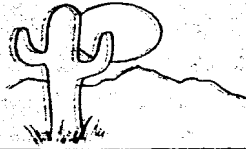


PV Museum Musings

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arrival of electricity in the Pahrump Valley back in 1962 that it would be just the first catalyst that would spur a growth period of this one time almost unknown retirement valley into what is today, a very desirable hometown for many. ✂

After all these years Harry Ford sees dreams come true with the opening of the Museum.

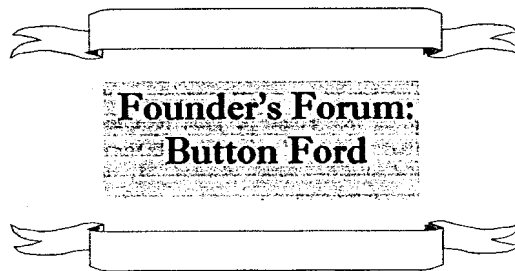
Dreams Do Come True.

September 1, 2003 was the unofficial opening of the Pahrump Valley Museum in their new building. The unofficial opening would provide a practice run that was to give all the volunteers an on the job experience to see how we may actually run the museum to best benefit the community. The doors opened and the people came.

Beginning in September the Museum was officially opened from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily Monday through Friday. The staff is an all volunteer group who are working diligently to make the Museum a great Community experience for all.

Good things do happen and dreams do come true. A classic example is the dream of Harry Ford when he started collecting things long ago. Harry was introduced into the Pahrump Valley when "things" were hard to come by and seldom thrown away, so in his daily excursions on his job he would save, collect or gather items that he found along his regular pathway. His collections were for no specific purpose except to save or rescue the items. Later a plan formulated in his brain that one day there just might be a Museum locally where he could display these things that he had saved.

Pahrump Valley like all other growth prone areas in our great country seems to have undergone many rapid changes. Who would have thought with the



The year 2003 will be a wonderful memory. After 10 years of effort by the many supporters, the museum is finally up and running. Pahrump can be proud of the museum and the people who came to the Dedication ceremony were very complimentary about the museum.

One of the highlights of the dedication was the presentation of an American flag that had flown over the capitol in Washington D.C. The flag was delivered just minutes before the dedication, by an aide to Congressman Gibbons. We will display the flag in the museum along with the handsome certificate signed by Congressman Gibbons.

We have already filled all the showcases in the museum. We will be obtaining additional showcases with funds from the Pahrump Tourism Board. We are experiencing rapid and immediate growth. I want to thank all of the members who have made this possible.

Harvest Festival 2003

Conastoga Wagon all dressed up and rolling down Highway 160 pulls many people into the PV Museum

C. Wright-Huff
Freelance writer/Probita Press

Earlier in the year the PV Museum received a gift of the Conastoga Wagon from the family of Atha Owens. Since this wagon is sort of a local character (related to the former owner Atha Owens Young) it seemed only fair that the tradition continue.

Volunteers repaired the wagon making it roadworthy. After receiving the repairs other volunteers could ready the wagon for presentation at the fall festival parade.

The morning for the parade arrived and the excitement could be felt all along the staging area. Trying to get a 100+ floats and participants all ready for their 30 minute ride down the midway is no small fete..

The Pahrump Valley Museum truck driven by Phil Huff was the lead horse to pull the Conastoga wagon. The passengers who rode in the parade aboard the wagon were

Harvest Festival 2003

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Neal and Preston Huff and Brian Belloumini. The reaction from the crowds as this group passed by proved to be very positive. As they traveled the 160 strip Neal was heard telling everyone to visit the PV Museum and to be sure to support the Grand Opening Celebration which will happen on Oct 31, 2003.

After the parade was over the doors to the Museum started to open and close; frequently and all day long. To date the day of the Parade was the largest attendance day since the Museum opened a mere month ago. As people came in they were both pleased and amazed to see just how many interesting things were on display for them to spend time looking through.

So stop and think if you have any old Pahrump items around your house. Donate them to the museum so that they can be shared with everyone who sees them. Giving makes the soul feel better. We'll be waiting to hear from you. thanks

**SAVE OLD Pahrump
HISTORY for the NEXT
GENERATIONS.**

*Everyone who visits the
Museum will enjoy your
additions.*

The Pahrump Valley Museum & Historical Society

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Submissions should be submitted to the Museum at PO Box 1510 Pahrump, NV 89041 or at the Museum. We do not pay for articles but would be glad to offer the opportunity for your work to be published. Any work that has to be returned must be clearly marked. We accept PC disk, photos and hard copy.

Museum is located on Basin Rd at Ford Place between I60 and Blagg Rd. Admission is Free to the public. Phone number 751-1970

DEDICATION CEREMONY ON NEVADA'S STATE DAY

by: CW Huff

By the time that the "Official Dedication Day" arrived the weather had changed to a more fall/winter like scene. The ceremonies started briskly at 10 AM with more than 100 people bundled up in their jackets eagerly awaiting the announcements.

The MC, Phil Huff, introduced Boy Scout Troupe # 808 and we were off to the races. Congressman Gibbons provided a special flag that had been flown over the nations capital for the event. The patriotic atmosphere was enhanced by the music of local celebrity musician Dennis Keating. What an officious beginning to the dedication of the Pahrump Valley Museum, what perfect timing. October 31 is the date that Nevada became a state by proclamation from President Abraham Lincoln. The museum houses a

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grand President Lincoln collection and Harry Ford's family was directly related to Mary Todd Lincoln.

The ceremony was enhanced by speeches from notable locals like developer Tim Hafen and historian Robert McCracken. Mae Taylor cut the ribbon to officially open the doors. The unveiling of the dedication plaque was done by Col. Bill Byrnes who is President of the Chamber of Commerce. If you looked around the crowd you could see local dignitaries scattered around throughout the chilly attendees. One of the most outstanding presences was that of Sheriff Anthony DeMeo. He was resplendent in his costume. What was he dressed as? A sheriff, of course.

The entire day has to be considered a resounding success. The people of Pahrump really seem to be enjoying a wonderful new experience, a cultured place to spend some peaceful time looking at things from days gone by.

We really need VOLUNTEERS. As you can see from the listing to the left we have room for all kinds of talent. All it takes is a couple of hours here and there and marvelous things happen. Desperately needed computer person interested in maintain data bases, Newsletter etc.

PV Museum
Pahrump NV
NOW OPEN



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The dedication on Statehood Day was a well-attended event. Many of the townspeople were there along with many museum members. We missed many of the folks who have contributed so much in the past and the many members who were not able to attend.

If you haven't visited the new facility yet, make a note to stop in at your earliest convenience. From now until the first of the year, the museum will be wearing Christmas colors. We think you will enjoy seeing it.

Wayne Mapes

President/ Board of Directors

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Harry and his wife Mary generously donated the land for the Pahrump Valley Museum and work very long and hard to get to the point that we see today.

Now for the next stage of growth for where all of Pahrump residents can participate. Look around and see if you have any old mementos, saved items that reflect, show or represent the earlier times in Pahrump. Perhaps you, your parents or your grandparents have items, your neighbors or even some casual acquaintance. It is up to all of us to make an effort to see if we can get these items for display in the Museum for all to see.

The Museum Board of Directors has made allowances for temporary displays, items on loan for short periods of time and permanent gifting of items to the Museum.

All you have to do is to contact Harry Ford at the Museum at 751-1970 or 727-5218 (home) I'm sure that he will be glad to hear from anyone who wishes to donate their items for everyone to see.

The Museum is staffed with volunteers and they do a wonderful job as greeters and they always pitch in to assist with other items from time to time. We have an dire need for more volunteer recruits. The opening schedule for the Museum is 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM daily and we need more Volunteers to fill these hours and positions on special committees.

Pahrump Valley Museum has an outstanding desert garden scape for all to look at. The Pahrump Garden Club built and maintains this wonderful specimen garden for all those who appreciate growing things. Come over to the front side and take a look but be careful there's lots of sticky things lurking here. *

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

TIME: 4:30 PM

Where: At the Museum. The meeting is the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Meeting is open to all members and public.



The Devil's Vacation Land

*The devil wanted a place on earth
Sort of a summer home
A place to spend his vacation
When ever he wanted to roam.
So he picked our Nevada
A place both wretched and rough
Where the climate was to his liking
And the cowboys hardened and tough.
He dried up the streams in the canyons
And ordered no rain to fall
He dried up the lakes in the valleys
Then baked and scorched it all.
Then ever his barren country
He transplanted scrubs from hell.
The cactus, thistle and prickly pear
The climate suited them well.
Now the home was much to his liking
But animal life, he had none.
So he created crawling creatures
That all mankind would shun.
First he made the rattlesnake
With it's forked poisonous tongue.
Taught it to strike and rattle
And how to swallow it's young.
Then he made scorpions and lizards
And the ugly old horned toad.
He placed spiders of every description
Under rocks by the side of the road
Then he ordered the sun to shine hotter,
Hotter and hotter still.
Until even the cactus wilted
And the old horned lizard took ill.
Then he gazed on his earthly kingdom
As any creator would do
He chuckled a little up his sleeve
And admitted that it was good.
'Twas summer now and Satan lay
By a prickly pear to rest.
The sweat rolled off his swarthy brow
So he took off his coat and vest.
"By Golly," he finally panted.
"I did my job too well,
I'm going back to where I came from,
Nevada is hotter than Hell."
-Author Unknown*

If you have ideas of how to more effectively get the community involved with the Museum please let us know.

Do you have any good ideas about how the Museum can more effectively serve through programs please let us know. Like field trips, lectures etc.

Seasonal Treat

With the Holiday Season just around the corner I know everyone is looking for all those special ideas that you can do for those who matter. We thought we would give you a recipe that we have enjoyed on many occasions. Great as a relish or on crackers

SPECIAL Cranberry Delight

Ingredients Needed:

1 Orange

1 Bag of Fresh

Cranberries

½ to 1 cup of Sugar

A food processor (this could also be ground in a blender but I think it would take longer to process)

1st Step: Wash and dry the orange, then wash and drain the cranberries.

2nd Step: Slice the orange into sections- do not remove the outer peel.

3rd Step: Place about a cup of cranberries into the food processor and pulverize them empty container and continue till all cranberries are used up. Place these into a glass bowl.

4th Step: Now grind up the orange sections, skin and all. Pour the oranges into the cranberry pulp.

5th Step: Add ½ cup of sugar and taste the mixture. Keep adding sugar till you reach the best taste that you prefer.

Store in refrigerator. This mixture is great on Thanksgiving and will keep for a couple of weeks if kept chilled. This sauce is also good with many other dishes, explore the possibilities like

Take a block of Cream Cheese and pour the cranberry relish on top, use a decorative cookie cutter to make a shape and you have an instant decorative and great tasting snack food.

If you wish you can add a touch of cinnamon, or fresh finely chopped gingerroot, or pecans etc. Enjoy

Come see the desert landscape garden. Generously provided by the Pahrump Garden Club.



On the Museum grounds there is a real mixture of items for everyone. If you are interested in old farm equipment, we have a growing array of things related to farming in the Pahrump Valley. There are trucks, tractors, cultivators, etc.

Now if you're interested in things architectural there is an example of old west style home. The Raycraft House Tie House has been reconstructed and is being furnished true to the period.

The outstanding desert landscape garden is a great to look at and spend time just enjoying the view, so to speak. The garden was provided and is maintained by the generous people from the Pahrump Valley Garden Club. Come see their handiwork. During the last month they have placed many labels on the many plantings. They are really doing an outstanding job getting difficult plants to grow. The Old Mine Shaft area is growing too. Things are

coming onto the property daily. Make sure to see this area of interest.

Also on the property is the Old Chamber of Commerce Building, while not open to the public, yet, it still is interesting to look through the windows.

Come look around there are many other things around for you to discover.

Membership Info:

Individual yearly Membership \$10.00

Family Yearly Membership \$20.00

Lifetime Membership \$150.00

Business yearly \$100.00

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