



ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWS LETTER

July 9, 2007

- 1. Steam Pump Ranch Activity:** The architectural firm of Poster Frost Associates, Inc. has been retained to start the stabilization and rehabilitation work at the Steam Pump Ranch. Some of the initial effort will be to stabilize the old Ranch House and the Steam Pump Building. The Oro Valley Historical Society has started documenting some of the work using Epic Productions for video and sound recordings including the two primary buildings and interviews with Poster Frost Associates when they were in the field. We are expecting additional video documentation during the week of July 9th when the Steam Pump building walls are be braced and the roof lifted off with a crane.

The Town of Oro Valley has formed a committee that will be developing a Master Plan of the entire 15 acre site.
- 2. Honey Bee Village:** The OVHS through the hard work of Pat Spoerl and help from other members has started a story plan that will be used to develop 15 to 20 minute DVDs showing and telling a comprehensive story about the village and lives of the Indians who lived there.
- 3. Member Barbara Marriott** has been working on a book that will probably be called "Visions of Oro Valley". This is through the Arcadia Publishing Company and will reflect history of the Oro Valley area through pictures and short writings about each. The OVHS is giving Barbara some financial support for obtaining pictures and the Society will get recognition in the book for this help.
- 4. Next Meeting:** As our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, the next one will be on July 19th. There will not be a speaker at this meeting but all are invited to attend a Board of Directors meeting which will be held at this time and you will receive an email with the agenda and those who have not given us an email to use will receive a copy with this newsletter via the snail mail route.
- 5. Membership:** Even though we had a few members that did not renew, we have gained some new ones so our membership is approximately 128 but this number does not reflect the two or more individuals under the family membership category. We have recently received new memberships from the Saddlebrooke area and we welcome them into the Society.

- 6. Help is needed: Recently we sent out an email to members hoping to find someone that would take on the role of arranging for speakers and programs for the general membership meetings which would be every other month. No response to this request was received so it is being made again.**

- 7. Pima County 2008 Bond Issue: The proposed Pima County List of Proposed Projects for the 2008 Historic Preservation Bonds includes to projects in the Town of Oro Valley. These are: 1) HP-110 Steam Pump Ranch Rehabilitation, Town Visitor Center, Museum (\$5,000,000), and 2) HP-110 Honey Bee Village Archaeological Preserve (\$250,000). The Oro Valley Historical Society has sent a letter to the Pima County Administrator, Mr. Chuck Huckleberry, supporting the inclusion of these projects in the final bond package.**