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WORK WEEK RESULTS IN GOOD PROGRESS AT KENTUCKY CAMP

By Mark Doumas

The Friends of Kentucky Camp sponsored a work week on April 10-14. This was very similar to previous Passport in Time events sponsored by the Forest Service. We tackled some of the bigger projects at the site and had a chance to get re-acquainted with old Friends and meet some new ones.

The week got off to a rocky start when several of our members were unable to attend due to various emergencies. Bill Gillespie and other Forest Service employees were involved in a serious car accident just prior to the work-week. Bill (and all others involved in the accident) made full recoveries. Nancy Hough was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Chris Schragar was in California at the funeral services for his father-in-law during much of the week. Ed and Nancy Buell were able to attend the first evening of the work week but Ed came down with pneumonia and had to be taken to the V.A. Hospital in Tucson. He's also made a full recovery.

Still, the somewhat slimmed-down work crew got a lot accomplished. John Weiss led the effort to build a dividing wall in the old shower room in the Headquarters building. More recently, this has been our informal materials storage room. We now have



two smaller rooms: one will be finished-out as a small kitchenette to be used by guests when the building is rented out for day use. The other room will become an office for the Friends of Kentucky Camp. Susan Jones and Mark Doumas also helped on this project.

Susan Jones and Martha Joe Billy applied a rough mud coat to the electrical conduit channels in the Visitor's room and newly divided shower room. Martin and his sons Adrian and Saulo then applied the fine mud plaster in the visitors room and the old bath room.... the rooms look great! (Martin made a return visit after the work week and now the shower room has a new coat of fine mud plaster too.)



Drum Haverstock and Doug Maus (with occasional help from Mark Doumas) completed the installation of wood strips inside the perimeter of the Headquarters building. We believe the attic is now impervious to small animals such as bats and mice. Pete Van Cleve and Drum Haverstock inspected a rotten section



of fascia board behind the gutter. Turns out, the entire fascia strip under the gutter was riddled with carpenter bee tunnels. The entire gutter and fascia strip were removed. A new fascia board was installed and we have a new gutter to be installed at a future work day.



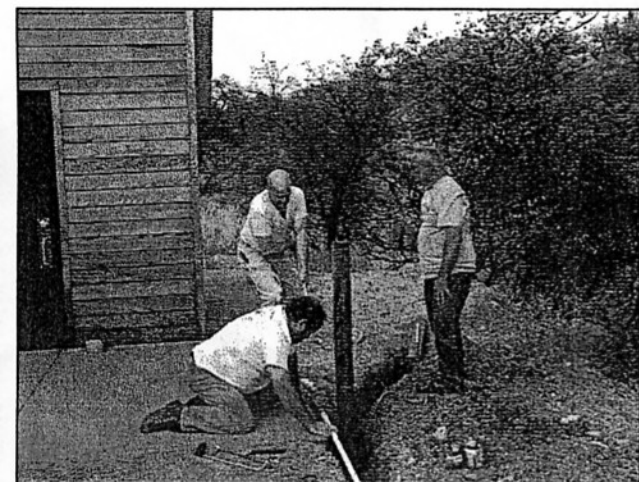
John Weiss, Martha Jo Billy, Susan Jones and Sandy Doumas built one of the adirondack chairs for the porch. This is a very comfortable deck chair and we look forward to finish the remaining three chairs. Drum won the raffle for the honor of being the first to sit in the chair...

another fine Friends of Kentucky Camp fundraising effort!

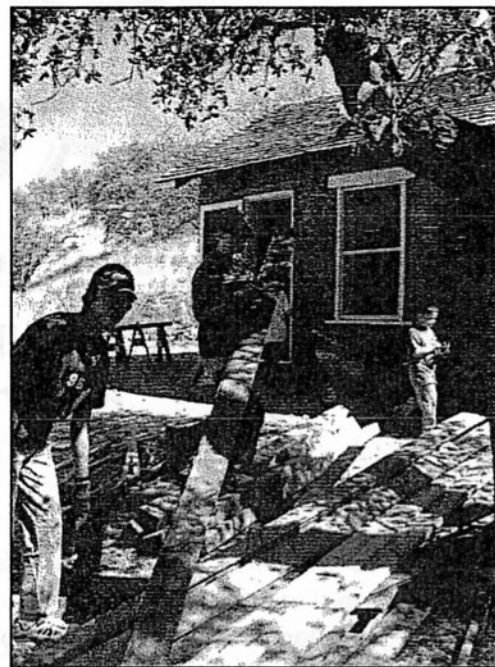
Martha Joe Billy painted four replacement screen doors. This was a very timely chore since we used one of these doors at a recent work day to replace the very rickety back door of the Headquarters building.



Doug Maus installed the electrical line and lighting posts to the new vault toilet. When completed, these will provide motion-controlled lighting similar to the path we have from Cabin C to the original vault toilet. On Friday, Chris Schrager and his friend Pete completed the new water line from the outdoor sink to the new vault toilet.



On Thursday and Friday, we were joined by members of Boy Scout troop 747. As part of an Eagle Scout service project, they cleaned-out Cabin A and applied a rough mud coat to some of the interior and exterior walls.



Many thanks, of course, to Irene and Drum for preparing meals! We had most of our lunches and suppers in the visitor's room of the Headquarters building.

Many thanks go to Kathy Makansi for the many trips to Home Depot, Graybar Electric, etc. to purchase materials.

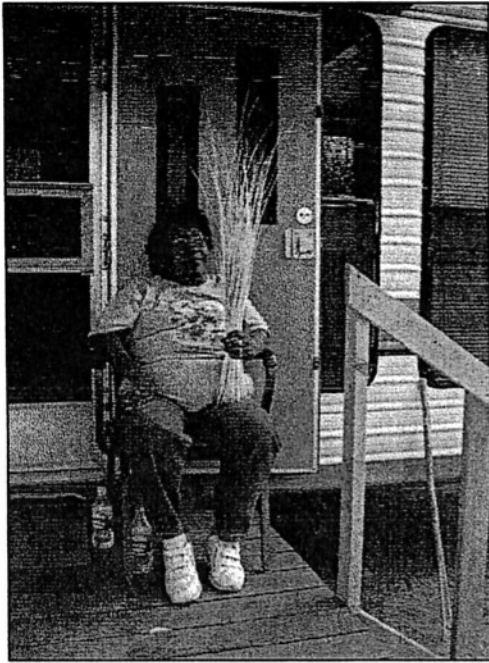
Caretakers Charles and Frances Mason were instrumental in keeping the site in good condition. They very generously pitched-in on dish-washing and provided the trailer's shower on days that were too overcast for solar showers to work.

I'm looking forward to our next PIT-like get-together. Hopefully, we can do another one next year!



Kentucky Camp Hosts Ak-Chin Elders and Youth "Return to Roots" Camp-Out

By Mary Farrell



For the elders, it was a return to the mountain foothills they had known in their youth. For the youth, it was a brand-new experience visiting the land of their ancestors. For everyone, young and old alike, it was a chance to get away from the low desert heat of the Ak Chin Indian Community's land, south of Phoenix, and into the (relatively) cool Santa Rita Mountains, where their O'odham ancestors hung out 300 years ago. All were delighted with the lovely accommodations at Kentucky Camp, where they camped June 21-28, 2006.

Thanks to a National Forest Centennial of Service grant and support from the Coronado National Forest, members of the Ak-Chin Indian Community spent several days near the heart of their traditional territory. Campers ranged in age from almost 8 to almost 80; one family had four generations represented. Elders stayed in the caretaker trailer and the Bed and no Breakfast; youngsters stayed in tents. Classes and activities were held in the Headquarters Building, outside at the picnic tables, and down near the cook trailer. The "camp counselors" were high school students recruited from the Ak-Chin Youth Council, who planned menus and activities, and supervised the

younger children to keep them occupied and safe. Elders collected traditional plants for basketry, demonstrated basket-making techniques, and provided language and history lessons. Middle school children made pottery and corn-husk dolls, and listened to talks about the history of the O'odham people (also known as Pima and Papago).

Coronado Forest Engineer Misty Shafiqullah talked with the kids about what engineers do (almost everything, it turns out), and kids came up with a list of problems that might need engineering solutions (like, "the camp shower is cold!"). The grade school children learned about fighting fire from occasional Fire Information Officer Mary Anna Wheat, who dressed up one of the children with all the proper equipment for fighting fires. An engine crew from Montana on severity detail to Nogales demonstrated their engine, and showed how far their hoses could spray water, to the delight of the kids. The Nogales District also delivered some much-appreciated mesquite fire wood, used to cook a traditional meal.



The project was part of the Coronado National Forest's efforts to build better relationships with tribes, and to encourage traditional plant uses that can help in ecosystem restoration. If the enthusiasm of the campers is any indication, projects like this will likely encourage future visits to Kentucky Camp.



In Search of James B. Stetson

By John Weiss and Mary Gentry

Last year, I was on a on a tour of Boston Gulch with Bill Gillespie. Bill recounted the story of the mining engineer for the Santa Rita Water and Mining Co., James Stetson. James died due to a fall from the window of his room at the Santa Rita Hotel in Tucson in 1905. Bill ended the story with: "...and his body was buried in Oakland". This immediately piqued my interest, as I frequently travel to Oakland to visit my girlfriend, Mary. Often, while I'm there, we will visit and stroll through the large cemetery, called Mountain View, in the Piedmont section of Oakland.

I was visiting Mary on May 6, 2006, so I called the Mountain View Cemetery and inquired about James B. Stetson, who died in 1905. Bingo, the lady said he was buried at Plot 8, Lot 18. I went to the cemetery website and downloaded/printed a map of the cemetery. We went to the cemetery and found the lot after about 20 minutes of searching. His final resting place was marked by an obelisk. The plot was marked: "Shuey" in concrete, on the curb. His plot overlooked the lower portion of the cemetery.

The obelisk was shadowed by an enormous Western Red Cedar. On the south-facing side of the obelisk (curb side), was his name and dates:

J.B.STETSON

March 1, 1865

May 20, 1905

There were no other engravings on the south face. This was disappointing and a bit curious. There were no spousal names or religious embellishments. Just a name and dates. However, on all other faces, were multiple entries for the Shuey family. Most interesting was the East face which read, from the top:

SARAH I. SHUEY M.D.

1851-1921

Friend of Humanity

CHARLES STETSON SHUEY

1882-1961

EMMA GETCHELL SHUEY

1886-1971

(base section)

JOHN SHUEY

Died July 31, 1875

Aged 64 yrs. 4 mos. 14 dys.

*Seek ye first the kingdom of
God and his righteousness and
all things shall be added unto you*

Two interesting things on this East Face:

- The entry for Sarah Shuey MD. There were very few women doctors at that time.
- The entry for Charles Stetson Shuey. This must be a connection to James.

Exploring for and finding James Stetson's grave was a small adventure for us, especially since we're both involved with Kentucky Camp. The adventure however, raised more questions than answers: Who were the Shueys? How was James connected with them? Is there a Stetson plot somewhere? Maybe someday we'll find out!

