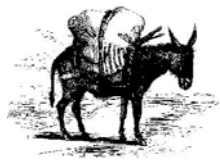


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2004 CENTENNIAL BASH AND ANNUAL MEETING -

Saturday and Sunday October 9th and 10th

By Mark Doumas

It was 100 years ago that George McAneny and James Stetson's Santa Rita Water and Mining Co. completed construction of the eight mile water delivery system and buildings at what we now know as Kentucky Camp. Records show that hydraulic mining started up in about August 1904 and continued for a short number of months. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of this milestone, we're planning a big centennial bash!

The event will be held on Sunday, October 10th at Kentucky Camp from 10:30 to 3:30PM. At this event, we'll treat about 100 past, present and future benefactors of Kentucky Camp to a day of site tours, live period music and a barbeque lunch. We will have a few short speeches from the Forest Service District Supervisor, the Arizona State Historian and (hopefully) Congressman Jim Kolbe. There will also be a series of photo posters that show the site "before" rehabilitation took place. The goal of the gathering is to raise awareness of the great rehabilitation work that has been done (and will continue) at this great Southern Arizona heritage site.

Friends of Kentucky Camp members are encouraged to take part in this event. Volunteers have been a key reason for the progress at the camp and we want volunteers to be visible to the benefactors. We are still in need of volunteers to be building hosts. (Don't worry if you don't feel

qualified to host a building, you'll be provided some background material to prepare you for the job.) We also need some help coordinating guest parking and shuttle service. Volunteers will be treated to a free barbeque lunch!

Please contact Mark Doumas at doumas@mindspring.com or (520) 299-4281 if you are interested in this great opportunity to show-off the rehabilitation of Kentucky Camp.

The day before the Centennial Bash (Saturday October 9th) is our "normal" Friends of Kentucky Camp Annual Meeting, potluck and work day. We'll start the day at about 10AM and focus on activities on cleaning up and setting up for the next day's bash. At about Noon, we'll take break for a potluck lunch and to have a short annual meeting to recap the year's activities and announce the results of the director's election. (Please be sure to mail-in your ballot which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter) We'll supply hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring your own beverages and a dish to share.

Please plan on coming out to Kentucky Camp for the events on Saturday and Sunday. If you can just make one of the days, that's fine too -just be sure to contact Mark Doumas by September 13th if you plan on



coming for the Centennial Bash on Sunday. That way we can reserve a meal and a chair for you!

MARTHA ROBLES RECEIVES RECOGNITION

By Mark Doumas

One of Kentucky Camp's best friends has been recognized for her contributions to the site. Martha Robles is professor of architecture at the University of Sonora and works at the Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e Historia, Centro INAH Sonora as an architect specializing in historic preservation. Martha and her team of associates have been key participants at Kentucky Camp over the years. She has been instrumental in some of the more major adobe repairs and restoration of the KC buildings.

At last April's Centennial PIT, Martha announced that she will soon leave for a four year graduate degree in Urban Planning at the University of Madrid in Spain. Needless to say, she will be sorely missed at Kentucky Camp but the Friends are happy for her new opportunity abroad.

While some of Martha's educational expenses will be covered by the University, many other expenses related to her relocation will be significant. At last April's PIT, the Friends started a modest "Martha Scholarship Fund" to help defray some of these expenses. Martha was presented with this \$300 grant and a certificate of appreciation at the August 14th Kentucky Camp work day.

Good luck Martha!



"Martha Robles displays her certificate of appreciation from the Friends of Kentucky Camp".

Descendents of James Stetson Located!

by Mark Doumas

In our previous issue of the Kentucky Camp Chronicle, we reported that FKC member Bill Lord was on the trail of the descendents of James P. Stetson. James was the mining engineer for the Santa Rita Water and Mining Co. and was probably the designer of the Kentucky Camp buildings and the SRWMCo water system.

We are delighted to report that Bill was able to locate not one but two great grandchildren of James Stetson: Wes Stetson resides in Angel's Camp California and his sister, Sierra Stetson lives in Reno Nevada.

I've spoken with Wes Stetson a couple of times over the summer. He and his family were aware of his great grandfather's mining exploits in southern AZ 100 years ago.... even James' untimely demise

via a fall from the window of his room at the Santa Rita Hotel in Tucson. Wes and Sierra recently spent some time looking through family history records to find what they could about their great grandfather. Unfortunately, they have no photos of James

Stetson but they may be able to get us some transcripts of letters describing James' travels to AZ. Both Wes and Sierra have been invited to the October Centennial bash.

A big thanks to Bill Lord for helping us establish this important link to Kentucky Camp's past!



AARON VALERI COMPLETES

BOY SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

by Mark Doumas

Boy Scout Aaron Valeri recently completed a community service project at Kentucky Camp. Aaron hails from Troop 104 in Tucson AZ and is a candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout. Service to the community is just one of the requirements for reaching this lofty rank. Eagle Scout candidates are required to plan the project, organize a team of scouts and lead the project.

Aaron originally learned of the restoration efforts at Kentucky Camp when his troop camped near the site. He heard more about service project opportunities at Kentucky Camp when president Mark Doumas spoke to Troop 104 about the site at a scouting awards banquet in the Spring of 2004.

Aaron worked with Mark and the Forest Service to select a project that was substantial enough for the service project requirements yet within his team's capability. Ultimately, the project that was

Fresco Finishes Finale Finally Done

by Mary Farrell

The Kentucky Camp Mini-PIT this summer hosted over 20 people, and lasted a record 34 days. The workshop commenced July 25 with FKC members Jim and Marie Britton measuring, drawing, photographing, and otherwise studying traces of paint, plaster, and shelving in the Gold-Processing Building. Their fine detective work has resulted in a much more comprehensive documentation of the features in the building, and unearthed many clues about the building's construction and use. The Brittons were soon joined by INAH conservators and KC veterans Rodolfo del Castillo and Jorge Morales and their families, who worked on interior plaster finishes in the Headquarters building and the exterior sacrificial coat in the gold-processing building. Jim Britton taught Jorge's son Jorge Jr. how to do the fine mud plaster finish, and the other muchachos assisted Forest Service's Chris Schragger and their parents in a variety of preservation tasks.

The next phase began August 7, when Isaac Romero and Martín Terán from INAH and PIT caretakers Ralph and Arleen Schafer from Idaho

selected was to build a large rock retaining wall adjacent to the new vault toilet behind the Administration building.

Aaron planned for the project and acquired the required Boy Scout and Forest Service approvals during the early part of the summer. Then, on August 14, Aaron assembled his team of about 12 scouts and began the arduous task of locating and hauling large stones to the site. After a full day's work, they had assembled a very substantial erosion control wall that will serve its purpose for many years to come.

"Aaron Valeri (center in black shirt) and Troop 104 team members pose in front of their newly completed rock retaining wall."



arrived. Isaac and Martín did additional plastering, constructed a new solar shower enclosure on the back of the vault toilet, and did general site clean-up



July 31, Back row, left to right: Kathy Makansi, Sandy Doumas, Alex Doumas, Max Schragger, Demetri Makansi, Jake Schragger, Chris Schragger, and Michele Del Castillo, in front of Chris. Front row, Mark Doumas, Jorge Morales, Ramon Morales (in front of Martha and Jorge), Martha Elena Rojas, Jorge Jr., Ilse del Castillo, Rodolfo del Castillo, Lupita Apodaca, Linnea Doumas, and Rodolfo "Fito" del Castillo.

and maintenance work. They were joined during the August workday by a few of the Friends of Kentucky Camp and our architect friend Martha Robles (see related story). Come visit Kentucky Camp to see the results of this good work, by the “Diego Riveras of Emplaste”.

**Jorge Morales Rojas (Jorge Jr), Ramon Morales Rojas,
Martha Elena Rojas, and Jorge Morales**

**Mail-in Ballot
Election of the Board of Directors
Friends of Kentucky Camp
October, 2004**

Your name: (Necessary for knowing the number of votes your membership is allowed and to avoid duplicate votes. Your vote is confidential.)

Term to run 2 years:	Vote 1 For all members	Vote 2 (for family, supporting, contributing and life members)
President: Mark Doumas	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____
Vice-president: John Weiss	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____
Treasurer: Emily Wang	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____
Member-at-large: Pete Van Cleve	Yes _____ No _____	Yes _____ No _____

(Secretary's term will expire next year.)

Vote 2 is valid for Family, Supporting, Contributing, and Life members, who get two votes per membership. Student and individual members get one vote only. (Questions about your membership type? Email doumas@mindspring.com or call 520-299-4281.)

Both of your votes will be tallied identically if you fill in only Vote 1.

Please mail by **October 2nd, 2004!**

Mail (by Oct. 2) to: Sandy Doumas, 4320 N. La Linda Rama, Tucson, AZ 85718. Fold in half and staple/tape for address on reverse side to be used.

Please check your renewal date on your address label. If it says "Renew in June of '04", you MUST RENEW before your ballot will be considered valid. Use the form provided. Include both your ballot and the renewal form with your payment and mail to Sandy Doumas, 4320 N. La Linda Rama, Tucson, AZ 85718.

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Renewal Form

Use only if you have not yet renewed for this year. Please check your renewal date on your address label. If it says "Renew in June of '04", you **MUST RENEW** before your ballot will be considered valid.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ made payable to Friends of Kentucky Camp for membership until 6/2005.

Please circle:

Student (\$5) individual (\$10) family (\$15) contributing (\$25)
supporting (\$50) lifetime (\$200)

(If a mailing label is on the back side of this sheet and your address has not changed, there is no need to fill this part out.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(if different than winter address, used for newsletters May-September):

Summer Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mail with your payment and ballot to Sandy Doumas, 4320 N. La Linda Rama, Tucson, AZ 85718.

**Don't Forget!! October 9th & 10th
Friends of Kentucky Camp
Annual Meeting and Picnic**

Please join us for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Friends of Kentucky Camp, October 9 at Kentucky Camp! We will be enjoying hamburgers and beverages provided by FKC. Just bring a side dish or dessert to share. (We will also provide paper plates, forks, and napkins.)

At the meeting, we will review the accomplishments of the past year and prepare for the Centennial Celebration the following day. There will be a vote for the offices of President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Member-at-large (all positions except Secretary).

The weekend of October 9 & 10 is a work weekend. You can join other members in camping out to attend the Centennial Celebration on Sunday as well as enjoy the annual meeting and picnic.

Please vote! By the bylaws, we need 51% of the possible votes tallied to make a valid election. You may chose to vote at Kentucky Camp Oct. 9 (11 AM), or via the mail-in ballot. To be sure that your vote counts, mail in the ballot. If you then attend the election, we will count only that vote.

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