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Westerners International Board Meeting and Reception at Western History Association Conference

Western History would be dull, if it wasn't for the turbulent times it produced. Today we settle such issues with a bit more refinement. Cooperation, though, is not by definition dull. One such advancement in the study of the West has been the integration of myriad historical organizations under the umbrella of our yearly host at the Western History Association Conference. WHA, since its inception, has treated Westerners International with the highest honor and respect. Outgoing Executive Director John Heaton is the standard bearer of how to be a good friend to our organization. Always helpful and patient, Dr. Heaton and his wife and Program Coordinator, Rebecca George-Heaton, have never let us down, even when overwhelming circumstances made our jobs at the Home Ranch a challenge. We will miss their assistance and friendship to us at the Oklahoma City Home Ranch.

Which brings us to the issues coming to this year's

WHA Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. Westerners International goes annually to this conference free of major expenses. It is our chance to showcase our organization as the group that not only loves Western history, but has fun to boot. We Westerners are the audience that historians need to fill their lecture halls. Westerners like to learn. We also like to have fun. We never like to follow rules, just like those who moved west to be free of such dull restrictions.

Every year Westerners holds its most important Board of Directors meeting at this conference. This year will be of prime importance, since Westerners International must leave our 29-year host at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. We leave with only gratitude, but we must select a new home. The entire agenda for this year's board meeting will be to evaluate proposals

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Board Meeting

WHA

St. Paul, MN

Friday, Oct. 21st
at 3:30

Reception

Friday, Oct. 21st
4:30 to 6

WI Session

Sunday, Oct. 23
10:15–11:45

from our membership for relocating to a new state. The Westerners Home Ranch encourages all other Westerners who can join us in St. Paul to attend this most important of meetings at 3:30 pm, October 21st, in the Kellogg I conference room. If you haven't already, sign up for our annual reception, awards presentations, and book auction, in the same room immediately following our board meeting.

OLD JOE WANTS YOU!

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2015 Award Winners

Co-Founders "Best Book" Award 1st Place

Chuck Parsons & Jack DeMattos
English Westerners Society
*The Notorious Luke Short: Sporting
Man of the Wild West*
University of North Texas Press

2nd Place

Rose Marie Beebe & Robert M.
Senkewicz
San Francisco Corral, San Francisco,
California
*Junipero Serra: California, Indians, and
the Transformation of a Missionary*
University of Oklahoma Press

3rd Place

Geraldine Knatz
Los Angeles Corral, Los Angeles,
California
*Terminal Island: Lost Communities of
Los Angeles Harbor*
Angel City Press

Coke Wood Award for Monographs & Articles

1st Place

James E. Potter
Omaha Corral, Omaha, Nebraska
*"Thomas B. Hord: From the Open
Range to 'The Largest Live Stock
Feeding Enterprise in the United
States'"*

2nd Place

Amy L. McKinney
Pahaska Corral, Cody, Wyoming
"There When We Need Them"

3rd Place

Brian Dervin Dillon & David Erin Dillon
Los Angeles Corral, California
*"Wyatt and Josie Earp: Fact, Fiction,
and Myth"*

Philip A. Danielson Award for Best Programs

1st Place

Michael J. Ober
NW Montana Posse, Kalispell,
MT *"Historic Photos from Glacier Park's
Black & White Days"*

2nd Place

Doug Hocking
Cochise County Corral, Bisbee, Arizona
*"The Black Legend of Lieutenant
George Bascom"*

3rd Place

Vern Erickson
Fort Abraham Lincoln Corral, Bismarck,
North Dakota
"Historic Music"

Fred Olds Western Poetry Award

1st Place

Bernice Landers
Jedidiah Smith Corral, Hot Springs,
South Dakota
"The Prolapse"

2nd Place

Abraham Hoffman
Los Angeles Corral, Los Angeles,
California
*"Riding Away from the Streets of
Laredo"*
"Chasing After Dan"

Heads Up Award

Small Corrals

Jedidiah Smith Corral, Hot Springs,
South Dakota
Bernice Landers, Sheriff

Large Corrals

Utah Westerners, Salt Lake City, Utah
Steve Gallenson, Sheriff

Overseas Corrals

English Westerners Society, London,
England
Francis Taunton, Sheriff

Westerners University Chapter Scholarship Award for Academic & Leadership Excellence

Eric Carnes
Triple R Corral
NW Oklahoma State University, Alva,
Oklahoma
Shawn Holliday, PhD, University Corral
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Melody Kruger reviewing **1st place
Best Book, *Luke Short***, for the
Chisholm Trail Corral's September
meeting. Photos by Cheryl McInnis



Highlights from Melody Kruger's review.

The Notorious Luke Short: Sporting Man of the Wild West

By Chuck Parsons and Jack DeMattos

In Old West Lore, gunslingers got more publicity than sporting men, but sporting men had more fun. Although Luke Short was true to his name, short in stature at 5' 7", his life is a real tall tale. He never achieved the lasting fame of his associates, Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp—too bad, Luke's life would have been perfect for a TV Series starring Danny DeVito.

Luke started out as a cowboy and Scout for the army but gambling was less work and had greater benefits, such as beautiful wife and stylish clothes. Luke parlayed his keno playing and quick draw into fame and wealth. He was part owner of two of the most famous Wild West Saloons: *the Long Branch* in Dodge City and the *White Elephant* in Ft. Worth. From owning a stable of racing horses to promoting prize fights, Luke Short was a real sport.



Chairman's Column: Kent McInnis

It is with mixed feelings that we announce the retirement of an indispensable member of the Westerners Home Ranch in Oklahoma City. Since 1992, **Burnis Argo** has been office wrangler, mentor, and *Buckskin Bulletin* Editor for Westerners International. She was well prepared for her duties, having worked for 10 years as a staff writer for the Oklahoma Publishing Company's two newspapers. Burnis published one book titled, *Historic Tour Guide of Oklahoma*. She later wrote the copy for another book to be published about her late father Preston George and his extensive photographic steam locomotive *tour de force*. As a longtime Westerner, Burnis began her membership in the first female-only posse in Westerners, appropriately-named Oklahoma Women's Posse, now in dry camp. She helped

found the Chisholm Trail Corral in Oklahoma City, later serving as Sheriff and then Corral Rep. Last year the Chisholm Trail Corral named **Burnis Argo** "Living Legend #59," only the third woman in Westerners to be so honored.

Since taking over my duties as chairman of Westerners International in 2008, **Burnis Argo** has continued to be my mentor and booster. In the past nine years there have been ups and downs in the functioning of our Home Ranch. Burnis was always there to remind me that my judgement was good – or not so good. Having her honest assessment of my leadership was always a blessing. Another blessing was her organizational abilities that kept me focused on my job, not worried about someone else's task.

I often quote Charles de Gaulle, who is credited with the saying that "the



graveyards are full of indispensable men." That always seemed like immutable wisdom, until it happened to the Home Ranch. The indispensable man, or woman in this case, is Burnis. We will be left adrift for a while, without wind in our sails. A ship's rudder doesn't work well without a push. We will miss that breath of fresh air that after 24 years still is **Burnis Argo**.

Announcement from WI President Juti Winchester

Westerners International to present at Western History Association 2016 Conference in St. Paul Minnesota Oct. 20th -23rd



Westerners International Session

10:15-11:45, Sunday October 23

Meeting Room: State I

This panel discussion will focus on "the new normal" facing museums, historic sites, and other humanities institutions. In a time of budget shortfalls and increasing demands for relevance, how can public intellectuals re-tool their programs and initiatives to meet the future? What do we tell our students about this brave new world of scarcity and scrutiny?

Moderator: Kent McInnis, Executive Director, Westerners International

Panelists:

Jay Price, Wichita State University

Seth Bate, Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute

Juti A. Winchester, Fort Hays State University

CORRAL ROUNDUP

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Arizona: Prescott Corral

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The 13th Annual Western History Symposium features interesting and informative presentations by historians educators and authors on a variety of subjects relevant to our western heritage. Admission to the presentations is FREE, open to the public, and reservations are not necessary.

DINNER

Attendees are invited to participate in the Corral's monthly dinner prior to the evening talk. Social hour begins at 5:15, with dinner served about 6 p.m. Dinner cost is \$28 per person and reservations are required. Mail reservation and payment by July 29 to: THE WESTERNERS • PO BOX 11086, PRESCOTT AZ 86304

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Sharlot Hall Award, an annual recognition of a living Arizona woman who has made valuable contributions to the understanding and awareness of Arizona and its history. Recipient of this Award for the year 2015 is Winifred "Winn" Bundy of Benson, Arizona. For more information about her recognition, go to sharlot.org/sharlotaward. For additional information about the Western History Symposium, contact the coordinator Fred Veil by phone at 928-445-3122 x12 or email: fredv@sharlot.org.

PRESCOTT CENTENNIAL CENTER
1989 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE, PRESCOTT



9:30 A.M.
The Far-Reaching Legacy of William Andrew Clark
— Sheila Roe
One of the Copper Barons of Montana, Clark expanded his mining interests to Arizona and left his mark on his namesake community of Clarkdale, as well as other parts of the Southwest.



10:30 A.M.
Pursuing the Black-on-Gray: West-Central Arizona's Ancient People
— Dr. Sandra Lynch
Their story rests in what the land preserves: pottery sherds, chipped stone, pithouse depressions, crumbling walls, and human graves that clearly speak: "They were here before us."



1:00 P.M.
Annie Neal: Black Cherokee, International Hostess, and One Tough Lady
— Dr. Barbara Marriott
Annie Box Neal's secluded grand resort in Oracle, AZ, was recognized as the "epitome of western opulence" in its day, and received distinguished guests from around the world.



2:00 P.M.
Play Ball! The History of Baseball in Arizona Territory
— John Tenney
The story of the national game as it was played by soldiers, miners, farmers, ranch hands and other settlers of the Arizona Territory from 1863 to 1912.



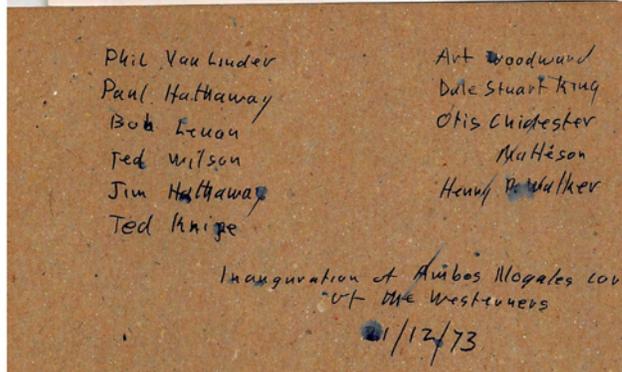
3:00 P.M.
Arizona and the Medal of Honor—from the Indian Wars to Vietnam
— Fred Veil
More than 160 men with connections to Arizona have been honored with our nation's highest award for valor. This presentation tells their story.



7:15 P.M.
Honky Tonks, Brothels, and Mining Camps: Entertainment in Old Arizona
— Dr. Jay Cravath
Miners who struck it rich in territorial Arizona had the means to enjoy and support the performing arts—from ragtime and minstrels to orchestras and opera—in mining towns on the frontier.

Arizona: Corral de Ambos Nogales

Henry P. Walker's son, Bud Walker, sent this picture of his dad and members of the Corral de Ambos Nogales, now in dry camp, at its inauguration.



Tucson Corral: Smoke Signals



Photo by Jeremy Snaveley



The Tucson Corral has around 100 members. On April 4, 2016 the Corral, along with Sheriff Arlene Strum and past Sheriff Jim Klein, presented Bruce Dinges with a plaque celebrating 30 years as editor of *The Journal of Western History*.



Corral News

New Corrals

Canyon Corral in Canyon, TX

NW Montana Posse in Kallispell, MT

Back in the Saddle

Ft. Worth Corral, Ft. Worth, TX

Complete info on the WI webpage

CORRAL ROUNDUP

More information on the WI Web Page: <http://westerners-international.org/bulletin.shtml>

California



Upcoming Presentations for LA Corral

Oct. 22, 2016: Elizabeth Pomeroy
Glen Dawson, His Bookstore and Press (At our Bang-Up 70th Anniversary!)

Nov. 9, 2016: Matthew A. Boxt
The U.S. Naval Presence in Baja California, 1846-1909

Dec. 14, 2016: Alan & Claudia Heller
Curiosities of the California Desert: Historic, Offbeat, and Forgotten Attractions

Jan. 11, 2017: Brian Dervin Dillon
California and the Mexican Revolution

Feb. 8th, 2017: Darryl Holter
This Land is Your Land: Woody Guthrie and California

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70th Anniversary



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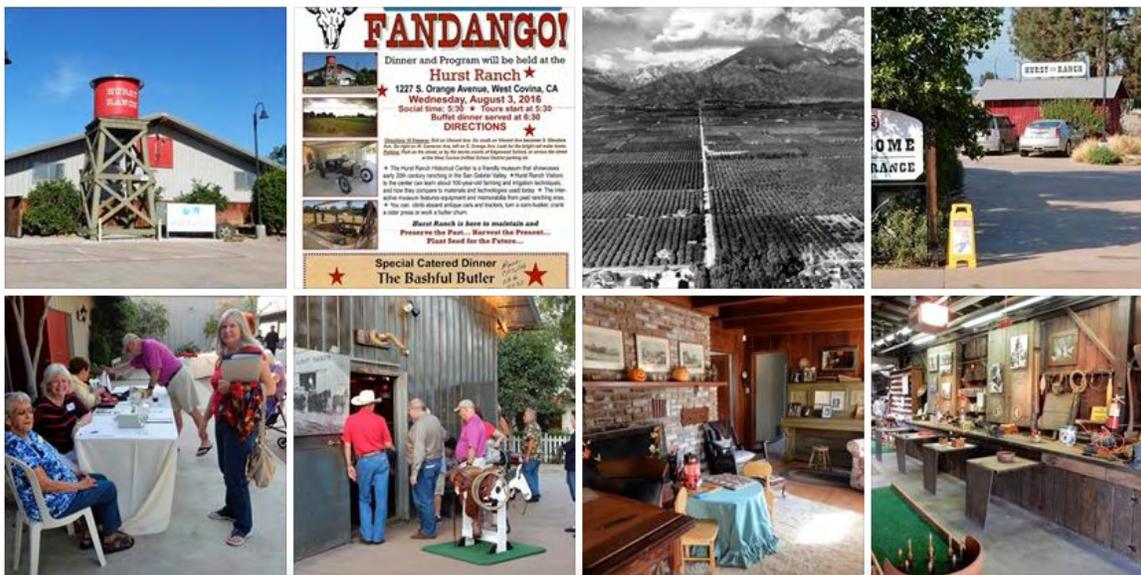
\$50.00 PER ATTENDEE

More California Corrals on the *Buckskin Bulletin Extra*, found on the Westerners website.

Fandango at the Hurst Ranch

By Paul McClure · Updated about 2 months ago

San Dimas Corral of Westerners



Check the *Buckskin Bulletin Extras* on the web for more about Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, S. Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.



International Corral Spotlight



British Westerners are Active

Westerners International has 61 stateside corrals and 14 international groups. This year's Heads Up Award for Overseas Corrals went to The **English Westerners Society of London**. The **British Westerners Association** also is an active corral out of Birmingham. Here and in the *Buckskin Bulletin Extra* are some excerpts from their *Round Up* publication.

ROUND UP

The Magazine of the
BRITISH WESTERNERS ASSOCIATION
Founded 1973
Affiliated to Westerners International
Oklahoma USA



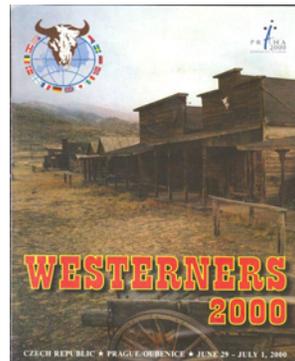
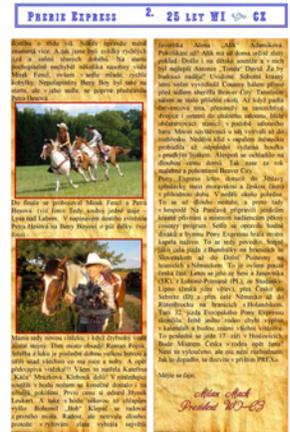
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PHOTO EMPORIUM



Excerpts from the *Prerie Express* publication of the Czech Republic Corrals, celebrating 25 years. Below: cover of the European Westerners Meeting 2000 publication.



See more on the web, including news from the WI Vice-president of Eastern Europe, Jindrich Bilek. He plans to create the Czech-Australian Pony Express, actually delivering postal parcels.

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Editor: Cheryl McInnis



Summer WI Board Meeting



Westerners International Executive Board Meeting

July 19, 2016

Kent McInnis, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to order at 11:03 a.m.

Present: Bill Deupree, John Heisch, Ed Kelsay, John Marshall, Fred Marvel, Mary Marvel, Cheryl McInnis, Kent McInnis, Dennis Noble, Sandi Noble, Don Reeves.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 26, 2016 Executive Board meeting were reviewed. J. Marshall moved that the minutes be accepted, seconded by J. Heisch. Minutes approved as submitted.

Financial Report

M. Marvel gave a report on Westerners International finances (see attached report). She compared the 2nd quarter finances of 2015 and 2016. It was noted that the \$5,000 decrease reflected the \$5,000 donation by the Indian Territory Posse. The current balance of the operating account at MidFirst Bank is \$9,946.11 with \$4,511.11 discretionary funds available after deducting upcoming expenses. Marvel remarked that the expenses of WI this spring are comparable to those of one year ago. She compared the current WI financial status with our position at the same month in 2015. M. Marvel noted that as of April 2016, 35 of 61 active WI corrals (Ft. Worth Corral re-activated) have paid dues. The Executive Committee has checked with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and confirmed that the WI endowment can be maintained with that Foundation if the office moves to a new state. D. Noble moved that the financial report be approved as submitted. E. Kelsay seconded. Motion approved.

Office Report

Burnis Argo placed the June 2016 issue of the *Buckskin Bulletin* online and copies were distributed. The printed version will be mailed by Aug. 1. Argo has been editor for 24 years has asked to step down. Cheryl McInnis will assume the duties of BB editor in the fall. The entire Executive Committee expressed their gratitude to B. Argo for her excellent work and years of service and devotion.

Old Business

The Western History Association conference will be held October 20-23, 2016 in St. Paul, MN. The WI will hold a cocktail reception and fundraiser at the conference. WI President J. Winchester will lead the WI Session on public history at 10:15 am on Sunday October 23. The annual fall Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 21. Attending will be Kent and Cheryl McInnis, Juti and Bob Winchester and Matt DeSpain. The main focus of the meeting will be the relocation of the WI headquarters.

R. Harris, Chair of the WI Awards Committee, has had health problems, however, he is recovering and the entrees for the awards have been sent out to the various judges thanks to the efforts of M. Marvel and F. Marvel and K. McInnis.

New Business

D. Reeves, Chair of the new Relocation Committee, reported that the officers of the local Oklahoma corrals have met to discuss the possibility of additional volunteer help for the headquarters. Also emails have been sent to the membership of these three corrals. One new volunteer has come forward from the corral in Norman, Oklahoma.

A new brochure, assessing information about the relocation effort, has been written and printed. This was accomplished largely through the efforts of Burnis and Jim Argo. The brochure has been mailed to the sheriff or corral representative of each active corral.

The discussion on the potential relocation of the WI headquarters continued and Chairman K. McInnis noted which corrals have recently communicated their interest. D. Reeves noted that the timetable for the move from the Museum is not urgent, but is flexible to allow continued discussion and the logistics of relocation. However, the Exec. Comm. agreed that a decision this fall is necessary.

D. Reeves made a motion calling for the Executive Committee to issue a formal Request for Proposals from the active WI corrals with the presentation of these proposals to be held at the annual fall Board of Directors meeting on October 22, in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the WHA meeting and a relocation decision announced by December 31, 2016. J. Marshall moved that the motion be approved as submitted. E. Kelsay seconded. Motion approved.

B. Dupree noted that any corral accepting the responsibility of the new WI headquarters will be responsible for providing new leadership for the Executive Committee of WI. J. Marshall reminded the Exec. Comm. that new committee members and WI officers were required from the local corral when the headquarters moved from Arizona to Oklahoma. D. Reeves recommended Matt DeSpain as a new member of the WI Board of Directors and the Executive Committee due to his active role in the Norman Corral and interest in WI. The appointment of Dr. DeSpain was unanimously approved.

J. Marshall moved for adjournment. E. Kelsay seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Reeves, Secretary

WANTED

Pictures of Corral & Posse activities for our web page and the Bulletin Extra online. Email as attachments— minimum 500 kb in size. Please include names and places, and the photographer.

You may mail 4x6 or 5x7 color photos to:

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Wishing Burnis Argo a Happy Retirement!

Burnis has been with the WI Home Ranch in Oklahoma City from the early days. For the last 24 years she has faithfully produced the bulletin for all the WI members. Some of her more recent innovations have included the publishing the bulletin online with the addition of the Extra Pages that readers find on the **WI Webpage**. She always admonishes, "Read it in online and enjoy it in color." The additional online pages (at no extra publishing costs) also give more room for information and pictures about our corrals and members. She encouraged readers to send in pictures and information about their corrals. Burnis was there at the beginning and had the vision to keep the publication alive by innovating and reinventing the content and format. Job well done, Burnis!



Burnis Argo and Don Reeves at the offices of WI in Oklahoma City at the Cowboy Hall of Fame.



Fred Marvel, Jim Argo and Burnis Argo at the Chisholm Trail Corral.

Please send any thoughts or wishes to Burnis at the WI Home Ranch email address. We will pass it along to her.



The WI Extra



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Additional News From Corrals: Pictures, Newsletter Examples & more!

More from Arizona

Cochise County Corral of the Westerners Moves to Tombstone

Sheriff Doug Hocking reports the City of Tombstone is welcoming them with open arms and will allow rent-free use of the historic Schieffelin Hall.



COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday Of the month

At the Schieffelin Hall
Freemont Street, Tombstone

Pre-meeting dinner 5ish at the Longhorn Restaurant, Allen St.

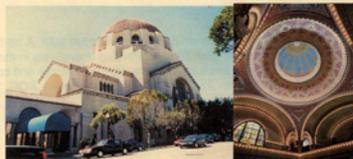
- ❖ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
- ❖ Historians will find this a place to present their new research, make contacts and swap ideas
- ❖ Enjoy monthly meetings with presentations of Cowboy Poetry, Short History and Western Frontier History
- ❖ Four exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our history
- ❖ Join the Corral that has twice won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013 & 2014

Contact Sheriff Doug Hocking at 378-1833 or doug@doughocking.com or Christine Rhodes at 432-8350

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More from California—San Francisco

Excerpt from newsletter



Exterior of Temple Emanu-EL and the interior ceiling of Temple Sharif Israel.

San Francisco Westerners International
Signals for OCTOBER 2016

WEBSITE: www.westernerssf.org EMAIL: westernerssf@gmail.com

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INTERESTING TALK ON OCTOBER 25, 2016 AT 5:30 PM ON THE TOPIC OF SAN FRANCISCO'S JEWISH COMMUNITY.

San Francisco native, Judi Leff, has just retired from Temple Emanu-El after nearly 17 years. Her avid interest in the history of Bay Area Jews was fully realized when she produced the live characters infused in the 125th Anniversary of the Jewish Cemeteries in Colma in November of 2014. Last year Judi helped teach Bay Area Jewish history to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and their parents. Judi is also passionate about comedy writing and performing, and is obsessed with the Jewish 19th century Emperor Norton. Judi looks forward to sharing her knowledge of the Gold(berg) Rush and the impact of Jews on the Bay Area.

California—San Dimas Corral

HOPEFULLY A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERNERS SAN DIMAS CORRAL

October 2016
POSSE OFFICERS

Sheriff: Bill King
Deputy Sheriff: <YOUR NAME HERE>
Recorder Marks/Brands: Dave Harbin
Keeper of the Chips: Vera Hoover
Salutatorian: Gordon Rowley
Event Wrangler: Dave Harbin
Backslappers: Winnie Robertson, Margie Green, & Norma Rowley, Lorna Sapp
Sharp Shooter: Ed Juksch
Inkslinger: Anne Collier
Emeritus Wrangler: Willis Osborne
Trail Bosses: Carol Powl, Gayle King, Lorna Sapp, and Peggy Thomas
Saloon Keepers: Dave Bratt, Barbara Potter
Keeper of Old Joe: Bill Emerson

POSSE MEETINGS
The first Monday following the regular Corral meeting — 050 months only.

CORRAL MEETINGS
WHEN: The first Wednesday of each month except December.

WHERE: Atria Rancho Park
801 Cypress Way
San Dimas

RECEIVED SEP 27 2016
October 5, 2016
Compensation, Retribution, or WAR?
Bill King
W. Goff

Long overlooked and confined to history's dustbin, serious events in the Pacific Northwest's Puget Sound a century and a half ago (1850s) might have started a third United States war with Great Britain. For it was here that these two countries finalized ownership of the island.

Vacationing with our family in Washington State this July, Gayle and I came into direct contact with this long ago struggle. On San Juan Island, at its southern end, sits the small friendly town of Friday Harbor. Much to our delight, the citizens staged an old fashioned Fourth of July Parade, complete with bands, floats, pirates, dogs, and kids. Some floats referred directly back to the events of the 1850s. A rousing speech at the picnic following the parade completed picture of the past.

What we learned that day is perhaps the best-known period in island history. The full story of this region and its forgotten "war" will be the subject of my talk in October.

For our new members, your Sheriff is a retired college professor who taught history at Mt. San Antonio College (full time) and Cal Poly Pomona (part time) beginning in 1966.

Excerpt from newsletter

California—Huntington

Excerpt from newsletter

Huntington Westerners

Please Join Us

Monthly Meeting
Saturday, October 1, 2016
12:30 p.m. Luncheon
Women's City Club
160 North Oakland St, Pasadena
(Parking access behind club - enter on Madison St - 2nd driveway south of Walnut)

*From Cows to Concrete:
The Rise and Fall of Farming in Los Angeles*
Speakers: Rachel Suris and Judith Gerber

Not many people know that Los Angeles was the original wine country of California, leading the state's wine production for more than a century. What's more is that the Central Valley of California, hasn't always been the capital of the nation's fruits and vegetable production. Until the 1950s, Los Angeles County was the agricultural center of North America. Where today's freeways soar, cows calmly chewed their cud. Los Angeles, the capital of asphalt and Kleig lights, was once a paradise filled with grapevines and bovines, so abundant with Nature's gifts that no one could imagine a more pastoral place. Today, L.A. County is the nation's most populous urban metropolis. What happened? Where did the green go?

This talk will chronicle the epic tale of how agriculture forged Los Angeles into an urban metropolis, and how, ultimately, this farm empire spurred the very growth that paved it over, as sprawling suburbs swallowed up thousands of acres of prime farmland.

Rachel Suris, Ph.D., is the Sustainable Food Systems Advisor for the UC Cooperative Extension in LA County. She has been involved with school gardens, community gardens, and urban agriculture around Los Angeles for more than twenty-five years. Judith Gerber, a second generation Angeleno, is a farm and garden author who has written about sustainable and urban farming, local foods, and organic gardening for more than twenty years.



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Colorado Corrals

BOULDER CORRAL OF WESTERNERS MONDAY, Sept. 19, 2016

"The Stereo views of Ed Tangen, the Boulder Pictureman"

by Ed Bathke

Tangen opened a photo gallery in Boulder in 1903, and between 1906 and 1951 he took over 16,000 photos. From 1906 to 1918 he produced about 2,700 stereo views, popular at that time when every home parlor had a viewer to look at the photos with their three-dimensional effect. He photographed not only the Boulder vicinity, but many other towns around, such as Louisville, Leyden, Lyons, Golden, and Morrison. As this business decreased, Tangen became the Identification Officer for the Boulder Police Department, and continued in that role for over 30 years, until his death in 1951.



Excerpt from newsletter

The Denver Posse of Westerners
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
"David Moffat and his Main Range Tunnel!"
By Dr. Stephen A. Krajewski and Terry Ten Eyck

Locating and building the Moffat Tunnel was a long & complicated process. The prime target area to get to the western slope was under Rogers Pass, west of the present tunnel. David Moffat was not the first to focus on it. Several tunnels had been considered there by at least two major railroads starting in the mid 1860's. In 1902, Denver Northwestern and Pacific explored several options and in 1905 even started to build a Main Range Tunnel - 23 years prior to completion of the Moffat Tunnel.

Location: Park Hill Golf Clubhouse, 4141 East 35th Ave., Denver, CO
For dinner reservations, contact Bob Lane, Chuck Wrangler, 303-751-2717
E-mail: rdlane9103@msn.com or: 9103 E. Eastman Pl., Denver, CO 80231
Cost: \$23.00 a plate

Social Hour: 5:30 to 6:20; Dinner: 6:20; Business Meeting follows
RESERVATIONS A MUST BY 10:00 AM, MONDAY, Sep 26th
Cancellations need to be in **BEFORE NOON** on Wednesday.
No shows will be charged unless a cancellation is received.
Denver Posse website: <http://www.denver-westerners.org/>

1st Annual Rendezvous—Pikes Peak Posse

To all members of the Boulder County Corral of Westerners,

In the tradition of multi-corral and posse rendezvous of the Westerners years ago, several years ago the Colorado Corral hosted a rendezvous at Norm Meyer's ranch in Comfier. It was attended by the Colorado Corral, Denver Posse, Boulder Corral, Fort Collins Corral, and Pikes Peak Posse. This year the Pikes Peak Posse is sponsoring a rendezvous in Colorado Springs to which all groups and their members and guests are invited. Information follows below.



Who: Pikes Peak Posse of the Westerners

What: Pikes Peak Posse of the Westerners 1st Annual Rendezvous

When: August 7, 12:00 pm - 3 pm

Where: Historic Chapel @ Evergreen Cemetery
1005 S. Hancock Expy.
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

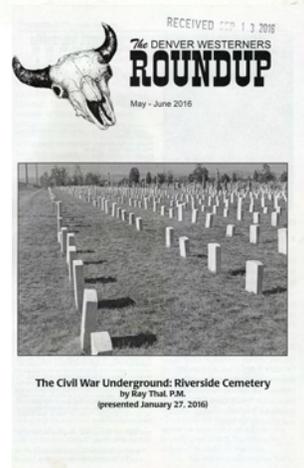
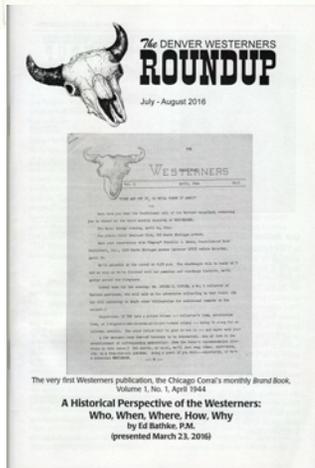
Why: Please join us for our...
Pikes Peak Posse of the Westerners 1st Annual Rendezvous

* Mix and mingle with fellow Westerners, authors, local Reenactors and like minded history buffs from all over Colorado

* Enjoy a catered Dickey's BBQ luncheon in an outdoor setting with homemade Desserts by members. Enjoy some cool and refreshing Manitou Mineral Water Lemonade! Why not make it a family event?

- * Live Music by Charlie Katz
- * 1880's Troopers on Horseback
- * Gary Ziegler's Ballad of Sheriff Kelly
- * Mini tours
- * Prizes
- * Activities for children

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The *Denver Westerners Roundup* is a collection of manuscripts published bimonthly by the Denver Posse of Westerners.

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Kansas Corral

 **RIDE INTO HISTORY**
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A Reprise of Ann Birney's First Historical Performance Piece

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- Turnpike: Admire/Council Grove/Osage City exit, west (left) 3 miles on Hwy 56 to Hwy 99, then south (left) 5 miles on Hwy 99

Sunday, September 11, 2016, 4:00-7:00
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Omaha Westerners Honor Mark George Hyde



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Lewis & Clark Trail July 14, 2017 - July 29, 2017	Legendary North Dakota August 12, 2017 - August 19, 2017	

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Nebraska Corrals

Omaha Westerners Honor Mark George Hyde
Grave:
Bring him back from obscurity

On August 6, 2016, members of the Omaha Corral of the Westerners gathered in Omaha's Prospect Hill Cemetery to unveil a new gravestone for famed western historian George Hyde. In his day Hyde (1182 -1968) was a prolific historian of the American Indian. He authored dozens of books and had a special interest in Nebraska's Pawnee, Oglala, and Brule Sioux Indians. Historians regard these books as primary source material. He worked under extraordinary physical limitations, being partially blind and totally deaf from an early age.

Taken from article: Omaha Westerners, Mark George Hyde Grave
Article and pictures submitted by Paul Hedren

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North Dakota



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ND Ag Extension Centers

Monday, September 12

Fort Abraham Lincoln Corral will meet at the Bismarck Elks Club Sept. 12. The dining room balcony opens at 5:30 pm. The meeting starts at 7 pm in the Lodge Room. Tim Faller will present *ND Ag Extension Centers*.

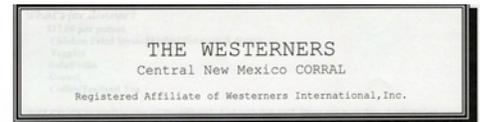
August 8 Recap

45 Westerners met on the west patio of the Elks Lodge on a sizzling hot evening. Sheriff Delmer Schlenker presided. Birthdays, anniversaries and guests were acknowledged. Yummy hamburgers, salad and baked beans were served. Dean Conrad provided entertainment of readings from one of Ryan Taylor's books.



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New Mexico



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Central New Mexico CORRAL

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THURSDAY, September 15

5:30pm SOCIAL HOUR
6:00pm ANNOUNCEMENTS
6:15pm DINNER

MCM Elegante Hotel
2020 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque
(1 blk east of University Blvd)

Speaker:

Irene Blea, Ph.D.

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Doña Tules; Lady Gambler of Santa Fe

Her profession strikes sharply at the heart of American ethics, but her life reveals a unique personality, unlikely relationships, and wealth used to assist her community, and gain the admiration of the Catholic Church. Doña Tules' contribution to New Mexico history, the speculation and controversy about her, holds audience interest, increases knowledge and stimulates the imagination. She was well established and affluent when the US military and when American wagon trains arrived in Santa Fe. Americans were intrigued by her prominence, and have debated the contradictions of her life as the highly respected professional lady gambler, who could deal the monte cards and win like no other, and have the most lavish funeral of the era. This is a chataqua and is made possible by the New Mexico Humanities Council.

Oklahoma

Westerners International
The South Canadian Cross-Timbers
Corral of the Westerners
Norman, Oklahoma
Founded February, 2004



Meeting Announcement

Date: Monday, September 26, 2016, 6:30-7:30 PM*

Place: Charles M. Russell Center
(Old Faculty Club, 409 West Boyd, Norman, OK 73069)

Welcome Back

Our first meeting of this year will be a chance to catch up, share coffee and cookies, and take care of some important business. Planning for the coming year is in full swing, but we need your help to make it a complete success.

Please make every effort to join us. Bring some books for the raffle, some treats to share, and enjoy the chance to meet and greet friends from the trails.

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South Dakota

Jedidiah Smith Corral Hot Springs South Dakota

The Jedidiah Smith Corral in Hot Springs, South Dakota took a field trip on June 10th, 55 miles north, to visit a whaling village in Rapid City. Our host was Jerry Root, and he has always been interested in whaling. For his 70th birthday he took a trip on a schooner in the Atlantic Ocean. Mr. Root has transformed his backyard into a whaling village. As you enter the gate, which is marked with the longitude and latitude, you walk on well laid paths of local, used brick. There is a lighthouse with a man on top that is to scale. The main focus is an old row boat that Mr. Root made into a two-masked schooner. All the rigging and cannons are proportional to the boat. He even carved some pirates and a dog with pegs on the bottom so that he can position them in the ship.

Along the back of the small property is a boardwalk along store fronts with names from old books and movies. The pier has barnacles and ropes, and pelicans perched on them. He also has old lighting, a lobster trap and other old items. What was amazing, is that Mr. Root did it all himself. About 15 years ago, when he retired as a sign painter, he started to draw up the intricate plans, and made the calculations to have the light house and the boat made to scale.

Later, he took us into his house to show us what else he has done. He built the house himself. The open beams and stair are all intricately, hand carved. His fire place is made of rock and slate that he collected around the area. There were several bottles into which he had placed hand-made wooden boats, all to scale. He also had paintings, sculptures, castings, carvings and hand-made guns. All of which were originals made by Mr. Root.

His work in progress is an icy scene with a carved whale and a boat with a 6' hunter that will be entered at the Central States Fair. Since everything is done to scale, that 6' man was about 1 -2 inches tall.

Although a very different field trip, it was educational and enjoyable.



The pictures are the center of the yard the ship he made, the lighthouse and Sheriff Bernice Landers on the boardwalk. Pictures and article contributed by Carol Sides

Below: Jay Hendrickson's presentation on the history of the CCC to the Jedidiah Smith Corral of Westerners in Feb. of 2016.

Jedidiah Smith Corral Westerners of Hot Springs, SD, & and their guests were thoroughly entertained and educated on February 26, 2016 by Jay Hendrickson. Mr. Hendrickson is a very interesting 95 year old from Hill City, SD. His program was on the history of the CCC- Civilian Conservation Corp. It was started in 1933 by President Roosevelt to get people off the streets and give them meaningful employment. At one time there were 3400 camps in the United States. Young men ages 18 to 25 were enlisted for a term of 6 months which could be renewed up to 2 years. The program was under the Army and the camps were the total package. They offered classes for those who needed more education, vocational classes in welding and woodworking, recreation, bands, and church activities. The pay was \$30.00 a month with \$25.00 sent home to their families and \$5.00 for them to spend. Their food, housing and clothes were furnished so \$5.00 went a long ways. A companion program called the WPA-Works Progress Administration- for men with families who went home to their family every night was also part of President Roosevelt's New Deal Plan.

In this area the camps had many projects. Including but not limited to: building the shaft and stringing all the lights in Wind Cave, constructing the rock walls around the park, the pigtail bridges in Custer State Park, 5 bridges between Blue Bell and Wind Cave. All the lakes that are in the hills except Sylvan were built by the CCC and many stock dams all over the state. They built the fire lookout towers at Mt. Coolidge, Harney Peak, Terry Peak and Crow Peak. They built the cabins at Blue Bell and made many fire trails through the hills. They were involved with extensive tree planting over the hills. Mr. Hendrickson was part of a reforestation project in the burn area between Black Fox and Custer peak. He said that at one time a good man would plant 500 to 600 trees a day which they carried in packs on their backs. They were part of many other projects across the state. There were 33 camps at one time in SD.

Mr. Hendrickson said that he felt that President Roosevelt must have know that war was coming because the CCC were actually 3 million men who had completed a type of basic training and were ready to go to war.

The CCC in South Dakota had a great impact on the state. Roads and dams were built and the men and their families benefited from the pay at a time when the economy was the worst in the country's history. There is a CCC Museum in Hill City, South Dakota dedicated to the significance and accomplishments of the CCC.





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Texas: Palo Duro Corral

Left—Dr. Garry Nall, Ken Pirtle, Bill Faubion, Rick Neeley, Jim Uselton, Barry Stephens, Jim Jennings, Dale Meixer, Ed Benz, Rodney Laubhan, guest Bill Harris, Dr. J. Paul Matney, Billy Campsey and Jack Williams



Submitted by Kenneth Pirtle

Utah Westerner's 2016 Summer Excursions



The Utah Westerners and their guests went on two field trips over the past two months.

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Wyoming

Casper Posse of the Westerners



Pahaska Corral Dispatch

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Sheriff Peter Speaks –

Howdy Pardners:

Well, Labor Day has come and gone along with the majority of family travelers who visit us here each summer. Them high-paid prognosticators predicted that this would be another block-buster year for Cody but the block had some cracks it seems and, while not busted, was a bit less than figured. The Park was loaded with folks, of course, cuz of the Centennial of the National Park Service and all, settin' a record again ... up 4%. The museum numbers have been a bit down but not bad ... so they won't have to close none of those fine exhibits. Cody merchants say last year was so extraordinary that this one fell a little flat by comparison. It was a frustratin' season for many of 'em, uneven, with folks not as partial to partin' with their cash.

Here, among the Westerners, our ranks have been depleted by one mighty big number, the loss of **Ester Murray**. It'll be sad to gather, as we're scheduled to do at the Sunset House on September 26th, without her. She graduated from college the year I was born, so I have a bunch of catching up to do. But even if I tried, she was absolutely matchless.

Paul Fees has promised to give us a program on the 26th. Subject will be the history of banking in Cody. Expect to learn about some of the town's great money managers like Sam Allen and Dick Scarlett.

I was sorry to miss the BBQ up at Richard's place ... had to be in Tulsa that day. Hope everyone had a great time and that you all have enjoyed a nice summer. Assuming I didn't get trowed out as sheriff, I'll be seeing you soon for another Westerner's hurrah!

Yellowstone Pete

Excerpt from newsletter



Bank Fees?

Our September speaker will be Paul Fees. Paul will be discussing his new book, *The Rock of Main Street: A History of Banking in Cody, Wyoming, 1901 to 2008* published by Dick and Maggie Scarlett. Copies of the book will be available at the meeting.

Longtime member of the Pahaska Corral of Westerners, Paul Fees earned an AB in history from Stanford and the MA and PhD in American Civilization from Brown University. He was curator of the Buffalo Bill Museum at the Buffalo Bill center of the West from 1981 to 2001. Since then he has written and lectured about the American West and has consulted for the National Park Service, for museums in several states and England, and for historical auctions in Colorado and Texas. He serves on the boards of the Cody Stampede, Northwest College, and the American Indian Institute.



On Wednesday, July 20th the Casper Posse of Westerners received their monthly program from Posse member Johanna Wickman, who introduced her first book, "Lost Forts of Casper." Afterwards, Johanna signed copies of her book for members of the Casper Posse. Johanna's book addresses the full range of Army Posts in the Casper area, to include the military post at Richard's Bridge that secured the Overland Trails before the Civil War, and the large regimental camp of Camp Dodge located on the slopes of Casper Mountain during the first half of 1865. This book is based on her Master's Thesis, and is heavily illustrated. Casper Posse Sheriff Douglas R. Cubbison provided the foreword. Johanna's book "Lost Forts of Casper" was published by the History Press, and is available from them or through any book vendor (<https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9781467119221>).

Announcing the Publication of

Outlaw Dakota

The Murderous Times and Criminal Trials of Frontier Judge Peter C. Shannon

New Non-Fiction

By Wayne Fanebust

Author of

Echoes of November, the Life and Times of Senator R. F. Pettigrew of South Dakota

This book is about frontier justice in the 1870s and early 1880s in Dakota Territory as seen through the life of Peter C. Shannon, Chief Justice of the Dakota Territory Supreme Court from 1873 to 1882. The creation and development of the Dakota judiciary following the formation of Dakota Territory in 1861, is also included in my book.

Peter C. Shannon, a Civil War veteran from Pennsylvania, was appointed by President U. S. Grant to the office of chief justice of the Dakota Territory Supreme Court. In addition to his appellate duties, Shannon and his two fellow justices were also trial judges who rode a circuit, trying cases. Shannon was headquartered in Yankton where he presided over a number of historic and notable criminal trials including that of Jack McCall for the murder of Wild Bill Hickok.

Judge Shannon brought judicial skill and integrity to a system of justice that was inept and ill-equipped to handle the problems of crime on the frontier. He won the respect of Dakotans through his wise and careful dispensation of justice and for his knowledge of the law, both procedural and substantive. He assisted in the re-codification of the Dakota statutes and directed the growth of the territorial judiciary.

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Pony Express between Europe and Australia

To: The Board of Directors W.I. Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, USA

Warm greetings to all of you from Czech Republic. My name is Jindrich Bilek and I'm vice president of W.I. in Eastern Europe. My involvement to propagate ideas of founders of W.I. in Czechoslovakia.

I became vice president during my personal visit of Central Cowboy Hall of Fame. On my personal request you accepted Czechoslovakian Pony Express as the first W.I. corral in Czechoslovakia. The letter of Order number 121, is a proof our acceptance in to world organization of Westerners International and it was presented to us in presence of all members of Czechoslovakian Pony Express by hon. US ambassador Shirley Temple-Black in Prague. (video footage attached).

I have established Pony Express with few friends in year 1985. The idea was to honor the memory of riders of US Pony Express. During this time, in mid-eighties in Czechoslovakia, we were not allowed to have anything to do with USA. After my promotion in to position of vice president of W.I. in region of Eastern Europe I've managed to establish and to register the branch of W.I. Czechoslovakia in Prague.

During this time the organization Westerners International was represented by Pony Express corral and corral Indians. After 1989, when communist regime collapsed, the new corrals of W.I. CZ emerged.

To collaborate internationally to spread ideas of Leland D. Case and Elmo Scott Watson, I've managed to acquire interest from German westerners in 1987. Other westerners in Poland and Austria joined in rides of Pony Express after year 1990. That was the start of European Pony Express under the name EPEA (European Pony Express Association). From the position of vice president W.I. Oklahoma I started to expand the purpose of our organization with new events. For example, in 1994 corral Wells Fargo. This corral stimulated action under the name Westerners 2000, posters attached. Representatives of Czechoslovakian W.I. corrals were at present during official acceptance in headquarters of Western International Hall of Fame and then during the meeting of Westerners in Arkansas. It was the very memorable event for all participants. Your acceptance of our idea to organize international meeting of Westerners early in the new millennium, was a beginning of an international collaboration. I think that is all we need to restore memories of past events.

That is why I'm writing to you. I'm sure that you are fully aware of prosperous life of W.I. CZ even without my personal presence as a director. I am in touch with elected president of W.I. CZ, Milan Mach, who has got me as helper during his uneasy task to lead this branched out organization. I think he is doing a sterling job in cracking some administration necessities during ongoing office's bureaucracy.

Now my hands are free of all the office work and that is why I'd like to present, as vice president of W.I., another project. It involves Europe area and new location Australia. What did bring to my attention was that in 1870-1871 Australian Pony Express was involved in practical realization of Overland Telegraph. No need to write more about this fact, I'm sure that you have all the details. I'll be happy to supply all written evidence regarding O.T. project. On the other hand, I'll be interested in any additional information available from your library.

Knowledge of real existence of Pony Express Australia, is the task to keep the legendary thoughts of W.I. founders internationally alive, I'm starting a new

project in 2017-2018. Intercontinental Pony Express ride from Czech Republic to USA and then to Australia. With this westerner event we would like to emphasize on the fact that in 2018 Czech and Slovak republics will celebrate 100 years of its inception and independence of Czechoslovakia, which was announced in Philadelphia USA on 26th October 1918. In this chain of interesting events there is another reason to link westerners together. At the present time I'm creating Czech-Australian Pony Express, which will head from the southern Bohemia to Prague and to Szczecin in Poland. From Poland this symbolical postal parcel will sail towards shores of America and then to Australia. Postal envelopes should represent historical transportation of migrants from Europe to USA and to Australia. This western event will take place in year 2017-2018 and in USA we are cooperating with National Pony Express Association with which we are in association since 1990. After reaching the port of Australia, Sydney, western riders of Australia from ATHRA (Australian Trail Horse Riders Association) will take mail to capitol of Australia. The distance of the symbolic mail route of the Australian Pony Express is 430 km and the reason it is heading to Canberra is the mail from our comrades and friends, who could return back home without persecution after the communist regime collapsed in 1989. The contents of letters will thank American and Australian people and its government for offering asylum during the time they could not return. There are many westerner's bonds and in its final target there is again to keep the legacy of founders of W.I. also in Australia. In addition, we would love to start to collaborate with our friends in Australia to whom western became they life style.

In the order to get your moral support I'd love to receive your permission as a vice president of Westerners International in Eastern Europe, to be allowed to deal with organizations and offices in Australia and publicly appear as an appointed delegate of W.I. Also I would need your opinion in presenting of official Logo of W.I. in press and other social media. I do have your approval for Europe and I'd like to know if my initiative is welcomed. In the case of your acceptance of my plans to approach Australia in addition to your support I will need a bit of technical help such as letter heads with W.I. logo, which I will use during necessary correspondence. I'm running out of envelopes and letterheads with logo which I have received in past, also the newspaper and other informative material from headquarters in Oklahoma would be helpful to have. I've changed my mailing address from Mnisek pod Brdy to address in Jindrichuv Hradec and asking you to resume the correspondence like in past.

Thanks ahead for your reply and looking forward to our future cooperation. On behalf of the team of Czech-Australian Pony Express.

With kind regards,

Jindrich Bilek
Vice President of Westerners International in Eastern Europe



Following are some excerpts from the a letter to WI from the Czech Posse and their ambitious project to commemorate the Pony Express.



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KC Posse News

Dear Friends,

We have a great chance to hear an outstanding speaker at the KC Posse meeting on Tuesday evening. We Jeff Broome brings with him a wealth of information as an author including his book Dog Soldier Justice.

What follows is the official meeting notice.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

s/ Phil Young

816-781-1825

Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys!!

This is your notice of the TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016 meeting of The Kansas City Posse of the Westerners.

FUTURE MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS:

November 8, 2016-Erin Pouppirt, Kaw Nation Spokesperson, will speak about The Plains Indians.

December 13, 2016-Deb Buckner will speak about Custer's Best Friend: Mr. Lawrence Barrett.

January 10, 2017-Kent Johnson will speak about Money in the Old West.

February 14, 2017-Toby Giese will speak about John F. Blake, 1880 graduate of West Point, 6th Cavalry Apache Campaign 1880s-1890s.

March 14, 2017-Larry Short, President of the Missouri River Outfitters of the Santa Fe Trail, will speak about The Santa Fe Trail.

Excerpt from newsletter

WI Full-Page Add Appearing in Western History Association Program

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Annual Field Trip: In June fifty-two Westerners and guests (including members of the Denver and Los Angeles corrals) went on a four-day trek to the history-rich regions of Butte and Helena, Montana. For starters, the Westerner crew headquartered at Butte's grand old Finlen Hotel then did our tour guide and led us to the Granite Mountain Mine Disaster Memorial, the Labor History Museum, the restored Chinese Mai Wah Center, historic downtown Butte, the William A. Clark Mansion (Clark once having been a wealth mine owner and business entrepreneur), and the World Mining Museum that featured an underground mine tour.

This first action-packed day ended with a banquet at the Finlen Hotel's Ball Room where Clay Landry, a history consultant for the Hugh Glass movie "The Revenant," served as guest speaker.

For the second day's tour, we travelled to Helena, Montana's State Capitol and were greeted by Ellen Baumler, a historian for the Montana State Historical Society. Ellen took us around Helena to places such as the city's "Last Chance Gulch" and "Reeder's Alley," the Montana State Historical Society's Museum which boasts the Charles Russell Gallery, the Montana State Capitol Building where we viewed Russell's largest painting, "Lewis and Clark Meeting the Flathead Indians at Ross' Hole," and finally the magnificent Cathedral of Saint Helena. For lunch that day, we dined with Helena's mayor, Jim Smith and Montana State Historical Society's director, Bruce Whittenburg.

On day three, we left the Finlen Hotel in order to savor a number of historically important sites along the Lewis and Clark trail, the Mountain Men's fur-trade hangouts, and the location of Montana's mining and Vigilante activities. Again, Ellen Baumler accompanied us as did Montana Department of Transportation historian, Jon Axline. During the day, we learned about Montana's once notorious road between Virginia City and Bannack where highway robbers of the infamous Henry Plummer Gang held court, robbing, plundering and killing those foolish enough to try that trail during Montana's gold-rush days. At a place known as Robber's Roost, we were thrilled by the tales of Billy "Road Kill" Maxwell, a cultural anthropologist extraordinary who talked about living off the land, processing buffalo hides, and making stone instruments using Native American methods. We also visited "Alder Gulch" and Virginia City, the site of Montana's largest gold rush and the locale of the state's first vigilante hangings. Before heading for the Madison River Buffalo Jump State Park, Ellen Baumler treated us to a tour of the rustic and historic buildings of Virginia City. Once at Madison River Buffalo Jump State Park Superintendent Dave Andrus met with us to provide an interpretative lecture and a tour of the famous Headwaters of the Missouri State Park where the Madison, Jefferson and Gallatin River merge to create the mighty Missouri River, in a region that encompasses a site of the Lewis and Clark expedition as well as the location of Manual Lisa's first fort in the West.

For our fourth day's assemblage of events, Ellen Baumle and Jon Axline took us to the mountainous splendor of the Big Hole River where we visited the Big Hole River National Battlefield, a site made famous in the annals of Chief Joseph's Nez Perce wars. After this, we rounded off our field trip with a tour of the ghost town of Bannack, Montana where park ranger and historian, John Phillips showed us the well-preserved buildings at the place made famous for Montana's first gold rush along Grasshopper Creek.

As a solemn and memorable conclusion to this wonderfully informative and fascinating 2016 Annual Field Trip, we held what we have always called our "Grasshopper Ceremony" to honor those Utah Westerners who have passed away. This we did, as we always do, by hoisting our cups of green libation to toast those departed members of the Utah Westerners. The ceremony fittingly took place on the banks of Montana's Historical Grasshopper Creek.

Kudos go to Utah Westerner president, Steve Gallenson, and Westerner Brent Reber and Linda Thatcher for planning a great trip to Montana. Those who went this year had excellent experiences and will fondly recall the trip's activities for many years.

Soldiers in the Frontier Army (Langellier will speak at the Fort Douglas Museum on August 8, 2016), and editor William P. MacKinnon's 2nd volume on the Utah War: *At Sword's Point: A Documentary History of the Utah War, 1858-1859.*

Submitted and Written by Walter Jones



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Mini-trip to Corinne, Utah: For the Westerners' July dinner, Utah Westerners and their guests, 67 total, travelled by bus for a special evening at Corinne, Utah (population in 2010: 685), one-time unofficial "Gentile Capitol of Utah" and now known as "The Gateway to Golden Spike." On the ride to Corinne, Westerner board member, Ken Cannon gave a fascinating presentation titled "*The Corinethians: Corinne's Territorial Championship Baseball Club, 1870.*" Once in the tiny community, we were greeted with a tour of the Corinne Masonic Lodge No. 5 which was dedicated on September 20, 1870 and became the first Utah's Masonic Lodge north of Salt Lake City. We also visited the Corinne Methodist Episcopal Church which was opened in 1870 and is now on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the church is the oldest standing Protestant Church building in Utah.

The Westerners and their guests were then treated to a fabulous "signature" Dutch-Oven dinner that The Dutch Oven Shoppe of Utah prepared and served. Following this mouth-watering feast, Dr. Richard W. Sadler, Professor of History at Weber State University spoke on the wild, crazy and important history of Corinne.

Thanks go to Utah Westerners Linda Thatcher and Ken Cannon for putting this great mini-trip together.

As an aside, Utah Westerner board member, and Director of the Fort Douglas, Utah Museum, Bob Voyles is promoting the two new Western history books: John P. Langellier's *Fighting for Uncle Sam: Buffalo*