceiling supports were reinforced.

Betty Leavengood had an article published in the December issue of *The Desert Leaf* about Kentucky Camp. It is a very informative article that should bring in more visitors and more members.

December 15, I visited KC to gather news for this newsletter. Arnold informed me that the electricity was out. He had spent the night with no lights and very little heat. So he intended to pack up and go home. The refrigerators had defrosted and he had a mess to clean up.

I was astounded by the great work done on building D by Jack Glenn and Tom Tompkins. The trim work on the the windows look great. In the last several weeks Jack and Tom have nailed on the outside trim of the window casings. I checked on the mud patching done on November 11, and it is holding up well. Building E got

quite a lot of patching done. There are very few cracks. The interior walls in building D look great, I didn't see any cracking on those walls.

Recently some visitors from Chandler came to KC for a tour. Arnold gave them a grand tour and made a map of some other places to visit. They were so thrilled with the wonderful treatment Arnold gave them, I am happy to say that we have 2 new members! They not only joined as members, but they sent a \$25 donation. And Arnold received a wonderful thank-you letter.

CURRENT PROJECTS

1. We need volunteers to keep a scrapbook for KC.
2. We need members to adopt a building and to develop and maintain a building log for each building. This would include baseline photos (now) and add photos every time work is done to the building. The building log for building A will be available on the workday to provide a guide to what is necessary for such a log. For the introduction of each log, Mary Farrell and/or Bill Gillespie would have to be interviewed to find out what had been done to each building since the Forest Service acquired the property.
3. There are many projects that need to be undertaken at KC. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.
4. If someone would like to assume the lead role in getting a certain job done, submit your idea to Mary Farrell, the lead archeologist for the camp. With her approval you can proceed.
5. We need volunteers to do genealogical research into the ancestors and families of McAneny and Stetson. There are extensive documents that need to be read and condensed for our use.
 - a. McAneny divorce
 - b. Lawsuit by the heirs of McAneny trying to declare him incompetent
 - c. The probate of the Stetson Estate which might give clues to his relatives

FUTURE

The Membership Committee will have a list of candidates for the 5 office positions on the Board of Directors ready for the April Newsletter. The elections will be held prior to June, 15, 1996. They will assume their offices on June 30.

REMINDER - WORKSHOP COMING

On Saturday, January 13, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., a workshop is scheduled. Bring your lunch, and plan to spend the day. Projects planned:

1. Repair the interior wall in building D
2. Make more adobe bricks
3. Outside adobe wall patching on building E (assay house)
4. Inside wall patching on building D
5. Cleanup of broken glass around the buildings
6. Carpentry work on building D
7. Scrapbook project needs volunteers to organize articles and pictures
8. Photographer needed to photograph buildings C and E in preparation to develop a building log for each building.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE
Evelyn Neuhaus

SUCCESSFUL WORK DAY

The Coronado National Forest wishes to express our thanks to the 26 *Friends*, (and their friends and relatives!) who donated time and energy to the November 11 workday. It was great! These true friends:

- * Made lots of adobe bricks (AND conducted science experiments -- under the direction of world-renowned adobe expert and Friend Dave Yubeta, they used a couple different formulas of sand-to-dirt ratios to see which would be the strongest. Best recipe will be used for future bricks);
- * Repaired adobe patching on the assay office (a.k.a. gold processing building) and continued patching in the Office interior;
- * Cleaned up broken window pane and trash;
- * Installed Arizona Trail directional signs, and caretaker signs, so bicyclists and other trail users won't zoom off retaining walls into the caretaker site (this crew not only dug the post holes through pretty compacted soil and helped analyze the site for best sign location, they *magically moved a hole* when they figured out a more logical, more visible sign placement than we originally designated);
- * Applied linseed oil to preserve wood of the assay office;
- * Helped Jack Glenn with the window restoration project and started replacing missing window and door frame elements around the Office.

There was also a lot of good discussion about how best to preserve Cabin C and the barn/stable-- we haven't yet determined the best plan, but at least we're developing a few options to consider and kick around w/ Dave Yubeta and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the work the *Friends* have been doing-- the preservation of Kentucky Camp will require a lot of muscle, and a lot of patience, but I'm confident that with your help we'll succeed. I look forward to the next work day, January 13, 1996.

Thanks also to the Nogales Ranger District (especially Mark South, Don Marion, and Shane Lyman) for providing the materials, tools, and the toilet, and for hauling the sand and dirt to the work site.

The Forest Service has a new publication in the Region's Heritage Resources Management series. Called *Tearing up the Ground w/ Splendid Results: Historic Mining on the Coronado National Forest*, one article features the history of Kentucky Camp and the Santa Rita Water and Mining Company operations. Other articles focus on historic mining at the Carr Reef area of the Huachuca Mountains, in the Galiuro Mountains, and throughout the Coronado National Forest. Arnold Franks has a copy at Kentucky Camp, and a few more are available for distribution. Call Mary Farrell, CNF archaeologist, at 670-4564 if you would like your own copy.

