Enjoy a Wagon Tour to View Historical Sites

By Tom Cook

All Aboard! Due to popular demand, the Wagon Tours of Historic Sites on Mule Hill and the San Dieguito River Park have been extended and are offered every 2nd and 4th Saturday in the month. Tours leave at 10:00am…11:00am… and 12 Noon and reservations are recommended. The 20-person open tour wagon leaves from the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead and includes the Mule Hill Battle Site (1846), Town of Bernardo (1872-1917) and Stage Road (1820-1870). Each wagon contains a River Park Docent to describe Natural History and a Society Docent to cover the six Historic Sites in about one hour. This wagon tour includes a tour of the renovated of the 1870 Farmhouse.

The wagon tours costs $15 Adults and $5 for Kids under 12. Tours by groups have been very popular. To make your reservation, call Sikes Adobe at 760-432-8318 or RBHS Board Member-Tom Cook at 487-5088.

Upcoming BBQ Event To Attract New Members

Several members of the RBHS Board dressed in period costumes in anticipation of the Sunset Barbeque and Wagon Ride event planned for Saturday, September 11. This unique evening at the Sikes Adobe was planned to celebrate our historical roots and to interest new members in joining our organization.

Current members are encouraged to invite their friends, neighbors and families to join them for this wonderful party in hopes that they may want to be part of the Historical Society’s mission to appreciate and preserve Rancho Bernardo’s heritage.

General Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars for an informative program.

On Monday, October 18 at 2pm, speaker Suzanne Emery will discuss Pauwai’s first Citizens: History and Culture. Suzanne is a docent from the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center. The meeting will be held at the RBHS Museum in the Bernardo Winery. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!
The Fifth Annual Pancake Festival was a huge success. This year, we added a bounce house and gymnastics for the kids to our fantastic Kiwanis breakfast, and Dixie Strutters Band. Our honoree was world famous Robert Watson, USN Retired, winner of the Purple Heart and French Legion of Honor. You can read more about him on our website. We added over 30 new faces to our Wall of Honor, on permanent display in our museum.

No sooner done with that, did we begin the Historic Wagon Tours with our fellow historians at Sikes Adobe, under the masterful leadership of Tom Cook and Anne Cooper of Sikes. You'll read much more about that in this issue, particularly our Membership Drive coming up on September 11, with a Sunset Wagon Tour and Barbecue! You should receive your personal invitation in the mail. Please bring a friend, you’re sure to enjoy it!

In June, the RBHS was a participant at the Cultural Center of RB Alive! As chair of that committee, I’ve really enjoyed watching this grow. This year we added to our group the Sikes Adobe, San Pasqual Battle Group, and the RBHS Friends of Library – complete with the Robot from their Science Dept. Joining us were a group of local area authors from the NCA&P (North County Authors & Poets), with President Mary Quigley, and a group of Local Area Artist. One of the artists, muralist Lisa Davis, did a live demonstration for children, allowing them to choose a picture they’d like to learn to draw, and teaching them how to go about it. Local area artists completed our ensemble under the organization of Bonnie Williams. The dates have been set for the 4S Ranch and CMR street fairs, Oct 2 and Dec. 5, respectively, from 10-4 and we’ll all be there! Won’t you join us?

This 4th of July found the RB Historical Society floating down Bernardo Center Drive on it’s parade entry, featuring the wagon tours. Designed by Hal Altenbern, Anthony Iasi, and Tom Cook, we were joined by Friends from Sikes Adobe handing out flyers inviting parade attendees to come for a Historic Wagon Tour of Sikes.

Attendance overall has been growing at the Museum at Bernardo Winery. We’ve increased the number of trained docents and hours of operation. We’d like to be open full time but are hampered by our number of volunteers. If you can give even one hour, we’d love to hear from you. Call Susan Floyd, Museum Director, at 858-775-5788. I know you’d enjoy learning more about our local history!

As a sneak preview, please mark your calendars join us for our annual community meeting at the museum. We always have an interesting speaker and refreshments, as well as a tour of the museum. Hope to see you there!

As you can see, since our last newsletter in May, we have added many activities and projects. Please visit our website, http://www.rbhistoricalsociety.org, to catch up on all the past and upcoming news.
Welcome New Members!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A STEP BACK IN TIME!

SUNSET BARBEQUE AND WAGON RIDE

Saturday, September 11, 2010 - 4:30-7 PM
Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead - San Dieguito River Park
12655 Sunset Drive, Escondido, 92025

Tickets $30—Advanced Registration Required

Tickets are available by mail-in registration
Only 150 tickets will be sold for this wonderful event
so reserve your space soon before it sells out!

Casual clothes and walking shoes recommended
Cash bar for beer & wine - Door prizes

Advance Registration Required — your payment is your reservation

Please mail to: Rancho Bernardo Historical Society, P.O. Box 27314, San Diego, CA 92198
NAMES / Please include all members of your party:

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Phone: ___________________ We will call you to confirm your reservation. Get tickets at will call day of event.

Charge my VISA/MC/Discovery for $_________ for ______people. Card number ____________________________ Exp date ________

I have enclosed a check for $_________ for ______people. For info call (858) 487-4599 or visit www.rbhistoricalsociety.org
The Rancho Bernardo Woman’s Club is our featured guest exhibitor for the months of August and September.

The club was founded in 1964 as a means for the women of the Seven Oaks 55+ retirement community to get to know one another as their new homes were being built. Currently the membership is open to women in Rancho Bernardo and surrounding areas. This 100+ member community service nonprofit organization provides four-year scholarships for selected female graduates of Poway Unified District High Schools and also contributes to many local charities.

Items on display span the 46-year history of the club and their philanthropy programs, as well as featuring their upcoming September and October luncheon programs.

The RBHS Board is very fortunate to have Hilda and Gary volunteer to join our team because they are both so well connected in the community. Hilda moved to the area 17 years ago when she and her husband Oscar retired. She has served on many local boards and been active in numerous organizations including the Poway Center for Performing Arts, PowPac, World Affairs, the RB Chamber, RB Business Assoc., and the Tuskegee Airmen Assoc.. Hilda is a docent at the museum and loves keeping our local history alive. Her hobbies include travel and fitness activities like tennis and walking. Gary enjoyed a 45 year career in non-profit and private industry ranging from business owner to youth/scout executive management to CEO of four Chambers. He knows RB history well since he lived here since 1985 (with only a few years away) and served as our local Chamber CEO from 1991-1997. He lives in RB with his wife Sharon and their three cute dogs and volunteers with the Boys to Men mentoring program.

The Bernardo Winery is a “Happening Place” on Sunday afternoons and the First Friday when the venue is filled with patrons enjoying the free music, art displays and an opportunity to wander through the charming shops. Do join us soon and stop by the museum to say Hello.

Welcome New Members
For 2010

Carmen Bjork  Ken & Lynne Huepper
Bill & Mary Banner  Robert Lerner
Lynn Cassidy  Lynn Martin
Kristine Dematteo  Sharon Reading
Judy Demor  Margaret Sickert
Morey Feldman  Paul & Barbara Steffens
Ruth Heller  Nancy Willson

And our newest Lifetime member, Jerry Horton

Rancho Bernardo Women's Club
Featured Guest Exhibitor

Marsha Franklin (left) and Sue Wahl proudly display 46 years of history

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A party of 12 lucky people boarded the Farmers Airship from Montgomery Field on July 2. Three of those lucky people were George Cooke and Hal & Alethea Altenbern. Truly, this flight was an adventure in the sky. The huge airship rose quickly to 1500 feet. In a few minutes its 35 mph speed was floating as if it were a cloud in a perfect blue sky. The magnificent views of Petco Park, Convention Center, Coronado Bridge, Mission Bay was a breathtaking experience. The airship was so quiet and gentle: no seat belts while flying allowing passengers to move about to capture photographs. For your enjoyment, please view www.George Cooke.com to enjoy 20 plus photos. George has an extensive collection of aerial photos of RB (some of which can be seen at the museum), and this was an opportunity to take aerial photos of greater San Diego.

Help Support Your Community Museum!

Interested in greeting and meeting new people? Sharing your community’s history? Have two hours a month to spare? We are always looking for more docents for the RBHS History Museum.

Right now the museum is open Tuesday and Friday mornings, one Sunday a month and the First Friday Art Walk. Docents are especially needed in the afternoons when there are many visitors to the Bernardo Winery.

So, hours are flexible, training is provided. Call Susan at 248-2030.

Revised RBHS Bylaws Need Approval of Members

This past year a hardworking committee of Board Members revised the original bylaws to reflect some of the exciting changes in our organization. These updates will be voted on at the October meeting. Please go to the website or the museum to review the revisions. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

Memorials Jan - Aug 10, 2010

In Honor of Tim Mazzoni—
Susan Floyd, Zita Sulzberger, Keith & Debra Randa, Gerald & Ann Krause, Morgan & Donna Grelson, Marci Fink, Terry & Marjorie LaGrone, Cobb Family Foundation, Karin Johnson, Margarita Logan

In Honor of Alice Holmes—Susan Floyd

Marie Graver, member and docent, passed away recently.

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A Message from the Sunset BBQ Co-Chairs

Dear Members:

Already you’ve received the Sunset BBQ Invitation in the mail. Please make your reservations early because space at the Sikes Historic Farmstead is limited. This is a Membership Drive and our Goal is to enlist 50 new members to the RBHS. If you are unable to attend, please pass your flyer along to a neighbor or friend and encourage them to attend the event, experience a historic setting, and enjoy good food and company. Hopefully they will sign up as new members! It’s the membership that continues to support the society and we need your help to grow our ranks.

From January to August, the museum staff has continued to install exhibits, catalogue our growing collections, and reach out to local community organizations to join us in the display area. Our visitations grows with an interesting and mixed audience of local residents and out of towners, special tour groups, and children who want to come in to practice lassoing Buck. (If you haven’t met Buck yet, please stop by the museum) All this effort costs money and we count on your support to provide this outreach.

If you need more flyers, please check the RBHS website at: www.rbhistoricalsociety.org. There’s also a newly designed button there to access the membership area easily.

See you on September 11th! Sally Edwards and Susan Floyd, Event Co-Chairs

Karen, Carolyn and Tom get in the spirit!