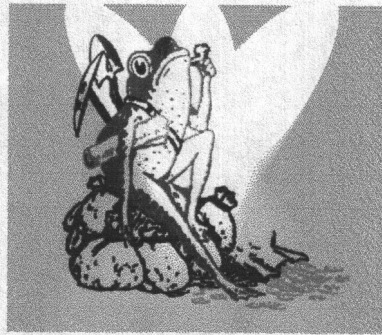


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Preserving the History of the Bullfrog Mining District

Grand Opening of Beatty Museum



From left to right Kim Hickenbotham, Claudia Reidhead and Pastor Jeff Taguchi

On December 31, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the afternoon, The Beatty Museum and Historical Society conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the Beatty Museum at 401 Main Street. Kim Hickenbotham cut the ribbon and Pastor Jeff Taguchi offered the dedication. Several local residents as well as the Officers and Board Members of *BMHS* were in attendance. Everyone enjoyed cake and coffee after the ceremony. The Beatty Museum is open Mon-Tues 1-4 p.m., Wed-Fri-Sat-Sun 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or as the Museum volunteers say, "When the Frog Flag is Flying, We're Open." Come enjoy this new chapter in the history of the Bullfrog Mining District.

A message from the President

Claudia Reidhead

Hi Folks! It's just me again. I'm sounding off real proud of the members and people who helped us get the new museum open. We had a ribbon cutting on New Years Eve Day. Thanks to hard work by Vonnie Gray, Mary Revert, Norma and Larry Hamilton, Shaney, Clint and Ellen Boehringer, Pastor Jeff Taguchi and many others. A special thanks to some special people in Pahrump who helped with carpet by the trailer load. The dedication by Pastor Jeff was beautiful and Kim Hickenbotham did a great job on the ribbon. Many of us were in costume including Mary, Vonnie, Kim, Lisa, Vanessa and yours truly. We had a nice turnout even tho there was little advance publicity. A lot of seniors from the Beatty Center were there. The museum is beautiful and volunteers are manning the museum five days a week, four to six hours per day. We have gained nine new members and some new exhibits since our opening of the new museum. Railroad Days are coming along real well. It looks to be a real exciting time. If you can make it June 7th & 8th, please join us. This is to benefit your Museum and to help us preserve our history. We have had visitors from many States and some other Countries. I'm very proud to be a part of all of this and thank you all for your wonderful support while we are struggling to make this a reality. All who come to see what we've done think we are doing a good job and I hope when you visit you will feel the same. The "Friends of Rhyolite" have asked us to assist with the Rhyolite Festival by having people in costume at Rhyolite. If you can help, please contact me or Mary Revert. *B.M.H.S.* will have a craft fair near the museum during the Rhyolite Festival. If you are a crafter and are interested, table space is \$5.00. If you need to rent a table, the cost is \$2.50 additional. If you are interested, contact me or Norma Hamilton. I look forward to seeing many of you during the Rhyolite Festival and Railroad Days.



"RIBITS" from the editor.....
Bullfrog Billy

How time seems to fly when you're doing just what pleases you best. A visit to Beatty during the New Years holiday period seemed like six hours rather than six days. Upon arrival, Zettia and I found several volunteers working at the new museum in preparation for the ribbon cutting ceremony on New Years Eve. What a pleasure it was to be in attendance on what I term the "new beginning" for the museum. So many people turned out for this event in costume to help make it truly a memorable event. Pastor Jeff offered the dedication and cake and coffee was served to all. Many fine exhibits are on display for visitors to enjoy and I hope you make plans to visit real soon. If there is an advantage to time zipping by, it has to be the fact that we'll be back in Beatty real soon for the annual Rhyolite Festival March 15th & 16th. Thanks to Andy Gudas for sending a very informative letter concerning the festival and a special thanks to "Friends of Rhyolite" president Linda Greene for writing the article for our History section, as we feature the history of the Rhyolite Festival. Also included in this issue is another installment of "Who's Who In Nevada" as well as the usual "stuff" we include in every issue. How wonderful that *B.M.H.S.* will be joining in the Rhyolite Festival by having members in costume and we look forward to "Friends of Rhyolite" joining in the festivities of Railroad Days June 7th & 8th. We have included a full list of activities for this years Rhyolite Festival in our coming events section. Looking forward to the May-June issue of the newsletter, we will be entirely focused on Railroad Days. We will feature stories on the Bullfrog-Goldfield RR, the Tonopah-Tidewater RR, and the Las Vegas & Tonopah RR plus have all the information you need to help us celebrate this grand event. I look forward to seeing you in March and again in June because who amongst you is not in need of a good old fashion..... "RIBIT-RIBIT"

Bullfrog Mining District History

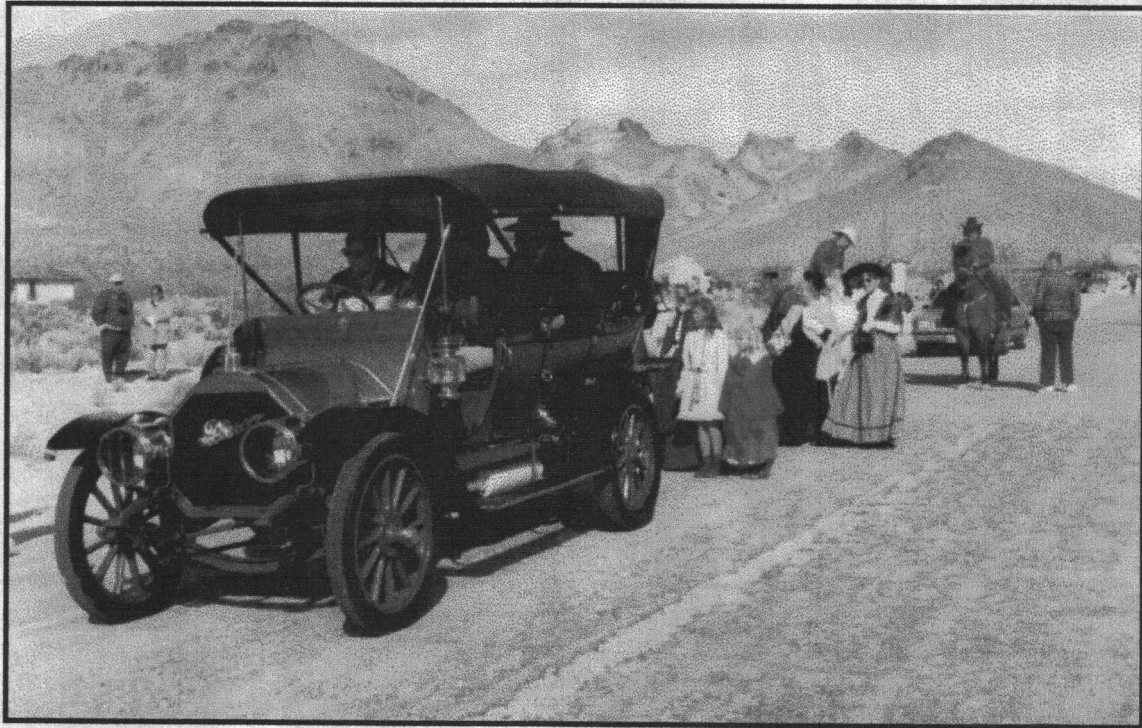
Annual Rhyolite Festival

by

Linda Greene

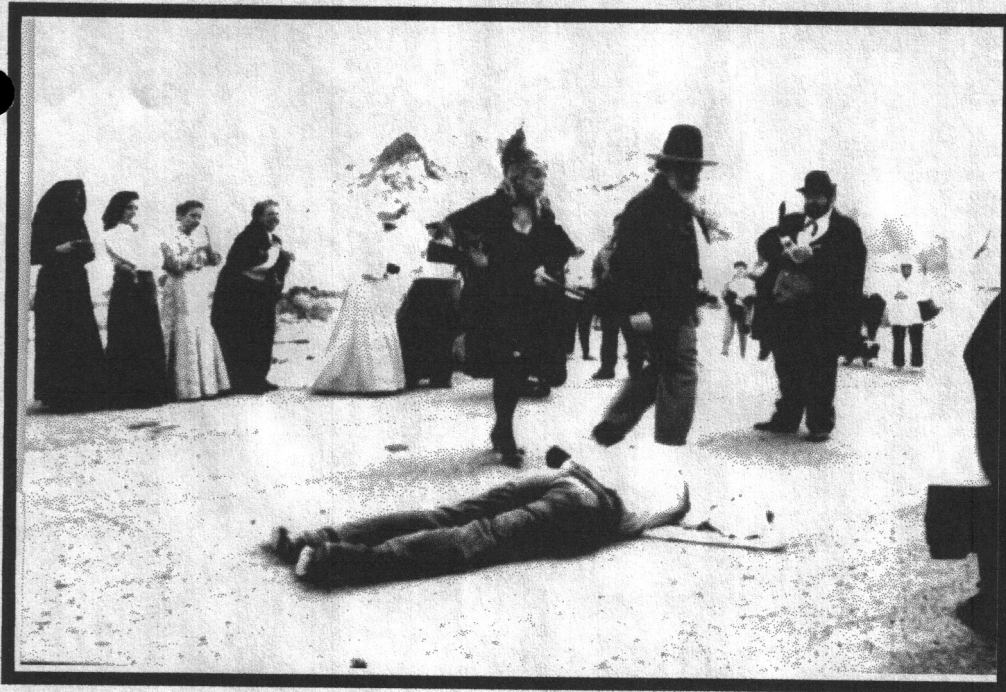
President

Friends of Rhyolite



The ghosts of Rhyolite will arise once again on the weekend of March 15-16, 1997, to remind us all of the glorious heyday of one of southern Nevada's most famous ghost towns. Originally brought to life by the combined creativity of a variety of people, the ghosts of the first annual Rhyolite Festival have been resurrected by popular demand each year since 1992. The Rhyolite Festival celebrates the rowdy, boisterous, often lavish, but short-lived existence of this once-celebrated town, the center of the Bullfrog Mining District. From 1904 to 1911, this town indelibly printed its image on the Nevada landscape. Its picturesque

ruins, once the heart of the town, are now the focus of preservation efforts. Through the years, the Rhyolite Festival has offered the public living history vignettes of daily life in Rhyolite, parades, fashion shows, historical exhibits, mining displays and tours, a Miss Rhyolite pageant, mock weddings, a real wedding, and, for two years, a delightfully entertaining musical comedy by Kari Coughlin entitled "Oh, Rhyolite," based on historical characters and events in the town. The festival has been jointly sponsored by the Friends of Rhyolite, a nonprofit volunteer group organized in 1991; the Bureau of Land Management; and



the owners of the Bullfrog Mine (currently Barrick Bullfrog Inc.). It has been strongly supported by a variety of local groups and individuals and by visitors from all across the United States. Despite the always variable weather at Festival time, which can include cold, rainstorms, and strong winds, attendance has been faithful through the years. This is due in large part to the respect and affection people across the country share for this

nation's colorful and robust mining history. To that end, the goal of the Friends of Rhyolite is to preserve for many years to come the massive and beautiful concrete townsite ruins, as well as the extremely significant archeological remains of former homes and businesses. We have had an assessment of ruins stabilization work needed and are now trying to plan the appropriate remedial actions. Come and help us pay tribute to a town whose colorful characters and rich mines ensured its place in history, but whose common everyday events and people are the real links that bring us home every year.



(All photos courtesy of Linda Greene)

Who's Who in Nevada

by
Bessie Beatty
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John L. Cadogan

TALK if you will about the oldest living Mason, the only survivor of the Custer massacre, or the most ancient veteran of the Mexican war, but here is a man who will be pointed out in the days to come as a pioneer, the man who occupied the first office in the first frame building that was built in Rhyolite and was the first broker to engage in business in that place. John L. Cadogan, of John L. Cadogan & Company, brokers, is a Californian by birth. He was born in Oakland June 6, 1879. He became interested in the brokerage business in San Francisco and when the rush to Rhyolite began to draw hundreds in its wake, Mr. Cadogan was not the one to be left behind. He arrived in what was then a tent city in August, 1905. Seeing the possibilities for a legitimate brokerage business in what he knew was destined to be a thriving camp and later a somewhat pretentious town Mr. Cadogan opened an office. Later he was joined by A. G. Cadogan. The business prospered from the start. He is prominent among mining men and brokerage houses in Nevada. Mr. Cadogan was one of the principal movers in the effort to organize a mining stock exchange in Rhyolite. He was elected vice-president of the exchange, and has given time and attention to its upbuilding. One of Mr. Cadogan's most successful enterprises was the flotation of the stock of the Homestake mine which is one of the best properties of the Bullfrog district.

BEATTY MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Dec 30, 1996-Called to order 7:15 p.m. Minutes read and approved. Treasurers Report shows expenses of \$43.75 for November and \$92.02 for December. Balance \$3,987.10.

Old Business: Board members attendance: We will meet January to appoint new board members for voting members to vote by February meeting. Need to amend the by laws to read an attendance policy for board members. Museum Hours: Karen Grover-Tue 1-4, Mary Revert-Wed 10-4, Norma Hamilton/others-Fri 10-4, Vonnie Gray Sat-10-12, Claudia Reidhead- Sat 12-4 & Sun 10-4, Kim Hickenbotham- Sun 10-4. We are still looking for volunteers. Ribbon Cutting December 31, 1996 with members in costume, cake and coffee served, first chance to look around the Museum- 2 p.m. Railroad Days: Vendors: We can use the lot across from the Post Office. Advertising: Peggy said she will develop a budget for working out some advertising. Buttons: Vonnie will go to Janda's to see the cost of buttons. Helpers: Kim Hickenbotham will help place flyers. Railroad display and antique cars: no report. Antique engine display: Peggy said the Exchange will host it.

New Business: Read Correspondence. Thank you given to Kim and Lisa Sanderson for helping move the museum contents to the new building. They also volunteered to help with the Rhyolite Festival. Motion to adjourn 8:30 by Vonnie, 2nd by Peggy.

Jan 27, 1997-Called to order 7:10 p.m. Attendance: Claudia, Mary, Vonnie, Norma, Lorraine, Andy, Clint & Ellen, late arrival Jeff. Minutes read and approved. Treasurers Report shows deposit of \$258.00, Insurance expense of \$250.00 and balance of \$4095.10. Electric and water bill remains to be paid. Railroad Days Report: All business and non-profit organizations received the letter. Vonnie will write a fax blurb for the Community Calendars. Other Railroad Days discussions to follow.

Other Business: Thank you will be sent to Hickenbothams and Larry Gray for the display cases. If you volunteer time at the museum, please fill out a volunteer time sheet. We are eager to keep the record of everyone's help. On May 24th the Motorcycle club will be hosting a poker run. We have been asked to have one or two members in costume to be in Rhyolite from 10- 2 p.m. We will participate, persons are yet to be chosen. We were unable to take any board action because of the lack of board members present. Members at large shared in the decisions discussed regarding Railroad Days. Before the February meeting, we will divide and call the different businesses and organizations to request their attendance at our regular meeting to discuss their role in making Railroad Days a success.

Railroad Days: Set up Port-a-Potty: Chamber said we could use booth sizes 10' x 10' with sleeping areas for vendors behind their booth area. Vendor Fees & Locations: cost will be \$35.00. Costumes: Mary Revert & Claudia are beginning to create. Parade: Sat @ 10 am: All organizations, businesses, & individual (float judging 9 a.m.) Parade Route: Begin near the Museum and follow the regular route through Beatty. Mary presented a float application. Parade Judges: 1st- 3rd Business, Non-Profit, Individual and Best of Show (Mary will find 3 persons) Box Social: Sat 4 p.m. Vonnie will ask local church ladies if they would like to be in charge of the set up. Jeff Taguchi will be the auctioneer. Play: Vonnie and Claudia will try to write one before the end of February. Games: Sun 2:30 Children's parade 1st- 3rd and 4-6 age groups. Sue B. (From the Burro) will organize games. She has a working budget of \$100.00. Engine Display: Exchange parking lot. Mining Display: A letter needs to be written to the mine and ask for their assistance in this area. Antique Car Display: Mary will ask Mr. Koerner if he would be willing to let us use the track. We will also ask if he will be the Grand Marshall of the parade. Model Train Display: It was approved to spend \$600.00 for the LV Railroad Garden Club to set up their display June 6, 1997 in the Community Center large room. Craft & Hobby Sale/Demonstrations: Norma will organize the area next to the Museum for crafts. Set up fee will be \$5.00. Food: Senior Center/ pie & ice cream (Craft area) Loins/grill

(Exchange Lot) Scouts/grill (Open Market) need to ask yet. Museum Open: We are pleased with the number of hours we have been open. We are growing each week. We still need more people to volunteer hours to watch the museum. Button Sales: Janda will print 500 buttons for \$0.23 in black & white. They will be ready for the meeting in February. Raffle: Mary will organize a raffle and the prizes. Advertising: It was reported that Peggy said for \$1000.00 we could advertise on the radio. However, we discussed the free spots given to the Community Calendars and other outlets. We divided TV, radio, and Chambers for different people to contact. Mary and Lorraine will design a flyer with a Railroad photo. Jeff agreed to present our goals to the Town Board. Mary or Claudia will present our goals to the Beatty Chamber. Andy Gudas will pass out the flyers, letters and float applications to the businesses and organizations in Amargosa. Work force: Friends of Rhyolite will give us assistance with the yellow ribbon and fence posts. Jeff will help in the landscaping.

New Business-Norma presented the 19 cent a minute phone card fund raisers. It was discussed. Claudia will be talking with the board members to bring up for discussion at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Friends of Rhyolite-Exhibit of 18 items including (1) hand mirror, (1) sesqua centennial 1776-1926 serving bowl, (2) Edison rolls, (2) hair brushes, 1 round, 1 oval, (1) crumb tray silver plated copper, (1) pewter silver plated cake server, (1) button hook, (1) bone handled pick, (4) rubber handled spoons, (1) rubber handled knife, (1) shoe horn silver plated and (2) pair opera glasses.

Harry Johnson, Beatty, Nevada-Original Architect drawing for Bond Drive for Beatty Community Center.

Virginia Johnson, Beatty, Nevada-Box of picture frames, (2) photo albums and (4) participating awards for the Nevada Test Site.

Chloe Lisle, Beatty, Nevada-Mail box bank.

Bill & Zettia Miller, Long Beach, California-various 8x10 laser black & white photos of Bullfrog Mining District.

Lamar Peterson, Holladay, Utah-(2) Western Union Telegrams from Death Valley Scotty.

Roger & Barbara Piatt, Ashland, Ohio-(7) photo cards of Scotty's Castle-circa 1940's.

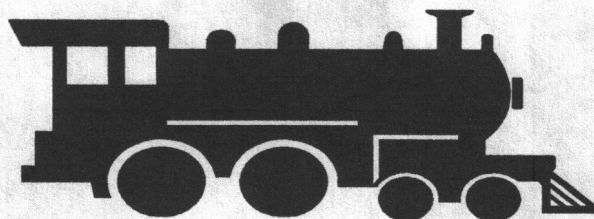
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN *BMHS*

COMING EVENTS

Friends of Rhyolite proudly presents 6th Annual Rhyolite Festival
March 15 - 16, 1997

- Kickoff Parade: Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m. in Beatty.
- Tours of Rhyolite: People in period costumes giving tours of the town 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be tours of the jail, school, red light district, Newton's Grill, the Overbury Building, the cemetery and walking tours of the town.
- Exhibits: Picture and artifact exhibits displayed at the old Yucca Mountain Science Center, at the corner of 95 and 374 in Beatty, Noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- Fashion/Talent Show: Fashion show, talent show, Miss Rhyolite Pageant at the Beatty Community Center 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Refreshments served during intermission.
- Descendant Brunch: Beatty Senior Center 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

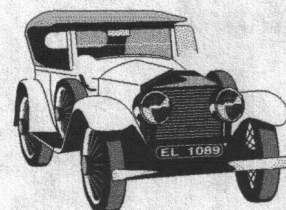
BMHS proudly presents "BEATTY RAILROAD DAYS" - June 7th - 8th featuring



"Engine Display"



"Street Dance"



"Antique Auto Show"

also featuring

"Parade" "Food Vendors" "Outdoor Play" "Miniature Railroad Display" "Box Social"

"Please call the Beatty Chamber of Commerce for details on these and other exciting events"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO!

Bill Miller, March 2nd

David Scarborough Jr. March 10th

Lorraine Eastman, March 16th

Clint Boehringer, March 20th

Romy Schnitzer, April 16th

Larry Poag, 8th

Barbara Piatt, March 12th

John White, March 16th

Jeffrey Taguchi, April 15th

Vonnie Gray, April 22nd

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