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We now have 122 members – welcome to everyone and thanks for your support. The Society met three times since the last issue. The next meeting will be on October 10, 2016 at 6 p.m.

It is with sincere regret that I report that our Vice President and Treasurer will be leaving Goldfield and thus resigning their positions with the Society. Dominic and Lisa Pappalardo are moving to Elko in October due to family responsibilities. They have both provided much needed support to the Society and the community and will be greatly missed. Lisa has provided a myriad of duties for us. She checks our mailbox, pays our bills, balances our checkbook, provides the monthly treasurer reports for our meetings, sends me membership information so that I can keep the membership list current, prints our T-shirts, and makes our coffee mugs. She also did the paperwork to receive grant money for the printing of our walking tour booklets, and the trifold brochure which she initiated. I'm sure I'm missing some of the numerous tasks which she has taken on and always with a smile. Dominic has also been a strong supporter of the Society. He attends all our meetings, substituting for President as needed, provides support to Lisa and is always there when there's heavy lifting to be done. The high school would be in worse shape if it were not for the efforts of Dominic. He donated the school to a Nevada non-profit corporation so we could apply for grants for its restoration and has done a tremendous amount of work in its stabilization and weatherization. They both will be greatly missed.

Photo by Jim Price



High School Restoration – The next phase of our structural restoration is additional repairs of the exterior southwest wall. We're still waiting for the awarded funds from the State of Nevada's Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP). We were awarded \$44,000 and hope to have it by October but no word yet. Mr. Ekman is working with our engineer, Mel Green, in formulating plans and specs in anticipation of receiving the funds which were awarded in April.

The material list for the lumber for replacement of the front steps is complete. We have requested a quote from Home Lumber in Bishop but haven't received it yet.

We had a clean up day at the High School on September 18th and many people showed up to help. Weeds were attacked, equipment that didn't belong in the school was removed and three years worth of foundation work was completed.

There was a nice article in the September 8th edition of the Tonopah Times-Bonanza and Goldfield News about our high school, “Enthusiasm displayed toward Goldfield High School” written by David Jacobs. It discussed our current efforts, what else is needed, what’s ahead and how to help. John Ekman was quoted extensively and had his picture in our classroom. Good publicity for the high school.

Photo by Jim Price



High School Class Room –All of the venetian blinds for the demonstration class room have been completed and hung and the broken windows were replaced. The desks were dusted and oiled and the school room looked great for our tours during Goldfield Days as you can see from the picture.

Goldfield Days – As usual Goldfield Days was a lot of fun. There were lots of people in town and much activity. The Koepnicks again did an outstanding job with their GPS challenge netting \$360 for the Historical Society. They sold 24 challenges this year which was four more than last year. Alan Metscher led the popular historical bus tours but this year the bus had air conditioning – what a relief. There were a couple of tours of the high school given by our Caroline Eliades and they were very well attended. The parade was narrated by Connie Wheeler, and all the parcels offered at the Land Auction were sold.

Tonopah & Goldfield RR Boxcars - The painting of our two T & G Boxcars is progressing with a special preservative donated by Stanley Davis. Volunteers are still needed.

Photo by Jim Price

Nevada Copper Belt Caboose – Jim Price and Joan Sieber report that their caboose now has an enclosed cupola. The side doors have been replaced and look great. The roofing project has started and is expected to be finished before winter.



T-Shirts – Our Goldfield Society T-shirts are selling well and we sold quite a few during Goldfield days. They are now a self-supporting fundraiser.

Walking Tour Booklets – The booklets are still being stuffed with the map and membership forms. Carol Miguez has taken on this task and is making great progress. Thank you Carol.

Photo by Jim Price



Around Town – As you can see, work on the Welcome Center at the north end of town is practically finished. Mickey Bates and Mike Anderson attended our August meeting and solicited ideas from the members present regarding our involvement in displays and staffing. It was agreed that the Center should have a history of Goldfield with photos that the Society can provide. We hope to have a floor plan to work with soon.

Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad Museum - The model railroad exhibit residing in the Goldfield Gift Shop has been a great draw for people. It looked great during Goldfield days as you can see. Jim Price did a book signing there for his new book “Discovering The Ghost Railroads of Central Nevada” during Goldfield days. There are still work parties, now on Sundays, in assembling it, painting the background and continuing the layout to Goldfield.

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Horseless Carriage Tour - The Horseless Carriage Club of America, San Diego and Orange Empire Regions, held their Autumn Leaf Tour in Tonopah/Goldfield on September 22-25. On Thursday, the members did a short drive to the Tonopah Mining Park where they were able to



drive their vehicles up to the Mizpah headframe and received a short tour in the hoist house. On Friday, the day started with a drive to Belmont and a tour of the Courthouse followed by an excellent sack lunch provided by the Dinky Diner. They then proceeded to drive over the hill via Manhattan and to the Round Mountain Gold Mine. The members received a tour of the mine but no samples were given. On Saturday, they drove to Goldfield for a short history/orientation in our Courthouse. Richard & Edie Koepnick opened up the Community Center and provided

coffee for the participants as they toured the Fire House Museum, the Opera House/Radio Station, T&T Model RR Museum, Consolidated Mines Building, Telephone & Telegraph building and, of course, our beloved High School. A lunch at Diamondfield Gulch was provided by Ron Matheny. This was followed by a tour of the Florence Mine – thanks to John Aurich. Then back in town for some shopping and admiring the many historic structures in town, and back to Tonopah for the banquet dinner at the Mizpah Hotel. It was great fun to have them visit and to see these old cars running around town. Thanks Richard and Edie for your help in making everyone welcome.

Since the next newsletter won't come out until next January, let me be the first to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays.

Please let me know if your e-mail or address changes, so that I can update the membership list and you'll continue to receive our newsletter. If you can provide an e-mail address for the newsletter, we would appreciate it as it saves us money on postage.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please send them to Joan Sieber at jcsie@pacbell.net.

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