June GBHAP board meeting planned for Duckwater Reservation

The public is invited to join the board of the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership when it meets at the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation, Nevada, on Saturday, June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. PDT.

During the regular organizational business meeting the Board will discuss current and proposed projects and handle organizational business.

As always, member partner representatives and the public will be offered an opportunity to comment during the meeting.

GBNHA Management Plan Approved

The Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership is pleased to announce that it received word that on April 30, 2013, the Office of the Secretary of the Interior of the United States approved the management plan that the Partnership had proposed for the Great Basin National Heritage Area. The plan took more than 3 years of preparation with the collaboration of dozens of people from many organizations. The Partnership Board extends thanks and congratulations to them all! A list of many of those involved appears on the end pages of this newsletter.
Letter to our partners and friends

Much has transpired since the previous newsletter.

As noted on page one of this newsletter, the Management Plan for the Great Basin National Heritage Area was approved. Potentially this may result in a higher level for federal funding for the Heritage Area. The challenge for the Partnership will be to provide a one-to-one (or better) match of the increased funds. Along with the greater funding also comes heavy responsibility to track and report efficiency and effectiveness of the Partnership’s programs.

Fortunately, the partnership has already embarked on many of the projects and programs proposed in the now approved Plan. A sign plan is underway. A guide to wayside exhibits is also being drafted. The State Historic Preservation Office is working with the Partnership to review several projects it has agreed to pursue with local community interests. Several other current projects are outlined elsewhere in this or previous newsletters. The Heritage Area staff is in discussion with several partners to implement the rest of the projects proposed in the Plan.

The Partnership has been working with BLM and the National Park service to determine impact on the heritage features that may result from placement of the proposed Midway Gold mine over a segment of the Lincoln Highway’s historical route and to determine any impact from installation of power and water lines to supply the proposed Gibellini vanadium mine near the Eureka.

In organizational news, the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership Board, at its February meeting, elected a new president. Mark Bassett serves as executive director of the Nevada Northern Railway Museum—a National Historic Landmark and one of our prime partners. Mark is familiar with the operation of non-profit organizations and necessary related fund raising. His background as Main Street manager in Laramie, Wyoming, and other experience provides him valuable insight to the challenges of heritage area operation.

In June, the Partnership received news from the Millard County Commission that Abe Johnson of Fillmore, UT has been appointed to the Partnership board. Abe had been active with the Partnership as a representative of the Old Capitol Arts and Living History Festival.

The current executive director of the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership, Dan Gooch, informed the board recently that he did not plan to ask for a renewal of his contract that expires in August. The Partnership will be launching a search for a new director soon. Dan commented that he was pleased to have been with the Great Basin Heritage Area for nearly five years assisting in preparation of the now approved management plan, preparing brochures and informational materials and revitalizing the role that partners are playing within the heritage area. His departure will give the board an opportunity to replace him with just the right person to manage the GBHAP organization at this new point in its organizational life.
**Midwest HA coordinator to speak to GBHAP**

A two day training workshop for heritage area staff, NPS staff, Partnership board members, and partners is planned for the end of July. Featured guest for the workshop will be Sue Pridemore who is the National Park Service’s Program Manager for Heritage Areas, in the Park Service’s Midwest Region. That office coordinates the heritage area program for the Park Service with more than a half dozen heritage areas in the Midwest.

There is currently only a single heritage area in the NPS Pacific Region. The workshop was proposed in order to expose those of us in the NPS Pacific Region to the opportunities known to one who works with many heritage areas.

Sue will be presenting a program about opportunities for heritage areas, connecting with others, and sustainability. Sessions will be scheduled for July 30 and 31. The exact times and topics have not yet been set. Participants need not attend all sessions.

The Partnership has also invited participants to attend from the adjacent Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area.

More details will be available as the July date approaches. Those wishing to learn more about the workshop may contact the Great Basin National Heritage Area at:  
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**GBNHA partners to help produce film**

The Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership was pleased to have been a consulting contributor to the development of a new interpretive film for the Great Basin National Park. The Partnership has further agreed to help fund wider distribution of the film upon its recent release.

The Great Basin National Park had been using the same introductory film for visitors to the Park for over 15 years. Because of strides in technology, a better understanding of the park’s place in its biological and cultural community and because the expectations of contemporary visitors is higher than ever, production of a new film (or more accurately, a video) was overdue. About two years ago the Park was funded for a new production.

A usual role for most national parks is the interpretation of the lands on which a park is situated. Part of the role of the Great Basin National Park, which lies within the Great Basin National Heritage Area, is interpretation of the entire Great Basin.

Early in the planning process for the new production the person coordinating the production for the Park contacted the Partnership for content ideas. We must have been thinking along the same lines as the Park because the resulting film features emphasis on most of the heritage aspects of the region that concern the Great Basin National
Heritage Area: its archeological importance, its scenic beauty, its biological diversity, the importance of water, the culture of mining, ranching and the pursuit of recreation.

The contributions of one of our primary partners, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, figures heavily in the production’s message. Several scenes associated with the beautiful warm springs on the Tribe’s reservation help drive home the point that populations rely on the natural bounties of the earth but the earth also relies on the stewardship of its peoples.

The finished film was premiered in late April and is now being shown at the Great Basin National Park. It opens with a lavish scene of the night sky punctuated in the foreground with a single ancient bristlecone pine.

Later scenes reveal sweeping panoramas of the region’s mountains and valleys. Early viewers reported feeling strong emotions, some with tears! The sense that the viewer somehow belongs to the landscape is strong. The production truly helps to brand the region.

Because the Partnership feels that the production’s message is not only that of the Park but also that of the Heritage Area, Board members agreed to partner with the Great Basin Park Foundation to help fund publication of jacketed DVDs of the production that can be sold at the bookstores in the Park and distributed elsewhere within the Great Basin National Heritage Area.

Copies are expected to be available for purchase within a few weeks. A trailer for the film may be seen on the Facebook page for the Great Basin National Park: https://www.facebook.com/GreatBasinNPS?group_id=0
New superintendent named to Great Basin National Park

Steve Mietz has been named superintendent at Great Basin National Park, one of GBNHA’s primary partners. Former superintendent, Andy Ferguson retired from that post at the close of 2012.

Mietz comes to his new position from serving on a detail as Associate Regional Director for Natural Resources at the Midwest Region. “Steve is an experienced manager who has been involved in complex, interagency partnerships at the Missouri National Recreational River,” said Pacific West Regional Director Chris Lehnertz. “He also brings a strong resources management and science background, as well as expertise in water rights, caves, abandoned mine lands, and climate to his work at Great Basin. He noted that becoming superintendent of Great Basin National Park would be a dream come true for him.”

Prior to his detail with the Midwest Regional Offices of the National Park Service, Mietz had been serving as superintendent of the Missouri National Recreational River where he oversaw management and operation of two parks and worked with partners to strengthen and enhance some of the last remaining wild and scenic portions of the Missouri and Niobrara Rivers. Mietz and his staff focused on community outreach through cooperative landowner engagement of flood damaged resources and the development of a mobile ranger station. He developed a joint land protection plan with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service focused upon enhancing recreational opportunities and ecological processes throughout the river corridor.

Earlier in his career (in 1999) Mietz worked at Grand Canyon National Park as the Geographic Information System Coordinator at the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, administered by the U.S. Geological Survey. Prior to working at Grand Canyon, he had worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Grizzly Bear Recovery Program, the University of Montana’s Flathead Lake Biological Station, and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. He moved to the National Park Service in 2003.

Mietz also served as Deputy Chief of Science and Resource Management at Grand Canyon National Park where he helped restore the native fishery, return extirpated species to the Canyon, and establish a second population of the endangered humpback chub in a tributary of the Colorado River while working with the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program.

About his move to Great Basin National Park Mietz said “Ever since visiting the park for the first time, I felt a sense of connectedness to the mountains, caves and valleys of this area, I am very excited about working with the staff and our partners to preserve this very special place while enhancing recreational, educational and scientific opportunities.”

Mietz’s duties as superintendent of Great Basin National Park began in April.
At a ceremony in Great Basin National Park on June 20, the US Mint will celebrate the release of its 3rd America the Beautiful® Quarter for 2013 and the 18th in the series. The twenty-five cent piece will depict a beautiful scene from the Park.

Most of our readers know that the Great Basin National Park, located in the heart of the Great Basin National Heritage Area, exhibits outstanding examples of regional geology, biologic diversity and scenic grandeur. Park attractions include Lehman Caves, the most heavily decorated limestone solution caverns in the western U.S., and Wheeler Peak, the second highest peak in Nevada. Great Basin National Park is an oasis in the desert with more than 40 miles of perennial streams and 400 springs. The park also contains a variety of cultural resources dating back to prehistoric times, as well as structures and sites related to mining, western surveys and ranching.

The reverse image on the quarter depicts the beauty and unique qualities of a single Bristlecone Pine tree and shows the rocky glacial moraines where the trees grow. These trees grow at higher elevation in the park and are some of the world's oldest. The park contains numerous Bristlecone Pine groves with trees older than 4,000 years. Inscriptions are GREAT BASIN, NEVADA, 2013 and E PLURIBUS UNUM.

On June 10, these latest America the Beautiful Quarters launch into circulation via the U.S. banking system and also go on sale within a number of roll and bag products from the United States Mint.

Great Basin quarters that are eventually found in circulation will have been produced at the U.S. Mint facilities in Denver or Philadelphia. Mint marks of "D" and "P" will denote from where the quarter-dollar came. The U.S. Mint (www.usmint.gov) offers these P and D quarters in 100-coin bags and in two-roll sets. The San Francisco Mint also strikes circulating-quality versions — each with an "S" mint mark, but these are not released into circulation. Instead, they are produced specifically for coin collectors. 100-coin bags and 40-coin rolls of them are sold.

The Partnership anticipates that the circulation of the quarter will heighten awareness not only of the Great Basin National Park but of the entire Great Basin region including its only National Heritage Area.
Familiarization tour enjoyed by hosts and guests alike

In early May, the GBHAP organized a familiarization tour of some of the heritage attractions of its westerly county (White Pine, Nevada) for those in the heritage and tourism business in its easterly county (Millard, Utah). The Partnership chartered a bus to take participants 153 miles across what is known as the West Desert from Delta, Utah to Ely, Nevada. Although the distance is great, these two towns are actually neighbors. There are no incorporated towns in between!

The objective for the trip was to make folks from Millard County familiar with the features of White Pine County so there can be cross promotion to visitors traveling along US Route 50. (A reciprocal tour was held in 2012.)

The tour began with Partnership board vice president (and resident on the border of Nevada and Utah) Denys Koyle reminiscing with participants, as they rode along, of the history and culture of the West Desert. The first stop was at the Great Basin National Park visitor center where new exhibits were viewed. Then it was on into the bowels of the earth to visit the Park’s colorful, naturally ornamented and fascinating Lehman Caves.

The ride across two passes toward Ely, was narrated by Bill Wilson, a local geologist who pointed out silver, gold and tungsten mines near the route. He also explained the rock and mountain formations along the way. Board member Delaine Spilsbury, a native American from the area, told the story of the Swamp Cedar Massacres that involved her ancestors.

In Ely, the participants visited the remodeled bank building that our partner, the Ely Renaissance Society, is turning into an artistic venue. Then it was on to the Renaissance Village, a group of small houses that have been decorated to interpret the many cultural groups (Asian, Slavic, Greek etc.) that have lived and worked in Ely.

Fortunately, there is a stop on the Northern Nevada Railway line adjacent to the Village and a train was waiting with lunch on board, The lunch featured food of the Basque shepherds that once roamed the region.

The train’s “Conductor” and host was Mark Bassett, Executive Director of the Northern Nevada Railway (and the Partnership’s new President). Mark acted as the interpretive guide on the train and afterward, gave a fascinating tour of the railroad’s engine house and shops.

The final stop of the day was to the East Ely Depot Museum (run by the State of Nevada) where Museum Director, Sean Pitts explained how the depot and its archive represented, perhaps, the best kept example of these features of any railroad in the US.

The tour was enjoyed by both participants and hosts. The visitor’s enthusiasm was high for all that they saw. They agreed they would be back soon AND they would promote others visits as well.
GBNHA’s broad range of recreation is represented by a recent fly-in at Ibex Flat

A broad range of recreation is represented within the Great Basin National Heritage Area and part of the mission of the Heritage Area is to protect, interpret and promote recreational resources within the Area.

Alkali flats (also known as salt flats) occur throughout the GBNHA and they can provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities from land sailing to, well, aviation. So it was no surprise that in May, the Utah Backcountry Pilot’s Association sponsored a fly-in on the Ibex Flat within the Heritage Area.

This is the same area that had been used as a production backdrop for the Disney-Pixar filming of John Carter on Mars.

The area is just 2.5 miles south of US Route 6 and is reachable by a good gravel road. But it is more fun to get there by air. There is a small mountain in the middle of the 3 mile long Flat but on each side effective “runways” extend for up to 1.5 miles. Airplanes equipped for short-take-off and landing can easily use the narrow 3/4 mile width of the Flat as a runway—even at an elevation of 4790’.
The Fly-in at Ibex Flat is an annual affair. A fly-in is an aviation event, generally open to all aviators and aviation enthusiasts, where pilots gather to show off their airplanes and tell (sometimes tall) tales of their flying prowess. Often a sponsor brings food. In the case of the Ibex Flat Fly-in, there were about 30 participants and a bar-b que. More than a dozen planes were flown-in. The farthest came from Montana. Most were from Utah.

The hazy overcast and the starkness of the large alkali flat made for some interesting pictures.
100th anniversaries and more celebrations scheduled in 2013

A hundred years ago, 1913, was an exciting and active time in the USA. There were new industries, the advancement of new concepts and technological advances. In what is today the Great Basin Heritage Area, some of the late 19th and early 20th century advances would begin to affect life in this remote western area.

White Pine County, Nevada
One of the biggest impacts for the Ruth, Ely, and McGill, Nevada and northern areas of White Pine County took place 50 years before 1913. The transcontinental railroad started from the west coast in 1863 and met the eastern portion in 1869 at Promontory Point Utah. People could cross the United States in a week, where it had taken nearly four months during warm weather. In 1905 construction of a siding at Co-bre was built to connect the main line Southern Pacific railway with the newly planned Nevada Northern Railway (NNRy) to McGill, Ely and Ruth, Nevada. The train would also serve copper and other mines in the area. The line was finished in 1906 and the railroad's symbolic final spike, said to be made of local copper, was driven by Mark Requa in Ely on September 29, 1906. The train carried passengers, processed ore, freight, and supplies--cutting the time to acquire necessities by almost three weeks.

Ely’s first plane arrived via the NNRy. Frank Burnside’s plane was freighted to Ely and then reassembled a couple of blocks from the East Ely Depot and NNRy. Photographs from 1913 show various buildings in Ely at that time. Burnside’s plane was built by the Thomas Brothers in Corning New York. Burnside’s aircraft was a bi-plane with a rear engine and propeller. On July 5, 1913 Burnside’s attempt to set a new high altitude record was met when he set a new elevation record by flying higher off the ground than others. (His world record only lasted a few days, as shortly, someone else bested it.)

Burnside used local streets as takeoff and landing strips. The entire town celebrated Ely’s first airplane flight with food, dance, a boxing match, and other lively entertainment of the time.

The great nephew of Frank Burnside and other family descendants will travel to Ely to participate in a reenactment celebration with a Chautauqua presentation on July 5, 2013. They will show photographs and memorabilia of their great uncle’s flying followed by an evening centennial dance at the East Ely Depot Museum freight barn. A plaque will be dedicated in honor of the Ely First Flight Flight’s 100th anniversary.

As part of the celebration some Ely High School students are building a scale model of the plane which will be displayed at the newly opened Ely Art Bank building. This will be the on the first Friday program, July 5, 2013.
In June the Ely Renaissance Society’s new Art Bank Building will start what they call their “First Friday” celebrations (artistic events to be held on the first Friday of each month). There will be special programs and presentations or demonstrations each month. This continuing program is designed to be similar to First Fridays which take place in other towns and cities such as Las Vegas.

While earlier breakthroughs helped lead to the development of the automobile, it was December 1, 1913 when Henry Ford installed the first moving assembly line for the mass production of an entire automobile that moved the widespread ownership of an automobile a great leap forward. His innovation reduced the time it took to build a car from more than 12 hours to two hours and 30 minutes. Now more automobiles could be produced faster and consistently.

With more car ownership around the country, road improvements were promoted nationally by a number of groups and individuals. These groups also promoted a national road system to encourage travel by automobile. One such early group was the Arrowhead Trails Association who proposed improving the southern California trail route that had been broken earlier by the Mormon pioneers and gold seekers. But it is the Lincoln Highway Association whose 100th anniversary is being celebrated in 2013. This group was the perhaps the most successful in promoting the first paved transcontinental highway, part of which follows the historic wagon trails through what is now the Great Basin National Heritage Area.

Is 2013 the 100th anniversary of Patricia Ryan Nixon’s birth in Ely, Nevada? A bit of controversy and confusion over the years has listed the birth of former President Richard Nixon’s wife as March 16, 1912, but her father, William M. Ryan called her his St. Patrick’s Day baby and celebrated her birthday on the 17th. Other records indicate Pat Ryan was born on March 17, 1913. Her brother William George Ryan was listed as born in 1910 but not where. Another brother, Thomas Sanford Ryan, was listed as having been born on February 24, 1911 in White Pine County—probably in Ely.

From the Nevada Northern Railway Museum records the following was written about locomotive 5000: which was built in 1913 at the Nevada Northern shops from a steam locomotive pilot truck. The wheels are 44” in diameter, and the ballast weight is lead.

Millard County UT

Once the railroad arrived in Delta, UT from a large junction at Lynndyl agricultural activity increased. A rail line was extended
north and west to a siding where ore from the mines in the Drum Mountains could be loaded. In 1913, Delta produced more than 200,000 bushels of threshed grain that season and much of it shipped by railroad. The talk of building a local silo turned into reality a few years later.

The Arrowhead Garage was built by Proctor Robinson and John Smith in 1913 in Delta, Utah to handle some of the new automobiles in the area.

Late in 1910, several potential investors visited the Leamington Canyon area to participate in the beginnings of a land and water development being planned. This project was a revival in an irrigation project started in 1895. In 1912 the Sevier Land and Water Company was planning to divert water to irrigate 6,000 acres of land. The company constructed a building in Lynndyl to serve as a land office and residence for local sales representatives. The expanding company stimulated a small land boom that lasted intermittently for a decade. The first farmers arrived in 1913 and drew lots for land, then registered proper government papers. They purchased water from the company. As a result of the land promotion by the Sevier Land and Water Company and the continued railroad roundhouse activity, the population of Lynndyl increased.

A creamery was established in Oasis in 1913, with milk from Oak City, Deseret, and Hinckley dairy farmers. Over the years cheese was made in various parts of Millard County.

In February of 1913, Frank Asahel Beckwith, had an opportunity to go to Delta, Utah which was growing agricultural community. He worked as a cashier at the first bank to be established there. Delta was a young community, being developed for farming with the irrigation systems. In 1919 Frank Beckwith purchased the Millard County Chronicle. He was a well-educated and talented man. Family members later bought and ran the paper so Frank was free to write and pursue some of his interests.

Several social clubs were organized in the Sugarville area where towns were starting along with the agricultural expansion. Among the more successful was the Friendship Thimble Club organized in 1913.
A big **Thank You** to all our collaborators

As noted on the first page of this newsletter the Partnership’s proposed management plan for the Great Basin National Heritage Area was approved by the Department of the Interior in April. The Partnership wishes to acknowledge and thank all those that helped collaborate to make the plan possible:

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