
Mining History Association News

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Greetings

Your Association acting officers have been busy over the summer and the organization is taking shape. The results of all this work will be presented to you at the Reno breakfast meeting. Please plan to attend and look elsewhere in the newsletter for all the other activities that have been planned. We are scheduling our own meeting in mid-July, 1991 in Leadville, Colorado, which would include papers, a banquet and tours of the town and mines. Leadville is also home to the National Mining Hall of Fame. More on this at Reno, but you might want to mark your calendar.

Thanks to member Dick Graeme for the stock certificate and acting secretary Bob Spude for coming up with the neat idea for "founders" membership certificates. We have over a hundred members who have already paid their dues, so things are looking up on all fronts. Have you paid your \$10 dues yet?

See you in Reno.

Duane Smith, Provisional Chair

Organization Notes:

The Mining History Association Constitution and By-Laws have been drafted and will be reviewed for approval at the Reno breakfast meeting.

The officers and council members have been proposed and will be voted on at that time. The slate is as follows: President, Clark Spence; Vice-President, Russell Elliot; Treasurer, Duane Smith; Secretary, Robert Spude. The council includes the above four plus William S. Greever, Otis Young, Ronald Brown, Michael Ostrogorsky, Carlos Schwantes, Elizabeth Jameson and Don Hardesty.

At the meeting the chair will request the selection of a committee to assist with the organization of the next Mining History Conference.

Guest Speaker:

Roger Burt, University of Exeter, will be guest speaker at the thursday breakfast in Reno. He has published books on Cornish and Welsh mining and will speak about the opportunities for researching Western U.S. mining history in England.

**Mining History Association
and
Western History Association Conference**

During October 17-20, 1990 the Mining History Association will hold several events as part of the Western History Association's annual meeting in Reno. To attend Mining History Association events participants must fill out the following conference order form and mail it to William D. Rowley at the address on the form.

A separate tour of the Comstock area is available Saturday October 20. Registration for the Comstock tour must be made through the Mining History Association. Please use the Comstock tour order form and mail it and a check to MHA, P.O. Box 150300, Denver, Colorado, 80215.

Mining History Association Sessions

Business Meeting and Breakfast, Thursday, 7 AM at the Carson Room of the Nugget Hotel.

Duane Smith, Chair

Guest Speaker Roger Burt, University of Exeter, England

Mining History Association Session in Virginia City at 1:30 P.M., Thursday, in the 4th Ward School:

"The Big Bonanza: Mining Historians Look at their Profession"

Chair: Duane Smith, Fort Lewis College

Robert Spude, National Park Service

Panelists: Clark Spence, University of Illinois

William Greever, University of Idaho

Russell Elliott, University of Nevada, Reno

Otis Young, Arizona State University

Mining History Session at the Nugget Hotel at 10:30 A.M., Friday, in Bonanza B Room:

The "Other" Mining History: Coal-Mining in the West

Chair: Ronald C. Brown, Southwest Texas State University

Papers: "Regulating Danger: Coal Miners and Industrial Safety in the Pick Mining Era,"

James Whiteside, University of Colorado, Boulder

"Railroads and Development of Commercial Coal-mining on the Northern Plains: The Case of the Northern Pacific,"

Bill Bryans, Oklahoma State University

"Life in the Wyoming Coal Camps: The Miners' Perceptions,"

Dudley Gardner, Western Wyoming Community College

Comment: Duane Smith, Fort Lewis College

Comstock Tour leaves Nugget Hotel at 10:45, Saturday. Tour will stop along Geiger Grade, at Virginia City Miners Union Hall and in town for lunch on your own. The tour will reconvene in historic Chinatown, travel by bus through Goldfield for tour of Crown Point mill and stops at mine sites and mill sites in Carson Valley as well as the Sutro Tunnel. We will return by 5 PM.

COMSTOCK BUS TOUR EXTRAVAGANZA

Please reserve _____ seats on the bus.

The Comstock bus tour will leave the Nugget Hotel at 10:45 for a tour of sites related to the history of mining on the Comstock Lode. The bus will return by 5 PM.

Seating on the bus is limited so please make your reservations early.

Cost: \$11 per person.

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WESTERN HISTORY ASSOCIATION

October 17—21, 1990

Q NAME: C4WHA
C1WHA

Name(s) _____
PLEASE PRINT

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Arrival Date _____ Arrival Time _____

Departure Date _____ No. of Nights _____

Non-Smoking (Subject to availability)

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

No. Guests _____ No. of Rooms _____

Tower: \$ 68.00 Single \$48.00 Single

Courtyard: \$ 68.00 Double \$48.00 Double

\$170.00 1-bdrm suite

\$238.00 2-bdrm suite

Executive level also available. _____

\$10.00 per night for each additional person.

DEPOSIT AMOUNT:* \$ _____

*One night's deposit or credit card number (Mastercard, Visa, Amer. Express, Diners, Carte Blanche) must accompany this form or reservation will be automatically cancelled. 48 hours notice of cancellation is required for refund of deposit.

Reservation Department: (800) 648-1177. In Nevada: (702) 356-3355.

Reservation requests received after September 17, 1990 will be confirmed subject to room availability.

Reno-Sparks WHA Conference Order Form
 October 17-20, 1990
 John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

	No.	Cost
Registration--WHA Member	\$20	_____
Non-Member	\$30	_____
Registration, Second Floor, Nugget Hotel		

Wednesday

Reception, Nevada Historical Society Museum	\$10	_____
1650 N. Virginia St., Reno, 2-4 PM		
Buses will load at the Nugget Hotel at 1:45		
Basque Barbecue Buffet	\$30	_____
Rose B Room, Nugget Hotel, 6 PM		

Thursday

Mining History Association Breakfast	\$12	_____
Business Meeting, Duane Smith chair		
Guest Speaker, Roger Burt, University of Exeter, England		
Carson Room, Nugget Hotel, 7 AM		
Virginia City tour and MHA Session	\$25	_____
Tour includes ride on restored Virginia and Truckee Railroad, escort through Mackay Mansion and Piper's Opera House, and session. Lunch and numerous other sites on own. Bus leaves Nugget Hotel at 11:45 and returns at 4:00. Mining History Association Session will be held at 1:30 P.M. in 4th Ward School: "The Big Bonanza: Mining Historians Look at their Profession"		

Friday

Mining History Session at the Nugget at 10:30 AM in Bonanza B Room: The "Other" Mining History: Coal-Mining in the West.

Saturday

Comstock bus tour...see separate order form

 Payment for Registration and Tickets Must
 Accompany Order -- Thank You

Mail order form to: WHA Conference Registration
 William D. Rowley, History Dept.
 University of Nevada, Reno
 Reno, NV 89557

Book Notes:

Outokumpu Corporation has just published its history. The multinational firm is best known for development of the flash furnace. The book is hard cover, 240 pages and free. Write Outokumpu Corporate Communications Dept., P. O. Box 280, 02101 Espoo, Finland.

The proceedings of a conference on the management and preservation of historic mining sites is available. For a copy write the Interagency Archeological Services, National Park Service, 450 Golden Gate Ave., Box 36063, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Dues:

Please mail dues and newsletter items to Mining History Assoc., P. O. Box 150300, Denver, CO 80215.

Museums:

Larry Tanner from the Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum has forwarded a guide to mining museums in England. He suggests the creation of a directory for the U.S. All Museums interested in listing in such a directory or members with information about mining museums are requested to send information to the association for such a compilation.

The Mercur Mine

Kudos to the American Barrick Resources Corp., which operates the Mercur gold mine, Utah. The company operates an excellent visitor center/museum and has funded historical archeology and the production of a video, "Mercur, The Town That Can't Stay Dead." For info. on the museum call (801) 268-4447. The first successful application of the cyanide process in the U.S. occurred at Mercur.

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