
Mining History Association News

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Welcome

Members of the Mining History Association, fear not, your "officers" have been working steadily at creating an organization out of our dreams. A proposed constitution is in draft, the membership list has been updated, a checking account established, created an official archives at the Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis, and plans for a final organizational meeting in October in Reno at the Western History Association are being readied.

There will be two mining sessions at Reno, a trip to Virginia City and the Comstock, and a breakfast for the Mining History Association, plus a host of sessions dealing with western history in general. Please mark Oct. 17-21 on your calendars; it should be a wonderful time for all. More about this later.

Have you paid your dues yet? The \$10 goes toward the expenses of this newsletter and mailings. Meanwhile have a wonderful spring and summer and "tap'er light."

Duane Smith, Provisional Chair

Organization Notes:

The organizational meeting of the Mining History Association was called to order by Duane Smith, interim secretary, on October 12, 1989 at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma, Washington, at 10:30 A.M.

The organization has a list of 190 interested individuals who support the creation of the association. He also reported that the association needs to begin collecting dues to defer the cost of mailings.

The group formed several committees and elected Duane Smith provisional chair and Robert Spude provisional secretary.

After discussions about membership, dues, officers, and organization of the first annual meeting the group adjourned. The first annual meeting will be held in Reno Oct. 17-21.

For Sale:

The ghost town of Shiny Rock, Oregon is offered for sale. For more information contact Todd Fiebig in Seattle at 206-623-2935.

Mining Camp Gambling

Though mining camps such as Butte, Montana and Virginia City, Nevada still have gambling of some sort, the city of Deadwood, South Dakota has become a boom town again because of the recently reinstated right to play black jack and slot machines. The success has attracted Colorado communities, eight of which wish to reinstate limited gambling. Among those under consideration are Leadville, Cripple Creek and Central City.

Calendars

The Nevada Section of the American Institute of Mining Engineers has published a calendar with historic mining scenes. The calendars cost \$6 and are available from the AIME, 1605 Evans Avenue, Reno, Nevada 895-12.

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

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Tours:

The Society of Industrial Archaeology has scheduled a tour of Klondike Gold Rush sites in Alaska and the Yukon for August 18-26, 1990. The group will visit Skagway, ride the White Pass and Yukon train, follow the Yukon River to Whitehorse and Dawson, heart of the Klondike, and pan for gold on Bonanza Creek. The cost is \$1,679 from Vancouver. Information on the tour can be obtained from Atlas Tours, 5th floor, 609 West Hastings, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 4W4 (604-682-5820).

Thanks

Larry Tanner of the Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum, Bisbee, Arizona asked readers of the History News if they were interested in forming an association of mining museums. Larry has passed his mailing list to us for possible members. We hope to include a section noting museum activities and exhibitions related to mining.

