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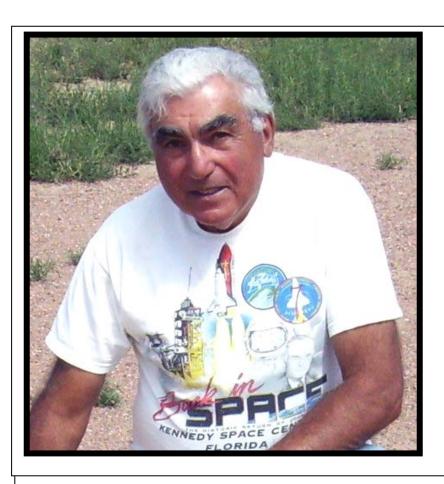
### **NEWSLETTER**

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## PROGRAM FOR MAY 18, 2014 APOLLO MOON LANDING AND MORE!

MARLOWE AND CHRISTIANE CASSETTI ARE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT MARLOWE WILL SHARE HIS EXPERIENCES WITH US ON MAY 18, 2014



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# PROGRAM AT: SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH,

801 SHERIDAN AVE., CAÑON CITY, CO



2:00 P.M. REFRESHMENTS SERVED PUBLIC WELCOME



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#### **MARLOWE CASSETTI**

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Marlowe Cassetti was raised in Elmira, New York. Upon completing a Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering degree from Georgia Tech in 1957 he started his professional career at NACA, Langley Research Center where he conducted aeronautical and rocket research. Four months after he joined NACA, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, and NACA became NASA. Later President Kennedy announced we were sending men to the moon and Marlowe was off on the **greatest adventure of his life**.

Marlowe had wonderful and exciting experiences while he worked at NASA putting the US astronauts into space and on the moon. He is an example of a class prophecy that came true. "Marlowe will be happily sending rockets to the moon" was the prediction written as the school prophecy when he was in  $6^{\text{th}}$  grade.

He is the recipient of numerous government and industry awards including NASA's Outstanding Award that included an American flag that was carried to the moon on Apollo 17 and National Defense Association's Distinguished Service Recognition Medal. The International Space Foundation honored him in 2013 when he addressed the organization on the 44th anniversary of the first Apollo landing.

Now retired, he and his wife Christiane live in Penrose. He is active in the community as a member of the Sons of Italy - Royal Gorge Lodge (Chapter Orator), and the Fremont R/C Flying Club (past President and currently the Secretary/Treasurer), which are some of the organizations he supports. He gave the commencement address to the Florence High School graduating class of 2012 where he stressed the importance of critical thinking.

His talk to the Fremont County Historical Society will cover Marlowe's firsthand accounts of the early years of NASA and the historic landing on the moon.

### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Thank you to all the new members who have joined this year - we are glad you have joined us. Dues cover Dec. 31, 2013 to Jan. 1, 2015.

We always accept donations in any amount, and are very grateful for any Memorial gifts you may wish to give this is our pledge to you – good programs, historic interest in the landmarks of the County, and scholarship awards that will help some young person attend college.

<u>Fremont County Historical Society, P.O. Box 965, Cañon City, CO 81215</u> <u>fremonthistorical society.com</u>

BATS !! Amy Englert of Colorado Parks and Wildlife will speak to the Cañon City Geology Club on May 12 about "Bats in South Central Colorado". Colorado has about 18 species of bats with about 6 species such as little browns, big browns, and Townsend Big-eared bats more common. Bats can be very beneficial to us and are fun to watch. Amy will explain where they live, their flight, audible calls, and where they roost during the day.

Business meeting at 6:00 pm and program at 7:00 pm at **First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall** on the northwest corner of 9th St and Main in Cañon City. For more information, contact Cindy at <a href="mailto:cindysmithrocks@me.com">cindysmithrocks@me.com</a>.

See next page for more information on the Geology Club meeting May 12, 2014

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BOOSTERS FOR THE JAIL PROJECT ARE:



# Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company

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### PROSPECT HEIGHTS JAIL GRANT FUNDERS:

The Colorado Historic Fund grant of \$7500.00 is for the Historic Structure Assessment of the jail. This is a preliminary step in determining the work that must be done to renovate the jail. We need it safe and secure for the Public to enjoy.

# BATS in SOUTH CENTRAL COLORADO GEOLOGY CLUB PROGRAM MAY 14, 2014



### Amy Englert, speaker

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Colorado has about 18 species of bats with about 6 species such as little browns, big browns, and Townsend Big-eared bats more common. Bats can be very beneficial to us and once you get to know them can be a lot of fun to watch. Amy will explain where they live, their flight, audible calls, and where they roost during the day in such places as abandoned mines, houses, and trees. We have some great opportunities to help take care and conserve our bats and Amy will discuss some of those opportunities.

## FREMONT COUNTY HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Fremont County Heritage Commission has put a program in place for local owners of historic property to be able to place that property on a Local Landmark Registry, which, in turn, would help in achieving State or National Historic Destination.

This is through the effort of the Fremont County Commissioners, and will be an ongoing program throughout the County. The Fremont County website: <a href="fremontco.com">fremontco.com</a> is the place to find an application to fill out, and if you need more instructions, call someone on the Commission to explain the process.

The Local Landmark Designation is intended to be Owner generated, unless you are interested in publicly held property (such as Greenwood Cemetery). The application should be filled out completely, with attached pictures, newspaper articles, and other supporting documents about the property which indicate the true historical value of the site.

The public is invited to take this project to heart, since we have the second largest Historic District in Colorado – the 81 buildings in downtown Cañon City – as well as the great interest in pre-history – the Dinosaurs of Garden Park.

### LIFETIME MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome <u>Peggy and Curt</u> <u>Sorenson</u> to our membership roles as lifetime members.

Other Lifetime members who joined during the 2013-14 Membership drive are:

Margaret Storm Tim & Julie Payne

Dale & Sherry Johns Tilman & Susan Pizzani, Jr.

Robert and Catherine Sounart

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1The Panel at 322 Main Street Industry

### Your Society at Work:

The Board has been extremely busy with two projects this month. We are hoping to raise the awareness of the very diversified History of our area.

#1: Downtown Cañon City window panels – six panels were installed on Thursday, May 1, 2014 by members of your board with help from Joseph Trebella, Becky and Bill Rodenbeck and Benji Leonard (who washed all those big windows).
#2: We are presently involved in the Fremont Fall Heritage Festival planning with other groups in the area namely: BLM

Festival planning with other groups in the area namely: BLM, Park and Recreation, Museum of Colorado Prisons, Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center, Western Fremont Historical Society, Florence Chamber of Commerce, Fremont Center for the Arts, Geology Club and others.

Fremont County Historical Society, Bell Tower Arts, and Fremont County Heritage Commission are sponsoring a **Ludlow Art Contest**. Check out the info on PCC Fremont Campus site.

Walk downtown Cañon City to see the new "Clays and Bricks" exhibit in Absolute Accounting's window, next to the Kitchen Pantry. FCHS sponsored this incredible educational exhibit.

Fall Heritage Festival - A bundle of activities celebrating the history of the County and the diversified interests of the citizens - Geology, Railroading, Hiking, Rafting, Fishing, Hunting, Wine making, Genealogy, and many more. Look forward to October to hear about the many events being planned

### Suggested Field Trips:

Some suggested ones are Trinidad,--trolley and Baca House/Bloom Mansion, Victor Cripple Creek,--several museums Pioneer Museum in CO Springs, Westcliffe/Silver Cliff, Calcite and western Fremont County. If you are interested in going on a Field Trip, please contact Mary Chamberlain at the program and let her know.

#### NEWS FROM GREENWOOD PIONEER CEMETERY COMMITTEE - HISTORY OF THE AREA

The Greenwood Pioneer Cemetery Committee is a Board of the City of Cañon City charged with the responsibility of overseeing the continued respect for and maintenance of the Cemetery, conducting ceremonies and tours throughout the year, as well as doing classes for the Pueblo Community College Senior Mini-College.

The committee has taken on a tremendous task of initiating, funding and completing a Master Plan for the Cemetery. This document will be the guiding information for future care and responsibility resting on the community to assure the historic nature of the cemetery is always respected and enhanced.

The Committee achieved National and State Historic Designation for the Cemetery at 1215 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and discovered a gravesite of a Medal of Honor Winner in its midst in 2013.

The ongoing work of the Master Plan will be done by volunteers who would like to learn about inventory of the ancient stones and history of the area. This orientation is scheduled for July 12, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you would be interested in joining the Committee in this task, please call:

Margaret Storm - Chairman of the Committee - 275 -8071 Carol McNew - 275 1468

Tom Monaco - 275-7231

Roger Huffenberger - 276 - 3759

Greg Clemmons - 285 - 8330 Marge Tozier - 369 5771

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### Continued from Page one: Colorado Joins in Honoring Moon Walk

Man's arrival on the moon silenced barking make-believe guns on a dusty Old West street in Colorado.

And elsewhere in the state, as everywhere, there were new hopes it would silence real guns around the world.

Mock gunfights are staged every hour in the tourist-movie set town of Buckskin Joe near Canon City. But the "good guys" and "bad guys" alike quieted their guns to listen with their audience to a public address system announcement that the lunar landing had been accomplished safely.

"Think of all those millions watching the same event on television," said Ron Dougherty, an insurance agent in Durango. "There's some unity in that. I think it will lead to better relations among nations," he said.

"I hope the Russians will join us in further space exploration, but I don't know if they will," said John Kinney, a clothing store clerk down the street. "It might keep us from fighting," he added.

Most of Colorado joined President Nixon in observing today as a day of participation in the historic event. Gov. John Love declared today a state holiday last week, and many of the state's cities followed suit.

Banks were closed. The Post Office was on a holiday schedule. Only emergency services of state, county and many local offices were operating. Courts were closed. Most summer classes were called off, although the University of Colorado was operating as usual.

About 300 members of Local 8495 of the Communications Workers of America did not report for work at the Western Electric distributing center in Denver, following their national headquarters' lead. The company had said it would be open for business as usual.

"The historical feat accomplished by our scientific community certainly justified Colorado's deep involvement in the space program, and I share the pride of all Americans today in our nation's contribution to mankind."

The accelerated schedule for the moonwalk cost inmates at the Colorado State Penitentiary some extra television viewing time. They were to have been allowed to stay up beyond the usual bedtime, but when the moonwalk was moved up, taps sounded at the regular time.

(Excerpted from an Article by The Associated Press; printed in the *Cañon City Daily Record*, July 21, 1969.)

## JULES VERNE - PROPHET IN 1865 . . .

Early in his story, Verne says, "The Yankees, the best mechanics on earth, are natural-born engineers" and had surpassed Europeans in gunnery. This was a fortunate postulate, considering that 900-foot cannon which Verne pointed straight up on a hill just outside Tampa.

Verne's spaceship, named the Columbiad, weighs about 20,000 pounds, has foot-thick aluminum walls – "it was the first time aluminum had ever been obtained in such an immense mass"—"is lined with a thick padding of leather," has a circumferential seat, gas for light and heat and chemically supplied air.

The Apollo vehicle is 13 x 33 feet—Verne's 9 x 15. The Columbiad projectile is fired on Dec. 1 at 10:46:40 p.m., and Murphy, the engineer, does a countdown on the last 40 seconds worthy of NASA's—except he does a countup, ending at 40, and "fire!"

And entirely familiar to today's sophisticated space-watchers—but calculated to leave the 1865 reader agape—is the Verne crew's discovery "that their bodies were absolutely without weight . . . their arms fully extended. Their feet no longer on the floor . . . they looked like drunken men trying to maintain the perpendicular."

(Written by H. D. Quigg, UPI Senior Editor; published in the *Denver Post* on July 20, 1969.)

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The City of Cañon City is pleased to print the Fremont County Historical Society Newsletter as a contribution.

Thanks for all you do for Fremont County History!









