



Smoke Signal



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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Summer has been very busy at The Acre. We closed up for the month of June and July for renovations. Thanks to Councilman Smith the lead has been removed from the cottage and we are now awaiting the city to fix the foundation and paint the cottage. Just having the lead abatement on the cottage has made a big difference in its appearance. It now has a coat of primer waiting for the final touch.

We also took delivery of our new display cases. The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council arranged to pay for the cases and we thank them for that. We had new carpeting installed in the museum, which the society paid for. One Friday Rick Angel, Jerry Amiot, Jelena and myself spent approximately ten hours redoing the displays and they look outstanding. We have one more case to do and it will be a case dedicated to Minnie Hill Palmer. We are having our Membership Roundup on September 10th and we would also like to make

it a thank you reception for everyone who has helped us with our renovations so far this year. Please plan on attending and helping us say thank you and come see all of our progress so far. We will have Andre's famous Tri-tips and other goodies. Please plan on attending.

Linda and Andre

MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP PLANNED

Our annual Membership Roundup will be held, as usual, at the Homestead Acre in Chatsworth Park South. A plan is underway to include a "thank you" reception as outlined above.

Date: Sunday, September 10th, 2006.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

There will be food and entertainment and the opportunity to learn more about CHS, or update your membership. As mentioned previously, the society will provide delicious barbecued tri-tip, fixin's and beverages.

Attendees are asked to bring their favorite accompanying dish, salad or dessert, sufficient for a number of people. Art & Glen will entertain us again with their music and songs.

So be sure to join us for a great barbecue and potluck dinner!

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PIONEER DAY ANNOUNCED

I can't believe another year has gone by and I am planning another Pioneer Day, **Sunday, October 8th** at the Homestead Acre. Mark your calendar and tell all your friends about our wonderful event. I guess when you do something for so long, everything just falls into place.

Of course, there will always be a few changes. Due to the untimely death of Linda Menary, we won't have a petting zoo this year, but hope to have something instead. We are working on several ideas. We will still have our fabulous **bake sale** and **white elephant booth** and, of course, our famous **mini chili cookoff**. Like every year, we can't do this alone and we do need volunteers. More information will follow next month.

For any questions, I can be reached at (818) 341-5449.

Bea Berman, Chairman

SOME DATES IN VALLEY HISTORY- (August)

From Americassuburb.com.....Linda

August 5, 1769 - First Europeans enter the Valley with the Portola expedition and camp at a Tongva settlement beneath oak trees in today's community of Encino

August 31, 1893 - First plot map filed with the county for Chatsworth Park.

August 8, 1912 - Southern Pacific train depot opens at Zelzah, which later became Northridge

August 7, 1940 - Hansen Dam across deadly Tujunga Wash is dedicated.

August 1, 1941 - Community of Girard becomes Woodland Hills.

August 5, 1962 - Marilyn Monroe, formerly of Van Nuys High, dies of a drug overdose at her home in Brentwood.

August 9, 1969 - Charles Manson followers murder actress Sharon Tate and six others in Benedict Canyon, then return to the Spahn Ranch in Santa Susana Pass. Hours later, Manson leads an outing that ends in murders of Leno and Rosemary LaBianca in their Los Feliz home.

August 16, 1962 - Maddux Airlines begins scheduled flights from Van Nuys Airport to Las Vegas. This service does not last.

August 17, 1964 - Daughter of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans and a second girl are killed in a crash of Chatsworth Chapel of the Canyon church bus.

August 23, 1964 - Beatlemania strikes the Valley when the Fab Four visit the Cinnamon Cinder Club on Ventura Blvd. before their first L.A. concert.

August 24, 1968 - Aetna Life and Casualty pays \$30 million for 620 undeveloped acres of the former Warner Ranch in Woodland Hills.

August 1, 1977 - Former U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers dies in the crash of his KNBC -4 traffic helicopter in Encino.

REMINISCENSES.....Elaine

I wish I could smell the sweet aroma of my mother's kitchen once more. She is long gone, but childhood memories linger on.The aromas of those days are gone, for the most part - but it's a memory I will always cherish.

Mom's Raw Apple Cake

Cream together: 1 stick of butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 egg

Sift together: 1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp soda
1/2 tsp salt

1 tsp cinnamon. Add to 1st mixture

Add 2 cups peeled chopped cooking apples

Top with: 1/2 cup B. sugar, 1 tbsp soft butter, chopped nuts - mixed together, spread on top. Bake 350, 30 min.