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To develop and promote appreciation, understanding and education of the earlier history of the inhabitants and important events of the Grand Canyon and surrounding area.

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Annual Board Meeting

On Saturday, October 16, 2004, the Grand Canyon Historical Society met in the meeting room of the Flagstaff Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 10:13 AM. In attendance were: President Lee Albertson, Vice-President Keith Green, Treasurer Linda Anderson, Board member Carolyn Castleman, Secretary Nancy Green and the following members and guests: Shirley Albertson, Harold Duncan, Mike Coltrin, Gene Fowler, Mary Simpson, Todd Berger, Fred Schick, Jeanne Schick, Steve Verkamp, Dan Cassidy, Diane Cassidy, Elias Butler and Jim McCarthy.

President Lee Albertson noted that this is the 20-year anniversary of the origination of the Society. He delivered the following State of the Society address:

Record donations from members have been received for the GCHS Scholarship Award. A scholarship was awarded in 2004. Funds are available for a future scholarship.

The National Park Service and the GCHS awarded the Grand Canyon Hall of Fame Award at the June 19, 2004, picnic at Shoshone Point, Grand Canyon. Also, the GCHS Pioneer Award was given to Gary Ladd.

Verbal bouquets were handed out for the hard work and dedication of many members. Linda Anderson, for so competently keeping us running in the black; Mike Anderson for his extensive work on backcountry trail history; John Azar for planning the North Rim and Arizona Strip outings; Todd Berger for chairing the nominating committee for the Pioneer Award, developing the wording for the plaque, and making the arrangements for the Department of Corrections to produce the plaque, and making the presentation at the picnic; Mike Coltrin for being a VIP at Grand Canyon National Park; Diane Cassidy for the outstanding and hardest job of being the editor for *The Bulletin* and *The Ol' Pioneer*; Dan Cassidy for arranging for the publication and distribution of *The Bulletin* and *The Ol' Pioneer* and donating the program for the memorial service at the picnic; GCHS authors who continue to publish great books about the Canyon; Nancy Green for writing the monthly

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Outings for 2004

November 20: *Search and Rescues in Grand Canyon* by Ken Phillips.

Ken is employed as a Park Ranger by the National Park Service and currently serves as the Chief of Emergency Services (SAR Coordinator) at Grand Canyon National Park. He is Paramedic and frequently serves as a SAR instructor to NPS units nationwide. He coordinates the EMS and SAR programs at Grand Canyon, which are the busiest in the NPS. Ken conducts situational awareness training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (Glynco, GA) and has spoken at numerous conferences nationally. He is the course coordinator for the NPS Basic Technical Rescue School at Canyonlands National Park in Moab, Utah. Ken also serves as a United States delegate to the International Commission on Alpine Rescue (IKAR) - Helicopter Rescue Sub-Commission, which meets in Europe.

Time: 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Place: Screening Room A (located on the first floor in the Media Services area)
NAU Cline Library - Flagstaff

Those who would like to visit afterwards will be gathering for lunch at Busters Restaurant, 1800 South Milton Road. (*Tom Myers, November Outing Leader*)

December: No outing.

Be sure to read the Board meeting article for proposed outings for 2005.

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report on the outings; Keith Green for seeing that the outings occurred as planned, and organizing the special outing to Phantom Ranch; Julie Munger, Kelly Kalafatich and Rebecca Rusch for traveling 300 miles on the Colorado River on river boards through the Grand Canyon; the National Park Service for completing the draft Colorado River Management Plan; to all who contributed to the memorial service at the picnic - Joe, Tom, John, Jim, Shirley, Diane, Dan, Linda, Mike, Butchart family, Steck family, Todd and many others; Al and Rich Richmond for the open letter in the bulletin about Bill and Sibyl Suran moving to Alabama to be closer to their children.

Board members completing their terms and rotating off the board this year are Mary Hoover, Tom Myers, Carolyn Castleman and Nancy Green.

Minutes of the 2003 Board meeting were read aloud. Linda Anderson moved to accept the minutes, Steve Verkamp seconded. The minutes were accepted.

The treasurer's report was read by Linda Anderson. A special area of note was that there was an improvement in donations to the scholarship fund. Both Diane and Linda were acknowledged for contributing to this by including postcard reminders as well as notifications in *The Bulletin*. Diane will repeat the notation about the expiration date on labels. A motion was made by Steve Verkamp to accept the treasurer's report. Carolyn Castleman seconded. The report was accepted as submitted.

A discussion was held concerning having funds available for a speaker's fee or room arrangements. The protocol should be to notify the president, who would then consult the board to ascertain if this is a justifiable expense. Keith Green made a motion to have this officially in place. Carolyn Castleman seconded. The motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning a Grand Canyon History Symposium for the future. After the first one was held in 2002, it was deemed a rousing success. Mike Anderson had made sure it ran as a first class operation. Mike has the information on how he went about organizing the event. There are many businesses and organizations which could be partners in an event this big, such as: GCA, NPS, Xanterra, Grand Canyon Field Institute, Grand Canyon Hikers and Backpackers Association, Grand Canyon River Guides, Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association, and grants from the Arizona Historical Society. There are many locations at Grand Canyon which could possibly be used for meetings such as the Community Building, Shrine of the Ages, Maswick Lodge, and Grand Canyon School.

A committee of persons interested in spearheading work on a 2007 Grand Canyon History Symposium was formed by Society members Nancy Green, Todd Berger, Steve Verkamp (after his March retirement), Keith Green, Lee Albertson, and Carolyn Castleman. Diane Cassidy made a motion to participate as a partner, set direction, set scope, and call for historical papers to initiate a 2007 Grand Canyon History Symposium. Keith Green seconded. The motion carried.

Keith Green will communicate with Mike Anderson for details about the symposium. Jim McCarthy would like to be kept advised about the future symposium, as he has a presentation he would like to propose on natural soundscape. Nancy Green and Steve Verkamp will begin pre-planning for the 2007 symposium after Steve's retirement in March 2005.

A discussion was held concerning names for specific places in the Canyon. Five years after an individual has passed away, a place named after that person may be requested. Harvey Butchart should have a place in the Canyon officially named after him. Family and fellow hikers, such as Ken Walters, Jim Ohlman, Elias Butler, Tom Myers, and Grand Canyon Hikers and Backpackers Association should be questioned as to which place would be appropriate. Steve Verkamp suggested talking to Jim Babbitt about the steps taken to get Roosevelt Point named on the North Rim. The consensus was that this is a good idea and should be put on the agenda for next year.

There was a discussion about the links on our website. Dan Cassidy motioned to link only to non-profit sites to stay away from commercial sites. Carolyn Castleman seconded. The motion carried. Diane Cassidy will implement links to other non profit organizations. Diane also will post to the web pages a past issue of *The Ol' Pioneer* as a sample of one of the benefits of membership.

A discussion was held concerning the scholarship fund, the Hall of Fame Award, and the Pioneer Award. The consensus is that all are worthwhile activities and should be continued. The scholarships awarded have been for \$1000, and the plaque costs between \$35-\$50. With the Pioneer Award, previous nominees should be re-considered, as well as newly nominated candidates. The cost of the Pioneer Award plaque is approximately \$75.

Board Members

ELECTED in 2004 – Term: 2005, 2006, 2007

- Lee Albertson..... Albertson1213@msn.com
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ELECTED in 2003 – Term: 2004, 2005, 2006

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ELECTED in 2002 – Term: 2003, 2004, 2005

- Linda Anderson.....LindaA@GrandCanyon.org
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Officers

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 Secretary: Lee Albertson

Committee Coordinators/Chairs

Pioneer Award: Todd Berger, Chairperson
 Outings Coordinator: Mike Coltrin
 Membership Committee Chair: Dan Cassidy

Proposed Outings for 2005

- January** - *The Kolb Brothers* by Lew Steiger - Lee Albertson, event coordinator
February - *Geology in the American Southwest: New Processes, New Theories* by Gretchen Merton, 2004 GCHS Scholarship recipient - Nancy Green, event coordinator
March - *Tour of Lonely Dell at Lee's Ferry* in conjunction with the River Guides Spring gathering at Marble Canyon - John Azar, event coordinator
April - *History of El Tovar/Verkamps/Hopi House* in conjunction with the 100-year celebration of the El Tovar/Verkamps/Hopi House - Keith Green, event coordinator
May - *Grand Canyon Geology* by Wayne Ranney - Mike Coltrin, event coordinator
June - *Annual Shoshone Point Picnic* - Linda Anderson, event coordinator
July - *Annual North Rim Campout* - John Azar, event coordinator
August - *Community Service Project* at the NPS Library - Nancy Green, event coordinator
September - Author(s) presentation in conjunction with the Prescott Book Festival - Diane Cassidy, event coordinator
October - *Annual Board Meeting* - Mike Coltrin, event coordinator
November - *Havasupai History and Hike* - Keith Green, event coordinator
December - No meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.

Submitted by Nancy R. Green,
Secretary, Grand Canyon Historical Society

Thank you, Lee

Please join us in thanking Lee Albertson for completing another term as President of GCHS...he not only served well but also updated the "How To" manual for his successor.



Lee Albertson at the 2004 Picnic
[photo by Diane Cassidy]

Thank You To...

- ▶ Nancy Green
- ▶ Carolyn Castleman
- ▶ Mary Hoover and
- ▶ Tom Myers

...for serving on the Board the past three years.

Thanks Also To...

- Linda Anderson for continuing as Treasurer; and
- Keith Green (and his assistant) for coordinating the 2004 outings.

Thank You All !

Editor's Note: A special thank you also to Nancy Green for her detailed articles about the monthly outings, without which there would be many more white spaces in the newsletters!

**Don't Forget...
Dues are Payable in January.**

Check the 2-digit code above your mailing address to see if you are paid through 2004 (04) or 2005 (05). If your membership expires in 2004, look for the Dues Notice in the December issue of *The Bulletin* for amount due and mailing instructions.



Corrections ...to "Grand Canyon's Greatest Hiker"
article in the October issue of *The Bulletin*:

Page 3, left column, bottom:

Arizona State College should be *Arizona Teacher's College* (now Northern Arizona University).

The family returned to the United States in 1920.
(not 1919)

Page 4 left column, top:

Harvey decided to explore *Grand Canyon* with nothing more than a knapsack and an air mattress.
(not *Glen Canyon*)

Page 4 left column, bottom:

Harvey's quote should read: "A heavy heart is the worst load a person can carry up the trail."

Harvey took up climbing in 1949 but he really began summit bagging in earnest in 1961.

Note: The article states that the height of Harvey's fame was in the 1960s and 1970s... actually, he's probably better known now.

Outings/Programs: If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **2004 Outings Coordinator:** Keith Green, PO Box 1986, Grand Canyon AZ 86023; phone 928-638-0666; email: Keith_Green@nps.gov.

The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances. Please send them to Diane Cassidy at 2112 Demerse Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301; email: Pioneers@GrandCanyonHistory.org.

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