

# The Wagon Wheel

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## Another Successful Antique Wooden Boat Show

Our annual Antique Wooden Boat Show was another success. Big thanks to Greg Naylor and all of those who participated. Below are just a few pictures taken by Doe Huff of the show.

We had a lot of beautiful wooden boats and also want to give a thank you to the Up-The-Hill Woodies club for their attendance with their beautifully-restored “Woodie” cars



# Help Support the Mountain Historical Museum & Find a Good Cause for Your Unneeded Items



Starting now, we are asking Museum Members and other Community Supporters for donations of good items for our **GARAGE SALE, LABOR DAY WEEKEND.**

The items should be in "SELLABLE" condition and include but not limited to:

- Sporting Goods & Games
- Collectables
- Small Appliances
- House Hold Items
- Art Work, Seasonal Décor
- Tools, Automotive Items

No Clothing

No TVs, old CRT, Computers, Printers and like items

**Call Barbara at (909) 485-1711 if you have items to donate. We can store some items at this time.**

*The proceeds for this sale will be put to good use toward improvements at the museum.*

Thank You for Your Support!



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## 2019 Polar Bear Plunge

The Rim of the World Historical Society Board of Directors was presented with a check by Dr. Patrick Raines of the Lake Arrowhead Rotary Club for its participation in the 2019 Polar Bear Plunge in Lake Arrowhead. History Society members Bill Pumford and Larry Cumming both braved the cold and made the jump into Lake Arrowhead on a cold and rainy day this past February. Jumpers raise money by signing up sponsors for their efforts, then the Rotary divides the money between participant's organizations. Bill remarked the Lake wasn't as cold as the walk from the parking lot to the water's edge. We want to thank Bill and Larry for making the jump.



## Introducing Our Newest Volunteers

The History Museum is always seeking new folks to volunteer and get involved with the Museum. This year we have quite a few new volunteers who have volunteered for jobs ranging from being a docent in the Museum to driving the Crestline Bus in Jamboree Days over the 4th of July weekend. We want to thank our newest volunteers named below for giving of their time to the Museum, which is run entirely by volunteers.

John Stephens  
Angel Kanagushiku  
Barbara Carey  
Tom Long  
Chandra and Castillo Olivas  
Al Stearns  
Laura Pumford  
David Knudson  
Tim Bitner  
David Pacela  
Gini Sedlak

As always, we want to thank all our Volunteers for giving their time and energy to keep the Museum open to the public. Because of their dedicated efforts, the Museum is kept open and free to visitors.

For more information on becoming a volunteer at the History Museum in Lake Arrowhead, please contact Cindy Burnett at [cindyburnett123@gmail.com](mailto:cindyburnett123@gmail.com)

## Mountain Mileposts

### MOUNTAIN MOVIES: TRUE CONFESSION (1937)



This week's image is of Fred MacMurray and Carole Lombard between takes while filming the 1937 film *True Confession* on the shores of Lake Arrowhead. Much to the delight of local residents, Paramount Studios sent three of its most popular stars, Carole Lombard, Fred MacMurray and John Barrymore, to Lake Arrowhead to film *True Confession*, an aptly named "screwball" comedy about a wife who can't seem to ever tell the truth. But what the locals did not know was that Clark Gable, who was secretly dating Lombard, told others that he needed a vacation and rented a cabin in Lake Arrowhead during the shoot.

Although the movie was shot in August, the lake was very cold. In one scene Lombard was directed to run into the lake and swim to a float. She was to pretend to drown so that MacMurray would rescue her. However, the water was so cold that Lombard developed hypothermia and MacMurray ultimately did have to save her. Lombard would eventually become the third Mrs. Gable. They were inseparable until Lombard, who participated in a war bond drive during early WWII, died in a plane crash at the end of the tour. She was 34.

MacMurray was a popular star in the Thirties and was known primarily for light comedies. MacMurray had the lead in another movie filmed at Lake Arrowhead in 1936, *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine*. MacMurray's prolific acting career spanned half a century. Once considered one of Hollywood's biggest stars, Barrymore's years of drinking and carousing were catching up to him by 1937. His character role as a drink-mooching scoundrel in this movie seemed to mirror his life. Considered one of the greatest tragedies in Hollywood, Barrymore died six years later of acute alcoholism. Watch *True Confession* on YouTube or Amazon Prime.

This Mountain Milepost was written by Cindy Justice, Image from ROWHS Archive.  
Reprinted from the May 2, 2019 Mountain News.

(Note: I hate to be a nit-picker, but there is one small inaccuracy in the Milepost above. *Trail of the Lonesome Pine* was filmed at Cedar Lake, south of Big Bear, and not at Lake Arrowhead)

You can read all of the Mountain Mileposts at our historical society website at: <https://mountainhistorymuseum.org/>. This is your website and keeps you up on current activities as well as Coming Events.

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, June 30:** Our annual Ice Cream Social. This is often called our Fourth of July Ice Cream Social but since the 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Thursday this year, a lot of folks wouldn't be able to attend and Jim and Doe Huff, the hosts, would have to eat copious quantities of Moose Tracks Ice Cream. Free ice cream sundaes and other goodies from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. Come and get it.

**Thursday, July 4:** Fireworks at Lake Arrowhead. Many other fun events throughout the ensuing weekend. Have fun celebrating our Nation's Birthday.

**Friday, July 5 – Sunday, July 7:** Crestline Jam Days. We will probably have an entry in the parade on July 6. Fireworks on Lake Gregory will be on the evening of July 6.

**Sunday, July 14:** We will have a special showing of The Boles Murder Case documentary in the Cozad Theater at our Mountain History Museum. This award-winning documentary by Davy Porter, a past editor of the Mountain News, covers the worst mass killing in our mountains. Graphic recreation of the crime, so not suitable for children. Time: 1:00 pm. Free

**Sunday, August 31:** Our annual fund-raising garage sale. This is a good time to do a little house cleaning and help your Historical Society raise some funds to continue our museum operation and support our myriad informational programs. See the poster elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

**Saturday, August 3:** The first Lake Arrowhead Tunnel Tour. (Other tours on Sept. 7 & Oct. 5). These tours are limited to museum members only on a first come basis. Members should have received an email telling how to make reservations for this first tour.

**Saturday, August 10:** A tour of historic Pinecrest Resort. Starting at 10:30 a.m. Tour the historic buildings, such as the Roundhouse Café and Dance Pavilion, as well as visiting some historic outdoor spaces. The tour will also include lunch in the "Roundhouse" dining room. Members \$15, non-members \$20. For details, see the poster in this newsletter. See you there.

**Sunday, August 11:** Smokey Bear Visits the Museum, Sun. Aug. 11, Noon to 3:00 p.m. Come to the Mountain History Museum to see Smokey. Children of all Ages are welcome.

**Saturday, August 17:** Our first 2019 Lake Arrowhead Queen Historic Cruise. The second such cruise will be held on September 21. Time is 5 p.m. Enjoy a Champagne Reception and Special Historic Cruise into the Past. Tickets must be purchased in advance. More details will soon be sent to you in an eBlast.

**Wednesday, October 9:** A murder mystery, "Murder at Pinestock," will be presented by the ROWHS "Repertoire Players". This will be held at the Lake Gregory Yacht Club. Details in the next newsletter.

Rim of the World Historical Society Holiday Dinner – Dec. 12 – Information Pending

Russ Keller Historical Talks at the San Moritz Lodge at Lake Arrowhead. Two events are in the planning – more information to follow.

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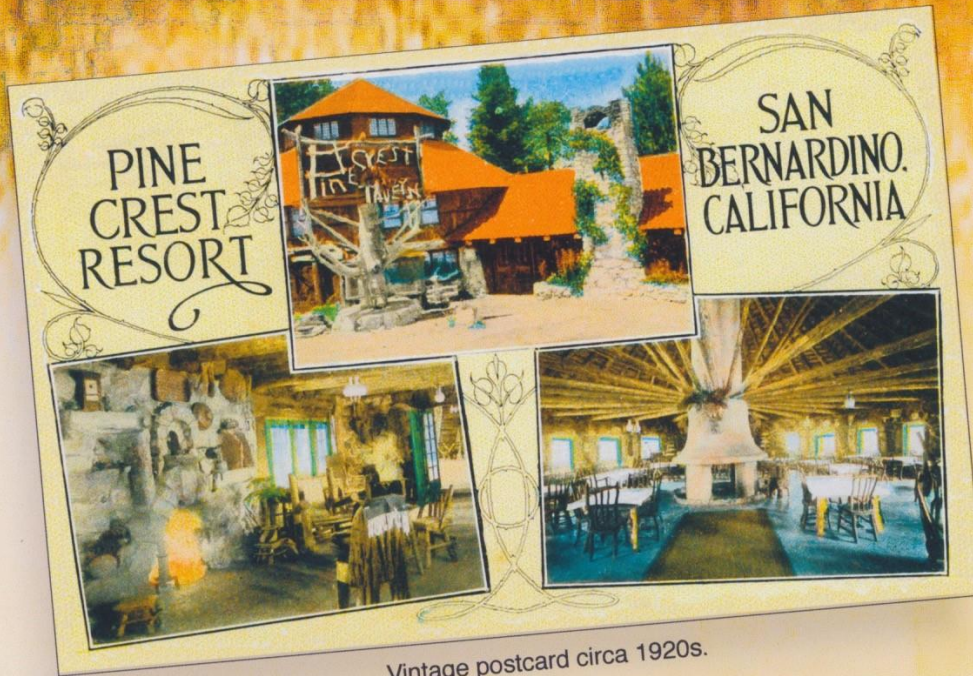
**June 30th, Noon-3 at the Museum**

**27176 Peninsula Drive Lake Arrowhead, CA**

**Ice Creams, Toppings, Lemonade, Popcorn, Cupcakes**



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Vintage postcard circa 1920s.

## A rare chance to get a tour through one of the most historic sites on the mountain.

**When:**

August 10, 10:30am 1:00pm

**Where:**

1140 Pinecrest Rd., Twin Peaks  
(off Hwy. 189)

- Park in the Main Parking Lot  
(near ballfield) and gather at  
the Amphitheater

**Tickets:**

Include tour and lunch-  
\$15 Society Members,  
\$20 Nonmembers

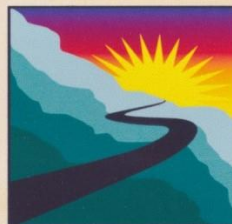
**Where to get tickets:**

You can get tickets at the  
Mountain History Museum or  
by contacting Marilyn Mays at  
[marilynmays@charter.net](mailto:marilynmays@charter.net) or  
(909) 485-1153

\*Moderate walking. Only 60 tickets will be sold.

When he opened Pinecrest Resort in 1909, the twofold goal of renown mountain pioneer, Dr. John Baylis, was to help save the forest from being over-logged by building the largest resort in the San Bernardino Mountains. Secondly, he wanted to provide a haven where the average family could enjoy the beauty of nature.

Today Pinecrest Christian Conference Center is a popular destination for groups looking for a retreat site or youth camp.



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# **YARD SALE!**



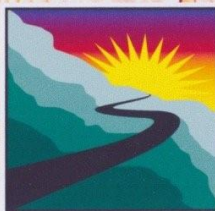
**A FUNDRAISER FOR THE  
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**Saturday, Aug. 31 - Sunday, Sept. 1 9AM - 4PM at the Museum**

**27176 Peninsula Drive Lake Arrowhead, CA**

**IF YOU HAVE STUFF TO DONATE, CALL 909-273-4291 or 909-485-1711**  
Your donations are tax deductible. Please no donations of clothes or electronics.

**THERE WILL BE SOMEONE AT  
THE MUSEUM EVERY FRIDAY  
AFTERNOON TO COLLECT ITEMS.**



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## **President's Message**

As President of the Board of Directors for the Rim of the World Historical Society, I want to thank everyone who was involved with 2019 Antique Wooden Boat Show in Lake Arrowhead Village. Greg Naylor, who once again orchestrated The Antique Wooden Boat Show, is to be thanked for a job well done. Also, all of the many volunteers who helped at the Boat Show need to be thanked, since without their help we could never have pulled it off. We also want to thank the Antique and Classic Boat Society for participating in this annual event and bringing some great wooden boats for the public to enjoy.

The Up-The Hill Woodie Car Club also needs a shout out for once again bringing their vintage Woodie cars to Lake Arrowhead Village on the day of the Boat Show. As always the Woodies drew an admiring crowd. The Board of Directors and myself also want to thank the Arrowhead Lake Association and Lake Arrowhead Village for allowing us to once again use the docks and the Village for the annual Antique Wooden Boat Show.

The Museum has been open for close to a month, and already we have seen an increase in visitors. This year we have a new exhibit on the building of Little Bear Dam, which was the first step in the construction of Lake Arrowhead. We also have a fantastic display of photos of Pinecrest's early years, and to coincide with the Pine Crest Exhibit, the Rim of the World Historical Society will be sponsoring a tour and lunch at Pine Crest in August. Be sure to check our website for more information.

Cindy Burnett  
Board President

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## **New Members**

We welcome the following new members to the Historical Society. We hope to see you at many of our upcoming events so we can get to know you. Welcome aboard.

Mary Bartholomew  
Paul and Amanda Brinegar  
Jim Choura  
John and Kim Eberts  
Sherry Feister  
Alan and Gail Russell  
Bryan Gill  
Gary McMurray  
John and Heather O'Brien  
Sharon Pittman  
Linda Prentice  
Mike Zweber

## Way Back When: ROWHS Events July-August 2009

Ten years ago, our museum was slowly becoming a reality. In July, we had a mixer with the Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce. A catered Mexican dinner was provided by a caterer and we also had wine and soft drinks. Because of the large turnout, we had parking at MPH School with a shuttle service back and forth. Over 300 people attended this event.

The Santa's Village anchor exhibit was almost completed thanks to the Lake Gregory Yacht Club and 70% of the floor was completed thanks to Ed Ham and his two hired helpers. The interior exhibit hall had been painted and the ADA-compatible bathroom pretty much done and adorned with historical photos.

At the mixer we were presented with Certificates of Recognition from State Senator Ted Dutton by District Representative Larry Broedow and from San Bernardino County Supervisor Neil Derry by Chief of Staff George Watson. Also present was Rebecca Bloomfield representing State Assemblyman Anthony Adams.

On Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, we had a Murder Mystery event at the Tudor House entitled "Who Killed Clark Clark," Written and directed by David Knudson and starring a not-so-all-star cast of ROWHS members, the large group in attendance had a great time trying to unravel the murder of Clark Clark, a Hollywood actor who was uniformly hated by one and all. Again, the catered dinner was excellent. Included in those at the dinner were some very unsavory Hollywood types, all of whom had strong reasons to want to include Clark Clark among the dead. Eight of our guests managed to identify the actual killer and received prizes of historic books for their correct deductions.

Rounding out our successful chain of recent events at that time, was our membership Ice Cream Social held at the museum site on August 16. With over 80 members and guests in attendance, this was also a great success. Free ice cream always is! Once again, those attending were delighted to see the great progress we had made toward making an historical museum a reality. Santa was there in person to visit with young and old.

Considering how long folks stayed at this event, they were obviously delighted at renewing old acquaintances and making new. Of course, the delicious vanilla and chocolate ice cream with chocolate and caramel toppings, whipped cream, and crushed nuts had nothing to do with their fun that afternoon!

Two wonderful guests at the ice cream social were Pauliena LaFuze and Putty Henck. Lee Cozad was back after not being around because of the long illness he had earlier in the year. It was great to see him and Mary again .

I guess, in summary, we continued to have several great member events even with all the massive amount of work being done at the museum. WE DID GOOD!

**See some great pictures taken at all of these events back ten years ago on the next page of this newsletter. How many of you remember these events? Look at these pictures and remember the many folks we have lost.**

# An ROWHS Pictorial Look Back at 2009

“Who Killed Clark Cark”. (Old Hollywood, so these pics are in glorious black and white).



Is this the face of a killer?



Is this the face of a killer?



Despite knowing there was a killer in their midst, folks ate well

Showing the museum for the first time at the L. A. Chamber of Commerce Mixer



Over 300 guests in attendance



Nobody left hungry



Early temporary exhibits

Our first completed exhibit: Santa's Village



An Elf in Santa's Village Exhibit



Cutting the ribbon for the S. V. Exhibit



Santa's Village Exhibit

Two of our greatest historical treasures: Pauliena LaFuze and Joseph “Putty” Henck



Pauliena and Putty. A lot of years Of mountain memories in their heads



Pauliena and Santa: Friends for 104 years.



“Santa” and Putty

*Those were the days, my friend. Too bad they had to end.*

## 2019 Historical Quilt Raffle

Our raffle last year was a great success and raised over \$900 for our society. We give a big thanks to Doe Huff for making and donating that quilt. Doe has made another quilt quite similar to the one raffled last year. The pictures are the same, but the color scheme has been enhanced as well as the back, which consists of various woodland scenes.

The sale of tickets for this raffle will commence on our opening day in May. They will also be available for purchase at our many events throughout our 2019 season. The drawing for the winner will be held in Mid October.

Don't miss out on a chance to own this beautiful memento of mountain history.



The reverse side.

## Business Memberships

We wish to thank the following businesses who have purchased a *Business Membership*. Their generous support is greatly appreciated. If you have, or know of, a business, which would be interested in a business membership, give them the Membership Renewal form in this newsletter. If you are in need of the types of services they offer, please give them your consideration.



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## The Boles Murder Case Documentary

On August 14, 1965, the family of James Boles, an aerospace engineer at Hughes Aircraft in El Segundo, was viciously murdered in their new Crestline home. James and Darlene Boles along with their sons, Bobby and Tommy, and the family dog, Barbara, were discovered the following Monday. Each member of the family had been shot multiple times.

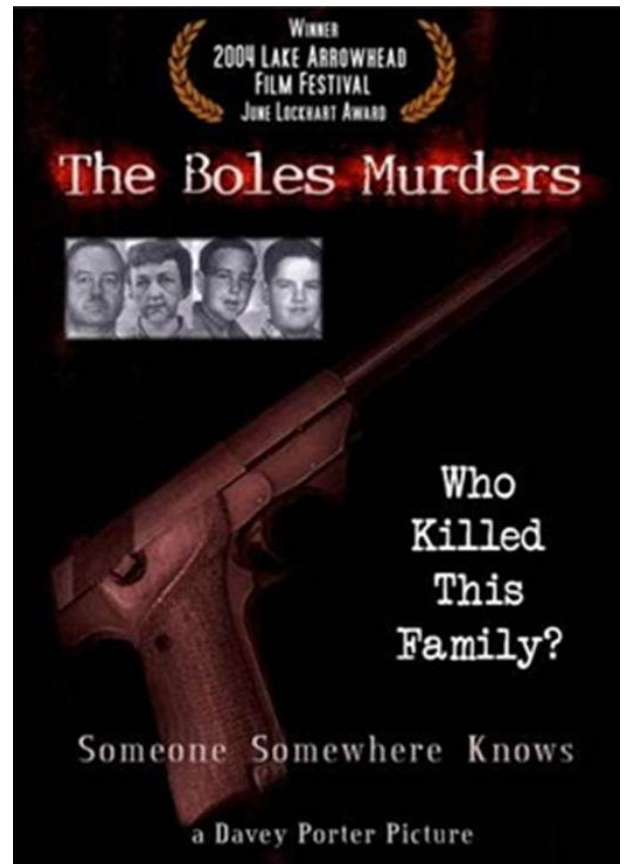
This vicious crime did not get nation-wide coverage as it maybe would have because Aug. 14 was one of the worst days of the infamous Watts Riots.

Despite a long investigation, this crime was never solved and remains an "open case" to this day.

In 2006, Davy Porter, the Editor of the Mountain News, started a cold-case investigation of the crime. This resulted in the documentary shown to the right, a documentary that won the June Lockhart Award for Best Documentary at the Lake Arrowhead Film Festival.

Though the case is still officially open, I feel that by the end of seeing this documentary you will be convinced you know who the killer was.

This film has graphic recreations of the crime and is definitely not for children. Come see this at the museum on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Free.



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