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Seven years ago, we started publishing this newsletter. Where has the time gone? I browsed through a few of the “older” issues and realized that we’ve done a lot over the past 7 years. It’s amazing how much goes on from month to month. Back in 2012, I reported that we had 60 plaques placed around town and our membership was 87. Since then, we’ve received several grants for the high school, had the south wall of the high school rebuilt in 2015, many people have come and gone, and we’ve received quite a few physical donations. Randy’s 1894 Steam Traction Engine came to town in 2014. Jim and I bought our caboos in 2015. The school desks, donated by the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City, came to us in 2015. The T&T museum moved to town in 2016 and on and on. Time does fly. Well, enough reminiscing!

A warm welcome to our new members since the last newsletter and new Life Members:

Elizabeth Kearns

New Life Members: Law Office of Michael McNerny

Steve Knight

Gina Greenway

Tim Messick

Bill & Sandy Beltz

Steve Witherell

Benefactor: Richard Salerno

As of the end of June, we have 131 members. Members are the life blood of organizations and we sincerely appreciate each and every one of you for your continued support. Thank you.

GHS Meeting – The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at 7 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce building.

High School Restoration – **Mel Green**, our structural engineer, has been paid \$8,250 for the first phase plans and specs for the east wall, satisfying our State mandated expenditure of 10% of our grant award by May 1st.

There are additional Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) funds available for emergency work. **John Ekman** will be applying for those to be used among current projects.

Steve Foutz has built a portable roof leak collection system for the high school. Hopefully, this will work until we are able to get the roof repaired.

Grants - Correction – Last issue I reported that Edie Koepnick and Sherry Huffman prepared the grant for the reprinting of our Walking Tour booklets and the Society Trifolds. It was actually just **Sherry Huffman**. Edie does so much for the Historical Society, I guess I just assumed that she was involved. This grant was successful. So, thank you very much, Sherry!

We’ve produced a new tri-fold this time around. It is called “Goldfield’s Railroads” and describes each of the railroads that were in Goldfield from 1905-1947. **Jim Price** is responsible for producing this tri-fold and it has been very well received. Thank you so much Jim! It looks

great. It was also printed with the funds from the matching grant received from the Nevada Division of Tourism that Sherry Huffman prepared for us. The Walking Tour booklets have also been reprinted using this grant.

Angela Haag has submitted a grant from the Nevada Division of Tourism for our website rebuild. This has been approved for \$4,800 and we can now move forward with this project.

J. B. Snow Foundation Grant – I am very pleased to report that we were awarded \$14,000 to replace the front steps of the High School.

Congrats and a big thank you to all our grant writers!

T&T Museum – We have also produced a postcard for the T&T Museum (shown on the right). Again, **Jim Price**, along with assistance from **Jackie Pankrast**, developed this product. It's a lovely color postcard and will be showing up around town soon.

Jeri Foutz has been busy giving tours of the High School and has given the Society \$1,500 for this last quarter. Thank you Jeri! We really appreciate your hard work.

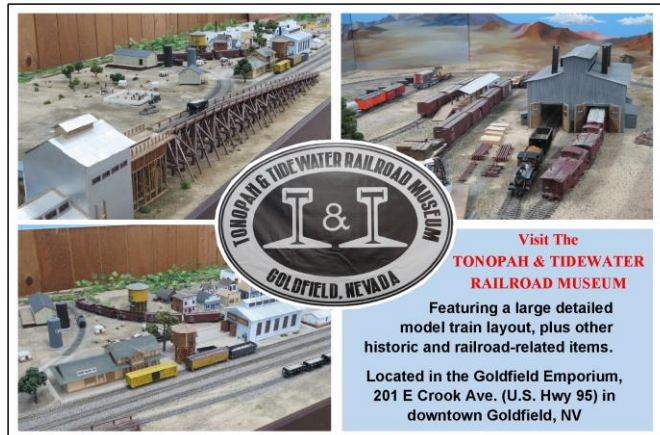
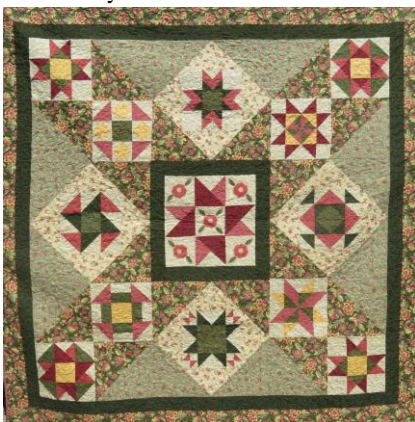


Photo by Jim Price



Goldfield Days - Goldfield days is fast approaching. It will be held on August 2-4, the first weekend in August. Tickets are still available for this beautiful quilt donated by **Susan Lock** from Pahrump. It measures 83" X 83". If you'd like to buy tickets, please send a check to The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013. As usual, ticket donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The Goldfield Emporium is displaying the quilt. The last couple of quilts have been won by Goldfield Historical Society members.

Historic Markers - We have 84 markers placed around town. The Turkish Bath has been approved but placement has not been set. Steve Roberts, the new owner of the Downer Brothers Assay office has also requested a marker.

The steel letters for the new cemetery arch have been completed by one of our members, **John Adair**. **Juanita Colvin** will oversee the installation of the cemetery arch.

Other Projects – Work on the floors in the Rosenthal House (Steve & Jeri Foutz) are undergoing repair along with the stabilization of the cellar. The back porch on the Stanton House (Bill & Sandy Beltz) is being worked on. Stone Brothel (Richard & Edie Koepnick) – they have now hired an experienced mud guy to help stabilize the walls. They have also put in utilities on the lower part of their property for an RV hook-up. Lyric Theater (Terry Bergman) has had more work done on the exterior walls and stage floor. She also has done more work on

the frame house behind the Rickard House. Astrid and Richard continue their work on the Labarthe House.

Goldfield High School Pictures – We were wondering if any of you out there had pictures of the High School from your travels to Goldfield over the years. The older the better and pre-2000. Sometimes a different angle will show some detail that would be of interest in our restoration of the building. The example on the right shows detail of the front stairs with spindles, that are now missing, which Jim Price took a picture of in the 70's. If you have pictures that you'd be willing to share, we'd appreciate receiving a copy. You can send them to our P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013 or scan them and e-mail to – jcsie@pacbell.net.



North-South Off Highway Trail – **Richard & Edie Koepnick** have been working with the Nevada Off Highway Vehicles Program to create a north-south dirt backroads trail the length of Nevada. The idea is to provide people with a way to travel without using the highway and provide a different perspective on the area. Richard and Edie are working with them on the section that runs from Beatty to Gold Point to Goldfield to Tonopah. Some parts of the road are a bit rough (not rock climbing, but still bumpy) and would require higher clearance vehicles than most passenger cars. It is still in the planning stage and they expect the group to return this summer, to complete the initial run on this section.

Photo by John Ekman



Donations – **Stewart Luce**, a member of our Society has graciously donated a framed Goldfield High School orange and black pennant. It is beautiful. Thank you so much Stewart. This is a great addition to our collection.

Elizabeth Manon has donated a lovely postcard collection from 1909.

Andrew and Mary Baudino – have donated \$500 toward roof repairs at the T&T Museum. This is very much appreciated.

Thanks to all for your generosity!

Other News – Radio Goldfield has received notice that the FCC approved their power upgrade to 1KW. They will now be able to reach much farther out when they broadcast. It's a great mix of music and appreciated by all in town. The Crown Transmitter and Antenna will cost around \$9,000 – so, it might be awhile before they're able to complete the installation. www.kgfn.org

The **Clines**, who are members of the Goldfield Historical Society, have recently purchased the George A. Bartlett house in Tonopah. This house was built in 1907 and was used as a Knights of Columbus hall. It is in desperate need of attention. They have done a wonderful job with the Mizpah and are currently restoring the Belvada Hotel which will have a partial opening in the next 2-3 months. Historical preservation is always appreciated and we look forward to the results and wish them the best of luck.

Tim Hipp, member and our County Commissioner, reports that the County is looking into purchasing the property between the Community Center and the High School. This area will be used as a “town center” for special events and resting areas for locals and visitors. This was met with unanimous approval.

Train Enthusiasts – My husband and I attended the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad celebration in Ogden, UT in May. Besides the re-enactment of the Golden Spike event at Promontory Point, UT which is always a treat to see, the Union Pacific has finished its restoration of the 4014 Big Boy locomotive to operating condition. They ran it from Cheyenne, WY to Ogden, UT for the celebration. The 844 locomotive along with vintage rail cars joined it on the trip. As you probably know, the Big Boy is the largest steam locomotive ever built. There are several on display but this is the only operating one. To see it and 844 under steam was indeed a rare treat. Kudos to Union Pacific for investing in this historical restoration!

Photos by Jim Price



For those interested in train events, the centennial of the San Diego & Arizona railway will be celebrated later this year on November 16th. This line has been labeled the “Impossible Railroad,” and for good reason. It runs from San Diego through 44 miles of Mexico, then through Carriso Gorge and down to El Centro. You can get more details at www.psrn.org/centennial. There’ll be a ground breaking anniversary event on September 7th and a Golden Spike re-enactment on November 16th. All events will be held on the grounds of the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum in Campo, CA.



Locomotive 4014 steaming back to Cheyenne on 5/12/2019

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