SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (as of Sept. 22)
FOR THE
43rd MOJAVE ROAD RENDEZVOUS
6-9 October 2022

6 OCTOBER 2022 - THURSDAY

Early birds arrive and set up camp.

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1:00 PM. Educational Field Trip: Elementis Minerals tour. Inbound to Goffs in Newberry Springs, CA (off Highway I-40).

Leader: Debbie Miller Marschke.

Meeting location: will be provided by leader after sign up. Trip slots are limited.

Vehicle Requirements: This trip is appropriate for all types of vehicles. Personal vehicles will be parked at the meeting location for the duration of the tour. We will carpool / van pool to the quarry. Participants will be required to sign a Release before the tour begins.

Clothing Requirements: closed toe shoes mandatory. No sandals. Trail pants recommended. Safety glasses will be provided.

The primary focus is on geology and modern mining. A private exclusive tour of the Elementis Minerals property, a quarry mine for the specialized mineral Hectorite. Hectorite is a rare clay that forms under a unique set of circumstances. Hectorite is used as a viscosity controller and has applications in areas such as cosmetics, paint, and personal care products. Come learn about this interesting East Mojave mineral. We will meet in a prearranged location in Newberry Springs where we will park/leave our vehicles during the tour and our group will carpool to the quarry location. Our tour is hosted by Elementis personnel. Estimated length of the tour is a minimum of one hour. **You will need to reserve your spot on this tour early** as we are still negotiating arrangements with Elementis; please understand that this trip is “tentative” and subject to cancellation. Reservations are required and are limited to first come first served. **Sign up for advance reservations, which will be accepted no later than Wednesday September 28 OR until the trip is “full”**.

Sign up by emailing Debbie Miller Marschke at debmillermars@gmail.com. Additional information will be communicated by email to those who reserve a spot on the tour.

4:00 PM. Popcorn Social Hour at Flywheel Café for early arrivals - bring your own extra snacks and drinks. Popcorn and butter provided.

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Workshop: HELPFUL TECHNIQUES FOR CONDUCTING ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS by Joe de Kehoe. Depot Reading Room. Joe has conducted oral history interviews for MDHCA over the years and this is a wonderful opportunity to hear about his experience and learn about proper interview techniques. A workshop like this has never been offered before now. This workshop is open to non-members and we encourage regional
museums and historical societies to attend. All other events require membership and registration.

**7 OCTOBER 2022 - FRIDAY**

**6:00 AM.** Coffee available in Cookhouse.

**7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**
Silent Auction opens in Schoolhouse.

**EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS.** If you are interested participating sign up in the Schoolhouse. PLEASE NOTE: Space on the Field Trips is limited. Also, review the trip requirements (see below). Many trips require high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles. **ALL TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CURRENT ROAD CONDITIONS.**

**8:00 AM. Educational Field Trip: General George S. Patton Desert Training Camps (Camp Clipper & Camp Essex).** This trip is offered both Friday and Saturday. Meet in front of Schoolhouse no later than 7:45 AM. Limit 8 vehicles. Driving distance probably won't exceed 30 miles and take about 3 hours.

Meeting location: Form a line beginning from the barrel with the RED flag, in the driveway behind the Mojave Bus and near the Mojave Road Mailbox. Please enter this driveway on the side near the Schoolhouse / Ft. Piute Building. We Will exit through South entrance gate closest to Route 66.

Leader: John Marnell.

Vehicle Requirements: 4-wheel drive.

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Participants are encouraged to have an FRS radio - Channel 15 will be used. We have a couple of extra radios in the event someone doesn't have one.

Two walking excursions are part of the EFT, about 1/2 mile each in distance. Participation is not required.
8:45 Educational Field Trip: Piute Mountains. Line up at 8:45 and expect to leave by 9:00AM. Meeting location: Form a line beginning from the barrel with the GREEN flag, in the driveway behind the Mojave Bus and near the Mojave Road Mailbox. Please enter this driveway on the side near the Schoolhouse / Ft. Piute Building. We Will exit through South entrance gate closest to Route 66.

Leader: Joe de Kehoe.

Vehicle Requirements: 4-wheel drive, high clearance with robust 33-inch tires recommended. Off-highway capable, Subaru and RAV4-type vehicles are NOT suitable for this trip.

There are no fuel stops. Please be fueled and ready to go when we meet at the schoolhouse. Trip distance is about 60 miles, door to door, starting from and returning to Goffs on a seldom-used trail. Although the road we will be on is primitive and rough in spots, the area is scenic, especially so if recent rains have brought out the cactus and wildflowers. We will travel primitive roads with areas of rocks and stretches of sand in a dry wash. This is not intended as a hardcore rock-crawling 4WD trip, but the road can be rough and sandy so the minimum vehicle requirements have to be met to avoid damage or break-downs.

There is no hiking involved, and we will have occasional stops to viewpoints of interest and several stops at sites of historical interest. There will be stops along the way to provide potty breaks, but there are no toilet facilities anywhere on the route. Participants will need to bring snacks/lunch and water plus any clothing or gear that a prudent person would normally carry when traveling in a treeless desert environment.

Radios are not required. The leader and the tail gunner will be using FRS hand-held radios to maintain communication within the group. Stops will be frequent enough to handle questions that may arise.

Stops at sites of historical interest include:

- Mountain Springs - the former site of a service station, garage, and cafe and home to the Rudy and Turcott families.
- Landreman Foundation - the former site of Irv and Bea Landreman's cabin in the 1960s at the pass between the Piute and the Old Woman Mtns.
- Weaver's Well - former "stock" camp & water well. One of the MDHCA members formerly worked a prospect near here.
- Time permitting and depending on the feelings of the group, we may also stop in Essex and East Essex with before / after photos of some of the buildings.
**10:00 AM Educational Field Trip: Private Tour of Cadiz Ranch.** Meet at the schoolhouse no later than 9:00 am if leaving from Goffs.

Leader: No leader needed, meet at Ranch location. It is about 10 miles east of Amboy, CA.

Vehicle Requirements: This trip is appropriate for all types of vehicles and the property is accessible from the paved highway. The driveway is graded dirt suitable for any vehicle. Trailers ok.

Located on National Trails Highway near Amboy, California. Cadiz Inc was founded in 1983 and is a renewable resource company with focus on sustainability. It’s the largest agricultural operation in San Bernardino County that boasts an ideal environment for organic farming, currently producing raisins, citrus and “row crops”. Cadiz Inc. has been working on a project to conserve and capture groundwater from the local aquifer with a goal to supply up to 50,000-acre feet of water a year to the Colorado River Aqueduct system. This is a private tour of this special property to learn more about its unique environmental and conservation efforts.

Those driving inbound east to Goffs can stop there on the way, just be there at Cadiz Ranch by 10:00 AM.

Directions from Barstow: drive east on I 40. Exit Kelbaker Road and head south toward Amboy. At the intersection of Kelbaker Road and Route 66 National Trails Highway, turn left on National Trails Highway. Drive 6 miles east towards Chambless. You will need to go around the “Road Closed” signs (only “local traffic” is allowed around barricade. It’s ok, you have an appointment at Cadiz Farms) Turn right on Cadiz Road. Stay on Cadiz Road south for 4 miles. Follow the decorative metal signs for Cadiz Farm Office. The road will transition from paved to graded dirt. Pass over two railroad track crossings. Follow the metal signs and make a right to the Cadiz Farm office. Our host Lesley Thornberg will be waiting in the Cadiz Farm office. Allow at least 1.5-hour travel time from Barstow to Cadiz Farm. Last gas stop available is Ludlow.

Directions from Goffs: Drive west on Route 66 back to Fenner. Take the I 40 highway west toward Ludlow and Barstow. Exit I 40 on Kelbaker Road, turn left and pass under freeway. Head south towards Amboy. At the intersection of Kelbaker Road and Route 66 National Trails Highway, turn left on National Trails Highway. Drive 6 miles east towards Chambless. You will need to go around the “Road Closed” signs (only “local traffic” is allowed around barricade. It’s ok, you have an appointment at Cadiz Farms) Turn right on Cadiz Road. Stay on Cadiz Road south for 4 miles. Follow the decorative metal signs for Cadiz Farm Office. The road will transition from paved to graded dirt. Pass over two railroad track crossings. Follow the metal signs and make a right to the Cadiz Farm office. Our host Lesley Thornberg will be waiting in the Cadiz Farm office. Allow one hour travel time from Goffs to Cadiz Farms. Last reliable gas stop is Fenner. Carpooling from Goffs is suggested (make your own arrangement).

**1:00 PM. Workshop. Archery demonstration** by Wes Wilhelm and Cousin John Burrill. The demonstration will start with some videos in the Depot Reading Room, followed by a walk out to our archery range on the west side of the property. This workshop is also offered on Sunday.

**2:00 PM. Workshop. OnX Offroad Navigation** (Corporate Partner) will be on-hand to offer expert instruction on how to use the OnX Offroad navigation app to its fullest extent. Location: Depot Reading Room.

**3:00 PM Stamp Mill demos.** Consult our Bulletin boards in the Flywheel Café for updates.

**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Exhibit Hall Open.**
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM. **Meet the Authors.** Location: Fly Wheel Café.

- **Joe De Kehoe** - Author of *The Silence and The Sun* – a historical account of people, places, and events on old Route 66 and the railroad communities in the Eastern Mojave Desert. The history, people, and events from the early days of these communities paints a very different picture of the ruins and scarce remains we see today.

- **John and Barbara Marnell** – Authors of *Good Samaritans of Death Valley* – *The* story of the life of Lou Wescott Beck, and his faithful dog, Rufus who became known as the Good Samaritans of Death Valley in the early 1900’s. Beck and Rufus had a near-death experience while prospecting in the desert, and nearly died of thirst. From that point forward, he vowed to help those who traveled the desert by placing signs for the sparse water holes in Death Valley and much of the vast Mojave Desert.

- **Jere Baker** – Author of *Claude Compton Indian Trader (Fort Mojave, Arizona 1899-1904)* and *Lieutenant Mark Hersey*. Jere is a free-lance writer and historian, actively involved in researching early Arizona history. He has compiled several informal works on early life in Arizona. One book focuses on Jere’s grandfather, Claude Compton and his fascinating activities as the Indian Trader at Arizona’s Fort Mojave Indian School Trading Post from 1899 to 1904. *Lieutenant Mark Hersey* covers the finals days of Fort Mojave as an Army Fort, just prior to its being converted to an Indian School in 1890.

**BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND SIGNED BY THE AUTHOR.**

5:00 PM. **Happy Hour in Flywheel Café – followed by Potluck Dinner at 5:30 PM.** Bring a potluck dinner dish or hors d’oeuvres to share. Bring your own beverages.

6:30 PM. **Town Hall** in Flywheel Café – This will be a great opportunity to hear updates on MDHCA and to ask questions of the MDHCA Board of Directors and share your ideas.

7:30 PM. **The Annual Awards & Recognitions Ceremony** will be held on the north porch of the Route 66 House. Will include the introduction of Rendezvous Grand Marshals, David & Lois Hess.

8:00 PM. **SILENT FILM** w/ live piano accompaniment by Ryan Wishner. Location in Schoolhouse. Details to follow.

**Campfire** in evening if weather permits.

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**8 OCTOBER 2022 – SATURDAY**

6:00 AM. Coffee available in Cookhouse.

7:30 AM. - 4:00 PM. **Registration** in the Schoolhouse. Cost for MDHCA Members is $30 per person (no charge for children under 12). Registration includes 2 door prize tickets per person, and our Saturday night BBQ. You can purchase additional door prize and raffle tickets, renew your MDHCA membership. Rendezvous is an event for MDHCA members. You can become a new member for only $35 per family. If you are interested in one of the Educational Field Trips, now is the time to sign up, space is limited. Gift Shop will also be open and the Silent Auction begins.
8:00 AM. Educational Field Trip: General George S. Patton Desert Training Camps (Camp Clipper & Camp Essex). Driving distance probably won't exceed 30 miles and take about 3 hours. Meet no later than 7:45 am.

Meeting location: Form a line beginning from the barrel with the RED flag, in the driveway behind the Mojave Bus and near the Mojave Road Mailbox. Please enter this driveway on the side near the Schoolhouse / Ft. Piute Building. We Will exit through South entrance gate closest to Route 66.

Leader: John Marnell. This trip is offered both Friday and Saturday. Limit 8 vehicles.

Vehicle Requirements: 4-wheel drive is required.

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Participants are encouraged to have an FRS radio - Channel 15 will be used. We have a couple of extra radios in the event someone doesn't have one.

Two walking excursions are part of the EFT, about 1/2 mile each in distance. Participation is not required.

8:00 AM. Educational Field Trip: Archeology of the Mojave National Preserve. Meet no later than 7:45 AM.
Meeting location: Form a line beginning from the barrel with the YELLOW flag, at the east side gate nearest the Flywheel Café and the Cannon. Wait there for leader.

Leader: David Nichols, MNP Archeologist.

Join Mojave National Preserve's Park Archeologist for a guided interpretive tour of historical and prehistoric locations. We've asked him to focus on a prehistoric rock art site of his choice, but this trip could also include historical cabins, ruins, artifacts, or areas of historical significance. Nichols has been the Park's cultural resources manager for 8 years and he is intimately aware of the Preserve's hidden gems. More details will be released as the trip develops.

8:00 AM. Educational Field Trip: Eagle Pass and Red Cave Rocks. Total distance is about 75 miles, with 45 miles of dirt.
Meeting location: Form a line beginning from the barrel with the BLUE flag, at the north gate nearest the Stotts Stamp Mill and Camel lot. The group will exit here directly to Lanfair Road.

Leader: Steve Marschke.

Vehicle requirements: 4-wheel drive, high clearance recommended. There will be a chance to refuel in Needles before heading back to Goffs.

Join Steve as we pass from Lanfair Valley into Ward Valley on the historic Water Road (why is it called Water Road? Come along to find out), along the edge of the Bigelow Cholla Cactus Garden Wilderness, then cross into Eagle Pass. This is in the Sacramento Mountains. The highlight of the trip will be a visit to the geologically intriguing Red Cave Rocks wildlife water development (commonly referred to as a guzzler) and installed for bighorn sheep in the early 1970’s. We will stop at a couple of old gravel pits and some other interesting historic items before ending up in Needles. Some areas are slightly rocky, some sandy but mostly washboard, narrow sections and likely some desert pinstriping (potential paint scratching) on the leg into the guzzler due to vegetation encroachment. Steve Marschke is the President of the Society for Conservation of Bighorn Sheep, and he will educate the group about this organization and it’s relationship with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

8:00 AM. Educational Field Trip: Sagamore and Keystone Mines. Total trip time about 6-7 hours depending on time spent exploring.

Meeting location: Line up along Lanfair Road (outside museum grounds), vehicles facing north. Wait for leader.

Leader: David Hess and Dave Burdick.

Vehicle requirements: 4-wheel drive with adequate ground clearance, skid plate and functional spare tire. Front or rear limited slip or locker will make trip more enjoyable. This trip is not for inexperienced four-wheelers. Significant slow rock-crawling in washes and one off-camber hill. There will be Mojave pinstriping. The trip leader will make final determination on participants.

Lanfair and Ivanpah Road about 24 miles to north of OX Ranch; then 4 miles of primitive road to Sagamore Mine in the New York Mountains. Explore the remnants of the mine including cabins and other structures, about one mile on foot. Great views of the Lanfair Valley. Then 4.5 miles of very primitive road to the Keystone Mine, with exploration of the abandoned site structures, ½ mile hike. Then 3.5 miles of primitive road back to Ivanpah Road and return to Goffs. Total trip about 60 miles. FRS radios will be used for communication. Well-behaved dogs on leashes and kids okay. Most hiking will be on canyon floors with some rock obstacles. Bring lunch.

7:30 AM. Educational Field Trip: Riley’s Camp, restored historic cabin, historic Mojave Cross at Sunrise Rock, Eastern Star Mine Headframe & Ruins. These sites are all within the Mojave National Preserve. We expect to return to Goffs by 3pm.

Co-Leaders: Debbie Miller Marschke & Joe de Kehoe. If the group size exceeds 7 vehicles, we will split the group into two teams with an assigned leader. The trip will be limited to 14 vehicles maximum. Carpooling is encouraged.

Meeting location: Form a line beginning from the barrel with the GREEN flag, in the driveway behind the Mojave Bus and near the Mojave Road Mailbox. Please enter this driveway on the side near the Schoolhouse / Ft. Piute Building. We Will exit through South entrance gate closest to Route 66.
Vehicle requirements: 4-wheel drive is required. High clearance is needed for rutted high crown roads with a few sandy spots. Airing down will enhance your experience (an air compressor is available at Goffs for refilling tires). Be fueled up and ready to roll ahead of time. There are no refueling stops available in the Preserve. Mileage round trip is approximately 130 miles.

We will travel to the restored cabin of J. Riley Bembry, who was a locally celebrated Ivanpah prospector and colorful personality of the East Mojave. In 1934, Bembry erected the Mojave Cross as a memorial to Veterans of all wars. In 2010, the White Cross was stolen from Sunrise Rock, which launched national news coverage and controversy. In April 2022, the MDHCA acquired the original “White Mojave Cross” which had finally been recovered from the vandal. We will visit Sunrise Rock and the trip leaders will educate the group about what we’ve learned about Bembry, The Cross, the controversy, and the future plans for an interpretive exhibit at Goffs. If time allows, we will stop by the impressive headframe at the Eastern Star Mine. Bring your lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. No toilets available for our roadside potty breaks. No hiking involved but be prepared to walk on uneven ground. We will travel along existing roads within the Preserve and along unmaintained trackways. Dogs are ok but must be leashed. Radios are not required for the participants but bring your FRS radio if you own one. The leaders will speak at scheduled stops.

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM. Workshop: DESERT EXPLORATION ESSENTIALS by Billy Creech. Location: Depot Reading Room.

* An overview of key essentials: kit, skills, and vehicle for exploring in a hostile desert environment
  * Types of experience
    * Solo/Group, Tourist, Traveler, Adventurer, Explorer, Expedition
  * Kit - Recommended items for your personal and exploration needs
    * How to evaluate kit options and choices: Reliability, Capability, Recoverability, Repairability, Survivability
  * Skills - Required and recommended skills for navigating, driving, recovering, repairing, and preparing to improve your exploration experience
  * Vehicle - Appropriate vehicle types and modifications based on your type of exploration
  * Philosophy - TREAD Lightly / Leave No Trace, Respect

Horseshoe Blacksmith demos will run throughout the day at our Forge by Mike Harris (Horseshoer, Fire Captain, and Clamper). Assistance from Arioch M’Greene, the builder of our Forge, and Kara Crowley (Dennis Casebier’s granddaughter).

10:00 AM – 10:45. Talks (2): "What’s in There, Anyway? Historical Research and Archival Success at Goffs" and "Hot and Dry: Preliminary Discussion on an Environmental History of the East Mojave." Location: Depot Reading Room.

Historians Travis Carioscia and Austin Schoenkopf (Montana State University), will overview their experiences in the Goffs archival collections, with a focus on the archive’s strengths, some interesting documents and conclusions from their work. Following that will be a short overview of Mr. Schoenkopf’s dissertation followed by an open forum. In a place as distinctive as the East Mojave, how has the environment affected/been affected by government intervention? With case studies including the Army’s early activities in the East Mojave, homesteaders’ use of public land law to settle Lanfair Valley, and the uproar over the California Desert Protection Act, Mr. Schoenkopf invites suggestions for other lines of historical inquiry.
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Talk: The Wilhelm Family History in the Mojave National Preserve, by Wes Wilhelm. Location: Depot Reading Room. Topics include: Mining, Air Strips, Prospecting, Oil Wells, Hunting, and the infamous Mojave Phone Booth!

1:00 PM. Running of the Gyratory Crusher & Stotts Stamp Mill. Millmen Training & Maintenance Sessions will be announced, consult our Bulletin Board in the Flywheel Café for updates.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Art Exhibit: “Contradictions – Bringing the Past Forward.” Dr. Barbara Gothard has garnered a new reputation for her research-based arts and humanities project that regarding the black homesteaders of Lanfair Valley that became a museum exhibit titled, “Contradictions – Bringing the Past Forward”. Key portions of her exhibit will be on display in the Exhibit Hall. Location: Exhibit Hall (across from the Depot).

Archeologist Jim Toenjes will discuss and interpret the various historic artifacts that came from the homestead sites just up the road in Lanfair Valley. These artifacts will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall.

4:00 PM. Raffle drawing begins on North Porch of Route 66 House. Winners Need NOT be present to win. In a change from past Raffles, there will be two Grand Prizes of $500.00 each, plus 2 full sets of tires donated by General Tire, four $50 cash prizes and Bobby Slack is donating a beautiful handcrafted 12"x19"x0.75" wood cutting board, with custom Rendezvous 2022 laser etching. Immediately following the Raffle, the Door Prize drawing begins, and winners MUST be present to win door prizes. Door prizes include a Wine Basket, a coffee Basket and a Beers-from-around-the-World Basket, Poker & Whisky Basket, BBQ Basket to name a few.

5:30 PM. Dinner. Bill and Marsha Moser who catered the Camel trek events for the last two years will be cooking up grilled coffee-rubbed tri-tip, marinated chicken skewers, ranch beans, potato salad and coleslaw with Dutch-oven cobbler for dessert. Bring your own beverages. Hosted by Grand Marshals Lois and David Hess.

6:30 PM. Keynote by Chris Collard. With more than two decades under his belt as a professional photojournalist, Chris is one of the world’s most respected & talented 4x4 media specialists for renowned publications. His work has been published in National Geographic Adventure, New York Times, Tread, Motor Trend, and Car & Driver, and he spent seven years as editor-in-chief of Overland Journal. He is the North American correspondent for publications on five continents, reporting on events such as the Dakar Rally, Australasian Safari, Moroccan Outback Challenge, and Rainforest Challenge Malaysia. Assignments have taken him across all seven continents by four-wheel drive, including a full crossing Antarctica. Commercial clients include Jeep, Red Bull, Ram Trucks, Six Speed Media, and Dubai Graphics, and in 2015 he was inducted into the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame as a pioneering journalist. He has also been involved in conservation work in Africa working on a lion census for the Born Free Foundation and has a passion for advocating responsible exploration techniques and practices, not to mention he does a pretty wicked Steve Irwin impersonation. When not working, he might be found on a remote Baja playa or The Office (his sailboat) sipping fine tequila and waiting for a tail wind.

8:30 PM. Schoolhouse open for last minute Silent Auction bids.
9:00 PM. **Silent Auction closes.** Last chance to place bids. Winners can claim and pay for their prizes Saturday evening until 9:30PM or Sunday, beginning at 8:30 AM.

Campfire in evening if weather permits.

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**9 OCTOBER 2022 -SUNDAY**

6:00 AM. Coffee available in Cookhouse.

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM. **EMHT and The Mojave Road Trail Damage Task Force** – Not a workshop, but we have been asked to conduct trail damage assessments and make repair recommendations, then lead those efforts, on both the EMHT and The Mojave Road. This will be a Task Force working session – open to volunteers or those who wish to participate

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. **Schoolhouse and Gift Shop open to pick up Silent Auction items.**

9:00 AM. **Educational Field Trip: Fort Piute & Wagon Ruts.** Roundtrip driving 42 miles, returning to Goffs in the early afternoon.

Meeting location: Form a line beginning from the **barrel with the RED flag**, in the driveway behind the Mojave Bus and near the Mojave Road Mailbox. Please enter this driveway on the side near the Schoolhouse / Ft. Piute Building. We Will exit through South gate closest to Route 66.

Leader: Jim Donatz.

Vehicle Requirements: 4-wheel drive, high clearance with rugged tires required. Airing down is encouraged. The first 14 miles are easy. The last 2 miles is extremely rocky and slow going (take your time). No boulder crawling, but the softball size rocks make a rough, bumpy ride that will test your patience.

Join Jim as he traverses old Route 66 to Water Road north 14 miles, where we will then travel 2 miles on the historic Mojave Road to the ruins of historic Fort Piute. Fort Piute was constructed in 1867 and manned by the Army’s 9th U.S. Infantry as a redoubt to provide security against native incursions along the Mojave Road while wagons, stagecoaches, supplies, and mail carriers endured the journey between Ft. Mohave and Camp Cady. Ruins of the redoubt still remain. Be prepared to hike about 2 miles (1.5 hours) roundtrip from the ruins to the 1860’s historic wagon ruts (still visible!) that were carved into the trail as visible testimony of this important route. There is also opportunity to see petroglyphs and the historic Irwin turkey ranch. GMRS or FRS Radio Channel 1, CB channel 5, High-Power GMRS channel 16. The hike is .7 miles one way; 45 minutes to the ruts. Hikers should be in good physical condition with appropriate shoes for hiking. No sandals. Hiking poles suggested. Wear a hat. There is no shade on the trail so prepare accordingly. Trail pants suggested and be prepared to do a little bushwhacking as the trail has a section with overgrowth. We are using an existing trail that has not been maintained properly and has suffered much damage. If you do not intend to participate in the hike, be prepared to wait approximately 1.5 hours with your vehicle for the group to complete the hike and return to the parking area (we suggest you bring a shade canopy and chairs for your comfort). Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. **ALL TRIPS SUBJECT TO CURRENT ROAD CONDITIONS.**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. **Workshop: Archery demonstration** by Wes Wilhelm and Cousin John Burrill. The demonstration will start with some history of archery in the Mojave Desert with
videos in the Depot Reading Room, followed by a walk out to our archery range on the west side of the property. This workshop is also offered Friday at 1:00 PM.

11:00 AM. **Educational Field Trip. Needles Museum and Tour of El Garces Train Station** (Old Harvey House) in Needles CA. No Leader, meet at the predetermined time/location. Allow 1 – 1 and ½ hours. Start at the Needles Museum across the street no later than 11:00 AM. You are on your own for transportation. It's approximately a 40-minute drive from Goffs, so plan to leave Goffs no later than 10:20 AM.

Suitable for all vehicles as this involves paved roads. Tour the interesting and intriguing Needles Museum, which houses historical artifacts specific to the Needles area. Highlights include railroad activity, historical photos, mining, Snoopy’s brother “Spike”, and Annie Fields pottery (notable Native American works).

After touring the Needles Museum, the group will be granted access inside the historic El Garces Train Station (two stories) accompanied by docent Mike Thornton. Thornton’s mother was an original “Harvey Girl”, and he will relate his personal family experiences during his interpretive tour. It is suggested that you extend your day and visit the historical town of Oatman, Arizona (on your own) which is only a 30-minute drive from Needles or enhance your stay in Needles with a visit to the Red Dog Saloon or Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

3:30 PM. **Stamp Mill demos**, followed by Maintenance & Training Sessions.

5:30 PM. **Leftover Potluck dinner** in Flywheel Cafe.

**HELP WANTED** (Please call 760-733-4482, or email mdhca.goffs@gmail.com)
We need volunteers to help with:
- Registration at the School House
- Making coffee in the mornings at the Cookhouse
- Making popcorn on Thursday night.
- Set up and clean up at the Friday night Potluck dinner and Saturday night BBQ

Consult our bulletin boards at the Flywheel for additional volunteer & educational opportunities.

ENJOY YOUR STAY IN GOFFS AND THE ACTIVITIES OF MOJAVE ROAD RENDEZVOUS 2022 - OUR 43rd!!

Laura Misajet, Rendezvous Co-Chair 2022
Bill Slutter, Rendezvous Co-Chair 2022

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COMMUNICATION AT GOFFS. MDHCA staff members carry FRS radios on channel 14-0. You can use a radio to call out to anyone if you need help. If you need routine information or assistance, ask for Laura Misajet, Bill Slutter or Adam Parker. Keep your communication short and to the point so the channel is open for others. *Remember, everyone with an FRS radio can hear your conversation.*

**ONSITE EMERGENCIES** Contact a member of the Rendezvous staff on FRS channel 14-0:

- Laura Misajet (cell: 760-401-1475)
- Adam Parker (cell: 971-533-0642)
- Bill Slutter (cell: 310-766-2450)

AED equipment located inside Cookhouse near backdoor and inside metal Fire Building