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Buzz on Over to the April Meeting!

The quarterly meeting of the Alpine Historical Society will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Alpine Woman's Club, 2156 Alpine Boulevard. The meeting will begin with a potluck luncheon and will be followed at 2:00 p.m. with a presentation by Dr. G. Gage Skinner, Professor of Anthropology at the University of California. All are welcome to attend—come

for lunch or just for the speaker!

Dr. Skinner also taught at Grossmont/Cuyamaca Colleges and USD, has an educational services company, Buffalo Crow Consulting and is an author, poet and a resident of Pine Valley. His emphasis at this meeting will be the history of beekeeping in Alpine. Dr. Skinner has very generously donated many items pertaining to local

beekeeping which will be used as part of this year's Alpine History Day Display in June. He has a wealth of information about the life and times of the famous Mountain Men who came through San Diego in the 1800's.

Plan to attend—this is a speaker you won't want to miss! Please RSVP to info@alpinehistory.org or call Carol Morrison at (619)445-2544. ■

One Fantastic Field Trip

A huge thank you is in order to Don Tarr who organized a wonderful field trip to Julian on February 25. Stops along the way were made at the Stonewall Mine, an old schoolhouse, a newly constructed redwood building that houses an impressive 1909 Motor Stage that used to run from the Lakeside Railroad to Julian, the Julian Pioneer Museum and the Julian Cemetery. Lunch was enjoyed by all at the Julian Grille prior to everyone making the trek

up the long, winding stairs leading up to the cemetery. Julian Historical Society Members Bob Adams and David Lewis provided historical facts and wonderful stories pertaining to various Julian sites. On the way back to Alpine, the group stopped at the Santa Ysabel Mission and adjacent Indian Museum for a tour led by Albert Simonson, local historian. The weather turned chilly and windy, but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits—

this was one fantastic field trip! ■



The long climb to the cemetery!

Welcome New and Renewing Members!



More photos from the Julian Field Trip—an old and poignant marker, a sled used to transport logs at the Stonewall Mine and a 1909 Motor Stage.

Welcome to the following new members: Ethyl Bennett, Wayne Butler, Richard and Darlene Jackson, Rollin Newton, Margaret Smith, Mark Whittleton and Chris Wiley of Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc.

Thanks to all our renewing members: Alpine Chamber of Commerce, Alpine Woman's Club, John and Donna Boyer, Patricia Cannon, Barbara

Cater, James and Karen Cleland, Alan Dadisman, Charles and Charlene Day, David and Lori Fountain, Ken and Debbie Gibson, Fred and Roberta Higginbotham, Jim Hinds, Ruth Jellison, Richard and Jane Kelso, Norman and Dolores Kling, George Landt, Joan Manuele, Judy Matlock, Ronald and Carol Matzenauer, James and Cheryl Minshew, Grace Nichols, Jack and

Judy Nichols, Frank and Katherine Robles, Jill Sing, Joseph Sisson, Deborah Sweeney, Don and Anne Tarr, Elma Terry, Susan Walter, Gary Weinstein, Elmer and Mary Ellen Werner, Jim and Sue Whitt, Stanley Wilson and Genna Yoder.

If you haven't mailed your membership envelope now, this would be a great time to do it! ■

History on the Web

Be sure to visit the Alpine Historical Society's website:

www.alpinehistory.org

Our website is a work in progress. We're adding new information and photos frequently, so stop by often! Comments, suggestions and contributions are always welcome and are very much appreciated!

Contact our webmaster, Carol Walker, at cwalker@alpinehistory.org or 445-4024 if you have items you would like to see added to the website.

Other interesting sites you may enjoy include the following:

Anza Borrego Foundation www.theabf.org

El Cajon Historical Society www.elcajonhistory.org

The Kumeyaay Story www.Kumeyaay.com

For all interested in California history: www.LearnCalifornia.org

San Diego Historical Society: www.sandiegohistory.org

Lakeside Historical Society www.lakesidehistory.org

Olaf Wieghorst Museum www.wieghorstmuseum.org

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Members and Volunteers Wanted

Come join us at the Historical Society. Meet interesting people, learn fascinating aspects of Alpine's history, help your community and enjoy the company of our talented and generous volunteers. Existing members are

encouraged to become active in the Society. Volunteers are needed in all areas: research, computer work, scrapbooking, gardening, construction, organizing displays—the list goes on and on!

You are needed and your work will be greatly appreciated. Also, encourage your friends and neighbors to join us. Memberships at every level help us work toward our goal of creating a Heritage Park for Alpine! ■



Your Will Can Make a Difference

Including the Alpine Historical Society in your will can be a convenient way to leave a lasting legacy to your community. The development of Heritage Park, educational programs and preservation of the history of Alpine will be made possible by people who had the foresight to include the Alpine Historical Society in their estate plan.

After providing for loved ones, your will can carry out your wishes by directing that a gift be made in one, or a

combination of, the following ways:

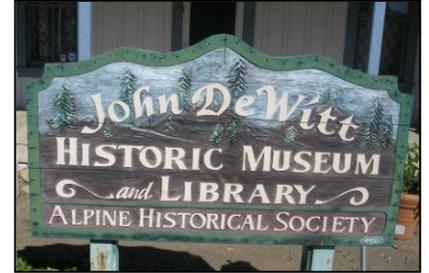
- A specific dollar amount
- A percentage of an estate
- The remainder of an estate

Bequests should read as follows: "I bequeath to the Alpine Historical and Conservation Society (our legal name), _____, to be used for the support of the Society's programs."

The Society is available to consult with your attorney

about the best way to use your will, living will, trust, insurance policy or other estate plan to help develop and maintain the historic resources in Alpine. Your attorney can provide you with details about the estate benefits that can result from your bequest.

If you have already included the Society in your estate plan, please let us know so that we may thank you. Your gift will make a difference to your community! ■



You can provide a lasting legacy to your community!

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Calendar of Events

The museums are open the last Saturday and Sunday of each month from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., or upon request. Call Carol Morrison at 445-2544 for additional information. Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month—the location varies.



Watch for more news about upcoming events!

Sunday, April 22	Quarterly potluck luncheon, 1:00 p.m., Alpine Woman’s Club, 2156 Alpine Boulevard, Speaker Dr. G. Gage Skinner, 2:00 p.m., “The History of Beekeeping in Alpine.”
Saturday, June 2	Alpine History Day Celebration at the museum, 2116 Tavern Road, at 11:00 a.m. Newly developed Bee Exhibit will be on display and awards for Third Grade Essay Contest will be presented.
Sunday, August 19	Quarterly potluck luncheon at 1:00 p.m. Speaker to be announced.
Sunday, October 21	Annual Italian Feast prepared by members of the Board at 5:00 p.m. Speaker to be announced.
Sunday, October 28	Field trip to Rancho Gajome Adobe and Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista.

With special thanks.....

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“The best prophet of the future is the past.”

The Alpine Historical Society is filled with enthusiastic, dedicated members with one goal in mind: to preserve, document and make available to everyone the history of our mountain community. A special thank you goes out to all the dedicated volunteers—Board members, handymen, archivists, docents, computer geeks, decorators and many

others who make this possible. Our volunteers are appreciated very much. Thank you all!

We are also most grateful to our generous donors: Carlette Anderson, Keith Brabazon, Barbara Cater, George Landt, Mary McBride, Albert Simonson and Elmer and Mary Ellen Werner for their recent cash donations and to G. Gage Skinner for the donation of beekeeping

artifacts for the Alpine History Day Celebration.

Donations, both cash and artifacts, help us move forward toward our goal of establishing a permanent Heritage Park in Alpine. Picture our museums surrounded by grassy slopes with native flowers blooming in season. That is the dream of our Society—you can help make it your dream too! ■

Tidbits from Alpine Newspapers

By Albert Simonson

March 10, 1846:

Ramon Osuna, son of San Diego's famous first mayor, petitioned the governor for 27 square miles of mission land around Alpine. Alpine's first subdivider!

October 11, 1856:

Wagon road from San Diego to Cockney Bill's rancho at Viejas is declared a public county road.

May 15, 1874:

George Washington Webb of "Alpine Ranch" sold his "San Diego-Julian Toll Road" through Alpine to the county supervisors.

Nick Overmier became "Roadmaster."

February 20, 1884:

Captain Adam Beaty, veteran of the Mexican War, received a homestead patent for 160 acres southeast of South Grade and Tavern. Beaty remembered when his next-door neighbor was five miles away.

April 22, 1884:

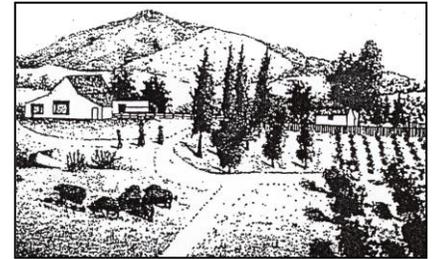
Nick Overmier planted 20 acres of Zinfandel grapes at present downtown Alpine. His house was just behind the present post office.

February 26, 1896:

Dr. Sophronia Nichols, Alpine's maverick woman doctor, bought land at Huey Lane and Tavern Road for her office and home. It cost \$25.

June 11, 1900:

Famous Alpiner E. W. Morse spoke to Chamber of Commerce about Viejas area in 1853. He pointed out that Viejas was the largest grain producer in the county, and that oxcarts were manufactured here for grain trains to town via Spring Valley. ■



Nelson (Nick) Overmier Ranch, Lithograph Nucleus of Downtown Alpine, 1872 (View from south end of Olivewood Lane toward Viejas Mountain)

Third Grade Essay Contest

It's almost time for the third graders in Alpine to begin their essays on Alpine History! This exciting annual event coincides with the schools' studies of local history and will culminate with the awards presentation at the Alpine History Day Celebration in June.

It is hoped that our newly developed website will aid students, parents and teachers in their essay research. It contains a wealth of information about Alpine history.

Don Tarr is the chairman

of our Essay Committee. Should parents or teachers have questions about the essay contest, please contact Don at 659-1378.

Guidelines pertaining to the contest will be distributed to all Alpine schools this month.

The Alpine History Day Celebration this year, which includes lunch of chili, salad, bread and ice cream sundaes, will be held on June 2 at the museums. Our new beekeeping display will be featured. ■



Last year's contest winners

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Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Send notices via: E-mail: _____ Fax: _____ U.S. Mail: _____

Membership Category (please check one):

Student \$5 Family \$35 Business \$50
 Senior \$15 Nonprofit Org. \$30 Business Life \$1,000
 Individual \$25 Life \$500

Amount Enclosed:

Membership \$ _____
Donation \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Areas of Interest for Volunteers:

Building Preservation
 Technical/Clerical
 Where Needed

Please complete this form and include your check payable to the Alpine Historical Society, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Thank you for helping to preserve Alpine's history!

Museum Store

Stop by our Museum Store to browse through the numerous brochures pertaining to Alpine History and look at the books and other items available for sale! It's well worth the trip and you'll enjoy seeing the recently completed renovations in the Nichols house!

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