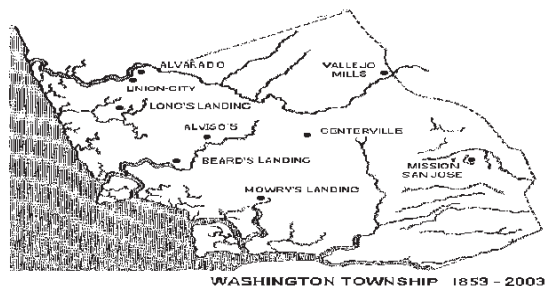


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MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012 TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Patio of the Museum of Local History, 190 Anza St., FREMONT

Washington Township Historical Society Editors: Regena Dennie and Al Minard

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

The July 23rd, 2012 Washington Township Historical Society Memory Lane Potluck will be a 30 year look-back at 1980. Please see the flier for more details and join us.

Fremont's 4th of July 2012 Parade featuring Centerville offered a great time to all this year. Starting with the "Beech Boys" flyover to the marching bands, Boy Scout troops, parade horses and riders, Rotary Clubs as well as Car & Truck clubs and several of Fremont's City officials – it was fun from start to finish. And with the perseverance of Nancy Lorigan (WTHS Parliamentarian) working with Jim and Edith Hannett of the Ford-F100 Club, Washington Township was awarded for two entries. Washington Township Historical Society won 1st place in the Vehicle category, and with George Roeding's 1922 fire truck, WTHS won the Most Patriotic Decorated Vehicle award. Thanks to all who helped and participated. The Parade awards were listed in the July 10th 2012 Tri-City Voice. And for more information see the website at: <http://fremont4th.org/index.php/entries/awards-2012.html>

Gil Garza

July 23 Meeting of Washington Township Historical Society

This will be a Memory Lane Potluck (please see attached flyer). We will be meeting on the patio sort of behind the museum at 6:30 pm. We ask all of you who have lived or worked here in the 1980's (about 30 years ago) to bring any pictures, documents, songs or other things that some of the rest of us might be interested in. This will be a good time to explore some of our more recent history with some of the people who made that history.

Remember that this is in the evening and it does get a little windy and cool in the evening.

Members who have paid their dues since our May meeting.

We thank you.

Gil Garza, Al & La Vonne Minard, John & Carolyn Watson, Priscilla Whitaker, Herb Muellerleile and Moises Gimenez.

We also welcome new member, Lila Bringhurst.

IT'S IN THE MAIL BAG

A lovely thank you was received from Al Minard and Mission Peak Heritage Foundation for our participation in the Arts and Crafts at Shinn Park held on May 18, 2012

An invitation to attend the Julia Morgan 2012 Festival, to be held at the Berkeley City Club, on Friday, October 12, 2012.

Union City Historical Museum, July 2012, President Robert Swartz writes, Next door to the Museum is the Dragon House Restaurant which is in what was known as "Old Alvarado". The building was built circa 1940. In years gone by, it housed a market and several restaurants.

Alameda Museum Quarterly, Spring 2012, Ron Ucovich writes, "Behind the scenes in the second city in the United States to electrify". "Years of Power: Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Alameda Municipal Power". By 1905, Alameda had 1,000 customers with electric lights in their homes.

Alameda County Historical Society Quarterly, June 2012. Eric J. Kos writes, "USS Hornet's identity crisis". No fewer than seven other ships have been named Hornet. The first being in 1775. It was a ten-gun sloop.

The Club Car, July 2012. This issue was dedicated to the memory of Errol Ohman who spent many hours volunteering at the Sunol Railway Station.

The Mission Peak Reporter, July-Sept, 2012, had an article about Milicent Shinn's writing a story in the 1883 Overland Monthly about traveling the 30 miles from Niles to Oakland. There was also a nice article about a Conference of California History Day winner, Eric Sauer, on his exhibit on the 1965 Delano Grape Strike.

We will have a regular meeting on Monday, September 22, 2012 at the Museum of Local History, 190 Anza Street, Fremont starting 7:15 PM, which will be our meeting date and time after the July Meeting. Bring a friend.

Historical Markers in Washington Township By Tim Swenson

This is a free document published by Washington Township Historical Society and you can get a complete copy by email from Tim Swenson or I believe they are available at the Museum of Local History. This is an ongoing project so as more plaques are placed this document will change to record those plaques.

Historical markers have been used to designate locations of historical significance for many years in Washington Township which includes the current cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. Different groups have placed historical markers in Washington Township, reminding the public of the historic nature of different locations. Some historical markers are prominent and known by a quite a number of residents. Others are less well known and harder to find. There are a total of 31 markers in Washington Township and all but 4 are located in Fremont. Newark and Union City has two markers each.

The following organizations have placed one or more plaques in Washington Township:

1. Washington Township Historical Society
2. Mission Peak Heritage Foundation
3. Alameda County Historical Society
4. Native Sons/Daughters of the Golden West
5. Daughters of Utah Pioneers
6. The Ancient and Honorable Order of E. Clampus Vitus
7. State and City Government

Members in the News

TRI-CITY VOICE, May 18, 2012, **Al Minard** is promoting the Arts and crafts Fair, held at Shinn Park on May 20, 2012.

TRI-CITY VOICE, May 22, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, "Japanese American Evacuation". Military police swarmed over Washington Township Sunday, May 3, 1942 posting an order that all Japanese were to be evacuated by 12 o'clock Saturday, May 9. Anyone found after that time would be arrested. This is a story about many beloved families of Japanese descent that were evacuated from our area after the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

TRI-CITY VOICE, May 29, 2012, **Myrla Raymundo** writes, "Old Town Alvarado". The settlement which dated back to 1850, had the first County Courthouse which was located at the corner of Smith and Lever Streets.

TRI-CITY VOICE, May 29, 2012, **Pat Kite** writes, "Small plant Adventures". A few small plants that have "volunteered" could brighten up your garden.

TRI-CITY VOICE, June 5, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, "Garden of Allah". Built in 1928, the Garden of Allah held many social events, which included roller skating and dancing to western bands.

ARGUS, June 19, 2012, **Clark Redeker**, a Alameda County Fair Board member from 1955 to 2005, stated, "The fair is a public display of what the people of Alameda County can do".

TRI-CITY VOICE, June 19, 2012, **Phil Holmes** writes, "Fremont Mayors Made History". The first mayor of Fremont was Jack Stevenson and the Vice Mayor was Bruce Michael.

FREMONT BULLETIN, June 22, 2012, **Al Minard** is pictured riding in George Roeding's antique Fire Truck in the 4th of July Parade.

TRI-CITY VOICE, July 3, 2012, **Vivien Larsen** and **Pat Kite** are pictured in a story by Eileen McDonald titled, "Elected Women of Newark greet Supervisor Valle".

TRI-CITY VOICE, July 3, 2012, A story by Annie Yu, titled, "Bringing a Historical Treasure Back to Fremont". Joyce Bluford is working to preserve the artifacts that Bruce Rodeing has retained of the California Nursery Company and then display them and their horticulture at the grounds of the California Nursery.

TRI-CITY VOICE, July 3, 2012, Phil Holmes writes, "One Hundred Years ago". Over 100 Native Sons and Daughters journeyed to Mission San Jose to perfect plans to restore the Mission. Gilbert Anderson the "A" in Essanay Studios visited Niles and decided that it was a great place to produce western movies.

TRI-CITY VOICE, July 10, 2012, Al Minard promotes the Victorian Ice Cream Social to be held at Shinn Park on July 15, 2012, from Noon to 4 PM.

TRI-CITY VOICE, July 10, 2012, Official Fremont Fourth of July Parade Results list **Washington Township Historical Society** as first place in the vehicle category and Mission Peak Heritage Foundation as second place in this category. It also lists **Washington Township Historical Society** as the winner of the "Most Patriotic Decorated Vehicle". Congratulations to everyone who helped make this happen.

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

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PATRONS MEMBERS: \$50.00 for one year

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MEMORY LANE POTLUCK

MONDAY JULY 23, 2012

6:30 PM

To be held in the Patio of the Museum of Local History

190 Anza Street, Mission San Jose, Fremont

THEME OF THE EVENING: the 1980's

Share pictures or memories

Remember the songs of the 1980's

BRING A HOT OR COLD DISH TO SHARE

Washington Township Historical Society will provide:

Plates, Cups, Silverware, Rolls, Butter, Coffee and Soft Drinks

ALL ARE INVITED

Contact Regena Dennie, Co-Ordinator

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George Roeding & Al Minard on the 1st place vehicle. Photo by Gil Garza

