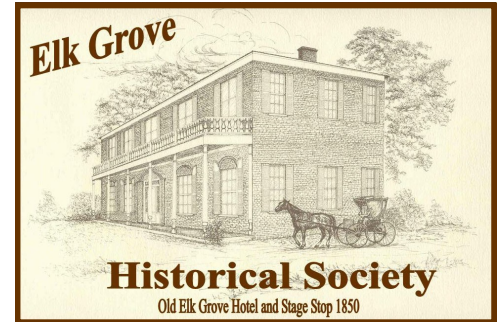


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A Message From the President



Jim Huffman

Raised in Franklin during the 40's and 50's, graduated from Franklin Elementary in 1956 and Elk Grove High School in 1960. Below is a portion of his story of growing up in Franklin. I took this from his Web Site with his permission. Please visit this site as his writing skills are enjoyable and his photography is awesome: <http://jimrhuff.com/index.html>

[Franklin, CA: A Present Day View and Reflection On My Errant Youth](#)

Where in the H E double toothpicks is [Franklin](#)? Well Franklin is a place on the road on Franklin Blvd. about 8.4 miles south of Sacramento and Florin Blvd. Franklin Blvd. follows the Southern Pacific Railway (out of Sacramento) south and runs all the way from Broadway in Sacramento where Hwy 50 and 99 intersect, to Thornton Blvd. where it crosses the Mokulumne River. What is significant about this is that Franklin Blvd. pretty much defines the neighborhood that I grew up in.

As a kid, Mom would take me to Sacramento shopping (for her, not me.) As we drove up Franklin Blvd. towards Sacramento, she would point to the empty fields and tell me, "Someday, Sacramento is going to be building houses all the way out here." She was right about the houses, wrong about Sacramento. In hind sight, Elk Grove is the city expanding into this area on Franklin Blvd. It turns out that Sacramento expanded north and East while Elk Grove expanded mostly West. Now Elk Grove has expanded all the way to the west side of Franklin Blvd into an area known as "Laguna," now a sub division of Elk Grove.

Franklin is pretty much unchanged from when I was kid. If anything, it has gotten smaller and less significant. Presently, it has two bars, a grave yard, a skate rink, a grammar school and two stop signs. It used to have a grocery store as well.

Present day Franklin is like stuck in a time warp. These were vacant buildings when I was a kid. At one time, a couple of us explored the insides, finding nothing of interest. According to the "Galt" historical society, Franklin was a township at one time. I do remember Franklin having a fire department. It was equipped with a Buster Keaton fire engine as backwards as the town itself. This fire engine was an open cab version complete with the hand operated siren as well. (It actually had a real siren but you would not have guessed that such an old engine would have such a modern fixture. The siren was probably an aftermarket add on.) The windshield would fold down as well allowing unencumbered stream lining as it got up to its top speed of approximately 37 MPH. Whenever there was a need for the fire engine to be dispatched, you could hear the wail of the siren from its point of origin in Franklin and as it gently progressed to its smoky destination. This siren could be heard from anywhere in the Franklin Fire District and was also a call to any volunteer to come help fight the fire. You wouldn't have to listen for very long before determining its general direction as it headed to a more evident pillar of smoke wafting vertically into the sky. (I think they use cell phones now instead of smoke signals, to notify the volunteer fireman.)

To read more and see some great pictures go to <http://jimrhuff.com/index.html>

Past Events at the Museum

The Peace Presbyterian Church had a "picnic" on the museum grounds in August. Jeanette Lawson gave a brief history of the Elk Grove Historical society and Lucille Christesen, Steve Lambert and Lorraine Croup were docents. The picnickers had a great time and we received a generous donation of \$75.

Luttig Garden Update

The cement for the gate was poured yesterday and when it sets up we will be able to bolt the gate to the frame.

After that all that needs to be done will be the decomposed granite.

*******DUES*******

Have you paid your 2008, 2009 dues? Call Lorraine at 683-6893 for verification.

October 3, 2009 Museum Open

Museum open noon—4:00 PM. This will be your last chance to see the 2009 exhibit before it is taken down to prepare for An Old Fashioned Christmas!



Calendar of Events for September 2009

September 5, 2009—First Saturday

Museum closed for Labor Day Weekend

September 12, 2009—Quilt Show



The Elk Grove Historical Society, under the direction of the archivist, Liz Sellstrom, will be displaying their collection of quilts on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 12 noon until 4 PM at the Elk Grove Hotel & Stage Stop Museum.

Some of the quilts to be displayed include a crazy quilt from the late 1800s; a patchwork quilt that was made during the Civil War; a crocheted medallion bedspread, that was made by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers over 100 years ago; a quilt made by Joseph Kerr 7th grade students to celebrate America's bicentennial in 1976; an album quilt made by the women of the Methodist Church of Elk Grove; along with several others. Many of these quilts are in delicate condition and are only displayed periodically.

Elk Grove
Historical Society
Annual
House Tour

September 19, 2009—Annual House Tour



On September 19, 2009 the Elk Grove Historical Society will conduct a house tour by bus into the countryside to an 1800 ranch house on 3,000 acres in east county, and a countryside estate built by Don Younce in 1980; a small 1877 house (now an office) with beautiful hardwood throughout the house; and a mansion in the town of Elk Grove. The bus will leave from the Elk Grove Museum, 9941 East Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove Park at 9 A.M. on Saturday morning, returning at 5 P.M. There will be a no-host lunch in the town of Sheldon at noon. Reservations are \$45.00 in advance. Call Lorraine 683-6893.

September 21, 2009—EGHS Board Meeting

Board Meeting at 4:00 PM, Hotel & Stage Stop Museum.
9941 East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove

September 28, 2009—General Meeting



General Meeting at Franklin High School Library
(Franklin Community Library)
7:00 PM
Speaker:

EGHS Treasurer, Dr. Phil Minghetti, is delighted to present the **Treasury Report for August 13, 2009**.
The Grand Total for all accounts is broken down as follows:

Operating Account	
General Fund	\$4,137.41
Generations Fund *	\$160.00
Wightman Fund	\$412.45
Total Operating Account Balance	\$4,709.86
Restoration Account	
General Restoration Fund	\$5,808.00
Luttig Memorial Fund	\$198.05
Total Restoration Account Balance	\$6006.05
Museum Store Account	\$1,893.99
Rhoads School Account	
Operating Fund	\$441.21
Scholarship Fund	\$484.30
Steve Wright Memorial Fund	\$1,915.00
Total Rhoads School Account Balance	\$2,840.51
Grand Total of All Accounts	\$15,450.41

* The Generations Fund was re-established by Jeanette Lawson in July 2009. This fund is used to pay bills emanating from the Research Library located in the museum.

**Elk Grove Historical Society
No Board Meeting Minutes for July or
August of 2009**

Research Library

Now open by appointment. Call Jeanette at 685-8115 or e-mail her at msjlaw@comcast.net



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Rhoads School
Established 1872

NOTES TO HOME
FROM SCHOOL

The Rhoads School Report

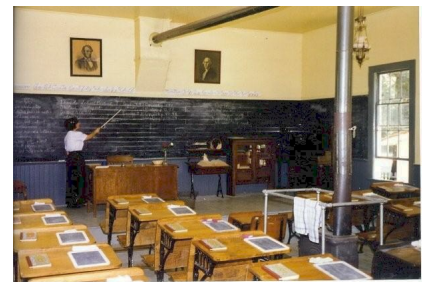
The teaching year for the Rhoads School goes from October through May, with the months of December and January off. To prepare for the new school year the Docents have their annual meeting every August, and for 2009 that meeting date is August 25.

On that day the nine or so docents will gather at the Rhoads School, bring a sack lunch, and spend several hours going over the plans for the year, and sharing ‘what works well’ and ‘what doesn’t work so well’ information with each other. The meeting, under the leadership of head docents Ellen McNeil and Nancy White, will cover everything from lessons, to supplies, to recess games, to program changes and improvements.

By the middle of August, many of the elementary school classes have put in their requests for ‘Rhoads School Days’, so this annual meeting is the perfect time for the docents to select the dates that each will take for her school year schedule.

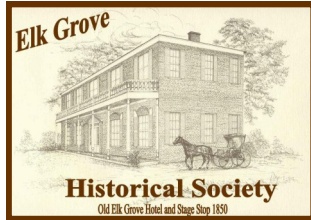
The Rhoads School
Docents

(with their *schoolmarm*
name in parentheses)



- Helen Diepenbrock (*Mistress Lewis*)
- Rosemary Fajen (*Nellie St. Clair*)
- Suzanne Konkel (*Abigail Sheldon*)
- Ardith Gledhill-Lindgren (*Clara Foster*)
- Ellen McNeil (*Clara Foster*)
- Karen Norberg (*Annie Skinner*)
- JoAnn Peter (*Sadie Belcher*)
- Roberta Tanner (*Mistress Davenport*)
- Nancy White (*Mistress Davenport*)

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