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# DUNSMUIR HISTORY

By Ron McCloud



Image of Road Hog - the King of the Hobos - was a familiar figure in Dunsmuir in the early 1990s. Not many knew his real name, Don DeSimone. Image courtesy flickr.com

## DUNSMUIR'S NOBILITY

Did you know that Dunsmuir was once home to a king? And a bank robber? And he was the same person? Although perhaps nobody realized it at the time, he was a bit of Americana that has all but vanished. He was born - Donald DeSimone - on Thanksgiving Day in 1940 in Brockton, Massachusetts. When his father went off to fight in World War II, he was sent to be raised by his grandparents but then ended up in an orphanage where he spent his formative years. When he was a teenager and big enough to hit the road, he headed out. After hitchhiking to New York City and south to Florida, he worked his way west where he met his first hobos by the railroad tracks in Roseville, California. From the veteran hobos he learned how to sling a bedroll, how to find water, how to safely board trains and other essentials of that lifestyle. He had been a hobo for 35 years, had seen Mt. Shasta from a train, and knew that this was where he wanted to be. Dunsmuir, a city that annually celebrates its railroad roots, seemed an appropriate spot to settle down. He came to Dunsmuir in August of 1989 and took a job tending the city cemetery in exchange for living in the caretaker's shack.



Railroad Park, Dunsmuir, California. Photo from Thursday, May 12, 2011. Medford Corporation road Number 7 stands guard at the entrance to Railroad Park Motel. Still waiting to fill her tank with water. She has been waiting patiently since 1965. Photo found at [www.oil-electric.com](http://www.oil-electric.com)

At the annual national hobo convention in the summer of 1992 held in Britt, Iowa he was elected King of the Hobos - recognized with his hobo name: "Road Hog." It was an honor that he wore with pride. The old time hobos were self-reliant and self-sufficient people who followed a code of truthfulness and honesty. They didn't beg or steal and wouldn't accept a meal or handout without first offering to work. A true hobo was not a bum, tramp, drunk or beggar. A hobo was a migratory worker; part of a historic slice of the U.S. work force that can trace its origins back to freed slaves and discharged Civil War troops. One theory on the origin of the term "hobo" is that it referred to those Civil War troops as "Homeward Bound.

It was the steam train that made them hobos, the machines that had to stop every 50 miles or so to take on water and therefore were very predictable. Hobos would hop rides on railcars to move from one job to the next, following crop harvests and camping in "hobo jungles" with fellow 'bos. It was a hard life filled with sporadic work, no amenities, scrapes with

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law enforcement, bad weather, and few friends. A hobo's only family was the family of other hobos. The occupation hardly exists anymore. Modern trains now travel hundreds of miles at a time, giving hobos few opportunities to hop aboard. Railroad police, or "bulls," have become more sophisticated and, perhaps most significantly, there's little or no work.

During his years in Dunsmuir and his reign as King of the Hobos, Road Hog continued to ride the rails on occasion and it was during one of those occasions that his luck went bad. He was in Key West, Florida when the police descended upon him. He had no job, no money and no visible means of support and was arrested for vagrancy. The police didn't care that he was King of the Hobos and hauled him to jail – leaving his bed roll and gear behind. After two weeks in jail he was released and found himself in a desperate situation. He still had no money and all his worldly possessions were gone. To make matters worse, he was sick and knew that he needed medical attention and there was no way to get it.

One of his hobo friends – halfway joking – suggested that he should commit a federal offense so he could spend some time at "Club Fed" where he could get the care he needed. Road Hog gathered his strength and formulated a plan. He found a brown paper grocery bag in a trash can and started looking for a bank. He entered the World Savings Bank in the Liberty Lincoln Mall in Key West, Florida. After waiting patiently in line he handed the paper bag to a teller along with a note which he had written. It said that he was carrying explosives which he would detonate if he didn't get money, and he signed the note with a large smiley face. The teller looked at Road Hog in his ratty clothes and emptied her cash drawer – over twenty thousand dollars – into the bag. He thanked the teller then turned and walked calmly out the door where, coincidentally a taxi had just stopped. He stepped into the cab and rode it to the hobo jungle. The cab driver was tipped generously, and Road Hog also shared some of the money with his fellow 'bos.

After a day or so Road Hog turned himself in. He walked into a police station and told them he was the bank robber they were looking for but found that they didn't believe him – until he emptied the contents of his grocery bag on the floor. When he was brought to trial Road Hog insisted on testifying. He told the judge his story and may have moved him to some leniency. He was sentenced to five years in a federal penitentiary but only served two and a half. Afterwards, he was quoted as saying that prison wasn't too bad. The food was "pretty good" and he got a shower every day. And he received the medical care he needed.

Out of prison, Road Hog found that he had a modest talent - playing the harmonica and singing



"Hobo songs" in his earthy tone. In the San Francisco Bay Area he performed in his rustic style and developed a small following.

On January 13, 2011, Road Hog passed away peacefully and quietly in Reno, Nevada. He was in the company of some of his hobo friends when – as the 'bos say - he "caught the Westbound."

*Ron McCloud is co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of Dunsmuir published by the Arcadia Publishing Company in 2010. He is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware which dates from 1894. ♦*

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We camp at the festival for the entire weekend so we can relax and listen to some of the band members playing around their campfires in the evenings.

The best thing about this Bluegrass Festival is that the proceeds are raised for scholarships for local kids. There is nothing more heartwarming than helping a young person with their college expenses.

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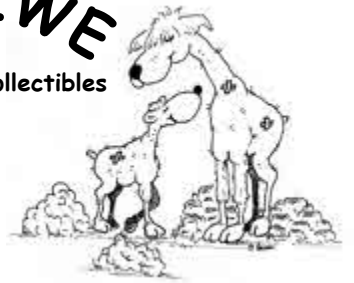
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# "From Over The Hill"

By Che'usa Wend

Che'usa loves writing stories about the amazing people and places she has discovered in beautiful Scott Valley. You can find more on her website: [www.fromoverthehill.info](http://www.fromoverthehill.info).



Photo of the Blake Hotel in Etna courtesy of Bernita Tickner.

A few months ago I wrote about Ray & Mary Waller who can be seen walking around town holding hands and here is yet another well known Etna couple . . . Frank and Delta Christ (see photo below taken by Che'usa), owners of the historic Blake Hotel. A little history on the Hotel first: Originally the Smitt Hotel, a wooden building owned by Nick Smitt, which burned in 1896 and was then rebuilt in brick. It became the Herzog Hotel when bought in 1898 by Fred and Emma Herzog and included the 'Corner Saloon.' Ladies had to enter through double doors marked "Ladies Entrance." (See photo above showing these double doors at the lower left.) In 1904 Peter & Molly Blake bought the Hotel and it was renamed the

Blake Hotel. In 1924 it became the Holzhauser Hotel, owned by Charles Holzhauser and became a family hotel with a dining room and no saloon. To see the whole history of the Hotel, visit the Etna Museum!



Now back to Frank and Delta's arrival in Scott Valley. From 1960-1972, Frank was assistant Fire Chief of Sausalito, California (near San Francisco). Along with their own 5 boys (Frank Jr., Dennis, Kenny, David and Joey), Frank and Delta had 2 foster kids living with

them in Sausalito. Those two kids had been up in this area with their father when they were younger, so in 1972 when the idea of a family vacation came up, they convinced Frank and Delta to come to Sawyers Bar.

While on that vacation, they attended the Etna Rodeo and met Bob Axton. The next thing you know, they had bought 20 acres of land up Sawyers Bar Road, just outside Etna. They owned the property for 3 years before Frank decided to quit his job and move the family here. They lived in a tent for 3 to 4 months, constructed a building and went into the upholstery business, living and working out of that building! While in high school, Dennis worked for a guy who did auto upholstery, so they had some equipment and knowledge. At most times, 4 of the 5 boys lived here. If one left, another seemed to find his way back. The foster kids didn't move here . . . they were just the *catalyst* to get Frank and Delta and the boys here! (How often that happens in our lives . . . the age old phenomenon called '**Synchronicity**' at work). For the next 3 years they lived 'off the land.' They had



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a big vegetable garden and one milk cow and ended up with 5 beef animals. Delta sewed and Frank did repairs. Dennis left the area, but left the equipment! They found living that way very confining . . . what with taking care of a garden, cow, animals, chickens.

By then Delta had begun selling real estate and saw that the Blake Hotel was for sale by owners Orville & Evie Barnes. In typical 'feminine way,' she called Frank's attention to the **for sale** sign!!!! (very subtle, Delta . . . good for you!) "They" decided to sell the 20 acres and made an offer. **Actually**, Frank said he really didn't want to give up the 20 acres, so he made a really low offer, hoping they wouldn't accept it!

Orville balked at the offer and said they would think about it. A few weeks went by with no word. Then one day Evie called and wanted to know **why** they hadn't come back. Frank told her they had been waiting to hear back from them.

Frank found out later that a Canadian tenant had 'expired' in his room, thus was late paying his rent. When Evie went to find out about the rent, she found him and it spooked her. She got right on the phone to Frank and couldn't take his offer faaaaast enough!

Frank said there had only been single rooms upstairs and one bath at the end of the hall. Evidently Orville spent all his time fixing up the downstairs apartment where he and Evie (and now Frank and Delta) lived. The first changes were to the upstairs . . . from 'hotel style' to apartments with their own bathrooms. Now there are 6 apartments upstairs: two 2-bedroom and four studios.

Orville had used the downstairs for a workshop; however, nowadays, wonderful businesses occupy the downstairs of the historic Blake Hotel: Wildwood Crossing Coffee House; 'New to Ewe' Gifts; and Darcy's Full Throttle Beauty Salon.

Frank has done all of his own maintenance work for years. I remember when I rented a space in 1998 for my little art studio, Frank brought in his tallest ladder and was up there before I could stop him, painting the ceiling for me! Frank is always there to lend a helping hand.

Frank's philosophy is that you don't have to get rich while providing a service. He says the move to Etna was the best move he ever made . . . and we think so too! ♦



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## Discovering The State of Jefferson

by Gail L. Jenner

Follow along with Gail each month and enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

## Golden, Oregon: Ghost Town

Every gold mining country gives rise to ghost towns. Around the State of Jefferson, there are any number of abandoned mining settlements, some just a whisper of what once was!

One authentic ghost town located in Southern Oregon is "Golden" which can be found about 3 miles from Wolf Creek, along Coyote Creek in Josephine Co.

Coyote Creek was settled by white miners in the late 1840s, but most of them left when gold was found in nearby Salmon River in 1850. A number of Chinese miners moved in, only to be forced out again when the miners returned.

Golden's "boom" occurred in the 1870s after the easy gold had been played out. In order to move more dirt, the first hydraulic giant was introduced and the rush was on. Activity along Coyote Creek became so significant that the Oregon - California State Company added Golden to its route, bringing mail, passengers, and goods into the growing community.



Photo: Hydraulic mining was used to wash away hillsides after the easy gold played out. A Schueffler photo c. 1915. Courtesy Gail Jenner Collection.

The most famous of Golden's pioneers were the Rubles. Reverend William Ruble came to find his fortune and soon sent for his wife and family. By the late 1880s, he had purchased almost all of the local claims. William's sons, Bill and Schuyler, invented the "Ruble Elevator," which was patented in 1890 and even won an award at the Lewis and Clark Exhibition in Portland. It increased the efficiency of hydraulic mining considerably, which meant more money in the miners' pockets.



A post office was finally established in 1896, and Schuyler Ruble served as the first Postmaster. However, William Ruble was a teetotaler, thus the town remained dry. Miners, looking for a good time, traveled to Wolf Creek Tavern.

In 1885, a schoolhouse was built about 1/2 mile downstream, which served the 150 families living in Golden. In 1906, 36 children were still enrolled in the school, but soon after, the town began to decline. In 1915, a stamp mill was built, but by 1920, the Post Office was closed.

Today there are only three or four clapboard buildings, including the church, originally built in 1892, and a general store, built in 1904.



Next to the church lie the remains of a cemetery. It is said that the location was used in episodes of the TV show, "Gunsmoke," but that has not been confirmed. Another dilapidated remnant of Golden is the old carriage house that belonged to the Ruble family. Golden Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Several signs, relating the history of the small community, are posted alongside the weathered buildings. The best time to visit Golden is between April and October. It is good to know that the mining town is currently being restored. ♦

Editor's Note: See modern day photo of Wolf Creek Tavern from Gail's collection, above. Wolf Creek Inn is still open to the public. Check out this amazing place at: [www.historicwolfcreekinn.com](http://www.historicwolfcreekinn.com) and then take a Road Trip! Looks like they have a crazy cool CRAWDAD FESTIVAL from July 13-15, 2012 and more fun events! You can Find them on Facebook by searching: Historic Wolf Creek Inn. Awesome! Get out there and EXPLORE The State of Jefferson - all 4 corners of it! -Editor



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# State of Jefferson in a Nutshell

By Gail Jenner



**THOMAS JEFFERSON**

Thomas Jefferson was the 3rd President of the United States, principal author of the Declaration of Independence, and an amazing inventor and avid gardener. He lived an amazing life.

He Lived April 13, 1743 to July 4, 1826.



John Fitzgerald Kennedy was our 35th President. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was awarded the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism for leading his men back to safety after the

Patrol Torpedo Boat he commanded was sunk by the Japanese.

He was born May 29, 1917 and was assassinated on November 22, 1963.

## Quote:

*"The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger – but recognize the opportunity." – John F. Kennedy*

Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states. Moreover, the region was easily overlooked after the gold rush, since it continued to be less populated and more rural than the remainder of the two states.

The name Jefferson was selected after Yreka's local paper, The Siskiyou Daily News, ran a contest. J. E. Mundell of Eureka, California, submitted the winning name. A seal was created: a gold mining pan etched with two Xs to signify the double-cross by Salem and Sacramento politicians. Today the seal is still used on flags, banners, and State of Jefferson memorabilia.

Because the people who have settled along the northern boundary of California and the southern boundary of Oregon have always been of an independent nature, it seems fitting that this region has attempted, on numerous occasions, to create a new state, not just in name or principle, but in reality as well.

Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries.

*It is the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we love, proudly called The State of Jefferson.* ♦

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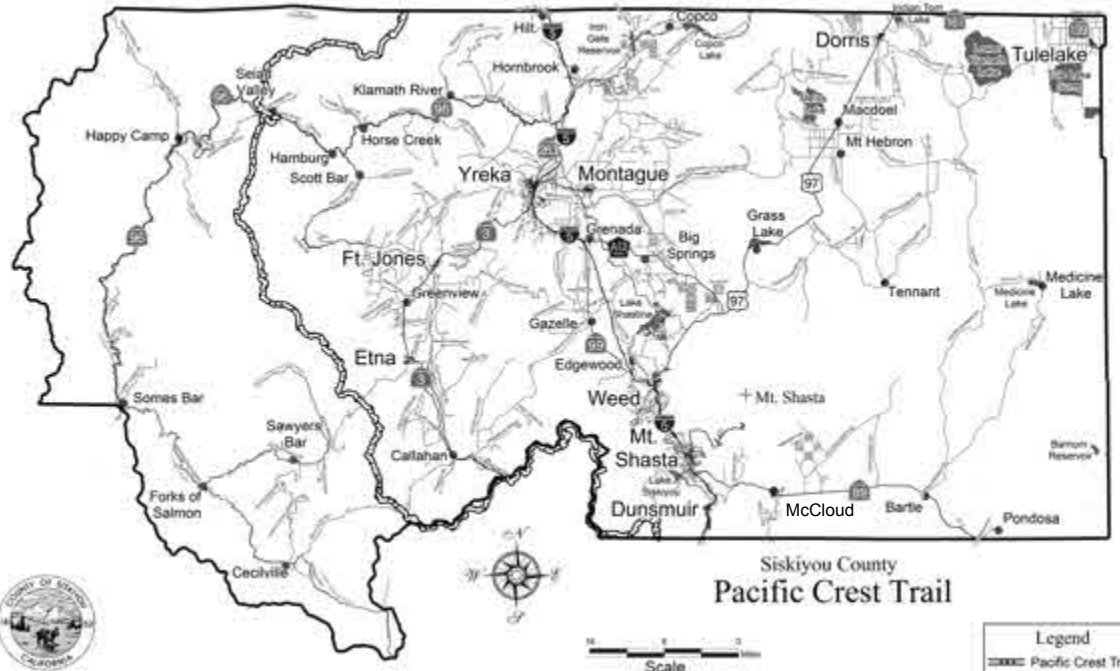
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## Map of The Oregon and California Counties that Make Up The State of Jefferson



## Map of Siskiyou County - The Heart of The Great State of Jefferson



# HISTORY OF YREKA

by Claudia A. East

Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California. Feel free to read & follow Claudia on her blog at: <http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com>.



Government Photo  
"The Callahan Hotel as viewed in 1937"

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## The Siskiyou County Museum in Yreka! A treasure house of history!

The Siskiyou County Museum is located at 910 South Main Street in Yreka. The original building was completed in 1950 (photo below) and was designed to resemble a most historic 1854 structure, The Callahan Hotel (photo above) which is located in rural Siskiyou County. The small town of Callahan grew up around their hotel. M. B. Callahan was a merchant who had a trade route between the coast and Yreka. He bought a cabin which he turned into a place for food and lodging for travelers on the Oregon Trail in 1852. Eventually the Hayden Hotel (Callahan Ranch Stage Station) was built. For many, many years this stately old structure sat in dire need of repair. Today, we can happily report that it is being lovingly restored and is returning to its former glory. This was such an important building in the area and the history was so vivid that the Siskiyou County Museum wanted to honor it by taking on its form. It may be of interest to note that a drive from Yreka to the small town of Callahan today is a favorite excursion for many locals as the route is remarkably picturesque and is only about an hour from Yreka.

The Siskiyou County Museum is an excellent place to begin a quest for historical knowledge of Yreka and Siskiyou County. The museum has superior permanent exhibits as well as outstanding temporary ones. In addition to the main building there is an outdoor exhibit area with buildings, machinery, and interesting artifacts. The outdoor area is open during the summer months. One of the buildings housed in the outdoor museum is a California State Landmark, The Spring School, an old school building that once sat near Dorris, California in the northeastern part of Siskiyou County. (Editor's note: there is a presentation being given at Dorris City Hall on June 25 about the history of the School Houses in our area by Kathy Graves. See Page 9 for more info.)



Siskiyou County Museum when newly opened, Circa 1950.

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Inside the museum one can visit the Native American Gallery, A Trappers Gallery and The Gold Mining Gallery. One can see evidence of what life was once like before and during gold discovery in Siskiyou County. A research library is also available filled with books, newspapers, photographs and helpful people!

A call to the museum is highly recommended before asking to use the research library. To top it off a nice little gift shop is inside the museum for one's browsing and shopping pleasure.

The Siskiyou County Historical Society officially began in October of 1945 as a result of interest in placing historical markers on sites throughout Siskiyou County. Soon the Society was an official organization and they were off to an energetic start, embarking on a relentless campaign to document and preserve the history of the county for future generations. As a result of these dynamic and far-thinking individuals it was quickly needed to have a home for the developing collection of documents and artifacts. From the Historical Society the idea bloomed for the County to erect a County Museum. In 1950 this dream of a museum was realized.

The County Museum is one place not to be missed on any tour of Yreka or the area! ♦

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## Where to Go - What to See - When to Do It

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**HUMBUG HURRY - UP BICYCLE RACE**  
SATURDAY JUNE 9TH at Greenhorn Park, Yreka  
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**77th Annual DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DAYS**  
June 8-9-10 - See Story & Info on Pages 26-27

**June 8 - 10 Mount Shasta Long Rifles 36th Annual  
Rendezvous in McCloud. Contact Betty at  
530.926.2149 or Harry: 530.235.4546**

**Siskiyou Music And Arts Festival June 9th and 10th  
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Historical Display during Gold Rush Days  
on Saturday June 16 in Yreka.  
See AD on the lower left of this page for more  
information!!

**For More Butte Valley Info &  
Events Please Visit Pages 8-9.**



22nd Annual Tribute to the Trees  
Sat. June 23, 5pm – 8pm at the Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens. Theme: Gatsby in the Gardens Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra  
All are invited to wear 1920's style clothing  
For Dinner tickets and info: (530) 235-4740

**Yreka Art Walk Historic  
Downtown 5-8 pm Fri June 29th**

**4H/FFA County-Wide Open Field Day**  
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**July 6-7-8 Ride in the Light Rally, Yreka  
See Page 24 for all the info !**

Clarence Barger's Siskiyou Big Band Performances  
Friday July 6 in Yreka at S.V. Bank's Music in the Park AND at The Siskiyou Golden Fair in August! Check out their website: [www.SiskiyouBigBand.org](http://www.SiskiyouBigBand.org)

**ETNA HIGH ALL CLASS  
REUNION JULY 14 IN ETNA  
SEE PAGE 37 FOR INFO**

**SCOTT VALLEY BLUEGRASS  
FESTIVAL IN ETNA July 20-21-22**  
See Page 4 for info or go to: [www.scottvalleybluegras.com](http://www.scottvalleybluegras.com)

**MOSSBRAE MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
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July 28 The Springhouse Trio in concert: 7:30 p.m. Yreka Preservation at St. Mark's Preservation Square, 300 Lane Street, Yreka, CA. Beautiful Americana music. Details on the event page at [www.yrekapreservation.org](http://www.yrekapreservation.org)

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by Ralph Fain

## The Siskiyou Chapter RMEF Says "Thanks All!!"

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- Don A. Dillman

The 2012 Siskiyou Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has concluded another outstanding, successful fund raising banquet. This year the chapter generated over \$70,000 in funding for elk, other wildlife and their habitat! That brings a grand total of well over \$1,000,000 raised by the Siskiyou Chapter in its first 15 years of fund raising! This is an accomplishment not even matched by most larger chapters in the State of California.

Larry Dancer, Virgil Hardy & all the volunteer committee members want to take a moment and extend a huge and heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to all of the wonderful donors. The list of donors is extensive. The committee thought long and hard about recognizing all of you folks, especially those donors who have contributed every year since the first banquet. With so many contributors, the chance of omitting someone is just too great.

The committee doesn't want anyone to feel left out in recognizing their contributions, so here is a sincere "THANK YOU!" to all of our businesses and private individuals who have so generously supported the Siskiyou Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation!

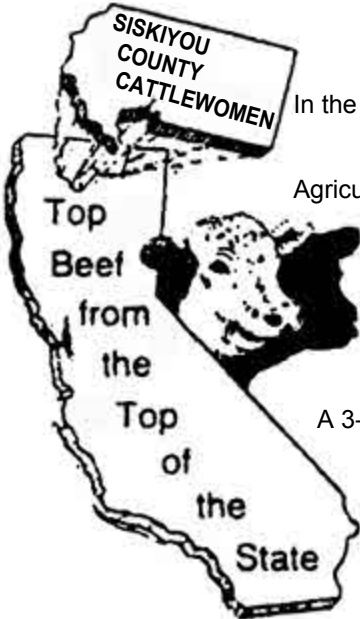
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# A River's Run

## Poem by Ralph Fain

Gathering mist above the peaks  
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Unraveled on the mountainside  
Seeking cracks and crevice hide,  
Running playing through the rocks  
Tumbles from the mountain tops,

Drop by drop becomes the stream  
To reach the ocean is its' dream,  
Laughing dancing as it goes  
The lowest point it always flows,

Running faster growing stronger  
As a creek becoming longer,  
Dashing crashing from the cliffs  
Cascading mist the water drifts,

Landing on the rocks below  
Now gathers force to run and go,  
Further down and growing angry  
Carving cutting almost hungry,

Bursting from the canyon walls  
Onward downward ocean calls,  
On its journey drop and drop  
And now our river cannot stop,

Gathered streams from far and wide  
Enter from the rivers side,  
Slower deeper stronger flow,  
Surely will the river grow,

Along its path of twist and turns  
Easy hard the river learns,  
It must adapt slow or swift  
To continue forward is the gift,

And such is life the river flow  
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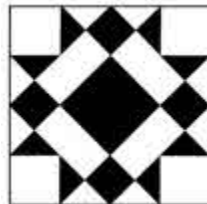
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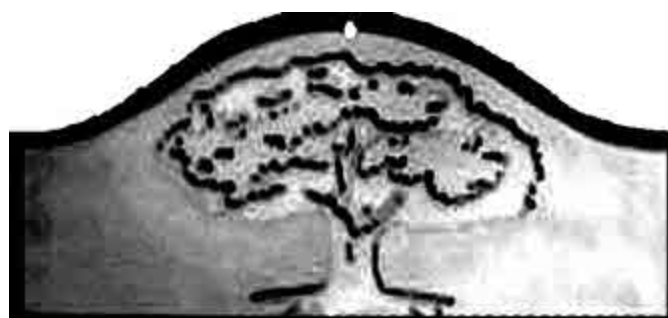
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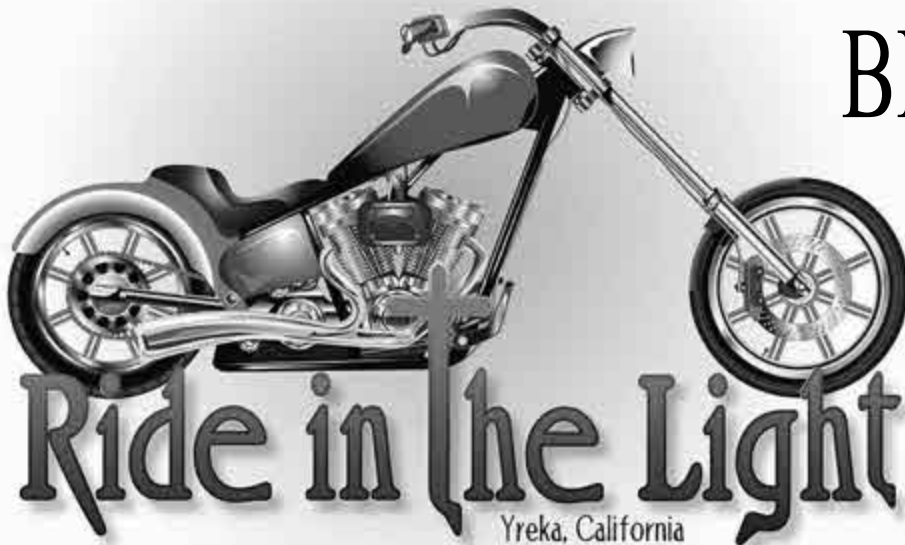
Registration for bikers begins at 2 pm on Friday at the fairgrounds. The Friday evening bike cruise will leave from the Miner St. Park following the Concert in the Park. Saturday's Darrell Reed Memorial ride will travel through beautiful Scott Valley and return to the fairgrounds, where all the other activities take place. New this year are the wheelchair drag and relay races. There will be classes for disabled in wheelchairs and an open category that anyone can enter. Get your three person teams together to enter the challenge.

There will be live music throughout the day, along with vendors and other activities. The band Blind Lion, who have played at Sturgiss, will be performing this year, as well as returning Truth be Told Band from Portland.

The event will culminate with the Sunday morning sunrise ride, followed by breakfast by Decision Life Church, and biker church at 10am.

Ride or roll on in to enjoy this year's event. Or you can walk in as

wheels are not required to attend. More info at [www.rideinthelightrally.com](http://www.rideinthelightrally.com). You can see many more photos on our Facebook Page.... <https://www.facebook.com/RideInTheLightRally>.



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# Economic Growth Group

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The EGG was formed from a committee that is interested in economic development. We meet monthly to work out some ideas that will benefit the area. What we have come up with is Bicycle Tourism and, in looking closer at this, it has become very clear that as a hobby group, Bicycle Tourism spans gender and age and can be enjoyed as an individual, as a group or as a family activity. Siskiyou County is blessed with great scenery, roads and vistas which are very friendly to bike riders. Our low population makes it nice to ride our roads!

Our first project is the Bicycle Tourism Forum which was held on May 16 & 17. We invited everyone we could think of. The result of this forum is the creation of five committees with the following goals for bicycle tourism:

- (1) Identify and Inventory Road Infrastructure;
- (2) Build and Map Mountain Bike infrastructure;
- (3) Engage and train local businesses regarding the bicycle culture;
- (4) Centralize bicycle tourism information via marketing/website etc;
- (5) Build a strong organization that will lead the campaign.

We now have over 45 volunteers working on this project and the goal is to have in place by this time next year a fully operation system that has addressed all of the goals and is sustainable into the future. Our hope is to help Siskiyou County become the premier bicycle destination on the West coast and that all communities receive the long term benefits that this kind of healthy, family friendly activity can bring. If you would like to learn more or would like to volunteer and get involved, please contact us.

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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD HISTORY

By Neil Chichizola

## THE RAILROAD IN SISKIYOU COUNTY TODAY

Now that we have covered some of the history of the railroad and its central connection to Siskiyou County and Dunsmuir specifically, let's look at the railroad and its significance today.

Yes, the locomotives have changed from steam to diesel-electric, and from black, to gray and scarlet, to yellow and gray; from S.P. to U.P., but the railroad still does the same job today bringing millions of tons of goods to customers. Passengers rode in mostly green equipment, then in bright orange-red and black equipment

on the Shasta Daylight, and today on silver, red and blue on Amtrak's Coast Starlight. The railroad is just as significant to the national economy today, but not as significant to Dunsmuir's local economy since the loss of the railroad shops and all their jobs. However, the U.P. Crews still change daily on every U.P. train coming through Dunsmuir, (about 12 trains per day), and Amtrak changes their crew in Klamath Falls, Oregon.



If you watch the daily parade of trains through Dunsmuir, you can get a pretty good idea of what our economy is doing. The Shasta Division was mostly a lumber railroad; but today you will see solid trains of grain, much of it from Canada; cars of potash and other fertilizers, steel from Oregon, paper, engineered beams, plywood, scrap metal and other merchandise; tank cars of chemicals or gas, going to many other parts of our country.

The biggest change you will notice is the presence of unit container trains going from west coast ports to customers and truck trailer trains carrying truck trailers that otherwise would be on our highways. All of this "modern" traffic will increase in the future because of efficiency.

There is another part of the railroad that is not often seen. That is the maintenance part, which is also a local employer. The railroad must constantly maintain track, bridges and other infrastructure because this is not done by the State; this cost is borne by the railroad. The railroad must stockpile its own supplies for maintenance, such as rail, ties, beams and timbers, signal equipment and hardware. This is inventoried in Dunsmuir where the maintenance crews have ready access for their daily work.

So, as you can see, the railroad is still a vibrant part of Siskiyou County and Dunsmuir, contributing to the local economy. Twice daily Amtrak stops in Dunsmuir at our restored Amtrak Depot which also houses the Railroad Display Room and the work-in-progress Dunsmuir Museum. The Depot is the old crew dispatch and CTC center, set up in the early 1950's by S.P.

Come and visit our Railroad Display Room and Dunsmuir Museum which is open the 3rd Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monthly and during town events.

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Work continues on the re-establishment of the Dunsmuir Museum. The public can see completed panels on our local Indian history, the naming of our town and Dunsmuir family artifacts, and the railroad site names as the railroad pushed north. Find out where Cedar Flat and Nutglade were located.

The DISPLAY ROOM will also be open its regularly scheduled day, June 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Raffle tickets are available for 2 Coast Starlight tickets and 2 quilts to benefit the Depot, the DISPLAY ROOM and the re-establishment of the Dunsmuir Museum. Drawing to be held July 21; winners need not be present to win. ♦

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by Bill Wensrich & James Ordway



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Chartered by Grand Council in May 1973, Humbug Chapter wasted no time erecting their first historical plaque. Callahan's Mel Cramer, one of the founders and first Humbug Chapter President, was the spark for getting this plaque erected. Located at 910 Main Street in front of the Siskiyou County Museum, it serves as a good example of an E Clampus Vitus historical marker.

Hydraulic mining, a very efficient method of getting gold out of the ground, was a variation on ground sluicing. Hydraulic miners shot water through a nozzle at high pressure onto cliff faces washing away tons of boulders, gravel, dirt, and ounces of gold. Whole hillsides would collapse with all the debris ending up in a series of huge sluice boxes catching the gold.

Edward Mattison is recognized as the innovator for this method of mining. In 1853 he supplied water through a rawhide hose to a nozzle he carved out of wood. Miners later upgraded their hoses to metal; the nozzle component soon became iron. Product names for these iron nozzles included Hoskin's Dictator and Hoskin's Little Giant. The name that stuck, the Monitor, was a product name from the Craig Company. It eventually became the colloquial description for water cannon, just like the word Kleenex today has become the generic term used for facial tissue.

With small-scale placer mining mostly exhausted, hydraulic mining reached its height of operation by the early 1860s. Decades of hydraulic mining resulted in catastrophic environmental damage. During high water events, rivers and



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streams overflowed their banks. Massive deposits of sand and gravel washed downstream onto adjacent farm land destroying the crop producing potential of the land. Vast areas of farm land in the Sacramento Valley were buried by mining sediment. Farmers demanded an end to hydraulic mining. In a most renowned legal fight, farmers against miners, hydraulic mining operators were sued. The landmark 1884 case of *Edwards Woodruff v. North Bloomfield Mining and Gravel Company* made its way to US court in San Francisco where Judge Lorenzo Sawyer decided in favor of the farmers. He declared hydraulic mining to be "a public and private nuisance." Revived in 1893 when Congress passed the Camminetti Act, hydraulic mining was allowed if sediment detention structures were constructed.

Red Hill mine located about five miles east of Forks of Salmon utilized the No. 4 Kingpin Hydraulic Giant, one of the largest water cannons of its era. Cramer obtained the Monitor and hauled it to the Siskiyou County Museum to be placed alongside the plaque monument. The beginning date of use listed on the plaque appears to be in conflict with the law mentioned above. Written history changes through the years as more information is found and validated. Mel may have obtained the 1890 date from some document or interview he conducted. The information could have been off by a few years. Maybe the source(s) meant "around 1890" or beginning in the "early nineties."

Following the placement of this first plaque, Humbug Chapter has gone on to erect, or relocate and renovate another 40 historical markers and monuments. Along the way they've acquired new members to assist with preservation of the historical record. The secret to finding prospective new members is similar to finding gold. Clampers are not made my friend, they are born! Like the gold of southern Oregon and California's past, they just have to be discovered. Are you waiting to be discovered?

Relive history with family and friends. Take time and visit your museum. The water canon next to the plaque is an excellent illustration of the technology. Touch the monitor and imagine the roar as it transformed steep, rocky forested terrain into moonscape. Miners standing next to an operating monitor wouldn't be able to hear one another talk. Once afflicted with gold fever, men will do anything for more gold.

*(Photo above was taken recently of James Ordway at the Historical Plaque. Come down to the Museum in Yreka and check it out!)* ♦



Sketch of The Monitor from 1883 was found on the Library of Congress website.



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### June 16, 2012

#### Huge Schedule of Historic Downtown Yreka's Fun & Events:

- 7am Fireman's Breakfast
- 8am "Geo Cache Fun Walk" - Coordinates to be posted on Yreka Chamber website
- 9am - 4pm Vendors/Sidewalk sales
- 9am - 4pm Stage performances by: Clarence Barger, Vageries, Celtic Cats, Whiskey Gulch, Cowboy Poetry, Kevin Carr and more.....
- 9 am Begins the Chili Cook Off
- 10am Coordinates for "Gold RUSH Geo Caching" will be posted on website - \$5 entry with Prize: Gold Necklace Donated by Exquisite Jewelry
- 10am Self Guided Mural Tours
- 10-2pm Museum and Genealogy Society/railroad Events
- 10-4pm State of Jefferson Vigilance Committee Reenactments
- 10-4pm City wide events at a variety of locations including: Ray's Food Place, Yreka Consignment and Trading Co., Puerto Vallarta, Gold Rush Burgers, Ellis Brooks Honda and Raley's
- 10-4pm Kiddie Amusements Rides
- 10-4pm Guided Tunnel Tours by Sherry Fiock
- 10-4pm St. Marks Preservation Square Events
- 10:30-12:30 Prairie Chickens at Franco-American Hotel
- 11-3pm Rockin' Maddy Ranch Pony Rides
- 11-3pm Ol' Time Kids games at Miner Street Park
- 2pm Miner Man Arm Wrestling Competition
- 4-8pm Street Dance-Thunder in the Shade
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Each coop grower brings unique skills and personality to the collective effort. Matt from Earth and Sky Family Farm can repair most machines, and is occasionally called upon to fix our delivery trailer. His wife, Aria, loves tracking numbers and acts as our treasurer. Josh and Melissa from Barking Moon Farm, are full of innovative marketing ideas and raise delectable root crops that can make a turnip-lover out of the most skeptical eater. Don of Seven

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Photo looking out over the terrain of the Lava Beds. Courtesy Bob Pasero.

**“On the Road to The Lava Beds National Monument” Part I of III**  
by Bob Pasero

*Bob writes for the Sacramento Valley Mirror and we will be re-printing some of the fascinating articles from his column: “On the Road - Adventures in the State of Jefferson.” Bob is also the State Chaplain for an organization called The Missing in America Project, a Veteran Recovery Program. Please go to [www.miap.us](http://www.miap.us) for more information.*

On my first visit to the Lava Beds my initial perception of the “Devil’s Homestead” was, “It looks like hell with the fires burned out.” Nothing has changed my perception. But, the Devil’s Homestead is a small portion of this amazing National Monument. In turn, the Lava Beds are a small portion of the Medicine Lake Shield Volcano, the largest volcano in the Cascade Range. The Lava Beds are a unique combination of history, geology, prehistory, archeology, fire, ice, and nearly 800 caves that make this a spelunker’s paradise.

This region has been inhabited by humans for as long (or longer) than anywhere in North America. On the grounds of this one National Monument is one of the greatest concentrations of Native American rock art in America. It is the site of the only declared war on Native Americans in California. It is impossible to include 11,000 years of history in one column. This is the first of three columns on the Lava Beds. The unique landscape and history is here in Jefferson. So, let’s get on the road to the Lava Beds National Monument.

Humans have inhabited in the Lava Beds for at least 11,500 years. Ancient pictographs (rock paintings) and petroglyphs (rock carvings) can be found throughout the monument. One notable section, “Petroglyph Point,” is the subject of an upcoming column. This is also the traditional homeland of the Modoc Nation.

To begin your visit to the Lava Beds a stop at the Visitor’s Center is a must. This modern facility was completed and opened in 2004. It boasts all the latest modern amenities and is a far cry from the old visitor’s center. The visitor’s center seamlessly blends a gift shop with museum quality exhibits and a friendly and knowledgeable staff. For the spelunker the visitors’ center offers flashlights as well as hard hats, knee pads and maps of the caves in the monument. A word of caution though...as knowledgeable and friendly as the staff is, do not violate the rules when caving. Touching an artifact thousands of years old will destroy it for future generations and the staff takes its obligation to protect the monument’s resources quite seriously.





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The majority of caves within the monument can be accessed and explored at any time. One notable exception is "Fern Cave." It is possibly the most unique, historically significant, and beautiful cave you will ever explore. Fern Cave can only be seen during specific times and only on Ranger guided tours. It is closed to protect and preserve the unique and ancient rock art and the very fragile ecosystem within the cave. Tours of Fern Cave are held each Saturday from May through October (weather and road conditions permitting). Reservations for the tour are required and can be made up to three weeks in advance. Be forewarned, only 6 people are allowed on each tour and there is only one tour each Saturday. This may seem a bit restrictive, however, the ecosystem within the cave is extremely fragile and it must be preserved and protected. The tour takes only about an hour; however, it is an hour that you will not soon forget. For reservations contact the visitor center at (530) 667-8113.

The caves in the Lava Beds are lava tubes. Lava tubes are created when very hot lava pours from a vent and flows downhill. The outside portions of the lava cools and hardens while the molten rock inside continues downhill. What remains are long tubes with solidified lava roofs. Lava tubes are common throughout the volcanic region of Jefferson. There are 777 discovered caves (as of January 2011) in the Lava Beds. Twenty two of the caves have been developed. The existence of the caves was the driving force behind establishing the Monument in 1925. As with many parks created during this era much of the early work in the park, cutting and paving of roads, establishing trails, and constructing the first visitor's center fell to the Civilian Conservation Corps. Many of the roads and trails blazed by those young workers are the same ones you will hike or drive on to this day. For a list and descriptions of some of the caves contact me at [bpasero@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bpasero@sbcglobal.net).

From the beginning, hiking has been a major attraction in the Lava Beds. There are 12 trails. Many of them are short and easily negotiated while some are quite strenuous. Some precautions should be taken. On the longer trails, particularly in the summer months, take water. There is no surface water in the monument and on a hot summer day a 3 mile hike in this high desert can lead to dehydration. Rattlesnakes are not uncommon in the monument and they are protected. Wear decent hiking shoes or boots that offer ankle support. The recommendations are common sense precautions to take anytime one is hiking in rugged terrain and believe me - some of the trails in the Monument are the most rugged terrain you will encounter.

The popular trails include the historic trails in the park. One of my favorites is the "Symbol Bridge Trail." This winding trail is under a mile in length. It contains a number of points of geologic and historic interest as well as fine examples of lava tube collapses (where a portion of the roof of a lava tube has collapsed into the cave below). Historically more significant are the pictographs at the bridge and entrance to the cave.



Photo of Ice Waterfall in the Lava Beds taken by Bob Pasero.

The Sconchin Butte Trail is another favorite. The Sconchin Butte cinder cone just off of the main park road is one of the most identifiable features in the Lava Beds. It is easily recognized by the fire lookout at the top of the Butte. The Sconchin Butte trail takes off from a parking area. It is only 7/10 of a mile but it is a climbing trail that gains 500 feet of elevation in 3700 feet of trail. The view from the top of Sconchin Butte is staggering. Mount Shasta to the south west is dominant in your field of view and you can see most of the Monument from the top.

There are a number of historical points that we will explore in two future columns. In one we will explore an area that boasts one of the nation's highest concentrations of Native rock art and, in the final column we will examine the Modoc Indian War. Until then, I'll see you on the road to the Lava Beds. ♦

Watch for Part II in the July issue of Jefferson Backroads!

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# SISKIYOU WANDERERS

The Siskiyou Wanderers, a local hiking group, celebrated its 26th anniversary on Thursday, April 19th at the Mt. Shasta City Park Lodge. The hiking group was started 26 years ago by former woodcarver and teacher, Kurt Doehlert, and was at that time called the Scott Valley Wanderers. Since then, membership has expanded throughout the county, so the name was changed to the Siskiyou Wanderers.



Several years later a spin off group was formed called the Meanderers. The Wanderers have a reputation of hiking fast and far, although their philosophy since their founding has always been to hike as fast as you want and as far as you want, doing the things you want whether it's bird watching, mushroom picking, rock hunting, fishing, etc.

Nevertheless, perception being a good part of reality, a second group, hiking less far and at a slower pace, was formed. The Wanderers hike on Thursdays (except Thanksgiving day), and the Meanderers hike on Fridays. The two groups remain fraternal, and individuals switch between groups. Both groups celebrate this anniversary.

We in Siskiyou County are fortunate to have 5 wilderness areas within easy access: the Marble Mountains, Salmon-Trinity Alps, Russian, Mt. Shasta, and Castle Crags. Before gas became so expensive, we even hiked the Red Buttes Wilderness several times.

The two groups have no officers, and hold no business meetings. A hiking schedule is published every three months by a volunteer Scribe. Donations for the schedule are accepted. Individuals wishing to hike with either group must sign a waiver of responsibility, and each schedule contains such a statement.

In 26 years of hiking, the group has experienced only one serious accident requiring a rescue operation, very adequately provided by a trained Forest Service crew.

Anyone wishing to hike with the Wanderers may contact its present scribe, Leslie Hart at 530-277-0741. The Meanderers are presently not seeking new members in an endeavor to keep the group to a manageable size.

**Our Web Site: [www.siskiyouwanderers.com](http://www.siskiyouwanderers.com).**

## ETNA HIGH SCHOOL REUNION FOR ALL CLASSES from the 1930's-1960's TO BE HELD SATURDAY JULY 14TH

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I ask these questions to see if you qualify to attend the Etna High School Class Reunion for all Classes from 1930'S to the 1960'S. If you qualify to attend then here are the particulars.

It costs \$44.95 per person, which gets you a class picture; catered brunch and catered dinner in the late afternoon.

If you'd like to attend just mail a check for \$44.95 for each member of your party to Helen Lewis, EHS Reunions; P.O. Box 32, Greenview, CA 96037-0032. I know, an Etna Reunion with Greenview address, but someone has to do it!!

I've told you how to qualify and how to join, now is the easy part. After mailing the money you mark your calendar for Saturday July 14, 2012 at 10 AM in Etna at the Joss Johnson Etna City Park.

When you arrive you'll check in, get your name badge, and then find that Ole friend / Classmate to spend the next 7 hours with, telling stories, yarns and just getting reacquainted. It's always a great day with everyone having fun and enjoying the stories. We look forward to seeing you !!

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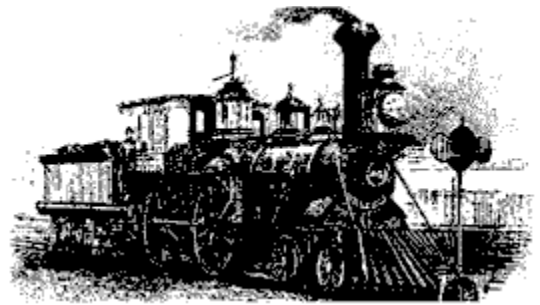
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