

ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

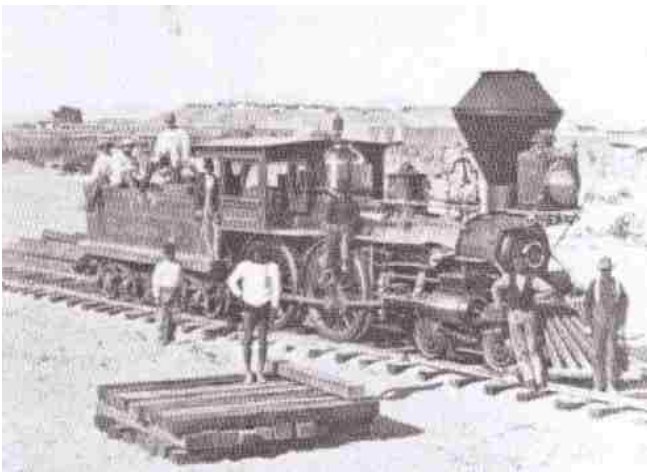
Newsletter of the Oro Valley Historical Society

May/June 2008

Web: www.ovhistory.org

Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 6:30pm
**“Arrival of the Railroad in Tucson
and Arizona”**

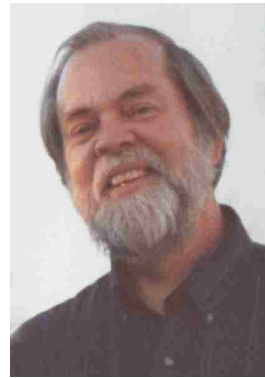
Presented by Gene Caywood, Tucson



The First locomotive to enter Arizona
Railroads of Arizona, Vol. 1 by David Myrick

Mr. Caywood will talk about the Arrival of the Railroad in Tucson and Arizona

Gene Caywood is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of Old Pueblo Trolley (OPT) in Tucson, Arizona. OPT is a volunteer, non-profit corporation that began with the goal of bringing electric streetcars back to Tucson's central city streets. They now have three divisions, the Street Railway Division operating heritage trolleys on a mile of track under overhead electric wire; the Motor Bus Division preserving and restoring about 20 transit buses used in various Arizona cities; and the Museum Division which operates the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum at the restored Southern Pacific railroad depot. The museum focuses on the railroad and its impact on Tucson.



Mr. Caywood was born and raised in Tucson where he attended Catalina High School and the University of Arizona. He is one of the founders of OPT and has spent the last 25 years leading OPT. He is a transit historian and author of several publications focusing on Tucson's transit and railroad history. He has been employed for many years in the transportation consulting field, and currently works for Parsons Brinckerhoff's Tucson office as a planner and designer of transit and roadway facilities.

The meeting location is at the Town of Oro Valley Library, their large Meeting room to your right as you enter the Library, 11,000 N. La Canada, Oro Valley.

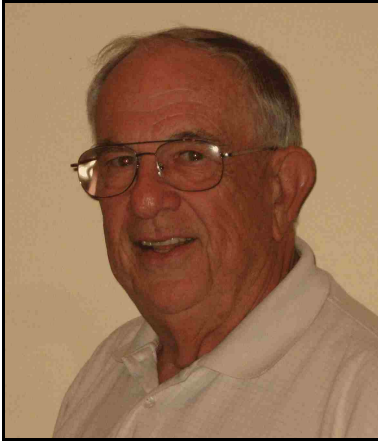
Upcoming OVHS Events

General Meeting - May 15, 2008
General Meeting - July 17, 2008
General Meeting - September 18, 2008
Speakers and topics to be announced

Our Web Site - Publications

Our web site has membership forms, flyers, society information, financial statements, calendars, brochures, DVD stories, newspaper clippings, photos and other information that can be viewed or printed. We are always looking for more contributions.

President's Message



This is the first Newsletter from the recently elected Board of Directors. We will continue to be communicative and transparent in conducting all of The Historical Society affairs. All of us are passionate about the Mission of the OVHS and are most eager to have you share that conviction. As you read through this newsletter please note the news and events column, and in particular, the Priorities for 2008. That brings me to the major thrust of this communique: VOLUNTEERS.

One of the personal satisfactions of giving of your talents and time to OVHS is the fact that there will be tangible results. Just being able to say that you are a part of saving a chapter of local history for generations to come is very satisfying and rewarding.

Since we are an all volunteer organization, one of our joys is to share in the vision and accomplishments of working together as a team. There are a lot of wonderful people living in our community and having the opportunity to work with your fellow like-minded citizens can be both educational and even fun!

Come join us on our journey as we grow, and as Joseph Campbell said "Follow your Bliss!". You can be part of our organization by coming to the Library on May 15 and hearing a wonderful speaker, Gene Caywood-- or call me at 575-0462. I would welcome the chance to speak to you about your potential role in the future of OVHS.

Dick Eggerding



OVHS Board Meetings

Board meetings are generally held once a month and vary as to date and time. They are open to the public and are usually held at the Oro Valley Library. If interested in attending one of our Board meetings, please call Dick Eggerding, 575-0462. Our next Board meeting is May 21st at 3:30 pm, to be held at the Oro Valley Library.

Oro Valley Historical Society

Officers:

President: Dick Eggerding (2011)
520 575-0462

Vice President: Pat Spoerl (2011)

Secretary: Roxy Johnson (2009)

Treasurer: Lyra Done (2009)

Directors:

Joe Frannea (2009)

Georgia Hollinger (2009)

Twink Monrad (2011)

Fred Roof (2010)

Joyce Rychener (2010)

Note: Officers are selected by Directors each year from the elected Directors. The numbers in parenthesis are the year the Directors term expires in March.

Committees:

Membership: Twink Monrad

Fund Raising: Georgia Hollinger

Archival: Joe Frannea

Speakers: need help...

Education: Tom Moser

Oral Histories: need help...

Editor: Joe Frannea
joe @ ovhistory.org

Donations:

Donations are always welcomed, much appreciated and needed. We are a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation with donations being tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Memberships:

Family: \$25

Individual: \$15

Student: \$5

Corporate/Institution: \$75

Life-Family: \$200

Life-Corp./Institution: \$400

Web: www.ovhistory.org

Honey Bee Village Archaeological Preserve: A Piece of the Past Preserved for our Future

The Honey Bee Village Preserve was dedicated by the Town of Oro Valley, Pima County, and the Tohono O'odham Nation on March 25th. Surrounding the Preserve Canada Vistas LLC is developing single family residences and a commercial area called Vistoso Town Center.

The Town Center will include a museum designed using Tohono O'odham plazas and gathering places as a model. It will serve as the gateway to the Preserve with interpretive exhibits and programs. The OVHS hopes to have space at the Center.



Members of the Tohono O'odham Youth conduct a blessing at the dedication of the Honey Bee Village Archaeological Preserve. The site is considered an ancestral site of the Tohono O'odham and the Nation provided grant funding for a wall surrounding the Preserve.



Twink and Roxy keeping our exhibit at the Oro Valley Library display cases updated. Stop by each month to review interesting historical items.

Steam Pump Ranch Master Plan is Nearing Completion: OVHS May Play a Major Role in Future Programs and Exhibits.

Be a part of it!

There has much talk in recent months about plans for the Steam Pump Ranch property. In addition to these plans, partnerships and bond funds are needed to make restoration of this "historic heart" of Oro Valley a reality. The Historical Society envisions participating as a major partner in the management and care of the Ranch. We foresee responsibility for educational programs and guided tours as our primary role, and we anticipate developing and providing educational materials and programs for school children as well as adults. Funding would come from special events, donations, partnerships and grants.

The Final Draft Master Plan provides for the following at Steam Pump Ranch:

Pusch Ranch House. The 1870s house would be restored to its appearance in the late 1800s.

Steam Pump Building. Restoration of the building containing the original steam pump.

Procter/Leiber House. The residence would include exhibits from the Jack Procter ranching times of the 1930s and 1940s, Historical Society exhibit space, and office/archive room.

A **Bunk House** would be restored as a Cowboy house museum and **garage and workers building** would contain exhibits about Native American history and natural history.

A Pre-Opening Phase planned for 2008-2009 would include limited public access through docent-led tours. The OVHS would like to have a role in providing these tours.

For additional information, you can read the Final Draft Master Plan at: www.orovalleyaz.gov.

The Town Council is scheduled to review the Plan on May 21st at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.



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Our Priorities 2008

Ongoing Programs and Activities

1. Acquiring and sustaining Members and Volunteers

- * Develop committees for key program areas (Collections, Membership, Fundraising, Education, Programs, Long-range Planning).
- * Develop communications and marketing strategies.
- * Produce bi-monthly newsletter and maintain up-to-date web site.

2. Fundraising and Development

- * Pursue grants, plan fund raising events, solicit donations, select and market appropriate merchandise.

3. Oral Histories

- * Conduct training for volunteers in procedures and equipment so oral interviews may be carried out with individuals who are knowledgeable about the past in the area.
- * Conduct training so interviews are properly transcribed and archived for public access.

4. Society Programs and Educational Activities

- * Plan and schedule general meetings and special educational programs.
- * Participate in community festivals and events to further OVHS mission.
- * Prepare exhibits for the Library display cases; prepare related articles.

5. Acquiring and curating historical collections

- * Acquire, inventory, accession, store and insure donated materials in conformance with Society Collections Policy, to be developed.

Projects

1. Steam Pump Ranch Master Plan

- * Support Town planning for site restoration and historical exhibits.
- * Initiate guidelines for guided site tours.

2. Honey Bee Village Archaeological Preserve

- * Develop a documentary in DVD format about the excavations at Honey Bee Village for use in area schools.
- * Participate with Canada Vistas LLC in development plans surrounding the Preserve.

3. George Pusch Historical Collection

- * Review donated documents, prepare appropriate descriptions and accession numbers for entry into OVHS Past Perfect Museum software. Place materials in archival containers. Scan documents and photos for back-up and use purposes.

4. Key Policies and Procedures

- * Develop and document policy and procedures to effectively and accurately conduct oral history interviews. Conduct initial training to implement program.
- * Develop and document policy and procedures for acquisition of historical items and collections from potential donors.

Other Events and News

"This Place Matters" is the theme of a month-long celebration, which is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. May provides a special opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states, and to enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement.

Oro Valley: Historic Preservation Accomplishments: From Historic Preservation Month May 2007 to Historic Preservation Month May 2008.

Town dedication of a protective wall around the Honey Bee Village Archaeological Preserve, funded partially by a grant from the Tohono O'odham Nation (March)

Emergency stabilization of historic structures at the Steam Pump Ranch, including protection of the remaining standing walls of the steam pump building (June – August 2007). Funded with Pima County bond funds.

Development of a Master Plan for Steam Pump Ranch by a citizen task force. Funded with Pima County bond funds.

Historic Preservation Commission participation in the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Alliance planning as legislation for designation moves through Congress

Town Council and Historic Preservation Commission application for Certified Local Government status from the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (March).

Town celebration for the acquisition of Steam Pump Ranch (August 2007).

Publication of *Images of America: Oro Valley* by Barbara Marriott and the Oro Valley Historical Society (April).

We appreciate your support

as a member and a volunteer for the continued growth and prosperity of the Society

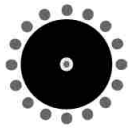
OVHS Applies for Two Grants from the Town Community Funding Program

The OVHS has applied for two grants from the Town Community Funding Program. The first is **Oro Valley, A.C. 1000: The Hohokam of Honey Bee Village** which includes production of a DVD of the archaeological excavations at Honey Bee Village as recorded and photographed in 2006 by the OVHS and Epic Productions. A short student guide and teacher training are also included in the project proposal for \$8,600.

The second project is **Oro Valley Town heritage Month** that provides community educational opportunities to learn about Oro Valley's past and to honor the Town's 35th birthday in April 1009. The program includes a lecture series on area prehistory and history, development of a Town Heritage guide, and visits to schools to provide information about the town's past. Requested funding is \$7,400. Final decisions will be made by the Town Council in the 2008-2009 budget process.



Members of the Hal Burns Sr. family, Dorothy Lou and Jennifer, pose with a photo of Hal Burns Jr. on the family homestead at the Oro Valley Historical Society *Images of America: Oro Valley* book signing event. Author Barbara Marriott is in the middle.



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