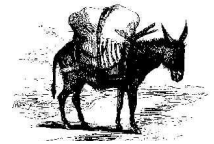

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Passport in Time

We're just a few weeks away from our 2008 "PIT-like" event. (April 21-April 25) This will be a week-long event at the Kentucky Camp site where we'll tackle some of our more substantial projects.

Accommodations will be the usual on-site camping. It's also a great event for meeting with fellow Friends and having a good time.

We've continued to refine the week's project list.

Project List:

- ✓ Administration Building Hall Floor - (Project Lead: Ed Buell) Some years ago, we replaced the main hallway floor. Now we need to address the shorter "transverse" hall floor. The floor boards are actually in pretty good shape, but they are getting pretty springy and soft in some spots. The existing flooring will need to come up and the joists replaced/reseated. We've decided to try and reuse the existing floorboards rather than use new flooring. We located some spare floor boards in our supplies in Cabin A in case we need to replace a few of the existing ones.
- ✓ Cabin C Ceiling - Project Lead (Chris Schragger?) The manta ceiling in Cabin C has become unsightly. We will remove the existing ceiling, put in a layer of Tyvek sheeting as a vapor barrier and then install a new manta ceiling. The intent is that the Tyvek layer will prevent the joists from touching and staining the new manta. We will also install a new layer of fiberglass bats above the existing insulation board.
- ✓ Gold Processing Building Plaster - (Project Lead: Jim Britton) We'll replaster the adobe walls and benches using a slaked lime plaster. Slaking of the lime is currently in progress. We've discussed putting up a manta ceiling in the small room of the gold processing building. I don't think we see this as a priority for the PITLE but if there are materials and time left over after the Cabin C ceiling work, we could tackle this later in the week.
- ✓ Cabin C Kitchen Electrical - (Project Lead: Mark Doumas) The kitchen in the cabin routinely needs more electrical outlets than we currently have installed. I'll upgrade the existing four-way fixture (four outlets) with two four-ways (eight outlets). I'll wire these with two separate breaker circuits to reduce the possibility of overloads. I'll also bury the conduit and outlets into the adobe wall as we have been doing in the Administration building. We decided not to install any outlets on the opposite wall of the Cabin.
- ✓ Administration Building Doors - (Project Lead: John Weiss/Drum Haverstock) We are planning to be done with the initial installation of all Administration and Gold Processing building doors by April. However, we will still need to paint them and install door knobs, latches and coat hooks. We'll also clean and paint the window frames and remaining base boards in the Administration building.
- ✓ Slide Scanning - (Project Lead: Nancy Hough/Pat Spoerl) At the 2007 PITLE, we made great progress in converting the many photographic slides into digital form. My

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estimate is that we scanned and labeled about 1/2 of the 1800 or so slides. For the 2008 PITLE we will set up the computers and scanner to scan the other half.

- ✓ Stone Steps - (Project Lead: Chris Schrager/Pete Van Cleve) This is a newly added project. The wooden steps on the back side of the Headquarters Building (facing the Gold Processing Building) will be replaced with stone steps.

Note that we will have significant projects going on in three buildings simultaneously!

We are organizing group meal plan. Breakfasts will be cereal, bacon eggs and grits. Lunches will likely be a simple "build-your-own" sandwich bar. Suppers will be something different each evening. The meal plan will cost \$25 per person for the week.

Camping will be allowed on-site. Or, if you prefer, you can camp in any of the informal campsites in Louisiana Gulch.

Due to the variety of projects this year, we're planning on having about 20 folks on the team. Kathy Makansi has come up with seven volunteers from the "PIT Traveler" website and we have numerous Friends of Kentucky Camp that have already signed-up. We have just a few openings left, so contact Mark Doumas at 520 299-4281 or doumas@mindspring.com if you are interested in joining the fun. Please indicate which projects you are interested in.

Reminder:

Saturday April 12th is our next work day at Kentucky Camp. We'll be working on the Headquarters building doors. We'll tow the cook trailer into position for the upcoming Passport in Time event and get it ready for use. Hope to see you there!

Archaeology Expo a Success

By Mark Doumas

Last month's Archaeology Expo at the Arizona State Museum was great fun! There were many exhibits from heritage-minded organizations from across the state of Arizona. We shared a booth with the Forest Service and our sister group: The Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch. The University of Arizona location was perfect for this sort of event. There was a steady flow of visitors both young and old.

Our newly remounted poster boards were a big hit. (Many thanks to John Weiss) We raised some money through sales of T-shirts, mugs and note cards. We also signed-on a new member, Frank Tapia. Welcome, Frank!

I also want take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped out at the FKC booth at the Expo: Andy Weiss, Diane, Pat Spoerl, Jim Britton and John Weiss. Thanks to your help, we were able to put together a great display of KC history, artifacts and handouts. I feel like we did a good job of raising awareness of the site and the great work we are doing there.



If you are interested in serving on the Friends of Kentucky Camp board of directors, contact Mark Doumas at 520 299-4281 or doumas@mindspring.com

Jack Glenn – Charter Member

We were saddened to hear that Jack Glenn passed away on March 5th.

Jack was a founding lifetime member of the Friends of Kentucky camp. He was a persistent worker on many key projects at Kentucky Camp. I will always remember his desire for perfection when reconstructing the window sashes on the headquarters building!

Jack was born in South Dakota, served in the Navy and attended Iowa State University where he met his wife, Ro. His working life was in the federal Civil Service working for the Army in various locations throughout the Midwest.

Jack was very active in community service in his retired life. In addition to his contributions at Kentucky Camp, he volunteered with the Boy Scouts, Jaycees and Junior Achievement.

Jack's wife, Ro, passed away about three months ago. They are survived by 20 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Here is a link to more information in the Green Valley News and Sun newspaper:

<http://www.gvnews.com/articles/2008/03/26/obituaries/obits04.txt>



Jack Glenn building steps at Headquarters Building, 2001



Arnold Franks and Jack Glenn on new Headquarters porch, 2001

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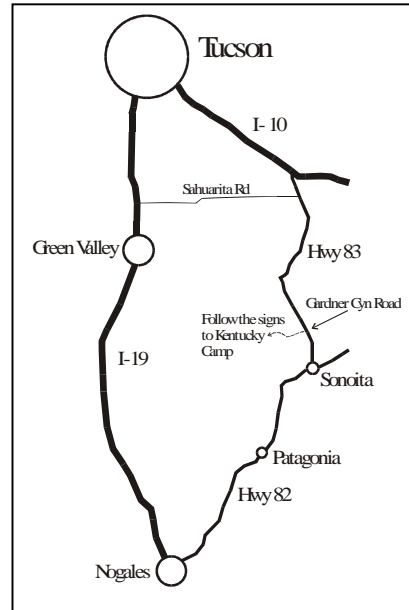
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