

*the* Goldfield  
Historical Society  
Goldfield, Nevada



**John Ekman, President**

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We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. It was definitely different this year but here's hoping next year will be more "normal". In spite of the pandemic, a lot of work was accomplished on the High School.

We had a meeting in November at the Community Center with social distancing rules. This was the first meeting since March and before we found out that Esmeralda County has now lost its standing as the only County in Nevada that didn't have a positive case. Nominations were taken for 2021 Officer positions. The current officers have agreed to continue, if elected which they were at the meeting in December. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

**Dues are Due** – Our membership runs from January to December. So, I would appreciate it if you could please send in your dues promptly – it makes my "volunteer" job easier. You can pay through our website or print out the attached membership form and mail it to **The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013**. Appreciate your attention to this matter.

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

**Randy Babcock**

**Bud & Pam Feldkamp III – Benefactor**

**Gordon & Sandra Nixon**

**Travis Wheeler**

Our membership count as of the end of December is 164 members, the highest ever!

**Member State Count** - Speaking of new members, an anonymous member is willing to "sponsor" five individual one year memberships (\$20 x 5 = \$100). The caveat is that they **do not** live in any of the states listed below where we already have members. Only one new member per new state. If you know someone who doesn't live in any of the states listed below, who might have an interest in historical preservation and might be interested in what we are doing, send me ([jcsie@pacbell.net](mailto:jcsie@pacbell.net)) their name, address, and e-mail and we'll send them a gift membership. First come, first served. Hopefully, we can interest them enough to return as members in 2022.

We have members in the following states:

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AZ	MN	SC	
CA	NC	TN	
CO	NV	TX	
ID	NY	UT	
IL	OR	WA	

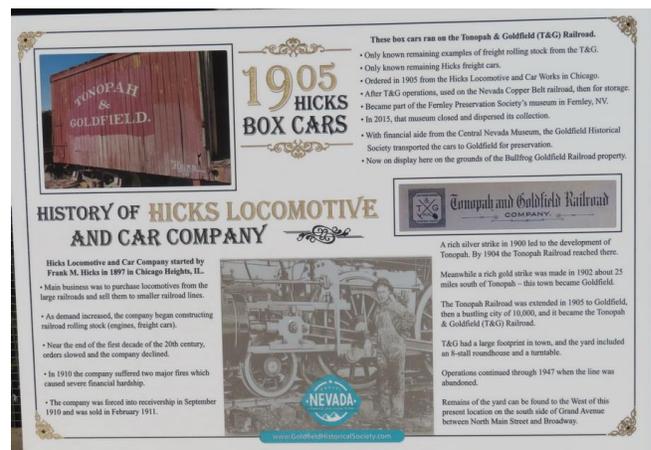
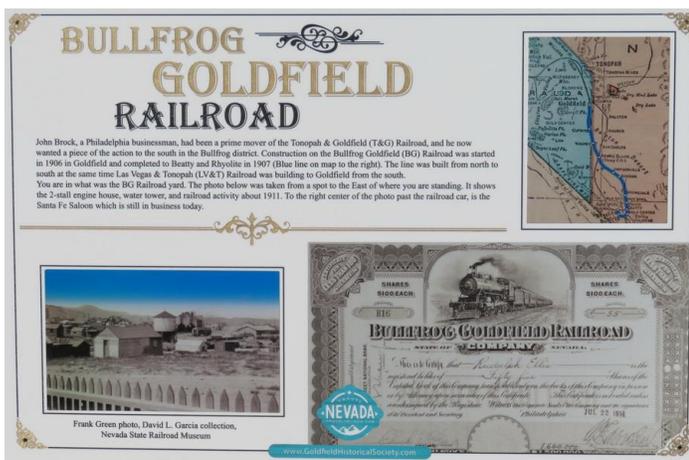
The majority of our members are in NV, which you'd expect, followed by CA. But our membership is represented by 18 states and one international country. So, help us increase our state count. Should be fun!

**High School Update** - As previously reported, the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) awarded us \$247K for the High School roof work. And I mentioned that the State Treasurer must first sell the General Obligation Bonds to fund the projects. This actually happened in November! We are now assured that we will receive the money. So, on to producing plans and specifications, hiring a contractor and completing the work. This is truly exciting.

In the meantime, one of the award recipients, the Dayton railroad station was awarded \$100K. Unfortunately, their building burned down. Therefore, this money reverted back to the State and thus became available. **John Ekman** quickly put together a request for this additional money as the roof project is going to cost more than \$247K. Eight projects were awarded additional funds on November 14. We were awarded \$15,000, a little more than the average award. Congratulations, **John**.

**Ron Young** is now working on completing the windows with the additional \$14,000 that we received from the Snow Foundation. We expect to have 60 windows repaired when he finishes. He has three more to go. This has made such an improvement to the building.

**More Grants** - In October, the Nevada Commission on Tourism put out a request for people to apply for a COVID-19 Rural Recovery Grant. I found out one week before the paperwork was due. And the actual work had to be completed by the end of December. So, I put together a proposal for a couple of much needed interpretive sign boards for the Bullfrog Goldfield Railroad yard. I had grander plans but knew that we could not complete that work by the end of the year. So I opted for something, rather than let the opportunity pass. My husband, **Jim Price**, graciously assembled the information for two signs – one giving a brief description of the Bullfrog Goldfield Railroad and the other one describing the 1905 Hicks Box Cars, that ran on the Tonopah & Goldfield Railroad with a brief history of the Hicks Locomotive and Car Company. We were awarded \$2K for these signs. I think our visitors will appreciate knowing what they are looking at now. The completed boards are shown below.



Photos by Jim Price

**Conex Box** - The red Conex box that sits behind the Chamber of Commerce building was auctioned off on November 7. The box held supplies for the Goldfield Historical Society and the Chamber. The supplies for the Historical Society have now been moved into the High School – thanks to **John Ekman** and **Glenn Praiss**. The purchase price was \$1,500 which will be split between the Society and the Chamber. The new owners are Zero One. This box had to be

moved to provide space for an emergency generator to be installed. **Bobby Patterson** agreed to move the conex box for Zero One at a cost of \$200 which he then generously donated to the Historical Society. Thank you Bobby.

The area between the Community Center and the High School is being set up as a pocket park. A few trees have already been planted.

**Amazon Smile** – Thanks to those who are using this to support the Goldfield Historical Society. If you purchase something through AmazonSmile – which is the same as Amazon – and you’ve designated the Goldfield Historical Society, Amazon donates 0.05% of the purchase price of eligible products to us. The only difference is that you have to log into **smile.amazon.com** which you can bookmark to make it easy to return. Not all products are eligible but they are noted. Since setting this up, the Society has received \$41.38. Thanks to everyone who are supporting this effort.

**Donations** – A panorama of Goldfield taken in 1916 by Huggard has been donated by **Jeff DeMarco** from Paso Robles. It’s a wonderful addition to our collection.

We’ve also received from an anonymous donor, \$1,000. A very nice year end Christmas gift that will be put to good use. Thank you so much.

We also received a barber chair from **Patty Kevershan**. Her mom and dad lived in Tonopah for years, and operated the drug store. Her dad, Milton Kevershan, passed away on April 8, 2020. He told her that he had found this barber chair in pieces in Goldfield in the 1970’s. He then had it refurbished. It’s very ornate. What a lovely addition to our collection.



Photos by Mike Kevershan

**Other News** – Escrow is expected to close on the Car Forest on January 4<sup>th</sup>. **Sharon Artlip**, the property owner, is in the process of trying to get her 501(c)3 status for the property.

The Visitor Center now has a couple of recharging stations for electric vehicles.

I understand that **Gina Greenway** has been helping significantly to keep the Visitor Center open since the Chamber is now staffing it. It’s so important to have the Center open but please stay safe, Gina.

The Chamber is sponsoring a Decorate a Burro program to display in front of their business. Each business receives a free, burro cut-out to decorate. Each burro will then wear a mask to indicate that they're open but masks are required. This project was also made possible by the COVID-19 Rural Recovery grant from the Nevada Commission on Tourism.

Below are a few of the cut-outs. **KGFN** has "Leon" their weather burro, the **Mozart Tavern** has a burro that drank the water, the **Dinky Diner** has yummy food displayed and the **County** has the County seal with a pretty ribbon. Good job everyone.



Photos by Carl Brownfield



**Jim Marsh** has purchased the Northern Saloon in Goldfield. Will look forward to see what he plans to do with it.

**Edgar Sebastian "Red" Roberts Jr.** owner of the Goldfield Hotel, passed away on October 19, 2020. We're unsure as to what will happen to the Hotel now.

**Fred & Nancy Cline** have announced that the renovation of the Belvada Hotel, in Tonopah, is now complete. This building was originally the Nevada State Bank and Trust building in 1906. It is located across the street from the lovely Mizpah Hotel. The hotel has 40 hotel rooms and is booking rooms now.



**Bullfrog Goldfield Railroad Yard** – To ensure that the Hicks Box cars don't sag, since they do not have truss rods, **Dick Ruiz, Jim Price and Joan Sieber** put in supports under the cars. When we get around to putting in truss rods, these supports will be removed.

Photos by Jim Price except where noted.



Starting the rebuild



The completed wall

**Richard and Edie Koepnick's** brothel now has a completed back wall. **Joe Taylor** of Beatty did a great job. Can't wait to see what they'll do next year.

**Steve & Jeri Foutz** are happy to report that 3 rooms of their Rosenthal home are complete. What a transformation. Congrats – it looks really great.



**Jim Price & Joan Sieber's** caboose – Our caboose, NCB 2, has had some work done on the interior. We've enclosed the bottom part of the cupola. Our brother-in-law, **Mark Pankrast** has been a big help to us with this project.



Photo by Joan Sieber

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If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please send them to Joan Sieber at [jcsie@pacbell.net](mailto:jcsie@pacbell.net).

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