



MOUNTAIN MEMORIES

STIRLING CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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President's Note:

Progress, sweet progress! Since the last newsletter, your historical society has acquired permanent custody of the school bell presently sitting in front of the Brakebill School. The bell was originally placed in the Stirling City Elementary School Circa 1906. Preparations are being made to move the bell to the Stirling City Historical Society (SCHS) grounds (in front of the Museum).

The Paradise Parks and Recreation District donated two 6-foot picnic tables to the SCHS. We hope everyone in Stirling City and visitors will enjoy them. Thanks to Gary Connor for the tractor work cleaning up the Museum back yard. Gary and Pete Cuming teamed up to remove the "Stump from Hell" (the stump of the rotted apple tree we cut down last year).

The center section of the garage has been converted in to a Museum Annex - GREAT Teamwork! (please read article).

Next time!

Marshall

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CLASSIC CARS and BURGERS a Success!

OH SUMMER, GLORIOUS SUMMER! Over 200 people took advantage of the shady pines and cooler temperatures during the 1st Annual Classic Car Show and BBQ and Crafts, sponsored by the Stirling City Historical Society on Saturday, July 7, 2012. Two vintage Stirling City Fire Trucks and 33 classic cars from the 20's to 70's were displayed in front of the museum complex on Skyway in Stirling City. The Museum was open and, for the first time, an annex behind the complex was partially open, displaying old logging and mining tools plus other artifacts of interest.

A very special "Thank You" to all who volunteered their time and expertise, making this a very successful event. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the Museum Complex.



"THE HUMBOLDT WAGON ROAD" rustled up a BIG CROWD!!



Dianne Wilkinson (center), a director of the Stirling City Historical Society; presents authors David Nopel (left) and Marti Leicester (right) Certificates of Appreciation for the slide show presentation and narration of their book, "THE HUMBOLDT WAGON ROAD" drawing a record crowd of 60 people at the Stirling City Community Hall during a general meeting of the historical society on May 20, 2012. Their book is available at the Museum Gift Shop.

PICNIC TABLES

Paradise Parks & Recreation donated two six-foot PICNIC TABLES to the Stirling City Historical Society. The two picnic tables have been placed in front of the Museum and Library for everyone's use. *Thanks to Jim Murphy and his staff!*

A **SECURITY SYSTEM** with cameras and a DVR (Digital Video Recorder), has been installed at the Museum/Resource Library Complex to protect the Historical Society's archives, artifacts, and the grounds around the Museum complex.



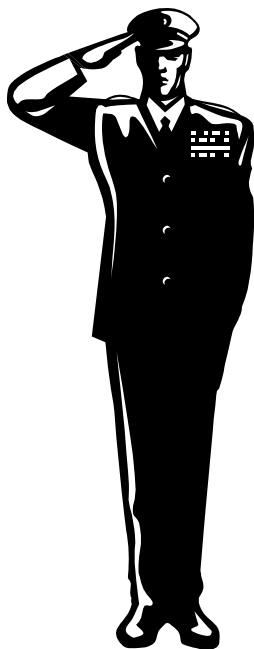
Quote:

"There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know."

-Harry S. Truman

SALUTE!

Are you a Veteran? Do you know someone from Stirling City who is/was a Veteran, or someone currently serving in the military? We would like to honor our comrades by including their pictures and information on our Memorial



Wall at the Stirling City Community Hall. Any Veteran from as far back as the American Civil War, World War I or II, the Korean War, Desert Storm up to serving our Country right now. Carol Lewis, our Stirling City Historical Society Vice President, is gathering wonderful photographs and information such as Rank, Branch of Service, and any other interesting stories or data. Please call Carol at 873-3727 or send photos/information (no later than 15 October) to SCHS, P.O. Box 6, Stirling City, CA 95978, Attention: C. Lewis.

Stirling City named after Immense Boilers

By: Horace L. Brakebill

From 1903 until 1958, our town was a mill town. Four huge boilers produced the steam power to turn a flywheel that was eighteen feet in diameter, nine feet below the engine room floor level and nine feet above the floor. These boilers provided the twelve hundred horsepower Corlis engine, the central power to operate the various machinery in the mill, full chain to carry the pine, fir and cedar logs from the millpond to the deck, the two head rigs, pony and big rig, edgers, trimmers and green chain.

Some scenes of our boiler room will show four stacks, a later photo, five. After constructing the mill, insurance clauses required more fire protection resulting in the addition of another boiler to operate the pumps for fire protection during the winter months, usually from early December until March or early April, depending upon a mild or severe winter when the woods would begin logging operations.

This mill was one of the larger operations in the Ponderosa Belt of the Sierras. Using slabs and sawdust for fuel enabled the company to operate at a cheaper rate than the mills of today. Modern day mills have separate power for each piece of equipment powered by an electric motor.

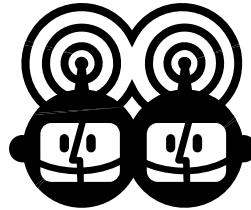
("Stirling Boiler" Vol 1, No 1 Stirling City California July 1985)



| <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Upcoming Events 2012</i> | <i>Place</i> |
|-------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|
| 8/4 | 7:30am - 3:30pm | Stirling City Historical Society Yard & Bake Sale (Stirling City-Wide Yard Sale) | Museum/Library |
| 8/12 | 2pm | General meeting | Community Hall |
| 8/25 | 10am | Clotilde Merlo Park 25th Anniversary Celebration– Free Admission | Clotilde Merlo Park |

You-Fi We-Fi we all Wi-Fi

We hope you are enjoying the Wi-Fi available at our Resource Center/Library. We are limited to a certain amount of usage per day so please limit yourself to a reasonable amount of time. The Wi-Fi is made available through donations. If you would like to help with the internet fund, please send your donation to SCHS, P.O. Box 6, Stirling City, CA 95978 and indicate "Internet Fund" on your check, or if wish to you donate in cash, please call Marshall or Mary Schaefer at 873-0583.



Welcome...

New Members:

Howard Goodman
 Marcel & Bonnie Grondahl
 Bill and LaVon Dennison
 Michael Price
 Randy James
 Glen Parks

Members Renewed:

Ellen Cheda
 Steve Gaudette
 Katie & Dan Siegfried
 Dirk Wohlau
 Don & Cheryl Hacker
 Melissa Crick
 David & Dianne Wilkinson
 Isabel Foster
 Bill Muhl
 Karen Scott
 Judy & Gary Gambill
 Sally & Jerry Wyckoff
 Archie & Linda Scott
 Shirley Pittman
 Sharalyn & Lee Armstrong
 Nigel Parkhurst

These are a few of our favorite things...



Happy faces belong to the winners of the Children's Art Contest sponsored by the Stirling City Historical Society on Memorial Day. Left to right: Gwyn King, grand prize; Faith Batz, first prize; Ukiah Ewton, second prize; and Danielle King (front) third prize. The children drew their "favorite thing" in Stirling City and winners received art kits. The Winning Drawings are currently on display at the Resource Center/Library.

2012 Quilt Raffle

2012 Quilt Raffle tickets are available for the Levi and flannel quilt crafted by the Stirling City Quilters to benefit the Stirling City Volunteer Fire Department and the Stirling City Community Hall. New ticket prices: One ticket for \$1.00/Six for \$5.00/14 for \$10.00/30 for \$20.00. Tickets may be purchased by mail at SCS Quilt Raffle, P.O. Box 203, Stirling City, CA 95978 or by calling Rona 873-1529 or Ellen 966-2518

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the newly elected Board members and Officers for 2012-2013 (shown at right).

We have had an amazing year with successful fundraising, fun gatherings, lots of maintenance completed, good cheer and more!

Thank you's go out to everyone who voted, served and volunteered throughout the last year.



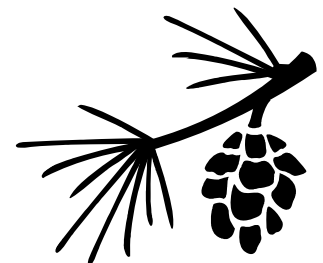
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 Business: \$100.00 I have pictures to share
 Lifetime (55+): \$250.00 I have history to share

Check Enclosed **Please mail check to:**
 Bill Me Stirling City Historical Society
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“We would love to have you as a member!”

All memberships receive a quarterly newsletter, and 10% discount on all purchases in the Museum Gift Shop.
Business members also receive a free business card size ad in each of the newsletters for the year.

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