

## Upcoming events:

- January 30 & 31: Museum Open House
- February 21: Potluck Luncheon & Presentation by Chuck West, Model T Club of San Diego
- February 27 & 28: Museum Open House
- March 26 & 27: Museum Open House

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## JOHN DEWITT MUSEUM

2116 TAVERN ROAD  
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Open 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
last weekend of each month

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## THE MODEL T FORD

- Which came first, the Model T or the Model A?
- Can you get it in any color other than black?
- Why are there three pedals on the floorboard?
- How fast will it go?



POTLUCK LUNCHEON & PRESENTATION, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

The answer to these questions along with more information on Henry Ford's fabulous **Model T** will be presented on Sunday, February 21, at 2:00 pm at the Alpine Woman's Club, 2156 Alpine Blvd., Alpine.

The presenter, **Chuck West**, has been a member of the Model T Ford Club of San Diego since 1986. Even though he doesn't know all the answers to questions that could be asked, he does like to talk about the Model T and why it occupies such a

unique place in the automotive history of the United States and the world. He has edited the *Ruckstell Review*, the club's monthly newsletter, since 2000 and has held many positions of leadership in the organization, including President in 1991.

Chuck was born and raised in San Diego, is a graduate of San Diego State University, and is a retired Navy Commander. He will be assisted in the presentation by his niece, **Janna Laughon**, who is the current secretary of the Model T Club.

*Please bring a potluck item to share for the luncheon which begins at 1:00 p.m. or arrive by 1:45 p.m. for the brief general membership meeting followed immediately by Chuck's presentation. Admission is **FREE**, but your donation helps to defray the cost of programs and helps us preserve historical artifacts and maintain the museum facilities.*

*The Potluck Luncheon and Program will be held at the Alpine Town Hall (Alpine Woman's Club), located at 2156 Alpine Boulevard. Seating is limited, so **please make your reservations early** by calling Tom Myers at (619) 885-8063 or send an email request to [info@alpinehistory.org](mailto:info@alpinehistory.org).*

## MUSEUM PROPERTY SURVEY COMPLETED

You may have noticed that some of the museum property fences are starting to disintegrate. But before embarking on their repair, we needed to verify that they were in

the correct place. When **Accurate Land Surveys**, a local Alpine business and member of the Historical Society, heard of our need, they willingly stepped forward and donated their

professional surveying services, verifying the correct locations of corner posts on the museum property in early January. We are very grateful to them. **Thank you!**

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### A Special Thank You to Our New Life Members:

Franklin R. Ball • James H. Cleland • Gail Wilson Guth • Anne Tarr

#### *A Warm Welcome to Our New Members:*

Allen Early, Kevin & Mitri Lumsden, Theresa Meyerott, and the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society

#### *A Grateful Thank You to Our Renewing Members:*

George & Joan Anderson, Russ & Dawn August, Kathy Balsley, Fred & Susan Barker, Kathy Bartonicek, Bob & Sharon Beale, Suzanne Broderick, Gretchen Calabrese, Pat Cannon, Barbara Cater, Trisha Cates, Vikki & Paul Coffey, James & Rita David, Charlene Day, Shirley Dyer, Kathleen Fiedor, David & Lori Fountain, Mary Fritz, Lisa Herman, Fred Higginbotham, Chik Hylton, Ruth Jellison, Richard & Jane Kelso, Norman & Delores Kling, Clay La Force, Pam Lawless, Judy Matlock, Ronald & Carol Matzenauer, James Minshew, Gary & Lynette Mitrovich,

Marilyn Moore, Louise Phipps, John & Ann Pierce, Kenneth Schulte, Kevin & Alejandra Schumacher, Jill Sing, Bill & Diane Smart, Margaret Smith, Scarlett Spencer, Bruce & Debbie Van Hyfte, Susan D. Walter, and Mary Welch

#### *Many thanks to the following who made generous financial donations to the Historical Society:*

George & Joan Anderson Suzanne Broderick, Barbara Cater, Vikki & Paul Coffey, James & Rita David, Shirley Dyer, Kathleen Fiedor, Lisa Herman, Clay La Force, Pam Lawless, Theresa Meyerott Marilyn Moore, Louise Phipps, Kevin & Alejandra Schumacher, Bruce & Debbie Van Hyfte, and the VFW—Bert Fuller Post 9578

### Special Thanks of Appreciation to the following businesses who renewed their annual membership in the Historical Society for 2016:

Accurate Land Surveys • Alpine Ranch Chiropractic • Barons Market • Hitech Screen Science Co. On Line Bookkeeping & Tax Service • RPL Electric, Inc. • VFW, Bert Fuller Post 9578 • West-Cal Die

## RECOGNITION OF OUR CURRENT LIFETIME MEMBERS

Carlette Anderson • Deborah Anderson • Mark L. Anderson • Roy & Willa Athey • Claude Bailey  
Franklin R. Ball • Pat & Joe Brunold • David Carey • Ted Christensen • James H. Cleland  
Sharon J. Coop • Beverly Falor • Katie & Brian Ford • Vincent Fritts • Paul Gonya  
Gail Wilson Guth • Linda Harshberger • Ann Hill • Leslie Holben • Ben & Kirby Johnson  
Bill & Diane Keltner • Jill & Shawn Killon • John Krempp • Joanne & Martin Marugg • Mary McBride  
Chris McCoy • Carol & Ed Morrison • Tom & Judy Myers • Mary Polk • Helen Porter  
Mark & Pattie & Haley Price • Paul & Paula Saks • Kurt Scherbaum • Pauline Silver • Albert Simonson  
Donna Sisson • Joseph Sisson • Virginia Sisson • Anne Tarr • Elma Terry • Rodney & Guille Tuttle  
Don Walker • Paul & Carol Walker • William & Joan Waterworth • Sam Webb • Stanley Wilson

## RECOGNITION OF OUR LIFETIME BUSINESS MEMBERS

**Brabazon Alpine Paving and Trucking**  
**Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians • Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians**  
**Tom Dyke Drilling • Chris Wiley—Primary Residential Mortgage**  
**Turvey Granite Pit • Tuttle Charitable Trust**

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS:** Life Members ~ 53, Annual Members ~ 54, Members up for renewal ~ 50

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## ALPINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO CONTINUE THE NWF COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM

**O**n May 1, 1998 the National Wildlife Federation certified Alpine as the **1st Community Wildlife Habitat** in the nation. For several years prior to that date, Maureen Austin had worked tirelessly with the NWF to establish this program and to make sure that Alpine was the first community to be certified. To accomplish this, Maureen launched **CHIRP for Garden Wildlife, Inc.** a non-profit corporation “dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of birds, butterflies and other creatures of habitat, through hands-on and interactive programs and gardens”. For nearly two decades Maureen, her husband Wally, and a cadre of dedicated members and volunteers generously gave their time

and talent to maintain that “first in the nation” status. Many of you will remember the annual **Sage and Songbirds Festival** and the popular **Monarch Mania** program which made us all more aware of how we could create beautiful gardens in our own space while providing much needed habitat for winged wildlife threatened by suburban development.

In December 2015, after nearly two decades of service to our community, Maureen and Wally sold their Alpine home and retired to La Quinta, CA to be closer to their family. At the same time they dissolved the CHIRP organization and put out a plea for a person or organization in the community to take over the **Community Wildlife Habitat Certification**

program. We saw this as a great opportunity to fulfil the “**conservation**” element of the Alpine Historical and Conservation Society’s mission (see below) and the Board of Directors agreed. Maureen was delighted that the AHS was willing to continue the program and Patrick Fitzgerald of the National Wildlife Federation supported us as well. So, in 2016 the AHS will be launching



a new program to fulfil this challenge. There are so many avenues this program can take within our Historical Society—all of which will require committed and dedicated volunteers. So, if you are interested in working with us to develop this program, please contact us at 619-885-8063 or email [tomandjudy@rcn.com](mailto:tomandjudy@rcn.com).



### ALPINE HISTORICAL AND CONSERVATION SOCIETY

#### PROPOSED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Tom Myers  
**1st Vice President, Programs:** Vikki Coffey  
**2nd Vice President, Membership:** Judy Myers  
**3rd Vice President, Property Manager:** Allen Earley  
**Secretary:** Vikki Coffey  
**Treasurer:** Bill Waterworth

**Archivist:** Carol Morrison  
**Director, Gift Shop Coordinator:** Anne Tarr  
**Director:** Katie Ford  
**Director:** Norm Kling  
**Lifetime Director:** Elma Terry  
**Property Caretakers:** Baltazar & Laura Marquez

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the **Alpine Historical & Conservation Society** is to encourage the community in an effort to retain structures and sites of historical significance, conserve natural resources and parkland, make available the visible evidence of the history of our community, and develop historical programs which emphasize the contributions of the various cultural, ethnic, religious and social groups that comprise the Alpine area.



## FOUR MEMBERS RENEW FOR A LIFETIME

# FRANKLIN R. BALL ◊ JAMES H. CLELAND ◊ GAIL WILSON GUTH ◊ ANNE TARR

We are delighted to announce that four of our longtime supporters have renewed their memberships at the Life Member status. In December and January we added Franklin R. Ball, James H. Cleland, Dr. Gail Wilson Guth, and Anne Tarr to our Life Member recognition plaque at the History Society’s John DeWitt Museum. Each of these individuals have very interesting life stories that include a special fondness for Alpine and the history of this mountain settlement.

**Frank Ball**, one of five children born to Dr. Howard and Elizabeth Ball grew up on the family ranch, which they called El Rancho Metate, located on Tavern Road. All five children eventually married and moved

away, but sister Olive Ball Wooldridge moved back to Alpine to live in the family home. Frank left Alpine in 1955 to continue his education in Salt Lake City. He later returned to the San Diego area and has been a long-standing member of the Alpine Historical Society. Frank volunteers at the Motor Transport Museum in Campo, where he helps restore vintage vehicles, including the first motorized “Julian Stage”, a 1912 Mack vehicle that shuttled people from the train station in Lakeside to the town of Julian.

**James Cleland** has lived in Alpine for 35 years and has been a member of the Historical Society for several years. James is originally from Alexandria, VA and spent a lot of time on the east

coast and elsewhere before moving to Alpine. A retired archaeologist, James has some fascinating stories to tell of traveling the world to uncover secrets of ancient cultures. He enjoys hiking and is planning to return to Virginia for a canoe trip later this year.

**Dr. Gail Wilson Guth** was born in Canada and moved to Alpine with her parents Gordon and Mava Wilson when she was 2 years old. Her parents and later her brother, Jack Wilson, operated the Alpine Store, aka The Wilson Store, in the center of town until 1964. Gail has fond memories of playing the piano at the “Little Brown Church” before the new sanctuary for the Alpine Community Church was built. One of her favorite teachers was Hazel Hohenshelt who

must have been quite an inspiration because Gail Wilson Guth became Dr. Guth when she earned her PhD in Educational Administration.

**Anne Tarr** has been on the Alpine Historical & Conservation Society Board of Directors for several years. Born into a military family in Michigan, she moved frequently in her growing up years. She remembers being in Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor and being evacuated to the mainland shortly afterwards. You might recognize Anne as the person who demonstrates the Singer treadle sewing machine in the Nichols house each year for Alpine History Day. She has always been an accomplished seamstress, sewing clothes for her husband and children, and designing and creating amazing quilts, some of which are proudly displayed in her home. Two that are particularly memorable are the complex Labyrinth Quilt and the Sampler Quilt which incorporates Underground Railroad symbols, guiding slaves to freedom in the North.

It is a real pleasure to welcome these four new Lifetime Members. Their support, along with the support of all our members, helps keep the AHS a strong and vibrant community resource.

LIFETIME MEMBERS OF THE ALPINE HISTORICAL AND CONSERVATION SOCIETY					
BUSINESSES		FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS			
Ensigns Band of Ramapack Indians	Virgin Band of Ramapack Indians	Anderson-Larson	Paul Larson	Caroline Anderson	Walter Anderson
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Survey Granite Pit	Sutter Charitable Trust	Don & Marlene Walker	Beverly Walker	Clara Walker	Wesley Stone
Clark-Wiley Primary Residential Mortgage		Bill & Diane Schuler	Andy Hunter	Frank & Paula Lewis	Frank & Fred SpWood
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		Paul & Carol Walker	Walter Walker	Don Walker	Walter Walker
		John & Nancy Walker	James Walker	David Walker	Walter Walker
		Walter & Doris Walker	Barbara Walker	Walter Walker	Walter Walker
		James H. Cleland			

We are grateful to David & Lori Fountain of Hitech Screen Science Co., longtime members of AHS, for generously donating their time and the materials to make our new Lifetime Member plaque, currently on display at the Nichols House.

# EUCALYPTUS TREE REMOVED

**O**n December 2, the **CM Precision Tree Company** removed the 80-foot tall eucalyptus tree that posed a threat to the historic carriage house and caretaker's residence at the John DeWitt Museum. Although we don't know the age of the tree, we do know that roots of the tree had grown under the building's stone foundation, causing cracking and upheaval in the historic structure. Even though the tree was kept trimmed, periodically it dropped branches, causing concern that a large falling limb could damage the structure or could be catastrophic to occupants of the residence.

In true professional style, the CM Precision Tree Company dispatched a well-trained crew of experts along with a mobile crane and

giant chipper. While a skilled tree cutter worked overhead, roping and cutting the top branches, the ground crew monitored the work from below. Then, as the crane operator lowered the huge branches to the ground, the crew fed them into the chipper, creating a truck load of mulch that was hauled away. As the cutting progressed to the main trunk of the tree, larger sections were cut, lowered and then stacked on the truck for removal from the site. When the tree removal was complete, the crew cleaned up all the remaining debris, leaving the site clean and tidy with one very large stump cut nearly flush with the ground.

But the story doesn't end here. A few days later, Jim Beaty, owner of the **Bates Tree Service** called to say that his company would

donate the cost to grind out the stump, a procedure that minimizes regrowth from the old stump. Well, since we used our entire grant funding just to have the tree removed, this was a very welcome surprise. The labor and equipment for grinding the stump was provided by **Forest Stump**, a professional stump-grinder from Alpine.

We very much appreciate the professional and safe manner in which the staff of the CM Precision Tree Company and Forest Stump performed the work. Additionally, we wish to thank San Diego County for awarding the grant funds for this project, Baltazar Marquez for moving farm equipment and preparing the site, and Ky Blackledge, our neighbor, for allowing us to use his corral for staging the crane and chipping equipment.



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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Send Newsletters via:  E-mail  U.S. Mail

Membership Category (Please check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Org. \$30   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$15     | <input type="checkbox"/> Life \$500  | <input type="checkbox"/> Business \$50         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Life \$1,000 |

Amount Enclosed:

Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest for Volunteers:

- Building Preservation  
 Technical/Clerical  
 Where Needed

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