

Prescott Valley Historical Society

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Newsletter, March, 2011

Greetings and Happy St. Patrick's day,

Thanks to all of you who braved the rain and wind to attend our February meeting, and thanks to Lora Lee Nye, our speaker who filled us in on Prescott Valley plans for the coming Centennial celebration. It promises to be special and we are proud to be among the first sponsors (in a modest way) of the evening gala, but more on that much later.

Our March meeting will be Saturday the 19th at 9:30, as usual in the Crystal Room of the Library. Our speaker will be Larry Renken sharing some experiences of the development of Prescott Valley. You may remember that his father, the late Ken Renken, was one of the early associates of Prescott Valley, Inc. Please plan to come and bring a friend.

Our April general meeting will be moved forward a week to April 9th because of a conflict with the Family Art Celebration on the grounds of the Civic Center. We always participate in this event with a booth and an art activity for children and we plan again to do this. We will remind you again in the April newsletter.

We are still collecting rummage for our May 14th sale. Thanks to the generosity of Al and Pauline Rice, it will again be held at their home on Robert Road. If you have items to donate, please call Barb at 772-8582. There is still some room in her garage. If you can spare some time the day of the sale, we can use help!!

A field trip to Skull Valley and their museum is being scheduled for April 12th at 11am. We would plan to leave from the Civic Center and car pool at 10am. If you wish to go on this trip call the office 759-5524 and leave a msg. Or call Darlene at 227-2894 or email at daraz49@gmail.com.

Also we are planning a workshop to hone our skills in doing oral history interviews. We need more members to participate in this interesting project, so again, leave your name at the office and we will contact you with more information.

Thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership for 2011. We depend on these modest dues for a good portion of our budget so we appreciate your support even if you cannot be actively involved. It's still not too late to renew if you have not done so, and we welcome each and every membership.

We are planning a picnic for May 21 and location and time will follow. Check our website at www.pvazhistoricalsociety.org for more info.

Brief Bio for March

There is a subdivision called Granville on the north side of Prescott Valley. Did you know that it is named after one of our early settlers? Granville “Dan” Fain was born to William and Cary Fain in 1879 in Camp Verde. He so disliked his given name that he called himself Dan and that is the name he was always known by. He was in the saddle almost as soon as he walked, and he was to be a cowboy the rest of his days. When still a teenager he managed a large ranch for the Babbitts. In 1902 he married Mildred Back and they had one son, Norman. He set about acquiring cattle and sheep and in 1917 he moved his ranch headquarters to Dewey. He was extremely successful as a rancher, expanding his holdings until he was reportedly worth over 2 million dollars, a fortune in that era. He lost nearly everything in the great depression, but built the ranch back up with knowledge and hard work. He donated a square mile of his property to the city of Prescott for an airport which became Love Field. He was past 80 when he roped his last stray, and Dan Fain died at age 83, a respected and admired citizen of Lonesome Valley.

Information from *The Fains of Lonesome Valley* by Dean Smith

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See you at the March General Meeting