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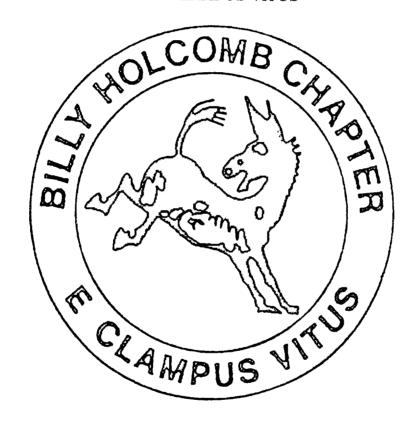
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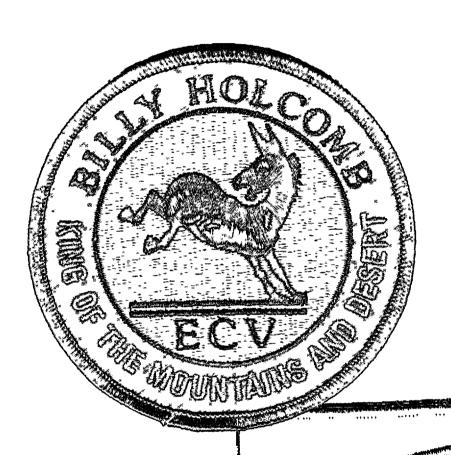
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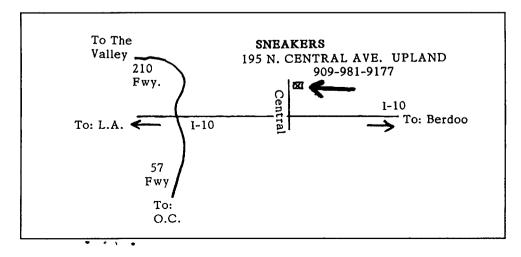
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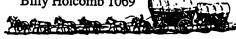
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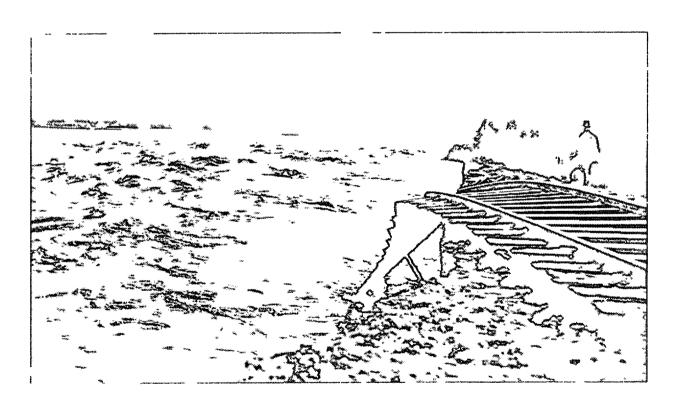
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SALTON SEA

The Colorado Desert is the upper portion of a huge geological trough extending from San Gorgonio Pass to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The whole area was originally covered by the Pacific Ocean, as can be seen by the abundance of marine fossils found here. The surrounding mountains were formed, the land mass experienced a great upheaval, and the ocean retreated, leaving these fossils exposed as high as a thousand feet above current sea level. Following this upthrust, the Coachella and Imperial Valleys began to subside. The Colorado River passed through on its way to the Gulf of Mexico, depositing massive amounts of silt scoured out of the Grand Canyon and other upstream canyons.

This deposition of silt created a great delta that dammed off the interior from the ocean. A large inland sea was formed.

Evaporation rapidly diminished the impounded water. The Colorado River, flowing a meandering course through this braided delta network, drained some years into the ocean and some years into the land-locked depression to the north. In this way, over the course of many centuries, the inland sea turned into a large freshwater lake.

This is corroborated by the freshwater fossils shells found here, and

by the many miles of ancient shoreline that are still clearly visible. At Travertine Rock, about 40 feet above modern sea level, one can see granite rocks covered with a thick encrustation of travertine, a mineral formed by freshwater organisms, much as coral is formed in the oceans. This ancient lake is known as Lake Cahuilla.

Ancient Lake Cahuilla was much larger than modern-day Salton Sea. It extended northward almost as far as Palm Springs and covered about 2,000 square miles. Its shores were well populated by Yuman and Shoshonean Indians. Over many years, as the Colorado River built up its delta higher and higher, evaporation exceeded inflow from the river, and the waters receded "poco a poco". It eventually became the dry lakebed that was encountered by the first European visitors to the area.

Spanish padres and explorers began crossing the Colorado Desert in the late 1700s. This was in conjunction with the establishment of the California mission chain. The first of these visitors to leave a complete record was Father Francisco Garces, who was attempting to extend his faith to the Indians. He was killed by his would-be converts at the mouth of the Gila River in 1774. This "massacre" checked missionary activities for a time, but the area was still penetrated by the occasional priest or explorer. With the rush to California in 1849, however, all the western trails became crowded with argonauts.

Being a little off the main trail from Yuma to the California settlements, the Salton Sink or Basin was little visited. After a 90-mile crossing of waterless desert, travelers were generally in a hurry to reach the springs at Warner's Ranch. However, as a result of

the influx of settlers and prospectors a series of explorations was organized under the auspices of the Army Corps of Engineers to determine possible railroad routes to the coast. In 1852, an expedition under Major Heintzelman of the Army post at Yuma noted great clouds of steam at what is now the southern end of Salton Sea. Upon closer examination he found about 20 acres of bubbling geysers and mud pots, now under the waters of the Sea. In 1853, another group under Lieutenant Williamson visited this area of the Colorado Desert. Attached to the party was Professor William P. Blake. Although in the area for little more than a month, it is he who first recognized the area as the bottom of a great vanished lake. Later work has added to his findings, but his original observations have stood the test of time.

This desert region continued to be shunned until 1879. In this year the Southern Pacific Railroad connected New Orleans with Los Angeles. The rails passed through the Salton Sink on their way to San Gorgonio Pass and thence to the coast. Even so, the remoteness of the region meant that there were only a handful of permanent residents.

During this time, the Salton Sink presented an appearance typical of desert sinks or "dry lakes". In wet years there might be a small temporary lake, in dry years only a barren salt flat. The salt had long been used by the Indians, as it was by the new settlers. In 1892 a spur line connected the salt deposits with the main line of the Southern Pacific. The salt marsh was heavily mined by the New Liverpool Salt Company. Shipments were delivered to Salton Station until the operation was covered by flood waters. It is recorded that in 1891, a year of unusually heavy floods, the Colorado overflowed

into the basin, filling a portion of the salt marsh to a depth of six feet via the channels of the Alamo and New Rivers. Although no particular note of this was taken at the time, it was an omen of what was to occur a decade and a half later.

Despite the arid nature of the valley, engineers had long known that the silt-covered lake bottom would be fertile, productive soil if only water could be obtained. The fact that the Colorado River occasionally overflowed in the valley indicated that it would be simple from an engineering viewpoint to deliver water to the valley by gravity alone. As early as 1859, Dr. Oliver M. Wozencraft obtained rights to 1600 square miles of land in the Salton Sink. He saw the potential for reclamation, but was unable to bring his plan to fruition. Others became interested in Wozencraft's vision, and in 1896 the California Development Company was formed. After years of struggle, enough money was raised to begin building a canal that would tap the Colorado River and bring water to the valley. As construction began, the developers and promoters sold land and settlers moved into this promising new agricultural area. Since the canal would have to be partly in Mexico, concessions had to be granted by that government. In spite of the difficulties, the company completed the main canal in 1902.

Conditions at first were quite primitive, and life was hard in this hot, dry, dusty desert. The situation gradually improved, however, and before long 700 miles of canals had placed over 75,000 acres of farmland under irrigation. Settlers began to pour in. By 1904, over 12,000 people were living in the new towns of Brawley, Holtville, Calexico, and Heber. The artesian waters of the Coachella

Valley were also tapped, and Indio, Coachella, and Mecca became important farm centers. The railroad provided cheap transportation of crops to major markets, and the whole area underwent a phenomenal boom. The directors of the California Development Company were praised for their vision and foresight, and it seemed that things could only get better. Even though times were prosperous, all was not well.

The main difficulty was the huge amount of silt transported by the muddy Colorado. Tests showed that it carried as much as 10 tons per acre-foot. The channels gradually began to silt up and by 1904 the canal was completely blocked. The valley was without water, and the mood of the settlers began to change. They threatened the promoters with mass retaliation. Valuable crops were endangered, as well as a the land holdings themselves. The situation was urgent, and something had to be done quickly.

The farmers tried to dredge the canals, but the river simply silted them up again. With limited funds and equipment, and little time to act, the farmers faced ruin. To add insult to injury, there were errors in the government land surveys which prevented the settlers from obtaining loans on their property. Even the basic right of the company to use Colorado River water was brought into question. It appeared that no help from the government would be forthcoming. In desperation, Anthony H. Heber, one of the directors, conceived of the idea of cutting a new intake below the blocked one at Yuma. The Mexican government was receptive, and on June 7, 1904, the Mexican congress ratified a concession obtained from President Diaz. Heber felt he had pulled off a brilliant coup, and would not now be

dependent on the whims of Washington politicians. However, a final blow to the company, which destroyed its financial reputation, came when the Assistant Attorney General of the United States decreed that there was simply no precedent for dealing with the thorny issue of carrying Colorado River water through Mexico for delivery to lands in the United States.

When the company's chief engineer was advised of the plan, he was quite reluctant to make the new cut. He knew how treacherous the raging Colorado could be, and he felt that this was a dangerous move from an engineering standpoint. However, the temper of the Imperial Valley farmers was getting ugly, and it appeared that something had to be done to appease them. With misgivings, and against his better judgement, he made the cut.

In the fall of 1904, the situation was as follows: The company couldn't deliver water because the first 4 miles of canal below the intake were silted up. At low water, the bottom of the intake was only three feet below the level of the river. This precluded taking in enough water to prevent silting. Previously, to avoid this problem, a bypass had been cut around the head gate to assure sufficient flow. No damage occurred because the gap was always filled in again before high water. This time, however, even the bypass was too full of silt to use. Because of lack of time and funds to alter the gate, it was decided to cut a new channel to tap the river below the clogged intake, which would then rejoin the original canal below the silted-up 4-mile stretch. As with the bypass, it would be closed up before the spring floods occurred.

The new channel was 50 feet wide and six-tenths of a mile long.

It provided ample water for the crops, and all seemed well. However, in December, just as plans were being made to fill in the cut, an early flood came down the Gila River and into the Colorado. A huge volume of water came down the ditch, eroding and widening it, but no serious harm was done. Again, plans were made to fill in the cut, but before this could be accomplished other floods of increasing volume occurred, and by April of 1905 the entire Colorado River had broken through and was flowing through the new channel, now 800 feet wide. The water flooded and eroded farm land as it made its way into the Salton Sink.

A 30-foot high waterfall formed where the engorged New River emptied into the Salton Basin. The water eroded the riverbed as the waterfall moved upstream, forming a huge "cutback" that devoured everything in its path. Farmers worked feverishly to harvest the crops in the field before the waters inundated them and washed away their homes and barns.

The California Development Company, aided by the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, made several attempts to close the breach, but to no avail. In a year's time the cut had widened from 50 to 4,000 feet. The entire flow of the Colorado River was rapidly filling up the Salton Basin.

In the fall of 1906, the Southern Pacific Railroad, whose tracks carried the hugely profitable agricultural production of the valley, became involved in the fight to turn the Colorado back into its banks. Before they were done, they had moved their tracks three times to stay clear of the rising waters. The railroad's president, E. H. Harriman, was encouraged by President Teddy Roosevelt to get started

at once, since it had become obvious that the California Development Company had neither the funds nor the expertise to close the break. As Congress had just adjourned, Roosevelt stated that if the S.P. would bear the cost of reclamation now, he would see to it that Congress appropriated money to reimburse the railroad when it reconvened. Harriman sent one of his best engineers, H. T. Cory, to tackle this seemingly insurmountable task.

Cory began by assembling a labor force, which was difficult in this sparsely-populated region. Eventually, two thousand Indians from six tribes in the U.S. and Mexico were recruited. With the coming of fall and low water, the gap had narrowed to about 40 feet deep and a half mile wide. The first step was to build brush jetties in from each bank, which narrowed the break to about 700 feet. The Indians were set to work weaving huge mats of brush and steel cable, 100 feet wide, which would be sunk to the bottom to help anchor the rock and gravel piled on top of them. Pile drivers working from each bank drove wooden piles 90 feet into the riverbed. This formed the foundation for a trestle that allowed side-dump rail cars to dump rock from nearby quarries into the break. Just when it seemed the end might be in sight, a flash flood swept down the river, washing out the trestle. A locomotive caught on the trestle was nearly lost, the rail cars attached to it falling into the river just as the engine made its escape. Cory himself was almost swept away.

Surveying the wreckage, Cory saw that although the trestle had been lost, the rock was still in place. He sensed that if he could dump enough rock before the spring floods he could still close the gap. All the nearby quarries had been depleted, so he sent out an

urgent call to Harriman, stating that if the S.P. could supply enough rock he could close the break. The trestle was rebuilt, and the crews worked around the clock to complete the dam of clay, rock, and gravel.

By December of 1906 the dam was 80% complete. Some of the flow of the Colorado was still rushing through the gap, but most was now in its original channel. Then, once again, a flash flood came down the Gila River into the Colorado. Within a day the dam was nearly washed out. The rediversion of water into the Salton Sink was so rapid that a steamboat helping with the construction was left high and dry in the old channel.

This was almost the final straw. The railroad had already spent huge sums of their own money, and now appealed to the government for help. The situation was complicated by the fact that most of the work had to be done in Mexico, but most of the property at risk was in the United States. There seemed to be no rules to deal with this strange situation. Finally, the S.P. decided that it was in their own best interests to continue the work. Cory realized that if anything was to be done it would have to be soon. He began work again with a vengeance.

This time the plan was to build two parallel trestles, using pile drivers at each end and a floating pile driver in the middle. The supply of rock and of piles in the southwestern United States had been depleted. It required a major effort that tied up almost all of the railroad's rolling stock to keep the work crews supplied. Rock was hauled from every available quarry from Colton to New Orleans. Finally, after four breaks, the double trestle was completed. Rock

was dumped into the space between the two trestles. It was a race to place the rock faster than it could be washed away. Huge boulders which had to be loaded on flatcars with cranes were dumped first as a foundation, with smaller rock, clay, and gravel being placed on top. For fifteen days rock was dumped as fast as the cars could unload. Finally, on February 10, 1907, after 52 days of non-stop effort, the gap was closed for good. The Southern Pacific Railroad had spent more the \$5 million in the process.

To ensure the the repair was permanent, the S.P. engineers built several miles of levees and dikes. The Southern Pacific then petitioned the government for repayment of the funds it had expended in returning the river to its original bed. Finally, in April of 1930, after more than two decades of legal wrangling, the railroad received a payment of a little over \$1 million, about one fifth of the money it spent closing the break.

Once again, the Imperial Valley became a prosperous agricultural area. In 1911, the Imperial Irrigation District was formed. It bought out all the rights of the defunct California Development Company and its Mexican subsidiaries. In 1928, Congress passed the Boulder Canyon Project Act. In addition to Boulder Dam, it provided for the construction of Imperial Dam and the All-American Canal system. Instead of a cheaply constructed headgate, the waters impounded behind Imperial Dam would serve as the intake for a new canal system. This would be called the All-American Canal, since it was completely within the United States. By 1940 the water from the All-American Canal was irrigating farmland in the Imperial Valley. The Coachella Canal branch, which parallels the northeastern side of Salton Sea.

was completed in 1948.

The water level in the Salton Sea, which is greatly affected by evaporation, is now maintained by natural rainfall, agricultural runoff from the surrounding irrigated fields, and inflow from the New, Alamo, and Whitewater Rivers. The Sea is currently about 35 miles long by 15 miles wide. It has a maximum depth of 50 feet, and its salinity is slightly greater than the ocean. Its fluctuating surface averages about 230 feet below sea level.

During World War II a U.S. Naval Base was established on the southwestern shore near present day Salton City. Facilities included a pier, docks, targets, and seaplane mooring buoys, some of which were still in use as late as the 1960s. In addition to the main Naval Base, the Auto Club's 1973 map of Imperial County shows an "Aerial Mine Laying Area" and "Seaplane Landing Area" on the opposite side of the Sea near Bombay Beach. Along with the Chocolate Mountains Aerial Gunnery Range, Carrizo Impact Area, and other smaller gunnery ranges in the area, there was a "Parachute Testing Area" further to the south, near Superstition Mountain. Prior to World War II there were no barnacles in the Salton Sea. It is believed that they were brought in on the seaplanes and boats stationed there, and are now quite numerous throughout the Sea.

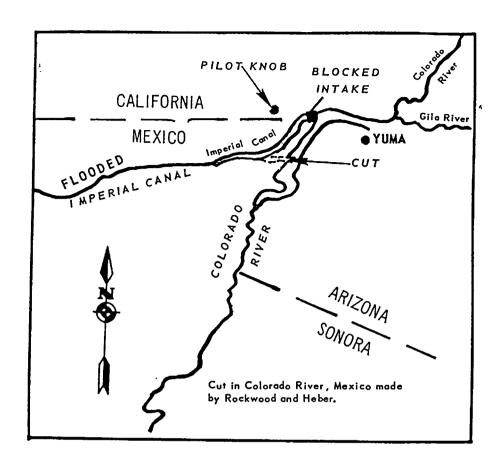
The Salton Sea boomed as a recreational area during the 1950s. Many residential developments were begun, and fishing, boating, and water skiing were very popular. Some types of fish were brought in naturally by the Colorado River overflow. An example of this is the mullet, a saltwater fish that made its way into the Sea and survived in the increasingly salty waters. There was a commercial mullet

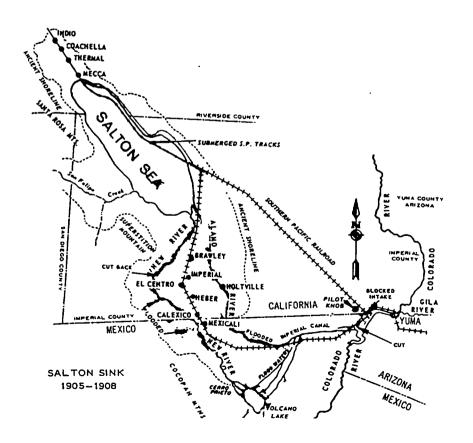
fishery from 1915 to 1953. This fish is now all but extinct in the Sea. The industry was commemorated by the naming of Mullet Island at the southern end of the Sea. It was originally an extension of the shore, but has since become an island as the waters have risen. It is marked by a submerged road, telephone poles, and buildings which make boating hazardous.

Many attempts were made to introduce fish species which could reproduce naturally. Some met with success and some did not, but fishing remains an important recreational use of the Salton Sea. In response to increasing visitation beginning in the early 1950s, the Salton Sea State Recreational Area was established on April 12, 1955. It is under the control of the State Department of Parks and Recreation, our hosts for this Clampout.

In addition to its recreational uses, the Salton Sea has provided other benefits. This is an area of rich geothermal resources. Near Bombay Beach, the Fountain of Youth Spa boasts natural hot springs. Along the southern end of the Sea is the Imperial Waterfowl Management Area, which provides habitat for waterfowl as well as hunting. At Niland there are geothermal wells which are being exploited to generate electricity. Near Mullet Island are natural wells producing carbon dioxide. In 1942 these wells supported a flourishing dry ice industry using the wells for raw material.

There has been much discussion over the increasing salinity of the Salton Sea. As evaporation occurs the salt is concentrated, and the agricultural runoff also contributes salts leached from the irrigated lands. There is concern that the fishery will be destroyed as the salinity increases. At the current time, predictions of "gloom and doom" have not come to pass, but the future remains somewhat in doubt. There have been proposals to dike off part of the Sea and extract the salt by evaporation, thus controlling the salinity, but the money required to implement such a plan have not been forthcoming. For the short term at least the Salton Sea remains a viable fishing, hunting, and recreational area. This unusual and interesting "inland sea" continues to see many annual visitors who provide an important economic impact on the surrounding communities, and the Imperial and Coachella Valleys are one of the richest agricultural districts in the world.





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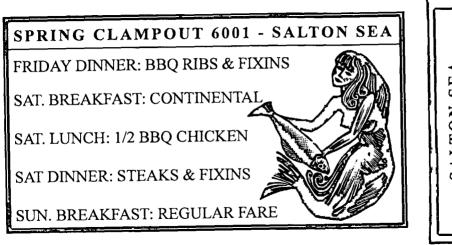
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Billy Holcomb Chapter would like to thank Steve Horvitz of the Parks and Recreation Department for his cooperation and for his efforts in arranging camping facilities, helping with the plaque wording, and generally making us welcome. What sayeth the brethren?......

SATISFACTORY!

Maps are adapted from de Stanley.





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FRIDAY

4:07 pm	CHECK-IN (UNOFFICIAL) AT THE OFFICIAL PLACE
5:58 pm	CHILI BEAN FEED AT THE COOK TRAILER
7:27 pm	GREYBEARDS DINNER AT THE COOK TRAILER

SATURDAY

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	ALL PBCs MEET AT THE HANGMANS CAMP
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	FOR ENLIGHTENMENT AND INSPECTION
9:30 am	SIGN-UP FOR THE CLAMPER OLYMPICS
10:03 am	PBCs LEAVE FOR MONUMENT ERECTION
10:38 am	CLAMPER OLYMPICS BEGIN
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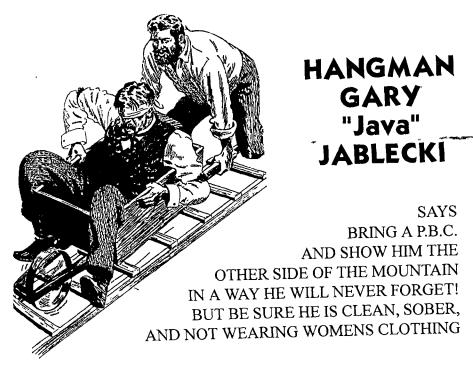
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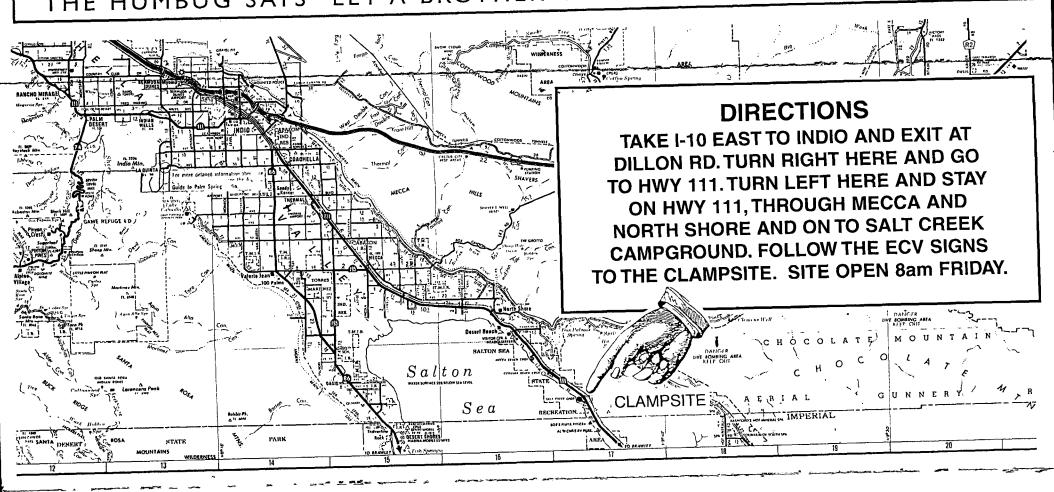
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THE HUMBUG SAYS "LET A BROTHER OF SOBRIETY HOLD THE REINS"



MAY 3, 4, 5, 6001 SPRING CLAMPOUT SALTON SEA

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SPRING CLAMPOUT SALTON SEA MAY 3, 4, 5, 6001

Humbug Pete "The Hungarian" Kovats has ordered that the hewgag be sounded to announce that the spring clampout of Billy Holcomb Chapter 1069 will be held at Salton Sea on May 3, 4, 5, 6001. Redshirts of all dispensations are invited to attend and partake in this grand celebration and witness the erection and dedication of a plaque. Our Clampsite is the Salt Creek Campground group area off Hwy 111, right next to the lake. The Clampsite will be available for access after 8am Friday May 3. Hangman Gary "JAVA" Jablecki. will conduct P.B.C.s through the rites of initiation under the guidance of Grand Council Rules in a candlelight ceremony on saturday night. All persons who attend will receive a "badge of the day" and a meal ticket for four meals, including the chili bean feed on Friday night, prepared by Clampchef Dave Dutcher and his crew. The cost of this trip is \$40.00 for redshirts and \$50.00 for P.B.C.s if your money is postmarked by April 19, 1996. Add \$10.00 if you are late. Special Event T-Shirts can be ordered in advance for \$15.00 (XX-L add\$1.00, XXX-l add \$2.00) and be picked up at the clampout. All P.B.C.s must report to the hangman by 6:29 am Saturday! Make out your Clamp-fees and your T-shirt money to: BILLY HOLCOMB ECV and mail it to: M.D. Smith G.D.R., 12845 Vivienda Ave. Grand Terrace Ca. 92313-6041

NO WIDDERS - NO PETS NO GUNS OR KNIVES OR FIREWORKS

THE HUMBUG SAYS "LET A BROTHER OF SOBRIETY HOLD THE REINS"

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PHONE		I WANT A SPECIAL EVENT T-SHIRT ******* NO LATE ORDERS *******
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Billy Holcomb Chapter 1069

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- 2. I AM AWARE THAT THE MEETINGS OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS OCCUR IN THE WILDERNESS, AND THAT: DRIVING FROM MY POINT OF DEPARTURE TO SAID MEETING, HEREINAFTER CLAMPSITE; MY PARTICIPATION IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AT SAID CLAMPSITE; AND DRIVING BACK TO MY POINT OF DEPARTURE ARE POTENTIAL DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH, AND VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE:
- 3. As consideration for being permitted by the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus to participate in these activities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus, Vitus or any of its officers or members for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, by any member, agent or officer as a result of my participation in and travel to and from the Clampsite. I hereby release the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus and any of its officers or members from all actions, claims or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my above-described participation at the Clampsite.

KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION

4. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS, ITS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

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Salton Sea restoration plan moves forward

ECOLOGICAL CONCERNS: State officials propose an oddly shaped lake that would accommodate wildlife.

BY JENNIFER BOWLES
THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

The future Salton Sea would take the shape of a horseshoe so a sliver of the waterway would remain in front of the small towns that ring the desert lake, according to a draft restoration plan released Tuesday by the state's top resources chief.

The oddly shaped lake would be one-sixth the sea's current size, with shallow ponds created in its southern end to accommodate wildlife so it could remain a key stopover for migrating birds on the Pacific Flyway.

Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman and other state officials presented details of the draft plan, estimated to cost in the \$6 billion range, to the state's advisory committee. Chrisman said he wanted to get input before presenting a final recommendation to the state

Legislature by the end of April.

The committee, which has met for the past three years, is made up of representatives of Riverside and Imperial counties, which share the Salton Sea; government agencies; environmental and farming groups; and the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, who live near the saltwater lake.

The committee's input has helped craft a restoration plan to prevent an ecological collapse at the Salton Sea.

A state-approved transfer

now sends water to San Diego residents that previously would have been used in farming. Farm runoff sustains the Salton Sea, and as quantities of it decrease, the lake is in jeopardy of shrinking and becoming even saltier.

Any rescue plan also had to address the effects on the tiny pupfish, an endangered species that lives at the Salton Sea, and on air quality. As the area covered by water shrinks, dust from the exposed lakebed will contribute to air pollution.

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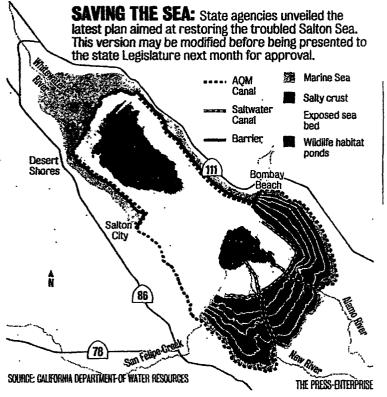
"I've said many, many times, if it had been easy, it would have been done a long, long time ago," Chrisman told committee members.

The current design took elements from some of the eight possible rescue options announced last October. It will require the construction of more than 70 miles of canals and barriers as well as 200 miles of berms. Some 62,000 acres will be dedicated to creating shallow ponds to attract the more than 400 bird species that stop off and nest at the sea.

Chrisman said there's still a long way to go. Among the more pressing issues, the state Legislature needs to approve a plan and an entity needs to be appointed to oversee the restoration.

The state took over the restoration process in 2003 after approving the water transfer, a move that led to some political bickering with the Salton Sea Authority. The authority, made up of lawmakers and water agencies in Riverside and Imperial counties, is the sea's local caretaker.

Rick Daniels, the authority's executive director, said he was pleased with the plan he saw for the first time Tuesday.



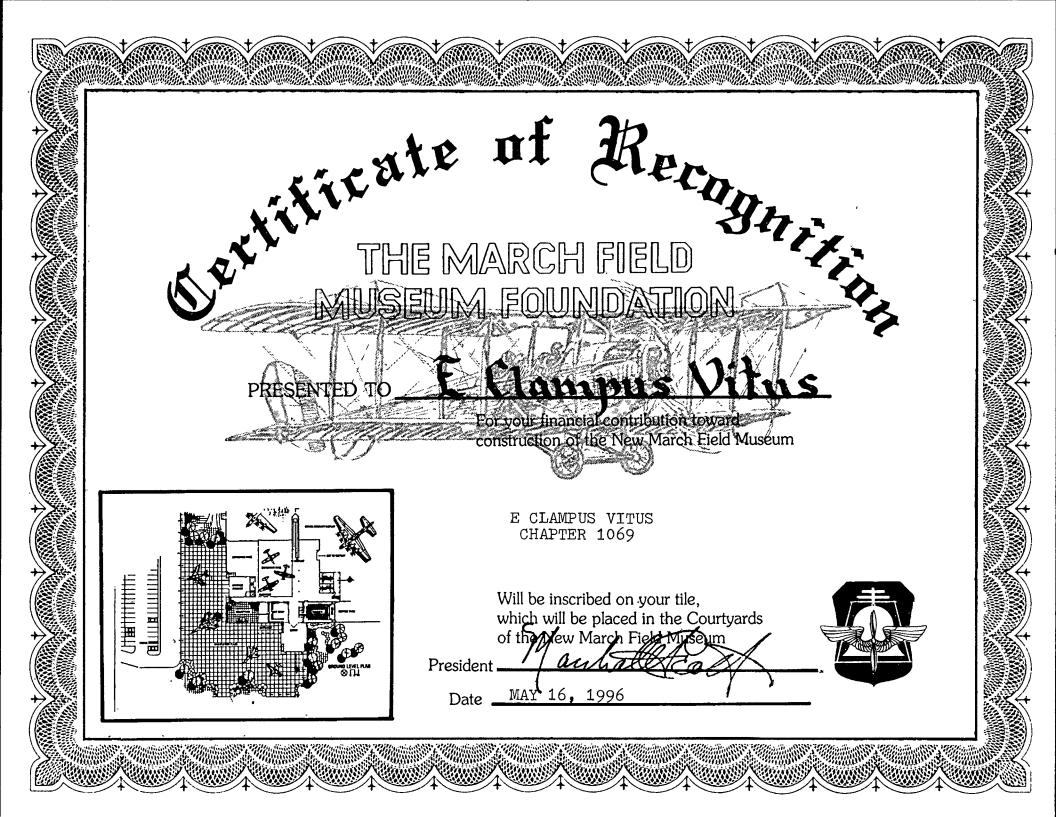
"I'm pretty jazzed," he said by telephone from Sacramento. "If they make a couple minor revisions, some more habitat in the north end of the sea and a small recreational lake in the south, that's about it."

Although smaller than its current size, the lake under the latest design would, at 34,000 surface acres, still be larger than Diamond Valley Lake

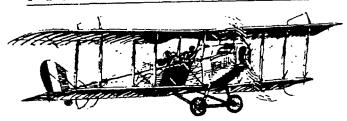
near Hemet, which is 4,500 acres.

The design would allow for about a mile-wide swath of water in front of Desert Shores, Bombay Beach and Salton City.

"If they give us access to the west shores to go racing into the north, I can live with that," said Norm Niver, 77, one of the lake area's more active residents.



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Dear Museum Supporter:

Please find enclosed your Heritage Tile Certificate of Recognition. We think you will find it quite suitable for framing. Please check it closely as this will be the actual inscription on your tile (s).

These are exciting times for the March Field Museum Foundation and we thank you for helping to make it possible. We opened our first new museum building 1 May 1993 on our 40-acre site on the west side of the runway along the I-215 Freeway at the Van Buren Blvd. off/on ramp. We have an unobstructed view of the flightline from our 26,880 square foot replica of a pre-World War II hangar. This building will serve as our new museum "home" while we continue our fund raising campaign to erect the main Exhibition hall.

Final grading for the <u>Blue Tile Courtyard</u> is complete. The 45 ft by 45 foot concrete slab for the blue tiles is installed. This size slab will be large enough for the 5,000 blue tiles that we have reserved. This Blue Tile Courtyard is in the center of the larger courtyard on your right as you enter the Museum front entrance. Later the remainder of the larger courtyard will be paved with sandstone color (beige), Heritage Name Tiles.

We are in the final stages of checking, double checking and triple checking our latest computer printout against your original tile reservations. We will then place our order for these tiles and as soon as this order is received, we will combine with the blue tiles already in-house and continue laying them. At the present we have about one quarter of the early tiles laid down in the courtyard and we are adding more every week.

At this time we do have some blue tiles remaining. If you are thinking about additional blue tiles, I suggest you act promptly. And don't forget---you can use blank blue tiles (at \$25 each) to create a frame around your inscribed tiles. Lots of folks are doing this.

Your participation in the tile program is very important to us. This program generates a large portion of the funds necessary to erect our new facilities. Thanks to you---we have begun what we believe will become one of the largest and finest Air Museums in the United States. Presently, we are averaging about 10.000 visitors a month and the count is still increasing.

Very truly Yours,

Ed Brown, USN, Retired

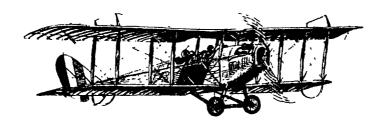
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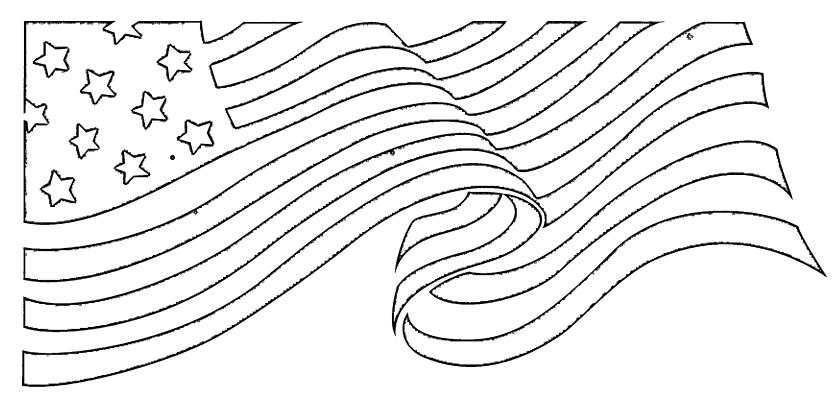
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A gift to the "Tribute in Tile" program has been made by:

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In appreciation of this gift, a tile will be placed in the courtyard of the March Field Museum and will have the following inscriptions:

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JAMBOREE DAYS CELEBRATION JULY 6, 1996



THE CRESTLINE RESORTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WILL BE CELEBRATING
CRESTLINE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY AND INDEPENDENCE DAY
WITH A

SALUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY

SHOP THE LOCAL MERCHANTS AND MANY STREET VENDORS

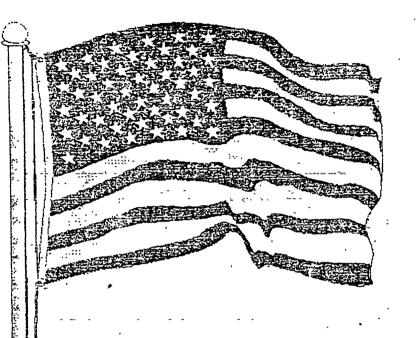
ENJOY THE PARADE BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M

SEE THE FABULOUS FIREWORKS GALA OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE GREGORY STARTING AT 9:00 PM

A LIST OF EVENTS AND PARADE ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT LE MAR TROPHIES (338-6774), CRESTLINE CHEVRON (338-0244), CRESTLINE COMMUNITY TOWING (338-2322), OR THE CRESTLINE RESORTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE LOCATED IN VINEYARD NATIONAL BANK

COME AND JOIN US FOR A DAY FULL OF FUN!

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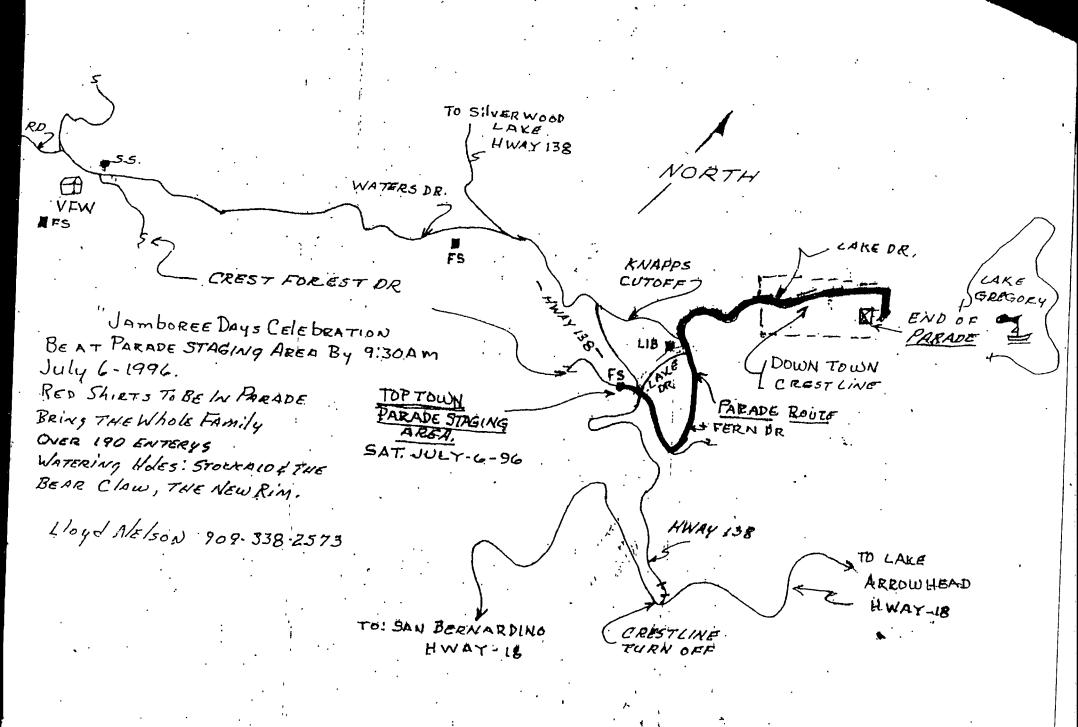
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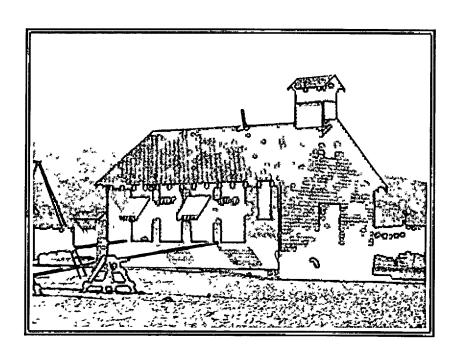
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PRESENTS

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE AT TWENTYNINE PALMS

OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, 6001



WRITTEN BY

MIKE JOHNSON - VNGH

CLAMP HISTORIAN

THE BILLY HOLCOMB CHAPTER 1069
of the
ANCIENT and HONORABLE ORDER of E CLAMPUS VITUS
presents its

ANNUAL FALL CLAMPOUT OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, 6001

being a commemoration of

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE AT TWENTYNINE PALMS

Carried out under the direction of His Royal Flyness

NOBLE GRAND HUMBUG PETE KOVATS I

Late of the People's Republic of Hungary

HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TWENTYNINE PALMS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Old Schoolhouse was built in 1927 by local homesteaders, using volunteer labor and financed by donations. It later served as a community center for the residents of the Morongo Basin. In 1992, the Twentynine Palms Historical Society moved it to its present location and refurbished it for use as a museum.

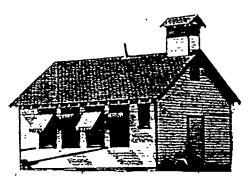
The original schoolhouse was 20 feet by 28 feet, and was designed to accomodate 20 pupils. It was painted white with green trim. As a final touch, a bell tower was added, and the school opened in November of 1927 with an enrollment of 9 students. A "Schoolbus" was constructed from a flatbed truck with a wooden body containing three rows of benches built on top.

In more recent times the schoolhouse was turned over to the Historical Society by the Morongo Unified School District. As the oldest public building in the Morongo Basin, it was declared an Historical Building by the City of Twentynine Palms. The 1992 move was chronicled by television personality Huell Houser of station KCET.

The Twentynine Palms Historical Society was established in 1982. Their distinctive logo, which is incorporated into the plaque, consists of three circular figures in a vertical row. The top figure is a pottery jug, or olla, which symbolizes the early Indian peoples, the first inhabitants of the Morongo Basin. In the middle is a windmill to represent the cattlemen and homesteaders who came later. On the bottom is a gold pan, commemorating the other early settlers of Twentynine Palms, the miners. The colors of the logo reflect the tan and brown of the desert and the purple of the mountains at sunrise and sunset.

WHAT SAYETH THE BRETHEREN ?....





MEAL TIMES Friday Dinner 6:00

Sat. Breakfast 7:00 Sat. Lunch 12:00 Sat. Dinner 5:45 Sunday B-fast 7:30

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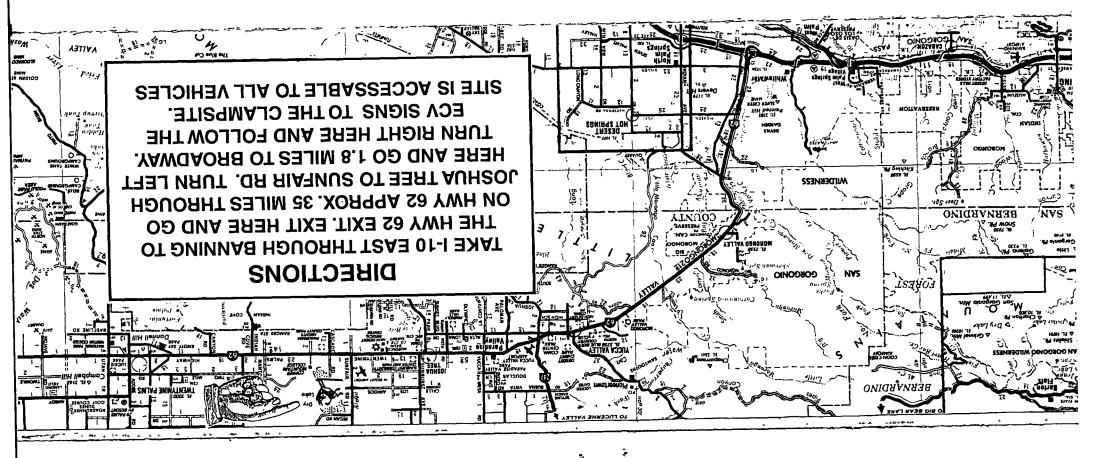


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GARY **HAMBMAH**



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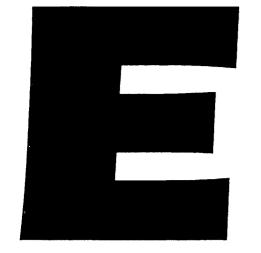
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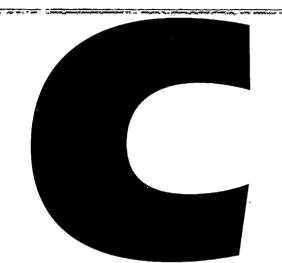
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TWENTYNINE PALMS OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, 6001

His Royal Flyness Pete "The Hungarian" Kovats has decreed that word be

sent to Redshirts of all dispensations that Billy Holcomb Chapter 1069 will erect a plaque and hold rites of initiation at Coyote Dry Lake in Twentynine Palms on October 11, 12, 13, 6001. The Old Schoolhouse of Twentynine Palms will receive the special attention of Billy Holcomb Chapter and a plaque will be placed near it. Hangman Gary "Java" Jablecki will conduct P.B.C.s through the rites of Initiation under the guidance of Grand Council Rules. All persons who attend will receive a Badge of the Day, as well as a Meal Ticket for Five Meals including the Chili Bean Feed on Friday Night, Three Meals on Saturday, and Breakfast on Sunday, all prepared by Clampchef Dave Dutcher and his Crew. The cost for this trip is 45.69 for Redshirts, and 55.69 for P.B.C.s. All sign-ups postmarked after Sept 25 will be assessed \$10.00 at the check-in table! Special Event T-shirts can be ordered in advance for \$15.00 (add \$1.00 for XX-LG - add \$2.00 for XXX-LG) and be picked up at the Clampout. No Late T-Shirt Orders so pay on time! Make out your check today to Billy Holcomb ECV, and mail it to M.D. Smith - GDR, 12845 Vivienda Ave., Grand Terrace, Ca.



NO WIDDERS - NO PETS NO GUNS OR KNIVES OR FIREWORKS

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\$ 45.69 I'm Coming - Here's my gold
\$ 55.69 I'm Bringing a P.B.C. (include application)
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\$ 5.00 My jackass can't swim! - keep me on the list
<pre>I WANT A SPECIAL EVENT T-SHIRT ******* NO LATE ORDERS ****** \$15.00 [] Med [] Large [] X-large</pre>
\$16.00 - XX-Large
TOTAL PAYMENT

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PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP E Clampus Vitus

Billy Holcomb Chapter 1069

TO THE GRAND NOBLE RECORDER:

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time and place designated by the N	f at the E.C.V. Hall of Comparative Ovations at such OBLE GRAND HUMBUG, guaranteeing that I shall Chasm of Terror and Despair and to reach the safe haven
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- 2. I AM AWARE THAT THE MEETINGS OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS OCCUR IN THE WILDERNESS, AND THAT: DRIVING FROM MY POINT OF DEPARTURE TO SAID MEETING, HEREINAFTER CLAMPSITE; MY PARTICIPATION IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AT SAID CLAMPSITE; AND DRIVING BACK TO MY POINT OF DEPARTURE ARE POTENTIAL DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH, AND VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE:
- 3. As consideration for being permitted by the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus to participate in these activities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus or any of its officers or members for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, by any member, agent or officer as a result of my participation in and travel to and from the Clampsite. I hereby release the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus and any of its officers or members from all actions, claims or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my above-described participation at the Clampsite.

KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION

4. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS, ITS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

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The Twentynine Palms Historical Society

The Twentynine Palms Historical Society was founded by nine individuals on April 26, 1982 and incorporated on August 23, 1982 as a non-profit public benefit corporation.

Today, it continues its original purpose of preserving and interpreting the historical heritage of the Twentynine Palms area through a variety of educational activities including field trips, lectures, and

a quarterly newsletter.

The Schoolhouse Museum offers a collection of books and other historic resource materials, which are available to researchers. Biographies, family histories, photographs, newspaper clippings, Twentynine Palms High School annuals, numerous organizational records and publications provide a wealth of material for those seeking community history. The library also has a complete set of *The Desert Trail* newspapers dating from 1935 and all issues of the original *Desert Magazine*.

The Museum is staffed entirely by volunteer docents and is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday afternoons. Access at other times for research purposes is available by appointment.

Membership Information:

We invite you to become a supporting member of the Twentynine Palms Historical Society. Membership categories are: Individual \$15; Family \$25; Patron \$50; Benefactor \$100; Life Member \$300.

Membership forms are available at the Museum or you can mail your membership donation to:

Twentynine Palms Historical Society P.O. Box 1926, 29 Palms, CA 92277.

Meetings of the Twentynine Palms Historical Society are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Schoolhouse Museum, 6760 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms. An annual meeting is held the second Monday in November for the purpose of electing new board members and to give a yearly report to the membership.

Historical Society Annual Events

February: Valentine's Box Social

The first social event held at the original school-house was a Valentine's Day social in 1928. Reviving the tradition in 1995, a Valentine's Box Social was created by the Historical Society as the first official annual event in the newly opened Schoolhouse Museum.

October: Old Timers' Gathering

Held during Pioneer Days at the Museum (in the afternoon following the Parade), this reunion of homesteaders and pioneers, their descendants and families, and longtime residents has been a Twentynine Palms tradition since 1969 when it was started by homesteaders Bill & Prudie Underhill.

November: The Weed Show

Nearly 200 entries of artistic compositions and arrangements using desert weeds and native flora are on display during the first weekend of November. A traditional event from 1941–1980, the competition was revived in 1983 by event co-founder Ada Hatch and the newly formed Historical Society.

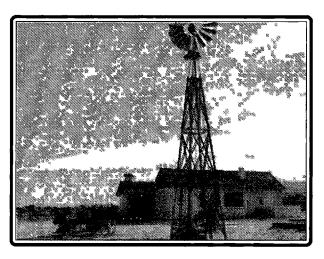
December: Holiday Home Tour & Christmas Party

The Historical Society frequently sponsors a tour of selected historic homes in Twentynine Palms during the holidays. Also in December is the old-fashioned Christmas social—an evening of traditional holiday displays, antique toys, story telling, cookies, and joy for all ages at the Schoolhouse Museum.

Other activities sponsored by the Twentynine Palms Historical Society include field trips and tours to various historically significant locations in the desert, plus lectures, slide shows and guest speakers, receptions, picnics, and fund-raising social events.

The Old Schoolhouse Museum

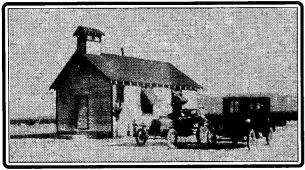
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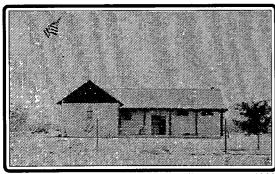


Schoolhouse, circa 1930

History of the Twentynine Palms Schoolhouse

When the homesteaders of Twentynine Palms were denied funds by San Bernardino County to build their first school, pioneer residents decided to go it alone. With donated land, money, material, and labor they completed the building of the one-room schoolhouse in 1927 to accommodate their eight students.

The school served the whole Morongo Basin, and within four years an additional room was required. By 1940 there were three rooms, and, with more than 90 pupils, the school was at maximum capacity. Overflow classes were held in private homes or other available locations in town. For many years the schoolhouse was also used as a community center—a place to hold social events, town meetings, and even religious services.



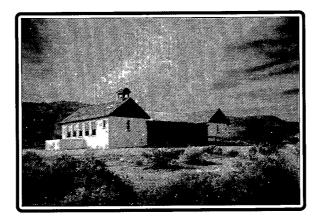
Schoolhouse, circa 1932

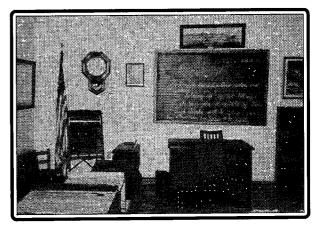
By 1954 students had moved to a new school and campus, and the original schoolhouse was used as offices and storage facilities for the Morongo Unified School District. Eventually, the school district's administrative complex on Utah Trail needed space for expansion. Rather than demolish the building, the schoolhouse was offered to the Twentynine Palms Historical Society.

In 1990, the Historical Society began a successful fund-raising campaign which resulted in the 3,000-square-foot building being moved in its entirety some two miles away to property owned by the society. This historically significant 4-acre site near the Oasis of Mara is where the Cahuilla, Chemehuevi, and Serrano Indians, the gold miners, the cowboys, and the homesteaders came for water. The current exhibits in the museum reflect the history of these early settlers of the Morongo Basin.

The "moving event" on April, 4, 1992, was recorded by Huell Howser of public television's KCET-TV for his program "California's Gold." Accompanied by a marching band playing "California Here I Come," an entourage of local residents escorted the moving schoolhouse along the two-mile route to its new site on National Park Drive.

Subsequent to the move, professional contractors and volunteers alike spent many hundreds of hours restoring the structure which now houses historical exhibits, a research library, and a gift shop. The grand opening of the Old Schoolhouse Museum was celebrated on January 22, 1995. Today, it is the oldest public building in use in the Morongo Basin.





A re-creation of the original schoolroom, which now houses the Museum's research library, includes authentic daily "words of wisdom" inscribed on the blackboard by Historical Society docents.

Filming The Weed Show for PBS.

KCET-TV's Huell Howser interviews event co-founder Ada Hatch during the 1996 filming.



One of the most famous annual events at the Schoolhouse Museum is The Weed Show, held during the first weekend of November. In 1996, Huell Howser of KCET-TV Los Angeles featured The Weed Show in his "California's Gold" series for PBS Television.

Copies of this video—featuring a tour of the Schoolhouse Museum and the award-winning Weed Show entries, as well as interviews with "weed artists" and Historical Society members—are for sale in the Museum's Gift Shop.

The Gift Shop also offers a selection of local books and pamphlets about the history of the area, as well as souvenirs, cards, and unique gifts for sale.

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THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ORDER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS BILLY HOLCOMB CHAPTER 1069 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CLAMP YEAR 6002

FEBRUARY 5 - GENERAL MEETING MARCH 5 - GENERAL MEETING MARCH 14, 15, 16 - H.E.M.O.R.R.H.O.I.D. TRIP APRIL 2 - GENERAL MEETING MAY 2, 3, 4, - SPRING CLAMPOUT MAY 23, 24, 25 - GRAND COUNCIL OF ECV - ANTIOCH JUNE 4 - GENERAL MEETING JUNE 29 - FAMILY CLAMP-PICNIC - CAGE PARK JULY 2 - GENERAL MEETING **AUGUST 6 - GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 8, 9, 10 - 4x4 VITUSCAN MISSIONARIES TRIP**

SEPTEMBER 3 - GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 1 - GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 18, 19 - THREE CHAPTER RIVER-CLAMP

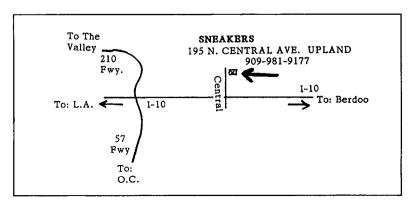
NOVEMBER 6 - GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 8, 9 - DEATH VALLEY FAMILY CLAMPOUT **DECEMBER 3 - GENERAL MEETING**

JANUARY 7 - GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 16, 17, 18 - 4x4 VITUSCAN MISSIONARIES TRIP

GENERAL MEETINGS

Billy Holcomb Chapter holds its general meetings on the first Wednesday of every month (except May) at 7:00 pm at Sneakers restaurant on Central Ave. North of the I-10 Fwy. in Upland. All Members are encouraged to attend and participate in the planning and business of the Chapter. Members are asked to use seemly decorum in this public place.





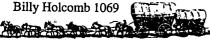
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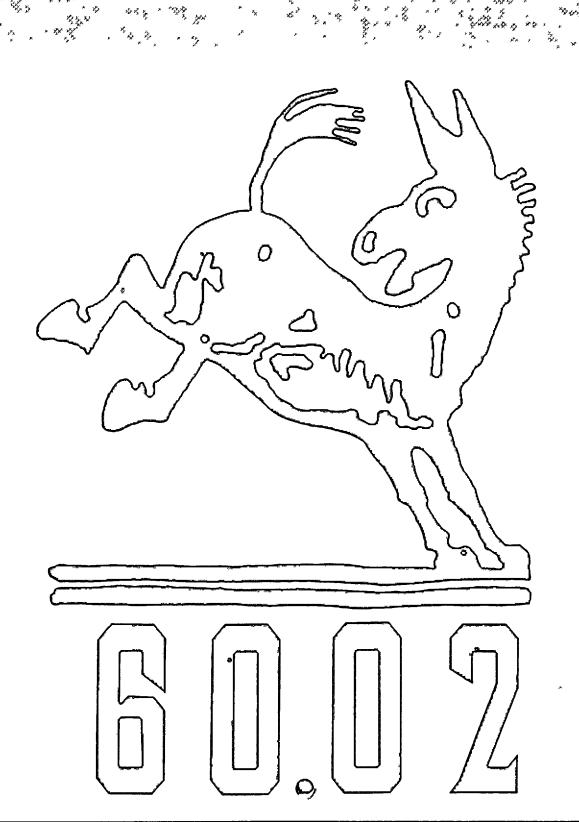
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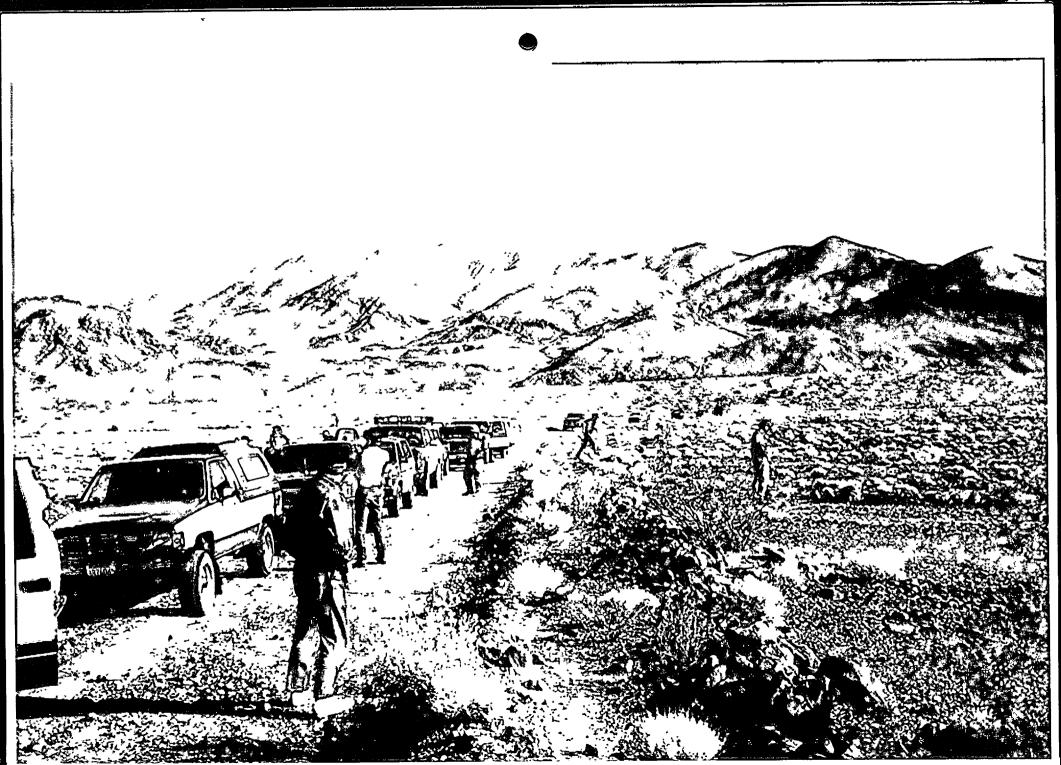
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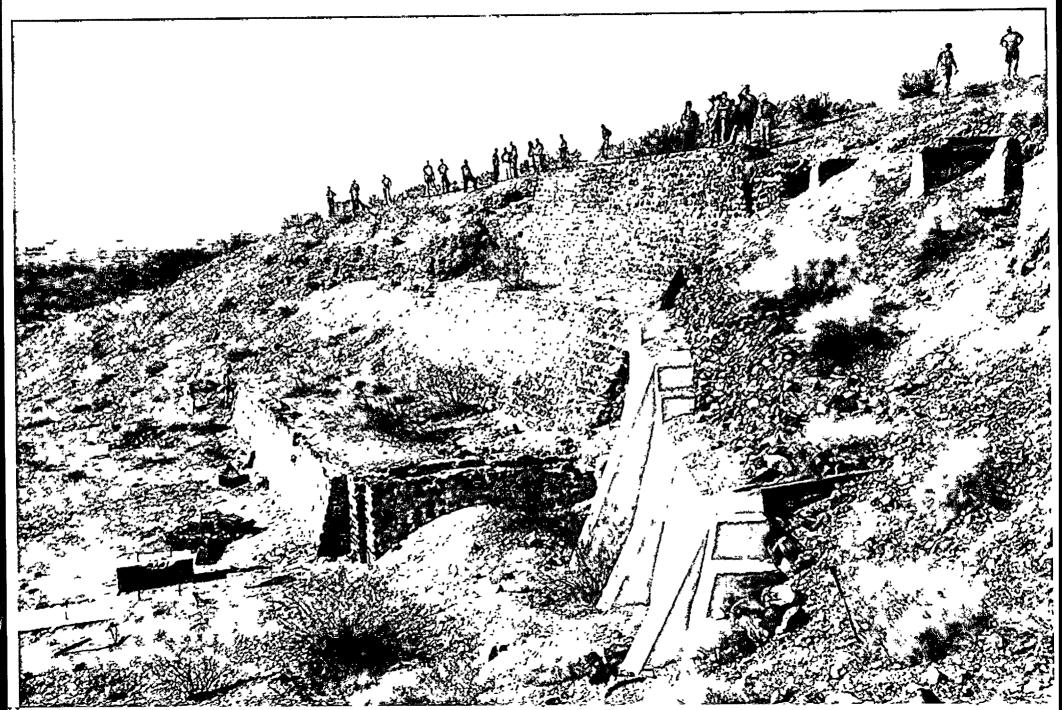




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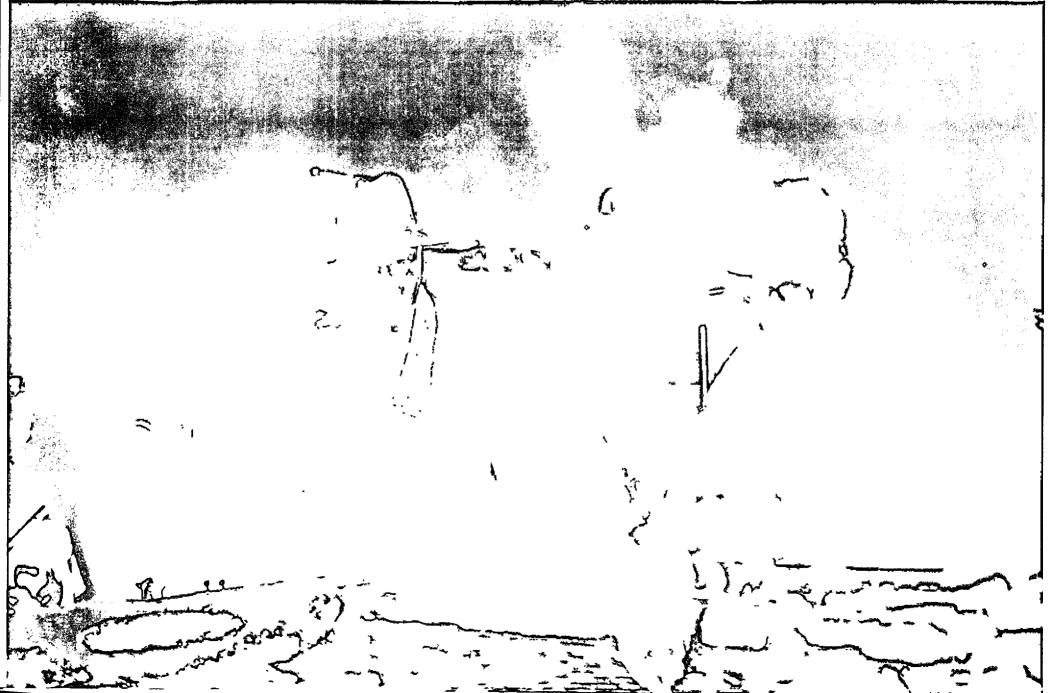


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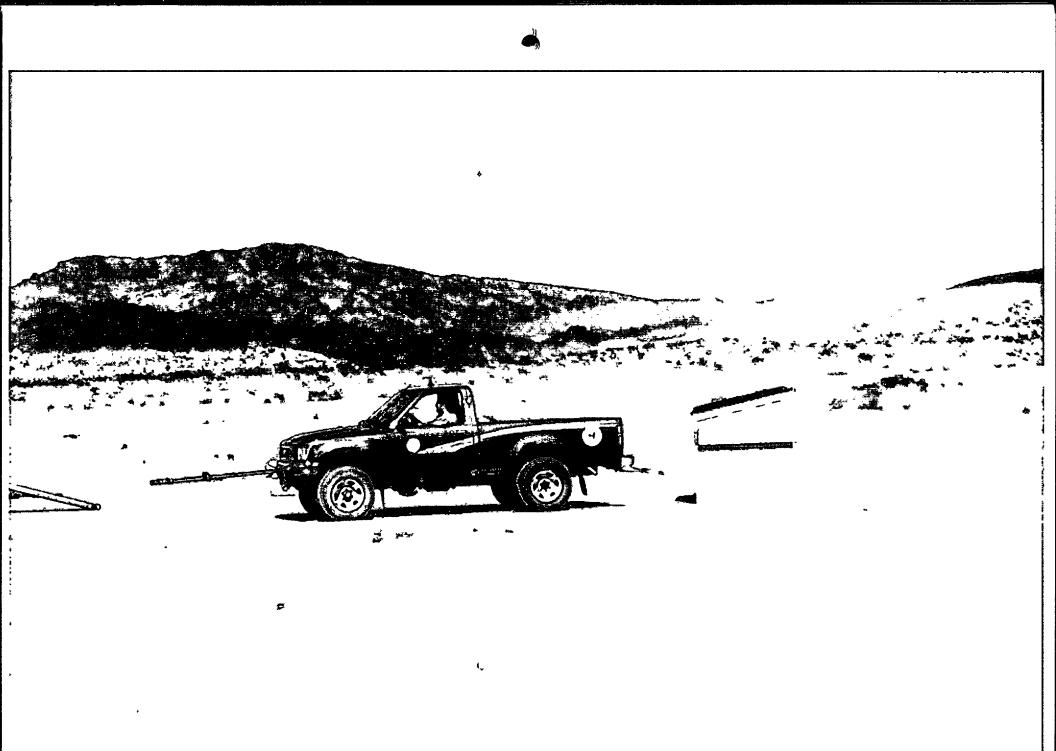
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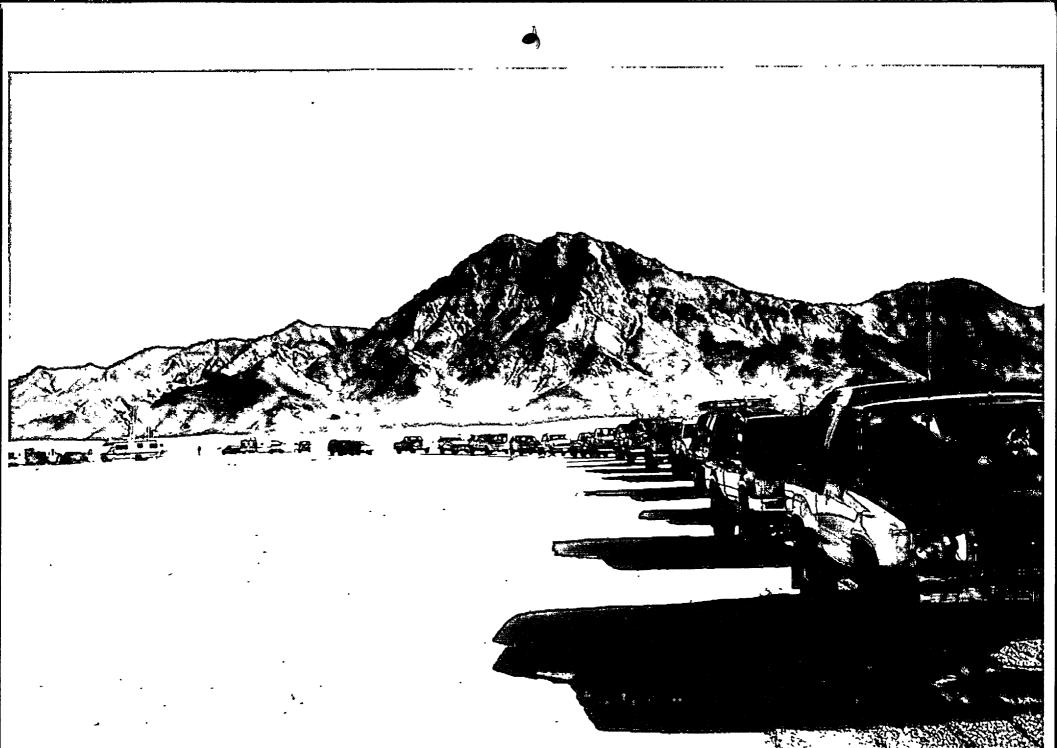
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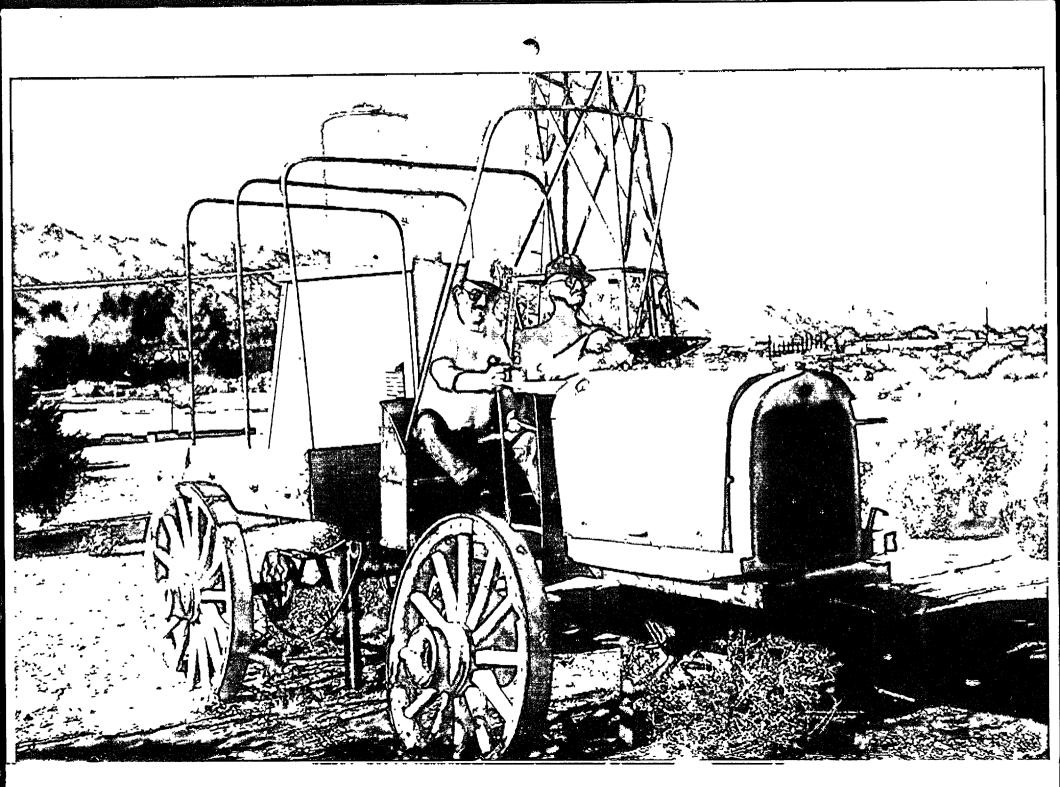
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