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OTM Spring History Highlight

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Free Admission

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Call OTM for
Appointment

OTM Spring History Highlight on May 14

The Old Trails Museum will offer its 2016 Spring History Highlight on Saturday, May 14, at 2 pm at the Winslow Visitors Center/Hubbell Trading Post, 523 West Second Street. **Dr. John S. Westerlund** will give a free presentation of *Arizona's War Town: Flagstaff, Navajo Ordnance Depot, and World War II*.

Using historic photographs, Dr. Westerlund will discuss how, just weeks after Pearl Harbor, the War Department announced the construction of a massive ammunition depot at Bellemont, located ten miles west of Flagstaff on U.S. Route 66. The Army rushed the \$17 million project to completion in a spasm of boom-town upheaval, and Flagstaff's population soon exploded from five to twenty thousand.

The struggling new depot was the key storage facility for the busy Port of Los Angeles. Several thousand Navajo and Hopi construction workers stayed on to run it, so the commander invited them to build an "Indian Village" for their families to live in on the military base. For many, Navajo Depot was a key stopping point on their migration from tribal lands to Flagstaff and other urban areas (continued on page 2).

Winslow Antiques Appraisal Fair on June 18

Have you ever wondered about that old family heirloom on the shelf? Bring it to the very first Winslow Antiques Appraisal Fair, hosted by the Old Trails Museum and the Friends of Winslow Public Library.

The fair will take place on Saturday, June 18, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Winslow Visitors Center/Hubbell Trading Post, 523 West Second Street.

Sean Morton of Morton Appraisals in Scottsdale is bringing his expertise to Winslow so that residents will have the opportunity to have their historic items identified and appraised.

Mr. Morton will offer verbal appraisals (not in writing) of fine art paintings, prints, sculpture, porcelain, crystal, silver, clocks, antique jewelry, Asian art, and Native American arts and crafts. (No guns, coins, or stamps will be appraised.)

To schedule your one-on-one appointment with Mr. Morton, call the Old Trails Museum at 928-289-5861 by Tuesday, June 15. Attendance is limited to forty people, and each person is limited to two items for appraisal. The charge for the first item is \$15 and for the second item is \$5, an excellent price versus the cost of a private appraisal (continued on page 2).



Dr. Westerlund at Navajo Depot



Navajo ammunitions worker
Touchen Doni-Ting



Navajo women work on
500-pound bombs



Appraiser Sean Morton

Spring History Highlight (Cont.)

Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy halted plummeting enrollment at what is now Northern Arizona University by shipping in one thousand sailors and marines to participate in its “V-12” program, designed to produce officers for the largest navy in history.

In addition, in early 1945, the Florence prisoner-of-war camp sent 250 Austrian POWs to Bellemont. Working alongside Navajo and Hopi staff, they remained until April 1946 and provided over 50,000 man-days of labor vital to the Pacific Theater.

Flagstaff’s wartime story illustrates the results of military expansion on economic, social, and community development in Arizona. The town became an “arsenal of democracy,” where hard work and discipline were required and expected from all.

It also illustrates the remarkable co-existence of sometimes contentious ethnic communities, an experience that reached the heart and soul of Flagstaff.

Dr. Westerlund served as a U.S. Army field artillery officer for twenty-six years, retiring in 1994 as a lieutenant colonel. He earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in American History from Utah State University and Northern Arizona University, respectively.

Dr. Westerlund’s presentation was drawn from his book of the same name, and he is a frequent contributor to the *Journal of Arizona History*. Dr. Westerlund was also a seasonal ranger with the National Park Service at the Flagstaff Area National Monuments for eleven summers.

The historic photos at left are courtesy of NAU Cline Library Special Collections and Archives. The 2016 Spring History Highlight, a partnership program between OTM and the Winslow Chamber of Commerce, was made possible in part by Arizona Humanities.

Antique Appraisal Fair (Cont.)

As a certified, licensed, and insured appraiser, as well as a member of the Antique Appraisal Association of America, Mr. Morton provides fair market and insurance appraisals for estates and individuals.

Mr. Morton also works as an independent national auction representative, helping clients consign to nationally-recognized auction houses. He regularly appears on Channel Eight’s *Arizona Collectibles*, which airs on Thursday nights at 7:30 pm.

The Winslow Antiques Appraisal Fair is a partnership program between OTM and the Friends of Winslow Public Library. The fair is presented as a service to the community; it is not a fundraiser and the charge is only to cover our costs.

High Desert Fly-In is Back on July 30

The 2016 High-Desert Fly-In will take place at the Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport on Saturday, July 30, from 7 am to 12 noon. Admission is free, and residents, tourists, and pilots are invited to Winslow's historic airport to enjoy airplanes, history, food, and more!

The 2016 event will include a pancake breakfast by the Winslow Rotary Club; on the tarmac, contemporary and medical aircraft and the Just Cruis'n Car Club's "Show-and-Shine" of vintage automobiles; and in the historic hangar, aviation history displays including OTM's *Flying through History* exhibit, displays by organizations currently active at the airport, and an FAA safety seminar for pilots.

New this year is the Flying Fun Kids Area inside the hangar featuring an *Airplane Stories* drawing/storytelling activity, a *Careers in Aviation* display, a Glider-Making Workshop, and an interactive World Travel Map. For the latest news, find us at www.highdesertflyin.org and on Facebook.

OTM will host its Summer History Highlight when **Erik Berg** presents *The Eagle and the Archaeologists: The Lindbergh's 1929 Southwest Aerial Survey* at the Winslow Visitors Center on Friday, July 29, at 5 pm, the night prior to the Fly-In. Berg is an award-winning writer and historian whose work has been featured in the *Journal of Arizona History*, *Arizona Highways*, and *Sedona Magazine*.

Berg's free talk will describe one of the Southwest's most important but least known aerial adventures. While working for Transcontinental Air Transport in summer 1929, aviator **Charles A. Lindbergh** and his new wife, **Anne Morrow Lindbergh**, agreed to fly across remote sections of the Four Corners area in an open-cockpit biplane to photograph archaeological and geographical sites. They captured aerial images of many iconic landmarks that serve as a unique yardstick for measuring changes across the area over the last eighty years.

History Highlights Engage Audiences

OTM offered both its 2015 Fall and 2016 Winter History Highlights at La Posada Hotel in partnership with the Winslow Arts Trust and Winslow Harvey Girls.

Archivist **Sean Evans** from NAU's Cline Library presented *Fred Harvey: Branding the Southwest* to 25 attendees as our Fall Highlight on October 31. Using images from the Cline's Fred Harvey Collection, he traced the company's history from the 1890s through its ownership by the Amfac corporation from 1968 to 1988.

The talk was scheduled to coincide with the Cline's exhibit of the same name, on display in their archives through July, to which OTM has loaned china, glassware, and textiles from our Fred Harvey Collections.

Author **Carolyn O'Bagy Davis** presented *Arizona's Historic Trading Posts* to 50 attendees on February 13 and signed copies of her book of the same name afterward. Her talk explored the history of this unique type of commercial venture using stories and historic photographs.

OTM was a stop on Davis' research trail, and several images from the museum's collection are featured in her book, on sale now at the OTM Store. The Winter History Highlight was made possible in part by Arizona Humanities.



The Lindberghs in their biplane in 1929



Meteor Crater from the biplane



La Posada owner Allan Affeldt, OTM Director Ann-Mary Lutzick, and Evans with Winslow Harvey Girls and their trunk show



Davis with Lutzick and WHS Board member Anne Doyle



Dukes performs for the crowd



Smith and Hartman



The new La Posada display



The new airport display

Supporter Spotlight

The Winslow Historical Society hosted its 2015 Annual Meeting in November for 45 attendees at the Winslow Visitors Center. The Annual Meeting is a celebration of our membership and a reflection of the museum's community support.

The free event began with a reception and terrific performance by Arizona Blues Hall of Fame inductee and long-time Winslow resident **Tommy Dukes**, who would like to thank everyone who came to see him perform.

The meeting included the election of new Board member **Tess Kenna** and brief reports on museum activities over the past year. OTM presented departing Board member **Michelle Hernandez** with a Certificate of Appreciation and OTM Collections Specialist **David Andreasen** with an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

Some attendees were rewarded with terrific door prizes handed out by WHS President **Dave Hartman**. **Lawrence Kenna** won the OTM basket, **Maxine Bazan** won the book donated by the Winslow Public Library, **Kenn Evans** won the tray full of gifts donated by La Posada Hotel, OTM Volunteer **Donna Guiher** won the "box full of light" donated by the Hernandez family, **Jody Gill** won chocolate donated by OTM Volunteer **Patricia Raygor**, and OTM Volunteer **John Smith** won the food basket donated by WHS Board Members **Marsha Childers** and **Jackie Landis**.

Thanks to all our members for their continued support. With you, we have a future; without you, we're history!

From the Museum Floor

Each spring, OTM collects attendance numbers to report to Winslow City Council, which provides the museum with critical funds. OTM's in-house visitation in 2015 was 3,300, whom OTM Volunteers hosted for 1,800 hours – a \$42,000 in-kind value! We hosted over 140 attendees at our 2015 History Highlights, and over 10,000 visitors saw the *Flying Through History* exhibit at La Posada Hotel.

OTM had over 13,800 visitors make over 31,400 visits to our website, which is now a visual archive of our exhibits and public programs. All of the exhibits that OTM has developed since 2010 are now posted on the "Exhibits" page, which increases our reach and makes Winslow's history more accessible.

The latest addition, the *Women of Winslow* exhibit, was developed back in 2011 as part of the Winslow Centennial Committee's "Second Saturdays in Winslow" program series that celebrated Arizona's State Centennial in 2012. OTM adheres to the statewide Arizona Women's Heritage Trail's criteria when selecting women for our exhibit, each of whom helped make Winslow a better place to live, work, and raise families.

OTM has several new displays on the museum floor that feature the Harvey Houses and Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport. The Harvey House display includes items from the recently acquired Naille Collection, which was generously donated to the museum by the Museum of Northern Arizona last summer.

The OTM Store now has for sale the second book in **Dr. Rosa Archibeque's** trilogy, *South of the Tracks: 100 Years of Memories: Book 2, 1940*. The cost is \$30, plus \$4 if mailed; call 928-289-5861 to order.

Thoughts from the Director

I've recently experienced firsthand one of those expressions you hear from your parents when they teach you manners: It's nice to share. Over the last year, OTM was asked to loan objects from our collections to two different historical exhibits.

The Arizona Historical Society developed the *Above and Beyond: Arizona and the Medal of Honor* exhibit to pay tribute to Arizonans who have received the highest military award given in the US Armed Forces. OTM loaned several items donated by Winslow's own MOH recipient, **Colonel Jay R. Vargas**, including his uniform, medals, and childhood baseball glove. *Above and Beyond* will be on display at Prescott's Sharlot Hall Museum this June through November.

Along with La Posada Hotel, OTM also loaned items to NAU Cline Library's *Fred Harvey: Branding the Southwest* exhibit, on display through July (see page 3). Some of these artifacts were donated to OTM by the Museum of Northern Arizona just last year. We also debuted a new airport exhibit at the museum filled with wonderful artifacts loaned to us by **Erik Berg**, aviation scholar and good friend to OTM (see page 4).

I hope that these donations to us, and loans from us, indicate a level of recognition and trust that OTM has gained over the years in the statewide museum community. And I know that this sharing of resources is not only vital to the success of museums everywhere, it enables us to show our audiences how our cherished local objects, and the stories they tell, connect us all to one another.

Winslow Historical Society 2016 Membership Renewal Form

(All contact information is kept private by the Old Trails Museum.)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone & E-mail: _____

Membership Level: _____

Enclose this form with a check payable to the Winslow Historical Society and mail it to:
Old Trails Museum, 212 N Kinsley Ave, Winslow, AZ 86047

Student Membership (max age 22): \$5 for biannual newsletter, special member events, 10% discount in the OTM Store

Individual Membership: \$15 for biannual newsletter, special member events, 10% discount in the OTM Store

Family/Group Membership (up to 4 people): \$30 for biannual newsletter, special member events, 10% discount in the OTM Store

Patron Membership: (1 to 2 people): \$100 for Basic Benefits plus calendar, newsletter and website recognition

Benefactor Membership (1 to 2 people): \$250 for Basic Benefits plus calendar, newsletter and website recognition, choice of historic photograph

Lifetime Membership (1 to 2 people): \$500 for Basic Benefits plus calendar, newsletter and website recognition, choice of historic photograph, autographed copy of *Winslow*

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Support the Old Trails Museum

The Old Trails Museum is owned and operated by the Winslow Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

The Old Trails Museum is funded primarily by the City of Winslow, with additional support from memberships, donations, and sales. We welcome donations of cash as well as of equipment, supplies, and services.

Become a member to enjoy *Old Trails Journal*, invitations to special member events, and 10% off in the OTM Store on Navajo and Hopi arts and crafts, regional history books, and our annual Winslow historical calendars.

Please join us in our efforts to keep the Old Trails Museum thriving. With you, we have a future; without you, we're history!

Visit the Old Trails Museum

The Old Trails Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Admission is free. Photography, group tours, and research appointments are welcome.

OTM is located in the heart of Winslow's historic downtown business district and across the street from the Standin' on the Corner Park. There is free parking downtown, and our exhibits are wheelchair accessible.

Housed in the 1921 First National Bank building, OTM has retained the original marble-faced counters, mosaic tile floor, and vault, which provide a historic backdrop for the museum's exhibits and collections.

Our Mission:

Founded in 1997, the Winslow Historical Society receives, preserves, and interprets information and artifacts representing the history and cultures of the Winslow area, in order to engage and enlighten all visitors to the Old Trails Museum's exhibits and programs.

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