

June 2011 ~ Sierra Vista Scenic Byway Association Newsletter

SVSBA Membership

The Byway Association is a non-profit organization that relies on the income from our yearly membership fees to cover Association expenses, publications, website maintenance, educational tours, Byway workdays, etc.

Please join as a new member or renew your Byway association membership to help support the Byway. Be sure to participate in the Association's summer tour activities and maybe even attend a monthly meeting or two. Find a membership application included with this newsletter. A big THANK YOU to those members already signed up for this year! We can't succeed without your support.

Visit the Byway website www.sierravistascenicbyway.org for more information about the SVSBA, tours, meetings & membership.

Saturday, July 16

History of Hydro Electricity & Railroads on the Scenic Byway

Find out about the history and workings of the SCE and PG&E hydroelectric projects adjacent to the Byway and the amazing history of the railway used to build them. The tour will be conducted by Keith McClure, retired SCE Station Chief and Darinda Otto, curator and interpretive guide of the Shaver Crossing Rail Road Museum.

Meet at North Fork Post Office at 9:00am. We'll arrange carpooling there.

Lunch will be provided for a \$10. donation if you call 877-2760 or email dwaltner@netptc.net two days in advance.

Saturday, August 6

A Delightful Day at Nelder Grove Giant Sequoias

Enjoy the Redwoods in Nelder Grove with easy walks & picnicking, while learning about the ecology and history of this hidden grove that rivals the crowded Mariposa Grove in Yosemite.

Brenda Negley, docent and granddaughter of the couple that is responsible for researching the history of the area, will be conducting the tour. Learn about John Muir, John Nelder, local Native Americans and the logging activity that took place in the grove.

Meet at 9:00am in the Mountain House parking lot at the corner of Highway 41 and Road 222 in Oakhurst.

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Redinger Overlook

Come out to the Byway to relax and "sit a spell" on the new bench that is the center of our newly refurbished visitors viewing area at Redinger Overlook. The views are spectacular and the bench is very roomy and comfortable.

