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It is our mission to identify, preserve and promote the historic legacy of the Temecula Valley and to educate the public about its historical significance.

We meet from 12:00 to 2 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Historic Pujol Schoolhouse on Santiago Road.

Upcoming speakers:

June 6 – Harmon Johnson on the Magees of Temecula,

July 11 – Tifeni Whittington, historical dressmaker, on fashions of the past,

August 8 – Ann Mauer, on M.J. Trumble, the Oil Man/Inventor in the Inland Empire,

September 5 – Ann Miller, on the life of Maria Apis, 1830 – 1863,

October 3 – Tony Guenther, on Guenthers' Murrieta Hot Springs,

November 7 – Joshua Fox, Murrieta's historian/archivist

Upcoming Events:

150th Anniversary of the Butterfield Stage Coming to Temecula celebrated June 21 & 22 at the Historic Vail Ranch

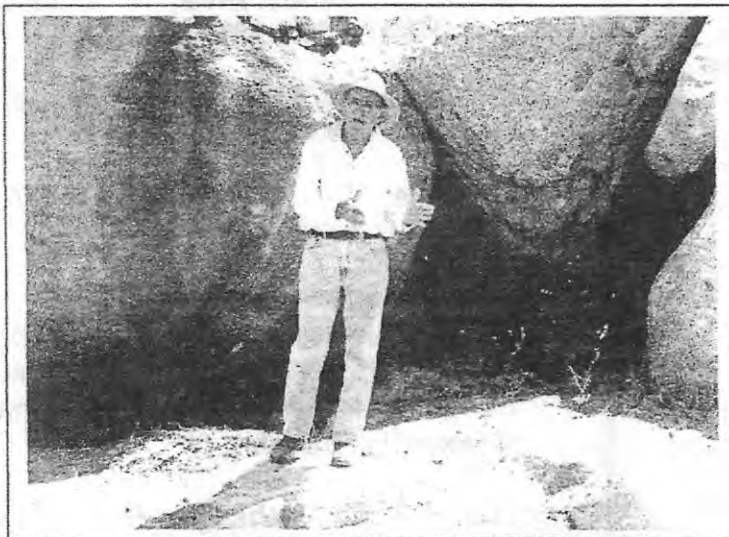
The annual Pechanga Pow Wow July 4, 5 & 6



During the historical society outing May 17, 2008, Connor & Hailey Strode compared their hands (above) with prints placed over a century ago. As seen by the shadows, they took care to not touch the images, which could be damaged by skin oils.

This is the second hike Paul Price (below) has planned and guided to give members of the Historical Society a look at historical treasures in this local area.

(Photos courtesy of Mike Strode.)



President Barbara's Reflections of the Hike

We met at 8 am to sign the releases for UCR and took off on our hike. We visited three Indian rock art sites, each one with a little clearer image than the one before. The last was the best one and it told the most interesting story. It showed several Indian girls' handprints. After their initiation into puberty, they each dipped their hands in plant dye and left the image on the side of the rock.

We were also shown a cave where an Indian family could find shelter on a warm day or cool night. There were two seats carved into the rock and a couple of notches that may have held something to make a shelf. There was evidence of fire, which could have acted as their oven or to keep them warm on cold nights. We all were able to crawl in (six at a time). The kids really loved that part.

We were shown where a minimum of three Indian villages were probably located and got to see where the women ground their acorns. There were probably 15 holes in the one rock. We then went to a neighborhood where custom homes were being built and saw another huge boulder with Indian rock art. It is on private property, so will more than likely be destroyed in the name of progress and it will be replaced by a new home. What a shame. The whole excursion took a little over three hours, but was very educational. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as well. Approximately 25 people attended, including three children aged approximately 7, 9 and 12 years old. Our oldest hiker was Bill Harker at almost 92 years young. It was a fun day for everyone ... young and old!



The group viewed sites of significance from another time and culture.

Excerpts from letters sent from two special people:

"I really enjoyed the April 2008 newsletter. I know it's hard to find old timers willing to write articles, so using old newspapers is a great idea. It was wonderful to read about my grandmother Pearl, my great-aunt Bessie, and my Bible School teacher and best friend's grandmother (Mrs. Knott) and Carl Swanguen, my other best friend's grandfather. Please pass my kudos on to the newsletter editor. With appreciation, Louise Roripaugh Beesley."

"The Historical Society newsletter is always worthy of attention; full of interesting news and stories.

This month I was surprised to read excerpts from the Fallbrook writer, Loverne Morris. Most of the people she mentioned were alive and well and part of my hometown growing up experience.

I'm always happy to be reminded of those barefoot days with such interesting grownups to watch and listen to and will always remember.

Thanks so much to everyone who is working to keep Temecula's history recorded in various ways.

June Roripaugh Tull

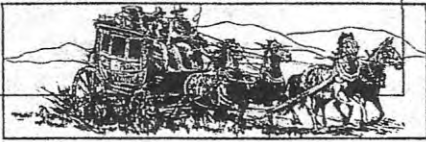
Did you know?

Preston Swanguen, the constable featured in the story about Horace Magee in our January 2008 newsletter, was honored on May 5th at a ceremony honoring peace officers who died in the line of duty, and his name was added to a memorial statue located at 4102 Orange Street in Riverside. He died on Front Street in Temecula on December 24, 1907.

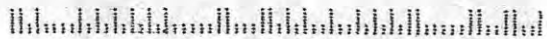
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