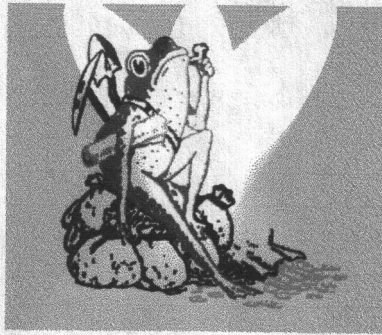


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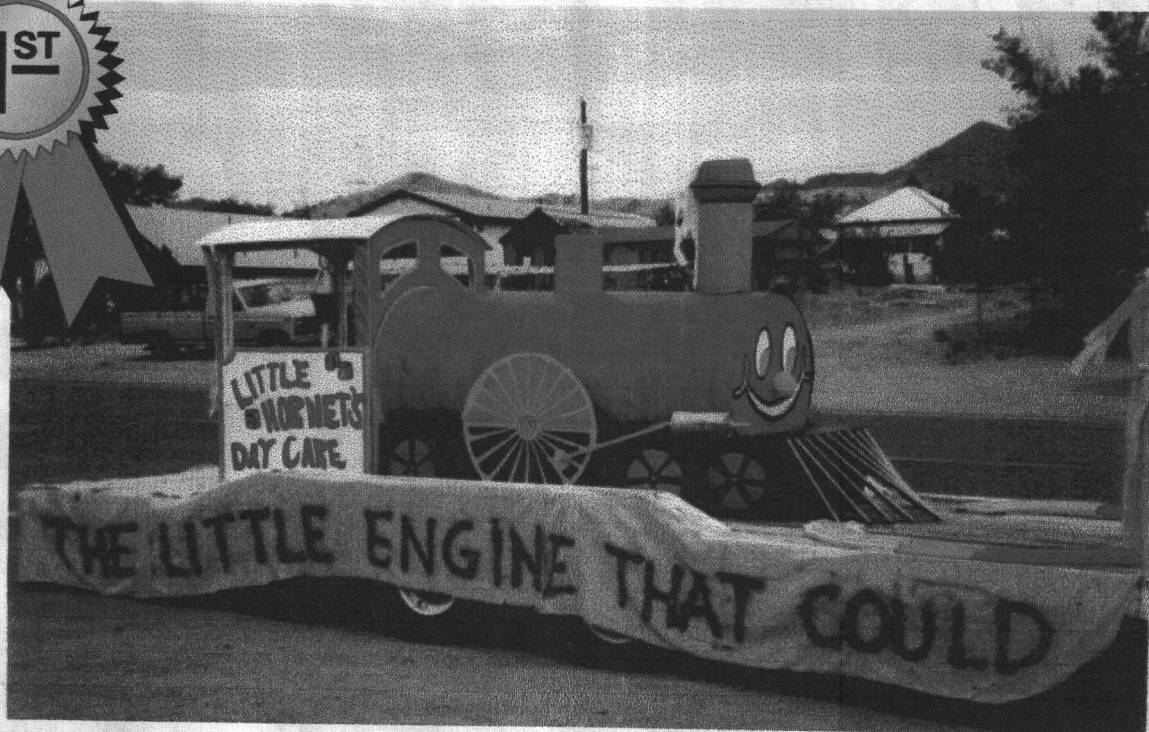
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Preserving the History of the Bullfrog Mining District

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THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD....  
DID!



**VOTED BEST FLOAT  
AND  
BEST OVERALL PARADE ENTRY**

(MORE Railroad Days news & photos inside)





## A Message from the President Claudia Reidhead

**H**i Folks: It's just me again and I'm sounding proud again. Railroad Days was very successful. We cleared about \$600.00 after expenses. We had the best parade ever in Beatty. All the vendors and crafters said they would come back next year. We have already started planning Railroad Days 1998. It will be even better next year. We will handle the sale of raffle tickets differently next year, eliminating the mailing of raffle tickets with the newsletter due to a low response. Our Kangaroo Court was wonderful, with warrants being sold from \$2.00 to \$50.00. The button sales went very well. Our train cars didn't arrive, but we look forward to having them for next year. The Las Vegas Garden Railroad Club display at the Beatty Community Center was a centerpiece attraction. What a grand display. Everyone so enjoyed the wonder of it all. Our thanks to the Car Clubs who traveled all this way to participate. The vintage cars in the parade and all over town were a marvel. Our parade judges Gary Waddell, Nate Tannenbaum and Suzy McCoy had tough decisions to make with so many great entries to choose from. Kathy Tolliesen did a great job with the variety show. Pastor Jeff Taguchi did all the announcing for our parade and variety show and also the stage assembly. Jeff and Hoss Johnson did lights and sound. Butch Baker set up stages borrowed from the school. Mary Revert worked many hours organizing the Railroad Days. Norma Hamilton worked with the crafters and her spouse Larry helped where needed. Peggy Johnson was in charge of Public Relations. Roger & Barbara Piatt, Jeff Taguchi, Vonnie Gray and others worked on our float. Jane Cottonwood and Janda Ribbons are thanked for the trophies and ribbons. Out of town guests who came to play and wound up working included Clint & Ellen Boehringer, Roger & Barbara Piatt, Bill & Zettia Miller, John & Linda White, Leon Abrams, Lynn & Ellis Vance and Andy Gudas from Amargosa was our parade director. Our Junior member Kim Hickenbotham, as Miss Beatty, was a wonderful and gracious hostess and represented both BMHS and Beatty Lions Club with grace and pride. Her thoughtfulness and courtesy to all was deeply appreciated. Lisa rode our float and assisted Vanessa, one of our favorite volunteers, helped everywhere

running errands, selling tickets and buttons and keeping things moving. The girls in their gowns were beautiful. Thanks to the Owens River Gang who came from Bishop, CA to assist in our celebration with class and color. Their performance at the variety show was outstanding and well received by the large audience. A big thanks to Lorayne White who designed, printed and hand numbered our raffle tickets. Joe White designed and built our Kangaroo jail. Barrick Mine loaned us portable radios. To all the businesses who helped make this a great event, thank you: Exchange Club, Burro Inn, Beatty Club, Sourdough Saloon, Revert Enterprises, Stagecoach, El Portal, Phoenix Inn, Longstreet (Amargosa Valley) and MGM Grand (Las Vegas). A special thank you goes to Bob Revert whose long suffering patience and enthusiasm has helped this group since the beginning and what a beautiful sign Bob gave to the museum. All in all, Railroad Days was a big success with some room for improvement next year. You just watch and see how we improve on Railroad Days 1998. Don't forget our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Picnic in the Park August 16<sup>th</sup>. This is one of our big fund raisers so come out, bring some money, enjoy good food, good company, and maybe take home a great treasure from the white elephant auction.



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

First thought that comes to mind (me, with a mind, ribit!) is to offer an apology for the delay in getting this edition completed. A combination of factors are involved. Being in attendance for Railroad Days, being on a mini-vacation prior to Railroad Days, Claudia's word processor dying on her, and our printer nearing death on us kept things in the delay mode for about two weeks. Hopefully we will be back on schedule for the next edition. To say Railroad Days was a success and great fun is the definitive use of an understatement. We have been involved in most of the functions with this group since the beginning and Railroad Days certainly is the topping on the cake. Perhaps the group should be known as the Beautiful Museum and Historical Society. Hope you enjoy the photos in this issue, the History Section with a great graphic from member John Slenter, Who's Who in Nevada and the usual assortment of goodies. Until next time, stay well and.....**RIBIT!**



# Bullfrog Mining District History

by  
Claudia Reidhead



Graphic courtesy of John Slenter

It is hard to establish just when Mr. John Zwiefel first arrived in the Bullfrog Mining District. He was an early arrival, because the April 24, 1905 edition of the Beatty Bullfrog Miner established that Donnelly and Zwiefel bought property at the head of Golden Street in Rhyolite for a bottling works. Records show Donnelly and Zwiefel purchased Block 39 Lot 6 for \$500.00 on April 19 from the Rhyolite Townsite Company. On May 5, 1905, the Rhyolite Herald ran this advertisement in their classified section:

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*Rhyolite Bottling Works*

*John Zwiefel Proprietor*

*All kinds of Sodas & Soft Bottled Goods*

*Agent for Salt Lake City Beer*

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The business gave a portion of the property in 1906 to the Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad for grade. The Rhyolite Bottling Works was still in operation in 1913 but gone in 1915.



# Who's Who in Nevada

by  
Bessie Beatty  
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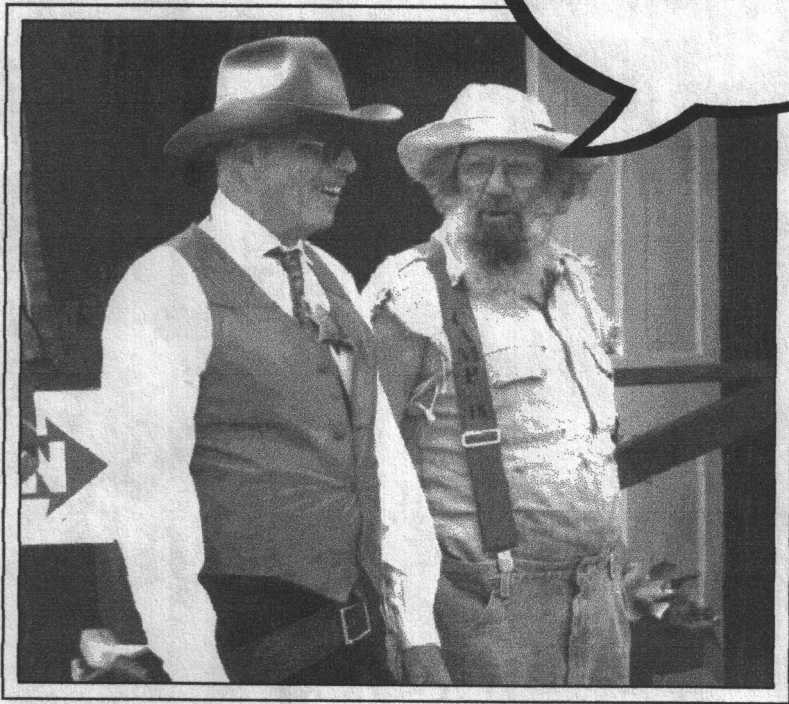
Leonard B. McGarry

**D**ESERT transportation, in its natural sequence, runs somewhat to this order: burro, freighting team, and railroad. The man who is wise enough to go into the freighting and transfer business in the days before the railroad comes is likely to build a foundation for his prospective fortunes, as Leonard B. McGarry can tell you from experience. In the spring of 1902 he went to Tonopah and established a transfer and freighting business between that place and Sodaville. The son of a Eureka pioneer, he had the mining fever fairly well developed from the start, and his digressions from this occupation were means to an end. When Goldfield arrived on the map, Len McGarry went there and opened the first lumber yard in the camp, and acquired mining interests. In August, 1904, he came to Bullfrog and went into the general merchandise business. His store building was a tent, for this was before the town of Rhyolite was even started. He located the property now known as the Bullfrog West Extension, one of the best in the section. He promoted Bullfrog Teddy, adjoining the West Extension, and one hundred and fifty thousand shares were offered at five cents a share, from which the property was developed in a manner to justify the original locators in advancing the funds necessary to carry on the work to its present state. Mr. McGarry has interests in the townsite of Lee and is connected with the Burro Fraction Mining Company and the Hayseed Extension Mining Company. In addition he has locations in Ubehebe.

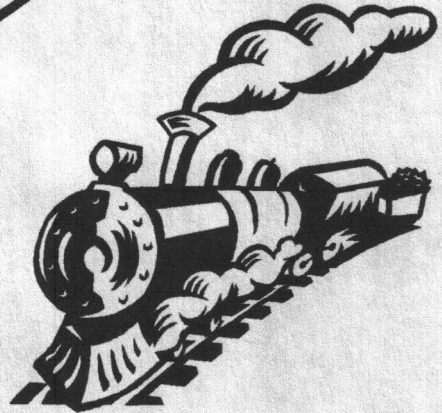


# RAILROAD DAYS FUN!

I didn't do it Sheriff,  
It was those two big  
guys over thar!



Leon Abrams and Clint Boehringer



Do we look like we  
are guilty of doin  
wrong?

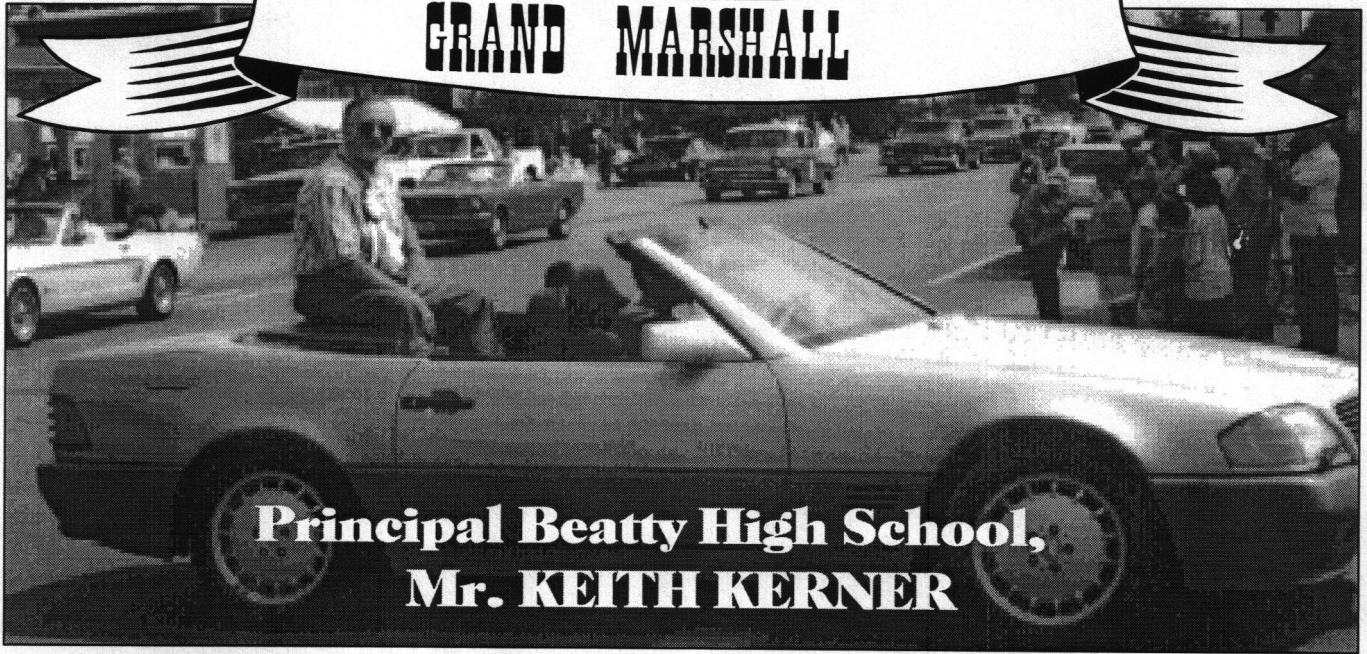


Roger Piatt and Ellis Vance

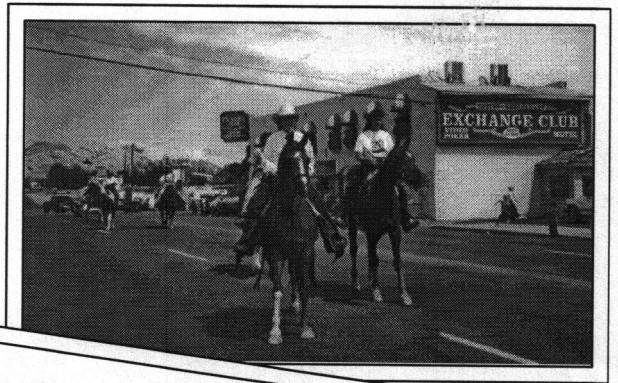


# PARADE

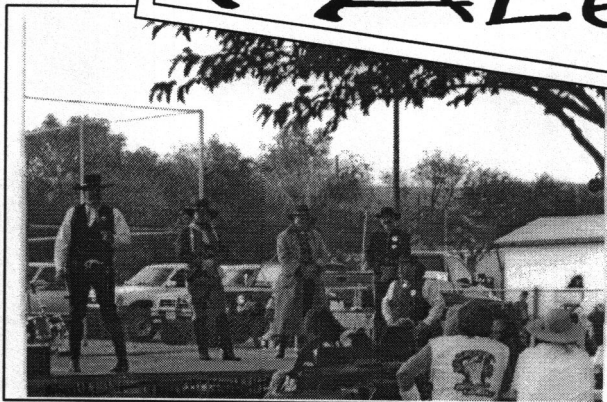
GRAND MARSHALL



Principal Beatty High School,  
Mr. KEITH KERNER

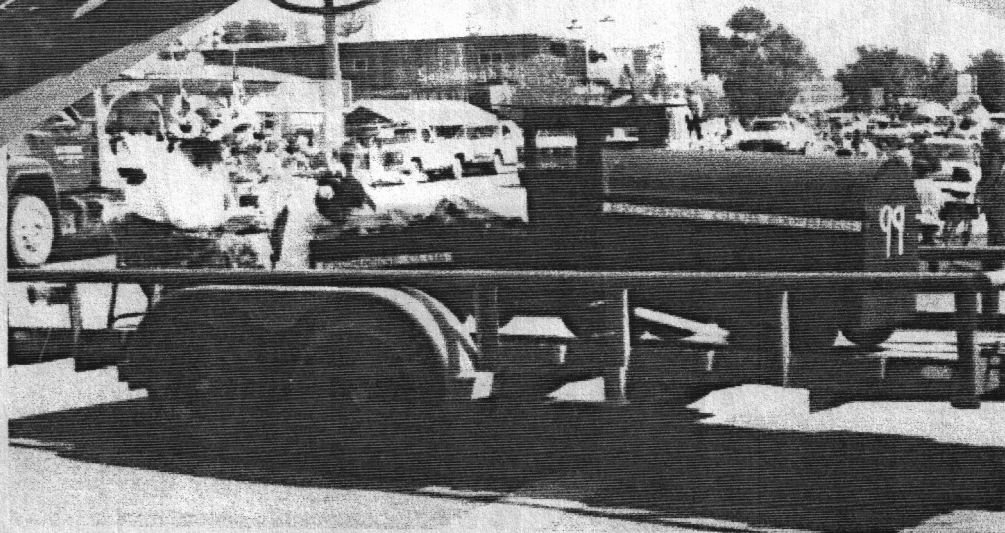
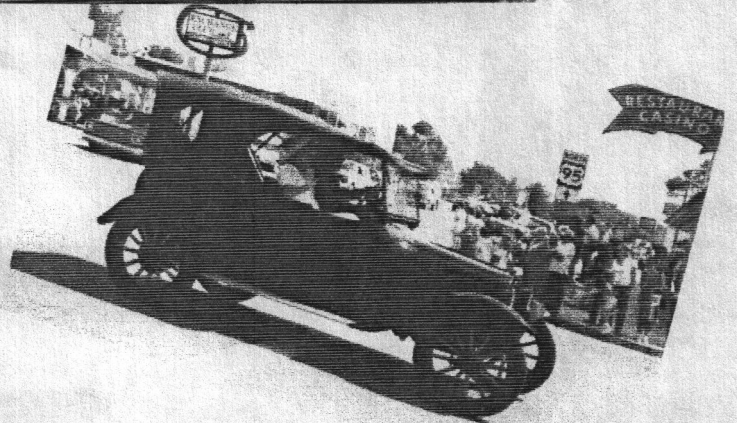
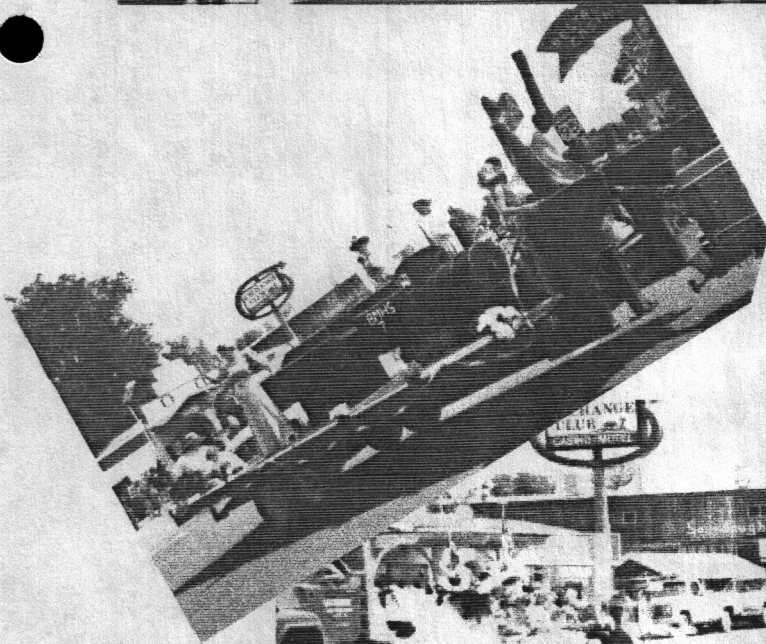
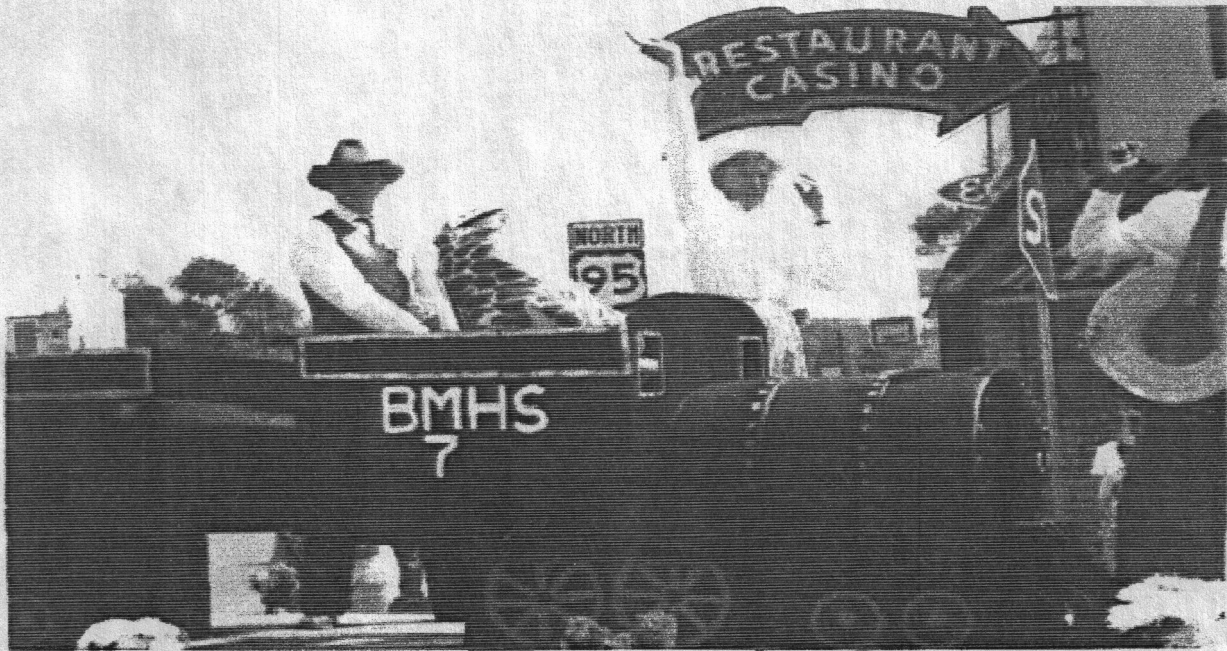


TALENT!!





# MORE PARADE





# Special Thanks to the following people that worked so hard on our Railroad Days activities.

## Craft Fair

Larry & Norma Hamilton

## Vendors

Mary Revert

## Raffle

Lorayne White  
Mary Revert

## Publicity

Peggy Johnson

## Parade

Andy Gudas - Director  
Keith Kenner - Grand Marshall  
Nate Tannenbaum - Judge  
Gary Waddell - Judge  
Suzy McCoy - Judge

## Costumers

Lorayne White  
Mary Revert  
Ellen Boehringer  
Suzy McCoy

## Entry Winners

### Float Winners

1. Little Hornets - Day Care Center
2. Girl Scouts
3. Soap Mine

### Autos

1. Chrysler Town & Country
2. Chrysler 300
3. 1915 Chevrolet

### Walking

1. Clowns - Pahrump Moose Lodge
2. Honor Guard
3. Friends of Rhyolite

### Overall Best

1. Little Hornets - Day Care Center
2. Clowns - Pahrump Moose Lodge
3. Chrysler Town & Country

## Participants

Amargosa Chamber of Commerce

Bank of America

Beatty Club

Exchange Club

Stage Coach Inn

W.O.W.

Barrick Bullfrog Mine

Beatty Chamber of Commerce

Burro Inn

Revert Enterprises

Yucca Mountain



## BEATTY MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

**April 28, 1997**-Called to order 7:15. Minutes read and approved with the correction to the advertising amount to one thousand dollars for newspaper advertising. Treasurer Report shows expenses of \$286.25, donations of \$521.00 and a balance of \$5,381.49. Museum report shows attendance of 159 and volunteer hours of 129.

**Old Business**-We are needing more people to volunteer at the museum. We need to have it open Mondays and Tuesdays even if we could have it open from noon to 4 p.m. We need to continue to encourage children in the history of the area. For the record, the Central Nevada Historical Society letter was read aloud.

**New Business**-We were given a boxcar and a flat car with the track from Roger Dillman. We discussed a presentation of a thank you plaque for Roger Dillman. Motion by Jeff and approved by all. Jeff will coordinate the placement of the cars. We received permission from Mrs. Wilson to use their property. Les Parsons is requesting fencing. Lorayne printed the 50-50 tickets. Andy continues to put the parade together. We placed vendors and crafters on a town map. We had banners placed on the Welcome to Beatty signs. There will also be a banner in Rhyolite. We discussed a banner at the intersection on Hwy 95. Peggy reported that all chambers in CA, AZ and NV have been notified of Railroad Days. The newspaper ads are being designed. We still need to contact Mike Lasorsa about displaying some of his Railroad pictures and models. It was also suggested to check with Mr. Stephens about taking photos of the events during the weekend. Vonnie will check with him. Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

**June 9, 1997**-Called to order 7:10 p.m. (We met on May 26 and June 2 but did not have a quorum so we discussed the needed information for Railroad Days-Due to vacations, this meeting was held in lieu of the normal June meeting date) Minutes read and approved with the correction of Mrs. Lewis's name. Treasurers Report shows expenses to date for Railroad Days \$1,294.00. Deposits of \$1,938.00 with income from raffle \$848.00, warrants \$256.00, talent show \$91.65 and buttons \$605.00. Balance \$5977.24. Museum report shows 111 visitors in May and 192 during Railroad Days. Volunteer hours of 151.

**New Business**-Railroad Days discussion. We were pleased with our first effort. We discussed the DUI check point, getting travel clubs and the food health inspector. We decided we need to write to the Health Department in regards to the food vendors. They are charged \$50.00 for each event. Andy Gudas did a nice job on the parade and agreed to do it next year. A plaque was presented to the Honor Guard. Lorayne will create Thank You Certificates on her computer. Thanks goes to Mary Revert, Claudia Reidhead, Debbie Baker, Kim, Vanessa, Samantha, Randi, Karla, and all participates in the Variety Show. The Variety Show was a great success. Suggestions for next year will be presented at a later date. Norma gave a craft and vendor report. She has at least ten returning. Motion to invite the Senior Center to sell pies and ice cream by the museum. Next years Committee-Andy Gudas-Parade, Norma Hamilton-Craft Vendors and Vendor packet, Peggy Johnson-Advertising, Mary Revert & Vonnie Gray-Vendors and town layout, Kathy Tollensen-Variety Show, and Sue B.-Kids Games. Fourth of July Parade Float will be our Train with banner and red, white and blue paper. Mary Revert will organize. Picnic in the Park is August 16, 1997, organized by Claudia, Peggy, Lorayne and DeAnna. We installed a phone in the museum (702) 553-2303. Motion to adjourn 9:10 by Vonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane.



## **DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

**US Borax Co.**- (on loan) 21 photo collection of the Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad.

**Bill & Zettia Miller, Long Beach, California** - (2) 8X10 photos-Rhyolite Bottle House & Depot.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**August 16, 1997** -Beatty Museum and Historical Society proudly presents 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Picnic in the Park"

**"Please call the Beatty Chamber of Commerce for further details on this and other exciting events"**

### **Just a Note from a Volunteer-Vonnie Gray**

Now that school is out, I find how glad I am to be involved in the work of the Beatty Museum. I have kept busy with my job, family and business. However, there comes a time when in the vastness of things, one person can make a difference. I have been able to use what I learn in the Museum to help me teach Nevada History and have seen several students come to the Museum. When we first started the Museum, we really wanted children to see the importance of seeing the past as well as looking to the future. We in Beatty are doing just that. In a day when the big wigs of Washington host a week long event on American Volunteers, several in Beatty already are making that important effort. I encourage you to join us as a volunteer even if it's only for two hours. We need to have the Museum open and sharing our history. I am so proud of what was organized and planned during the weekend of Railroad Days. We are starting to plan for 1998. Please step forward and say you would like to help. Beatty is a great place to be a part of the community and you do make a difference.

**ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN *BMHS***

**Beatty Museum 1-702-553-2303**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO!

Jane Reidhead, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Richard Ahearn, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Boyd Reidhead, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Midge Ondes, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Vern Potter, August 18<sup>th</sup>

Linda White, August 24<sup>th</sup>

Mary Revert, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Lois McDonnell, July 15<sup>th</sup>

Lynn Vance, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Karen Bohmer, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Ellen Boehringer, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Gil Schmidtman, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Jane Cottonwood, August 30<sup>th</sup>

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