

# THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We have some unfortunate news this month. Jim Wells has resigned as President. His personal and work commitments have become such that he was not able to devote the attention to NSPPS that he felt that it deserved. Jim was the leader that pushed us through our first season of tours. His skill and attention to detail has professionalized our fiscal functions. He is a person of drive, attention to detail, and political savvy that we will miss.

### TOURS:

Our tour schedule has been set for the coming season. We are going to offer 22 tour dates plus several group tours for specific organizations. The schedule is:

**MAY – Sat. 7th, Sat 21st, Sat 28th, Sun 29th, Mon 30th;**

**JUNE - Sat. 4th, Sat. 18th;**

**JULY - Sat. 2nd, Sun 3rd, Mon 4th, Sat. 16th;**

**AUG - Sat. 6th, Sat. 20th;**

**SEPT - Sat. 3rd, Sun 4th, Sun 5th, Sat. 17;**

**OCT - Sat. 1st, Sat. 15th, Sat. 29th, Sun 30th, Mon 31st**

**Volunteer opportunities abound for Guides, Sweeps, [guide helpers], Greeters, and Store Clerks. There will be basic and advanced guide training before the season starts so you can be prepared to participate. Our next training session will be on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Glen Whorton will be doing a PowerPoint presentation on the movies that were filmed at NSP. Tech Wizard Brew Brewster has promised to insert film clips into this presentation, so this should be fun.**

**If you are interested in helping in any of these positions you can contact Karen Denning at [karendenning21@gmail.com](mailto:karendenning21@gmail.com). We will be running four tours per day. The tours will be starting at 10 am at one hour intervals. You can sign up for one tour or two.**

#### **PROJECTS:**

**Lee Perks and his crew have been working on the roof drains in order to get them clear. This should help with the roof leaks.**

**Lee also had a walk through inspection of the doors with door specialist Gary Romero. Gary is pricing out the parts required to rehab the doors and has volunteered to help install them if we buy the parts. This will be a vast improvement over the struggle we currently have to open and close these cranky entrances.**

**Glen Whorton has obtained 10 gallons of paint for the visiting room from the Dept. of Corrections. They have indicated that they have more, if and when we need it. Keep an eye out for the call for painters.**

#### **PARANORMAL:**

**The Paranormal Committee traveled to Las Vegas and manned a booth at the ParaUnity Exhibition at the MGM. The exhibition was held on December 11<sup>th</sup> and provided a lot of visibility and PR for our paranormal activities. We also got a lot of PR from a YouTube video. The monthly report was submitted by Susan Bernard.**

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The Paranormal Committee is selling NSP paranormal patches for \$25 each (\$10 for the paranormal volunteers).

#### **MUSEUM – COLLECTION:**

A budget for the Museum was approved by the Board on 3-10-22, so our work is underway. Our first task is to get our historic photos enlarged and mounted. We are awaiting responses from two vendors.

Glen Whorton, Brew Brewster, and Joe Kinsley met with the Director of the State Museum, Myron Freedman on 3-7-22, to request the loan of any NSP artifact the Museum holds. Mr. Freedman has consulted with his Curators and has requested a tour of the Prison to inspect the display area for its suitability for loans. We are working with Mr. Freedman to get that meeting scheduled.

Our appeal for donations of artifacts has resulted in several offers of donations and permanent loans. We are accepting donations of any objects, documents, or photos related to NSP. You can contact Glen Whorton at 775-722-0394 or gvwhorton@charter.net to increase our collection and document our history.

With all this action we are still looking for more committee members. We have volunteer opportunities in:

Display design and construction,  
Collection documentation, and  
Oral history interviews.

#### **HISTORY: ‘The Daily Appeal’ 3-1-1868**

This is an odd little piece. Makes you wonder what “unnatural excitement means”. Are we talking about inmate caused issues or something else. I can tell you that employee discipline has come a long way in the last 154 years.

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A shooting scrape occurred in the State Prison on the 1st of March, in which one of the guards was wounded by a shot from Capt. Towle while laboring under unnatural excitement.

Carson Daily Appeal 3-22-1879

Here's a big deal. This was obviously an important event in the Prison's history.

**TRANSFER MADE.**—The Warm Springs, the scene of many a good time, of many a convivial night, passed into the hands of the State government yesterday, and will at an early day be utilized for State Prison purposes. The sum paid to Butts & George for the property was \$12,000.

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