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Robert Louis Stevenson's Stay in Carmel Valley

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Robert Louis Stevenson's three and a half month Monterey stay in 1879 left a lifelong imprint on the Scottish author. In a series of later essays, "The Old Pacific Capital," his pen captured local scenes in delightful passages: the protective, wooded hills overlooking Monterey Bay, the venerable Mission Carmel and its nearby flowing Carmel River, the sea breezes, the fog, and life along the streets of Monterey. And then there was Carmel Valley, where a life-changing event left him nearly dead while out on a camping trip.

He arrived in Monterey on August 30, 1879, having traveled from Scotland to claim his life's love, Fanny Osbourne, a married woman he had met while in France three years earlier. She was now separated from her husband. Learning of her stay in Monterey with her two children, Lloyd and Isobel, Stevenson made the arduous Atlantic voyage and then traveled second class by train to join her.

When he arrived in Monterey, sick from a recurring lung

ailment sometimes referred to as "galloping consumption," Stevenson encountered yet another obstacle: not only was Fanny still married, but she and Stevenson had some sort of misunderstanding. He decided to leave town for a time. He rented a wagon and horses and set out for Carmel Valley, where he planned to recuperate in the warmer climate.

His getaway choice may have been influenced by a Carmel Valley camping trip of Fanny's, taken earlier that year. Bradley Sargent, owner of Rancho el Potrero de San Carlos and Rancho San Francisquito, had invited Fanny, her extended family, and friends to attend a seasonal cattle round-up. She later published an account of the event, "An Old Spanish Rodeo on a Cattle Rancho in Carmel Valley," in Lippincott's Magazine of Popular Literature.

Her narrative described a wagon trip from Monterey into Carmel Valley, then a steep climb up a rugged road rising into the hills to an old corral. (See Stevenson, page 3)

The Jamesburg Earth Station - Cachagua

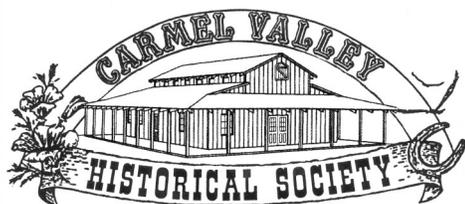
By Reggie Jones



JES is located on Cachagua Road, across from the General Store, 11.6 miles from the Village.

From 1969 to 1990 the Jamesburg Earth Station (JES), a satellite communication system in Cachagua, east of the Carmel Valley Village, played a key role in NASA's Apollo Moon landing program as well as a significant role in worldwide communications. Besides relaying information for ten Apollo missions including man's first landing on the moon, JES was the link that allowed coverage of the 1972 Winter Olympics in Japan, Nixon's visit to China in 1972, Elvis' "Aloha" concert from Hawaii in 1973, Vietnam coverage and the Tiananmen Square "Tank Man" episode.

JES, with a 97 ft. antenna dish, was built in 1968 by the Comsat Corporation to support Intelsat's first internationally owned worldwide satellite communication system. The Intelsat network included geostationary satellites over the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans connecting with as many as 300 earth stations. JES, located near the Pacific coast radio-interference-free Carmel Valley, communicated directly with satellites over the Pacific Ocean and via microwave network and landlines to places within the USA. Construction completion was timed so that JES could support the NASA Apollo Moon Landing program from December 1968 onwards. Among the most significant and spectacular transmissions was man's first step (See JES, page 3)



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A Message from the President, Kim Williams

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up on August 22—The **Party in the Village!** Here we have two village non-profits cooperating in the effort to raise funds for the organizations. How did this happen? Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) had put on *The Village Affair* for 20 years (1990-2009) while CVHS raised funds through its *Carmel Valley Cowboy Shows* for 15 years (1993-2007). About five years ago, after weathering the recession, the leadership of these two groups decided that instead of competing for funds they would both do better cooperating. The result: **Party in the Village!** with dance-able, easy-to-listen-to, even sing-along-able country music. This year's program includes *Los Vaqueros Hunting Club Traveling Band* opening for *The California Cowboys* with special guest Bobby Black.



Members from the boards of both nonprofits form the steering committee for Party in the Village! Once the date is set and the event organized, volunteers begin canvassing the area for donations for the silent auction. Sponsorships, that is, cash donations are also accepted. Tickets are on sale now at www.partyinthevillage.org and will be available in July at the outlets listed in the flyer below.

On the day of the event, there is opportunity for everyone to get involved and help raise money for CVVIC and CVHS. See the following article about how YOU can help.

Kim Williams

The Party in the Village Raises Money – Runs on Volunteers

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It's a **BOOT KICKIN'** **Barn Dance!**

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About 60 volunteer positions need to be filled on the night of the Party. Shifts are one-and-a-half to two hours, but you can sign up for more than one shift if you want.

Come to the Party in the Village! Buy a ticket **and** volunteer—Double your pleasure!

- Hall Decorating & Set-up
- Sound System Load-In
- Patrol Parking Lot
- Sell Tickets at the Door
- Distribute Wrist Bands
- Wrist Band Check
- Silent Auction Set-up
- Supervise Silent Auction
- Supervise Pick-up of Auction Items
- Collect Payments for Silent Auction
- Clean-up Silent Auction Area
- Snack Sales Set-up
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- Clean Up Snack Sales Area
- Beer & Wine Auction Set-up
- Sell Beer and Wine Raffle Tickets
- Clean Up Raffle Area
- Sound System Load-Out
- Clean-up: Tables, Chairs, Sweep

Call (659-5715) or email cvhs3@live.com to volunteer.

Beer and Wine Donations Needed

All CVVIC & CVHS members are asked to donate some quality beer or wine for the wheel barrow and wagon raffles. Drop off is at the **Los Laureles Lodge** office prior to Aug 22nd

(JES, from page 1) on the moon in July 1969. The whole world was able to see and hear Neil Armstrong's "This is one small step for a man, a giant leap for mankind" as he stepped onto the moon's surface, solely because of JES.

On May 25, 1961, President Kennedy and Congress committed the USA to "landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to earth" before the end of the decade. This was at a time when the United States was trailing Russia in all aspects of manned space-travel and lunar exploration. The race to put a man on the moon was won by the U.S. All stages of the race were globally riveting events and were brought to the world by JES. From Apollo 8 through 17 (December 1, 1968, to December 19, 1972) all Pacific Ocean recoveries and all lunar landings were supported by JES.

A transmission that was also of great significance was former President Nixon's historic visit to the People's

Republic of China in 1972. This was a very important step in normalizing relations between the two countries, and marked the first visit of a U.S. President to PRC, ultimately ending 25 years of separation. As a result of Nixon's visit to China, another historic event occurred, though not televised. Sent by the first Prime Minister of China, a Chinese delegation for cultural/scientific exchange visited JES, right here in Carmel Valley.

Since 1988 the facility has gone through several ownership changes. In 2012 JES was put back on the market. Currently it is being leased by the Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, which is working with the U.S. government regarding possible future use of the facility.

You can access a complete history of the Earth Station, its construction details and important transmissions on our website: www.carmelvalleyhistoricalsociety.org.

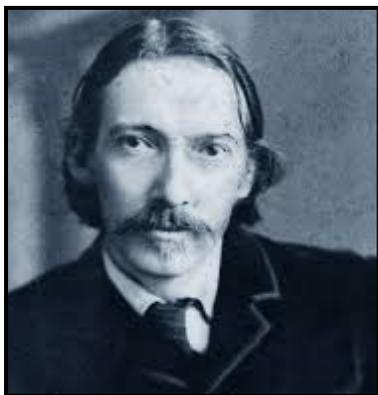
Artifacts



This Tiffany style lamp is in the Hatton Parlor exhibit. It was donated to the History Center in 2013 by Peter Coakley.

(Stevenson, from page 1) The visitors spent several days enjoying the shouts of the vaqueros, the lowing of gathered cattle, the branding of calves, post-dinner songs around the campfire and a wild chase from an enraged bull.

On his solitary trip, begun on September 9, 1879, Stevenson left Monterey and got as far as the Berwick Ranch (near today's Mid-Valley Shopping Center) where he had dinner and went to sleep on the hay in the barn. The next day, before starting up the steep, twisting Robinson Canyon Road, he switched horses with Mr. Berwick. By evening he reached San Clemente Creek, located on Bradley Sargent's rancho. Ill and cold, the author collapsed.



According to his own account, he lay under a tree for two days in a sort of stupor, only rising long enough to fetch creek water for himself and the horse, and to build a fire to make coffee. At night, he was kept awake by the frogs and the ringing of goat bells from the nearby ranch owned by Jonathan Wright and his partner, Anson Smith.

It was Wright, or in some accounts, the Wright children, who found the ailing author.

Stevenson spent three weeks recuperating at the cabin, writing to his lawyer friend, Charles Baxter, on September 24, 1879, "I am lying in an upper chamber nearly naked, with flies crawling all over me, and a clinking of goat bells in my ear, which proves to me that the goats are come home and it will be time to eat."

Not one to lie about idle, he taught reading to the ranch children and wrote up notes from his travel experiences on the long trip from Scotland to California. The account was published under the title "The Amateur Emigrant." In the second part, titled "Across the Plains," he published "The Old Pacific Capital," recording his impressions of life in Monterey.

The Wright cabin was located about 8 miles up Robinson Canyon Road and situated down a steep hillside. The downstairs consisted of a kitchen,

living room and rear sleeping quarters. Upper sleeping space was accessed via an outside stairway. Today, but for two stark chimneys, the Wright cabin of Stevenson's description no longer stands.

Finally recovered, Stevenson returned to Monterey. He penned a letter on October 8, 1879 to his friend, the English poet and author, Edmund Gosse, about his Carmel Valley experience. "It was an odd, miserable piece of my life; and according to all rule, should have been my death; but after awhile my spirit got up again in a divine frenzy, and has since kicked and spurred my vile body forward with great emphasis and success."

Soon after, Fanny departed Monterey for Oakland to settle legal matters with her husband. Stevenson left Monterey for San Francisco on December 16, 1879 to wait for her divorce. The couple was married on May 19, 1880.

His Carmel Valley stay was brief and plagued by illness, but Stevenson's greatest works still lay ahead. Besides numerous essays, books and poems, two novels in particular, "Treasure Island" (1883) and "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" (1886) continue to rank among great works of literature for today's readers.



Hatton Crest

Julia and Maurice Harvey, CVHS founding members, delivered the Hatton coat of arms which was donated to the History Center by the Thrift Shop of the CV Community Chapel. This will make a fine addition to the Hatton Parlor exhibit.

Photo by Jeff Ohlson

Look! That's where I live.



History Center visitors Nancy Souza and Terann Carr find the location of their homes on the new 3-D map.

Photo By Jeff Ohlson

One Small Step for Man...



Reggie Jones talks about the Jamesburg Earth Station to a group of students from Tularcitos School.

Photo by Jeff Ohlson

Docent Training

Volunteer/Docent Training Session will be held on Friday, June 19th, at 11:00 AM at the History Center. Contact Maxine Callinan for more information or to register.
 659-4925
 manddcallinan@comcast.net

Robles del Rio Store—Later Known as Rosie's Cracker Barrel

The historic Robles del Rio Store pictured on this early 1940's postcard was well known as Rosie's Cracker Barrel for many decades. The Robles del Rio Store and Post Office, and the Standard gas station were everyday stops for local residents. There was also a bar and eatery in the back of the store. The gas station and store have been restored and can be seen just past the river on Esquiline. (A complete history "Rosie and His Cracker Barrel" is available at the History Center.)

This particular postcard was mailed in June 1943 by Mrs. Mildred (Harrington) Augustitus to her father Walter Harrington who was then a resident of the Napa Valley Veterans Home. At the time Mildred taught grades 1-4 at the Corral de Tierra Elementary School. The Historical Society wishes to thank Tom Augustitus for supplying a copy of his mother's post card along with additional information.



The Historical society is collecting information and artifacts related to the **Robles del Rio Subdivision** and **Rosie's Cracker Barrel** for a future exhibit. If you have related documents, artifacts or information, please contact the History Center.

Donations: Documents, Photos, Artifacts, Library Materials

Tom Augustitus —Photograph, black and white, 1944, interior of Rosie's Cracker Barrel, postcard Robles del Rio Store

Bud Carlson —Program from the 42nd Santa's Fly In and 60th Anniversary of CV Airport 12/7/41

CV Community Chapel Thrift Shop —Framed needlepoint of the Hatton Family Crest

Charlie & Nancy Costanza (of Do-Re-Mi Music and Video) —DVD, Joan Baez "How Sweet the Sound" -(On loan: a large poster of Joan Baez, titled, "Day After Tomorrow" for the upcoming exhibit)

Linda Elzer —Wooden sculpture of a horse's head, possible bookend, carved by artist Alex Weygers, signed and dated "To Pat Horton November 17th, 1941"

Steve Hinck —Vintage pack of paper matches from "The Bucket" Bar

Brenda Lambert Mellinger —Feather dropped by a red shafted flicker, the shaft is red orange colored, similar to that of a Rumsen Indian headdress

Jeff Ohlson —Various photos of "Rosie" at a dinner party celebrating his birthday with various other locals

Marilyn Sanders —Donation of 'Copyright Transfer in General' of the "Rosie and His Cracker Barrel" book

Brenda Shakal —Scrapbook of "Prince's Camp", 1920-1945

Gary Tate —Fossil fish, positive and negative sides, from Carmel Valley

Penny Wood —1999 CV Telephone Directory

Linda Yamane —Soap Root Plant and Bulb - Native Plant Collection

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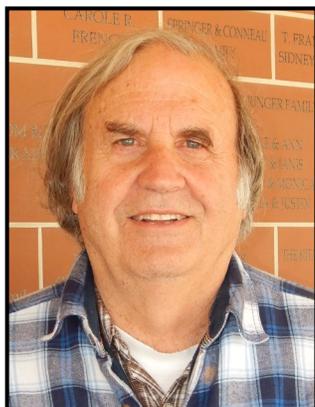
Tile Project: Ron & Angie Bulta

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

WANTED!...For Upcoming Exhibits

The Exhibits Committee has a number of interesting projects in the works and we need your help. **GOT JOAN BAEZ MEMORABILIA?** We are assembling a commemorative display remembering Joan Baez who opened her Institute for the Study of Nonviolence in the Valley in 1965. We are looking for posters, album covers, ticket stubs, and stories, etc. that will help us showcase her life & times fifty years ago. **GOT ROCKS?** The Geology Exhibit needs rocks and fossils from Carmel Valley to help tell the fascinating story of our local geology. **GOT PHOTOGRAPHS?** A flora & fauna exhibit will showcase the incredible variety and beauty of plant and animal life in the Valley. Does anyone have photographs, taken in Carmel Valley, of mountain lions, wild pigs, bears, reptiles, insects, unusual birds and plants, etc.? Donations or loans are welcome. For Joan Baez and geology exhibits, contact Donna Zahn, Curator, at 659-5715. For the flora & fauna exhibit, contact Reggie Jones, Curator, at 659-4338.

Welcome New Board Member Gary Tate



New board member Gary Tate was born and raised in Oakland, CA. He received a B.S. in Forestry at Cal Berkeley in 1968, then worked for the East Bay Regional Park, learning about grant writing and parkland acquisitions. In 1973 Gary was hired as the first General Manager of the newly-formed Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and relocated to Carmel Valley with his wife Sheri. His accomplishments at MPRPD were the acquisition and establishment of Garland Ranch Regional Park, the formation of the CV Recreation and Park District, and assisting in the funding and land transfer of the new CV Community Park. He retired in 1998 and enjoys woodworking, DIY home improvement projects, and spending time with their six grandchildren. Gary has served on various committees at Sanctuary Bible Church and is a long-standing member of the CV Kiwanis Club.

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 19, 2015

Docent Training

11:00 am— at the History Center

Saturday, August 22, 2015

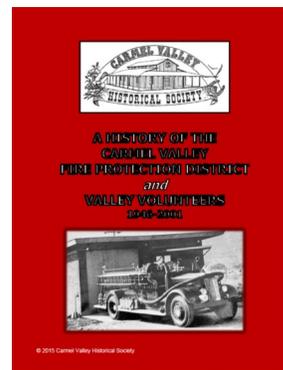
Party in the Village

7:00-11:00 pm at Hidden Valley

CVHS Board

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The Carmel Valley Fire Protection District was an integral part of the Valley's history and is featured in a special exhibit at the History Center. Many Valley Volunteers helped with this exhibit. Due to much interest, the Historical Society now has copies of this history available for sale at the History Center.



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Our Future — Our History



Elizabeth Golden's third graders from Tularcitos School visit the History Center.

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Ka-ching



CVHS Volunteer Larry Busick used his wonderful woodworking skills to build this rolling cart for the museum. It currently holds a 1916 NCR cash register. Thank you, Larry!

Photo By Jeff Olson