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4th Tuesday of the Month
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March*, June,
August, October
2nd Tuesday of the Month at
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(*weather permitting)

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AT MY OWN PACE

Sharon Pace Arnold, President ~

Get Well Wishes for Laura Horman, our Sunshine Lady. She & her husband Dan are Charter members of the Society. We are all holding sunny thoughts.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Azad Joseph McIver. She had been a life long friend of my family & me. Azad & her sister Roxie came to Truckee in 1922 to meet their brother Dick who had settled here in 1916. Azad & Roxie loved the Old Timer's Picnics. When I would go to visit her she always wanted to talk about the old times here in Truckee. Azad & Roxie had been life members since 1990. Azad was 3 months short of her 96th birthday.

The Joseph Family was very generous. When they sold their Gateway Motel to make room for the new Safeway shopping center, they were instrumental in the Historical Society receiving their office building & paying for the moving of the building. We call it our Gateway Research Cabin.

Get Well Wishes for Yvonne Joseph Ring, wishing you a speedy recovery & hope you are feeling better very soon. The Historical Board & I wish to extend our sincere sympathy in the loss of your Aunt Azad, "Little Auntie".

I want to thank the many people who sent donations to the Society in my Mother's name & some adding my Dad's name to the donation. All donations will go for the benefit of the Community Memorial Garden, located behind the Old Jail Museum. Everyone who visits the garden thinks it is beautiful. They love all the wild California Poppies & also the apple tree is pretty than it has ever been since it was pruned last fall.

We have a number of new plaques to install & we are waiting for the installer to come from Reno. As we have said in all of our Newsletters, you do not need a formal invitation to work in the Community Memorial Garden. The Garden will never run out of weeds.

This year there has been a change to our Old Timer's Picnic. In the past we offered free beer & soft drinks. No free beer this year, but will continue free soft drinks & water. To give away free beer we had to show proof of insurance, which we have plenty of. But we also had to get a permit from the ABC, alcohol & beverage control board, & signed off by the local Truckee Police Dept. All these permits were required by the Park & Rec. Dist. Just too much paper work, it is easier to eliminate the free beer.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of the Old Timers Picnic, & next year will be my last year to organize the picnic. I am hoping someone will step forward & take over as chairperson.

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~ Gordon Richards, Research Historian ~

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The Historic Research Committee is open to all members of the TDHS. Research Committee meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM at the cabin. The next meetings are August 10, September 14, October 12 and November 9. This is a way for members to participate in history research and get to know other members in the TDHS.

The focus of the Research Committee is based on needs of the TDHS and what members want to participate in. While there are many projects that need to be done, the most important and interesting one is cataloging the photo collection. The Board has approved a Photo Collection Action Plan. With assistance from Bob Blesse, Head of Special Collections, University of Nevada Reno and TDHS member Susan Lindstrom, we have started the process.

We have created an access program to catalog photos and data about each photo. Help will be needed throughout the fall and winter scanning photos and entering data.

Volunteers are needed to conduct oral history interviews with older Truckee residents. Oral histories are very important to maintaining the many great stories that cannot be acquired any other way. In addition to preparing outlines and questions, interviews, transcripts of the interviews are needed. Members who are out of the Truckee area are encouraged to write their memories of Truckee and we will place them in our files.



H.P.A.C.

It was about 1979 when a group of volunteers put together the Historical Preservation Advisory Committee, a.k.a. HPAC. This committee was: Barbara Grow, Mary King, Nick Sassarini, Zina (O'Brien) Krakowsky, Stephanie (Erber) Olivieri, Jewell Dumas, Dan & Laura Horman, Jim Borelli, Peter Gerdin, Dwayne Haddock, Roy Baker, Larry Young, Susan Anzele, Jim Porter, Susan Antipa, & Kathy Jones. They had Paul A. Lord, Jr. come to Truckee to inventory all the old buildings in downtown Truckee. It was not known as the Historic District at that time. Under Nevada County's approval and supervision HPAC was formed & guidelines were put in place.

When Truckee was incorporated in 1993, HPAC came under the jurisdiction of the Town. Over the last 11 years there have been many changes, new inventories & updated guide lines which follow The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, guidelines for preserving, rehabilitating, restoring & reconstructing. There is also a California Historical Building Code guide line.

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Preserving America's historic structures can be found in the mid-19th century. The nation's first local historic district started in 1931 in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1949 the national Trust for Historic Preservation was chartered by Congress, it is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated with the goal of protecting the irreplaceable. This year's conference theme, in Louisville is: Restore America, Communities at a Crossroads.

In 1966 congress enact the National Historic Preservation act because of widespread demolition of historic structures.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. I would like to thank everyone who returned the Membership Drive Card that was sent in the last newsletter. If you still have your card (or not) it is still not too late to refer a friend or a family member to me so I can officially invite them to join the Society. All you need to do is write (P.O. Box 893, Truckee, CA 96160), call (530-582-0893), or email (tdhs@inreach.com) myself the name(s) and address of the person(s) you would like me to contact. I will be looking for your referrals to come in!

JANUARY DUES I would like to thank everyone who wrote when you received my Reminder Letter about your dues. It appears I must have been on Christmas vacation in January when I failed to update my records for several payments that were received, on time! I think I now have, at least the January renewals, correct & up-to-date.

DUES CURRENT? So, when you receive this newsletter, please review your mailing label to see when I have your membership expiring. The month and year above your name tells you what I have in my records. If you notice you have paid and I have failed to indicate it in my membership rolls please let me know. On the reverse side of the issue, if you notice you may be behind in paying your annual dues we will gladly accept your payment at any time.

Please remember the Society does not receive any local, State, or Federal Assistance to operate so your dues are critical to pay for the operating expenses of the Society in our pursuit of our Mission: To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History.

WELCOME NEWEST MEMBERS: The Wise Family USS Donner L.S.D. 20 Memorial Association*

*Note: Mr. Thomas Nelson of the USS DONNER made contact with us from our Web Site. So in case you do not know, our website has our Membership Application on it. You just need to download it to your computer, copy it and then mail it in with your dues.

REMEMBER OUR CONFIDENTIALITY PLEDGE TO YOU. The Board of Directors would like to reassure our members that disclosure of their personal information from our membership records are kept confidential!! Solely the current board of directors and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business only uses the Society's membership list.

~ THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES CURRENT ~
PLEASE HELP US INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP BY ASKING YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN.

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The Town of Truckee has a Historic Preservation Program now. By the end of this year Truckee will most probably be on the National Historic Register. We still have a Historic District & all the old buildings are protected with or without the National Register Status. There can & will be severe penalties for not following the guide lines, demolishing a historic building, or a property demolished by neglect.

H.P.A.C. continued

The Town of Truckee, community Development Dept., Planning Division, has put together a very comprehensive guide line brochure. Any questions about a historic property need to be addressed to the Town of Truckee.

The Historical Society may have a little history about the historic building, but for detailed information about the building and site would require a Research Historian & an Archaeologist. We do have photos of most of the buildings in the Historic District, and we will provide copies & would appreciate a donation. We are in the process of cataloging all of our old photos and putting them on discs, & we are applying these donations to the project.

A press release from the National Trust for Historic Preservation that promotes Heritage Tourism with an annual list of America's 12 distinctive destinations. This year they were: Astoria, OR, Galean, IL, Glenwood Springs, CO, Guthrie, OK, Lewisburg, W. VA, Macon, GA., Marshall, Mich., NAPA CA, New Paltz, NY; Newport, R.I., Oberlin, Ohio, & Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. Seven of these towns had populations of fewer than 10,000. Next year Truckee may make that list as an American Distinctive Destination. In the California Territorial Quarterly magazine they list 162 California Historical Societies, Museums & Research Group.

It is vital that we all work to protect our Historic Downtown Truckee.

AT MY OWN PACE Continued from pg. 1

Another "Sign Of The Times" ... The Truckee Fire Protection District has asked us to put "house" numbers on our Old Jail Museum, & we will comply with their wishes. I have a longer history with the Fire Dept. than the Historical Society, as my Dad was a volunteer & Assistant Fire Chief for many years.

The old historic jail's first floor was built in 1875, 19 years before the fire district was formed, 1894. The second floor to the jail was added in 1904, 100 years ago. The second edition of Fire & Ice, A Portrait of Truckee was dedicated to centennial of the Fire Dist., 1894 - 1994. Copies are still available.

As the Truckee locals know, Truckee was an official over night host for the Great Race, a vintage auto rally of old cars at least 45 year old & most were much older. The race started in Jacksonville FL & ended in Monterey CA. Truckee had the honor of being voted & given "The Great American City Award" & our local Library received \$10,000.00. The participants in the race did the voting.

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AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND/OR COMMENTS:

GIFT MEMBERSHIP FOR: _____

MEMORIAL OR MEMORIAL GARDEN (CIRCLE ONE) \$ _____ IN HONOR OF: _____

SUSTAINING \$75.00 _____ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS \$25.00 _____ CONTRIBUTING \$100.00 _____

INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 _____ FAMILY \$30.00 _____ BUSINESS \$40.00 _____ JUNIOR (18 YEARS & UNDER) \$10.00 _____

---MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES---

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CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

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WORK PHONE: _____

NAME: _____

TDHS MEMBER APPLICATION

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