

KENTUCKY CAMP



CHRONICLE



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ANNIVERSARY PARTY COMMEMORATES 100 YEARS OF MINING, RANCHING AND RESTORATION

By Mark Doumas

All this year's planning for the Kentucky Camp 100th anniversary came to a head on October 10th, 2004. About 100 guests represented all facets of Kentucky Camp's history. Gordon and Barbara Hummel represented the ranching era of the site. They brought a dozen of their

extended family. The mining was represented by Wes Stetson, great grandson of James Stetson, the Santa Rita Water and Mining Co. engineer. Many folks from the Forest Service, State Parks, Friends of Kentucky Camp and others involved with the rehabilitation Kentucky Camp during the past 15-odd years were also present.

Guests were treated to the blue-grass sounds of the Tortolita Gut Pluckers.... very appropriate music for the event. Barbeque was provided by Port-a-Pit. Speeches were heard from Jeanine Derby, National



**Just a few of our guests at the centennial event.
From left-to-right: Mary Farrell, Tom Cartledge, Judy Propper, Ilse, Rodolfo and Lupita del Castillo.**

Forest Service; Carol Griffith, Arizona State Parks; and Jim Kolbe, US Congressman. Guests received a 2005 photo calendar of the site and a commemorative centennial coffee mug. An authentic gold nugget from Kentucky Gulch was raffled-off as an additional fund raiser.

The site was in tip-top shape, thanks to our caretaker's help. There were

a dozen enlarged photos of various buildings and subjects around the site.

Each photo was positioned to show a specific view from historic times or 12 years ago "before" all the great rehabilitation work was started.

We've received many "thanks" and positive comments about the event. It was a great capstone event for 2004 and has



The 1/7 oz gold nugget from Kentucky Gulch that was raffled-off as a fund raising promotion. Linda South was the lucky winner.

helped raise awareness of the great work going on
at Kentucky Camp.

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Jeanine Derby, Coronado Forest Service Supervisor, listens to Martincito Teran and Mary Farrell.



Barbara and Gordon Hummel enjoy the view from the Administration building porch.



Jim Kolbe addresses the guests during lunch. Jim is the US Congressman for Arizona's eighth district.



Carol Griffith from Arizona State Parks talks with Bill Gillespie.

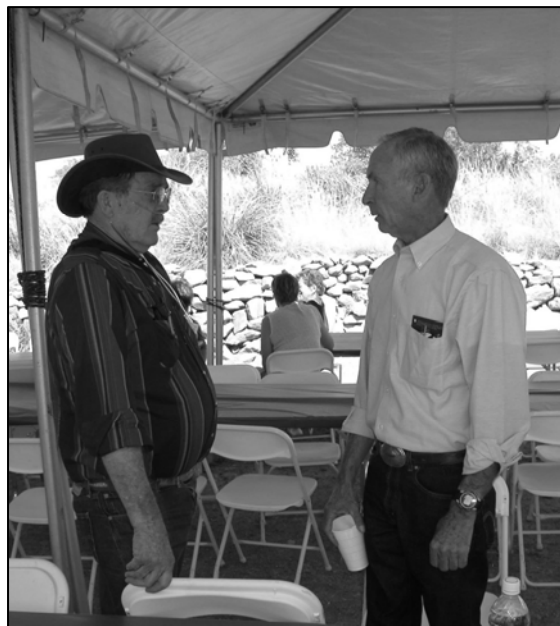
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The Tortolita Gut Pluckers provided music for the event. They play a great mix of Blue Grass.... or is that "Brown Thorn"??!



Congressman Jim Kolbe takes time to sign an autograph for one of the event's younger guests.



**Gordon Hummel meets Wes Stetson.
Gordon Hummel is the grandson of
Louis Hummel from Kentucky Camp's**

**Mark and Linda South inspect the Gold Processing
Building. In the foreground is one of the historic
"before" photos taken from the same vantage point
and includes two of the young Hummel boys.**

Mark Your 2005 Calendars

by Mark Doumas and Chris Schrage

Take a few moments and mark your new 2005 calendars with the following dates of upcoming events at Kentucky Camp. As in past years, we are planning some sort of site get-together on the second Saturday of each month:

- January 8 - Work Day
- February 12 - Work Day
- March 12/13 - Work Weekend and Annual Open House*
- April 9 - Work Day
- May 14/15 - Work Weekend
- June 11 - Work Day
- July 9 - Work Day
- August 13 - Work Day
- September 10 - Work Day
- October 8/9 - Work Weekend and Friends of Kentucky Camp Annual Meeting**
- November 12 - Work Day
- December 10 - Work Day

* Open House is on Sat. March 12th and is part of Arizona Archeology Awareness Month

** FKC Annual Get-together is on Sat. October 8th

On work days, we'll be doing light maintenance projects to be determined as we progress through the year. On work weekends, we'll open up the site for camping by volunteers, and tackle slightly larger projects – for example, we're tentatively planning to run the water and electrical lines to the new vault toilet during the first work weekend in May.

Overall, the priority for the site in 2005 will be to focus on finishing the rehabilitation of the Administration building. We hope to complete the electrification, treat the attic for hantavirus, insulate the ceiling, and finish mud plastering the interior walls. Volunteers are also needed to update and repair the interpretive displays; they'll be moved into the Assay Office once that building is ready.

As always, an updated "To-do" list will be included with the monthly email reminders about Work Days and Weekends. We look forward to seeing you there!

KENTUCKY CAMP SOUVENIRS



FOR SALE

With the Holiday season upon us, keep in mind that

we now have a number of Kentucky Camp-logoed items for sale. There are still a healthy supply of t-shirts for \$15 each. We also have "centennial-edition" ceramic coffee mugs to commemorate Kentucky Camp's 100th anniversary. These hefty 11oz mugs are \$8 each. The Kentucky Camp 2005 calendar poster is 12" X 18". It features a great photo of the site and costs \$5. Send an email to doumas@mindspring.com to place your order and



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FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY CAMP ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Richard Corzine, lifetime charter member of Friends, passed away January 24, 2004. We send our sympathies to his wife, Gwenyth.
- ❖ The recent FKC election was concluded at our annual meeting October 9 with a 55% turnout. Mark Doumas was re-elected as President, John Weiss was elected as Vice-president, Emily Wang was re-elected as Treasurer, and Pete VanCleve was re-elected as Member-at-Large. Their terms run for 2 years. (Secretary Sandy Doumas' term runs for another year.)
- ❖ We welcome John Weiss as a new board member, and give our great thanks to Nancy Hough for her service as Vice-president.



Big Thanks to the Gut Pluckers!

The **Friends of Kentucky Camp**, a chapter of the Coronado National Forest Heritage Society, is a nonprofit organization established to help in the preservation and interpretation of Kentucky Camp. Friends sponsor work days (2nd Saturday of every month) , coordinate volunteer activities, and conduct and supervise stabilization and preservation, in cooperation with the Coronado National Forest.

Student (\$5), individual (\$10), family (\$15), contributing (\$25), supporting (\$50), and lifetime (\$200) memberships are available.

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