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# **Doctor June Hill Robertson McCarroll**

The chapters of Doctor June Hill Robertson McCarroll's life that are most well known and documented include the years of her medical practice in the Coachella Valley and the developing and championing of the idea of center stripes for streets and highways. Very little is known or documented about her life in the Midwest prior to her arrival in Indio and not much is known or documented about her life after she retired from the practice of medicine.

We do know that June Hill was born on June 30, 1867, in the Adirondacks of Kentucky, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Preston Hill. She attended college in Chicago, a rarity for women at the time, and received her medical training at the Allopathic Medical College, an exceedingly rare accomplishment for women of that era. She served as the physician for the Nebraska State School for two years. Clearly, she was an extraordinary person based solely on her early life accomplishments.

John Robertson, her husband developed tuberculosis, which caused Dr. McCarroll to give up her career and practice to move to a warm dry climate, the treatment of choice at that time for tuberculosis. They traveled to Los Angeles expecting to settle eventually in the Imperial Valley. During the trip to the Imperial Valley they discovered a tuberculosis health camp in the tiny community of Indio and modified their plans. The camp had been established by Illinois manufacturer and philanthropist N. O. Nelson and was managed by Job Harriman, a vice presidential candidate during the 1900 election. Mr. Harriman was looking for someone to supervise the 60-acre farm associated with the health camp. Mr. Robertson accepted the position and soon regained his health. Dr. McCarroll retired from the practice of medicine, intending to become a frontier housewife.

Doctor June, as she was to become known, was thrust back into the practice of medicine when the attending physician at the camp quit and returned to the East. Doctor June was asked to care for the patients at the camp until a new physician could be found. The ranch and railroad families also implored her to become their doctor. The California Board of Medical Examiners granted her a special permit and she returned to the practice of medicine only a few weeks after her arrival. She soon earned an outstanding reputation for her skilled practice of medicine and her dedication to her immediate community.

The treatment for tuberculosis during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century consisted primarily of rest and sunshine. Keeping patients' morale high was also important since most of them were not interested in working on the farm and were isolated and quarantined from the rest of the sparsely-populated Coachella Valley communities. Primarily to provide reading material for her patients, Doctor June applied for a branch of state library from Sacramento for her home. Thus Doctor June founded the first library in the Coachella Valley during September, 1905, consisting of 50 to 100 volumes that changed every three months. The library was open during three afternoons per week.

Doctor June's medical practice ranged over a vast area from the newly formed Salton Sea to Palm Springs, with primitive or no transportation infrastructure. Often her practice required hours-long horseback, horse and buggy, railroad handcar, and eventually, automobile trips in order to practice medicine under very primitive conditions. She criticized modern physicians for being unable to adapt and only performing surgery in modern hospitals with every modern convenience at hand. She always carried her surgical instruments with her since transportation was problematic and telephones non existent. She often cleared the kitchen table, boiled water to sterilize the instruments, tied down the patient, administered the anesthetic, and operated by the light of a kerosene lamp. She did not perform major surgery but did remove a lot of tonsils.

Doctor June was appointed the first Indian Doctor by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1907, causing friction with the tribal medicine men. Working patiently among the Indians, she and her white medicine soon gained the acceptance by most of the Indian families. Ambrosio Costillo, one of the medicine men, became so enamored of Dr. June's medical skills that he abandoned his own shamanistic practice and thereafter carried out her medical orders. Ambrosio provided a valuable service during the measles epidemic of 1908 by administering the white doctor's medicine and enforcing the quarantine.

The 1908 measles epidemic was the impetus for an Indian uprising. Doctor June was warned of the peril, but strapped on a six-shooter and continued her ministration to the sick Indians. No one, it seems, questioned Doctor June's courage or her shooting ability.

John Robertson died in 1914. Doctor June married Frank McCarroll, the Southern Pacific Railroad Station Agent for Indio, during 1916. Also, other doctors opened practices in Indio and Coachella during 1916. Dr. June soon retired to the life of the frontier housewife and devoted her time to civic endeavors and club work.

The event that was to make her famous took place during the fall of 1917. While driving her Model T Ford between Indio and Palm Springs, she was forced off the very narrow concrete highway into the sand by a truck. The incident took place at dusk and the truck driver apparently had difficulty telling just where his half of the unmarked white concrete highway ended and the white sand shoulder began.

Rather than just getting angry over the incident, Doctor June started to think about how such accidents could be prevented. Additionally, her medical practice would have brought her into regular contact with people who had been injured in automobile crashes, which would have kept the matter fresh in her mind. While on a later trip over US Highway 99 to Kane Springs, Doctor June noticed that the road had a definite middle joint where it had been widened from 8 to 16 feet. The pronounced center joint ridge caused cars to stay on their own side of the road. Doctor June realized that a center line painted down the middle of our streets and highways would serve the same purpose as the center joint.

She took the idea to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors who listened politely and then politely tabled the matter. Undeterred, she hand painted a four-inch wide white stripe about one mile in length. The stripe ran from the junction of present Highways 111 and 86, on Highway 86, to near the Covaldo Date Company building in Coachella. The road was then known as Highway 99 and is now known as Indio Boulevard. This was the first center stripe in Riverside County and the State of California, if not the United States.

Her center stripe idea was a tough sell. Doctor June spent the next five years talking to Chambers of Commerce and highway departments without success until she turned to the Indio Women' Club. After receiving the full support of the County, District, and State Federations of Women's Clubs she took a resolution petitioning the California State Legislature to enact a law authorizing the State Highway Commission to paint a line in the middle of all state roads. The State Highway Commission, cognizant of the boost that the idea had received from the women of California, voted to give center stripes a trial. Doctor June realized that she had succeeded, declaring that all she had ever asked for was a trial of her idea, confident that the safety benefits would become readily apparent. She was right: her invention, and her persistence in pursuit of its implementation, have saved countless thousands of live on the streets, roads, and highways of California since 1924.

Eminent Riverside County historian Tom Patterson does not question Doctor June's involvement with the centerline idea, but has some questions about the dates. He wrote in his Riverside Press Enterprise column that he remembered a trip to Kane Springs as a 13-year old during 1922 and recalled, as he put it "correctly or not," that Highway 99 was all or mostly unpaved as of that date. Thus the Kane Springs road was unlikely to have had the center ridge due to pavement widening in 1917, if his memory is correct.

Tom Patterson also reported that the centerline idea had been proposed by Wayne County, Michigan, Highway Commissioner Edward Hines and utilized as early as 1911. Mr. Patterson also mentioned another earlier road divider was a stripe of white stones on a Mexico City highway built by the Spanish conquistadors during the 1500s. Ideas and information moved much more slowly in those pre-internet days, allowing the reasonable conclusion that Doctor June invented the centerline idea independently in Indio without any knowledge of Commissioner Hines, Wayne County, Michigan, Highway Commission practices, or 16<sup>th</sup>-century Mexican history. From that one mile of 4-inch wide stripe on Indio Boulevard sprang the myriad of colors of stripes and other markings on our streets and highways to enhance our motoring safety.

Ultimately, Doctor June got her wish and retired to the life of housewife and civic-minded matron. There is little information about her after her retirement. She remained in the Coachella Valley but may have moved from the Indio area to another nearby but unidentified Coachella Valley community. Her records from her medical practice have not been found to this date, unlike other medical pioneers in the area. There are no indications of any offspring and little is known about her parents and her family of origin, including whether she had any siblings.

Doctor June Hill Robertson McCarroll died on March 30, 1954, at age 86. Again, the historical record is incomplete. Longtime residents, who knew Doctor June from the period of the centerline story and thereafter, do not recall attending, or even hearing of, a funeral service and they do not know where she is buried. Further historical research in the Coachella Valley, Kentucky, Illinois, and Nebraska could answer some of the questions.

State Senator David G. Kelley authored Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 58 during the year 2000 honoring Doctor June McCarroll by renaming a portion of the nearby freeway for her. Interstate Highway 10 between the Jefferson Street and Indio Boulevard interchange and the junction with State Highway Route 86 was dedicated as the Dr. June McCarroll Memorial Freeway on April 24, 2002.

The Coachella Valley Museum & Cultural Center, housed in the Dr. Harry Smiley Adobe, located at 82-616 Miles Avenue at Deglet Noor, in Indio. The museum has an excellent display on Doctor June McCarroll as well as other Coachella Valley displays. The museum also is home to a Billy Holcomb ECV plaque, near the entrance to the museum grounds, commemorating Dr. Harry Smiley, another Coachella Valley medical pioneer who began his practice during the year of 1921.

### **REFERENCES**

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### Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 58

Introduced by Senator Kelley

January 14, 2000

Senate Concurrent Resolution 58—Relative to the Doctor June McCarroll Freeway.

Legislative Counsel's Digest SCR 58, as introduced, Kelley. Doctor June McCarroll Freeway

This measure would dedicate the portion of Interstate Highway Route 10 near Indio in Riverside County between the Jefferson Street and Indio Boulevard interchange and the junction with State Highway Route 86 to the memory of Doctor June Carroll, and would specify that this portion of Interstate Highway Route 10 shall be known as the "Doctor June McCarroll Memorial Freeway." This measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

WHEREAS, Doctor June McCarroll first arrived in California in 1904, when she moved to Indio in order to place her ailing husband in a health camp for persons inflicted with tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, It was in Indio where Doctor June McCarroll acquired the name "Doctor June" and traveled at first by horse and buggy and later by horseback, in order to practice medicine; and

WHEREAS, In 1907, Doctor June practiced medicine on five Indian reservations and later became the doctor retained by the Southern Pacific Railroad to treat its employees in the Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, In later life, she expressed regrets that younger doctors were seemingly unable to function without modern hospitals and other conveniences when she had sometimes operated on kitchen tables, explaining "I would clear off the table, tie the patient down, and administer anesthetic," and

WHEREAS, Doctor June is also credited with starting the first library in the Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, Although Doctor June McCarroll has a reputation in the Coachella Valley based on her practice of medicine and dedication to her immediate community, she is also known for her role in initiating the painting of centerlines upon streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, In 1924, after she and the Indio Women's Club and the California Federation of Women's Clubs proposed it, the idea of painting a centerline on state highways was adopted by the California Highway Commission, and the first white stripe was painted by hand with a paintbrush, on Indio boulevard, coincidentally, on the street where Doctor June McCarroll was then living; and

WHEREAS, This idea has saved thousands of lives since its early beginning over 75 years ago; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the portion of the Interstate Highway Route 10 near Indio in Riverside County between the Jefferson Street and Indio Boulevard interchange and the junction with State Highway Route 86 be dedicated in the memory of this remarkable person; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby dedicates the portion of the Interstate Highway Route 10 near Indio in Riverside County between the Jefferson Street and Indio Boulevard interchange and the junction with State Highway Route 86 to the memory of Doctor June McCarroll; and be it further

Resolved, That this portion of Interstate Highway Route 10 be officially designated the "Doctor June Carroll Memorial Freeway;" and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author for distribution.

### RIVERSIDE CO. MUSEUMS

### call the branch museums to be sure they are open

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Agua Caliente Cultural Museum

219 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs (760) 323-0151 Wed.-Sun. from 10 to 5 pm

Agua Mansa Cemetery Museum

2001 W. Agua Mansa Rd. Colton 92316

**Bureau of Land Management** 

California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley old address at 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside.

Cabazon Cultural Museum

84-245 Indio Springs Parkway, Indio, CA Wed.-Sun. from 10 to 5 pm 800 827-2946

Cabot Yerxza's Old Indian Pueblo

67616 Desert View Avenue, Desert Hot Springs 92240

California Citrus State Historic Park Museum

9400 Dufferin Ave., Riverside 92502 or 1879 Jackson St., Riverside 92503 Sat. & Sun. from 11 to 3 pm (909) 780-6222 or (909) 689-8279

Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert

71-701 Gerald Ford Drive, Rancho Mirage (760) 321-0602

Coachella Valley Archaeological Society

at Palm Springs Desert Museum (760) 349-3529

Coachella Valley Museum & Cultural Center

82-616 Miles Ave., Indio 92201 Wed.-Sat. from 10 to 4 pm & 1 to 4 pm on Sun. (760) 342-6651

Colorado River Historical Society & Museum

2201 Hwy. 68, Bullhead, AZ (located in historic Catholic Church)
Open Tues.-Sun. from 10 to 4 pm
Closed July and August.
(520) 754-3399

Corona Heritage Park & Museum

510 Foothill Parkway, Corona Tue.-Sat. from 10 to 2 pm (909) 898-0687

**Edward-Dean Museum Decorative Arts& Gardens** 

9401 Oak Glen Road, Cherry Valley 92223 Fri-Sun. from 10 to 5 pm (909) 845-2626

Fender Museum of Music and the Arts

365 N. Main St., Corona (909) 735-2440 Galleano Winery

4231 Wineville Rd., Riverside County 91752

General Patton Museum

62510 Chiriaco Drive, Chiriaco Summit 9:30 to 4:30 pm daily (760) 227-3483

Gilman Historical Ranch and Wagon Museum

16th & Wilson Streets, Banning 92220 Sat. from10 to 4 pm

(909) 922-9200

Fish Traps Archaeological Site

Jackson St. & 66th Avenue (by the old Valerie Jean Date Farm) west of Mecca

**Hemet Museum** 

Santa Fe Depot freight house, Florida Ave. and State St. (909) 929-4409

Heritage House

8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside Thurs.-Fri. from noon to 3 pm & Sun. from noon-3:30 pm (909) 689-1333 living history presentation on the last Sunday of the month

**Bob Hope Cultural Center** 

73000 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert 92260

Jensen-Alvarado Museum

4307 Briggs Street, Rubidoux 92509
Open Saturday from10 to 4 pm
1 pm Guided Tours
2 pm Activities for Children toy making, artifact digging (909) 369-6055 or (909) 955-4300

Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center

7621 Granite Hill Drive, Riverside Tues.-Sat. from 8 to 4 pm (909) 685-5818

Lake Elsinore Historical Society

106 S. Main St., Lake Elsinore Sat.-Sun. from 11 to 3:30 pm (909) 245-4986

Lake Perris Regional Indian Museum

17801 Lake Perris Dr. Riverside County 92571

La Quinta Historical Society Museum

77-885 Avenida Montezuma, La Quinta Wed.-Sat. from 10 to 4 pm Sun. from 1 to 4 pm (760) 564-1283

La Sierra World Museum of Natural History

4700 Pierce St., Riverside

(909) 785-2299

### RIVERSIDE CO. MUSEUMS

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### Living Desert Nature Preserve

47-900 Portola Avenue, Indian Wells/Palm Desert 92210 (760) 346-5694

### Malki Museum

795 Fields Road, Banning 92501 10 to 4 pm Daily (909) 849-7289

### March Field Air Museum

Van Buren Boulevard & I-215, Moreno Valley 9 to 4 pm Daily (909) 697-6602

### March Field Historic District

Graeber St. & Myer Dr., Moreno Valley

### Mission Inn Museum

3696 Main St., Riverside 92501 9:30 to 4 pm Daily (909) 788-9556

### Mockingbird Canyon Archaeological Site

Mockingbird Canyon Rd & Harley John Rd. near Lake Matthews

### Moorten Botanical Garden

1701 S. Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Spring 92264

### Mousley Museum of Natural History

35308 Panorama Dr., Yucaipa 92399

### Orange Empire Railway Museum

2201 S. A St., Perris 92570 9 to 5 pm daily (909) 657-2605 train&trolley rides, weekends & holidays 11-5 pm

### Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

Tramway Rd. Palm Springs

### Palm Springs Air Museum

745 N. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs hours thru September 30: 9 to 3 pm daily (760) 778-6262

### Palm Springs Desert Museum

101 Museum Drive, Palm Springs Tue.-Sat. from 10 to 5 pm Sun. from noon to 5 pm (760) 325-0189

### Palm Springs Historical Society's McCallum Adobe Museum and Cornelia White House Museum

221 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs Wed. & Sun. from noon to 3 pm Thurs.-Sat. from 10 to 4 pm (760) 323-8297

### Palo Verde Historical Museum Society

150 North Broadway, Blythe Tues.-Fri. from10 to 4 pm (760) 922-8770

### Planes of Fame Air Museum

7000 Merrill Ave., Chino 9 to 5 pm Daily (909) 597-3722

### Ramona Bowl Museum

27400 Ramona Bowl Road, Hemet 92544 Open January thru May (909) 658-3111

### Rincon Rancho Yorba-Slaughter Adobe

17127 Pomona Rincon Rd. Chino 91710

### Riverside Art Museum

3425 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside 92501

### Riverside Municipal Museum

3580 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside or 3425 Orange St. Closed Monday Tues.- Fri. 10 to 5 pm; Sat. 10 to 5 pm & 11 to 5 pm Sun. (909) 826-5273

### Ruddy's 1930's General Store Museum

221 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs Thurs.-Sun. from 10 to 4 pm (760) 327-2156

### Ryan School of Aeronautics Museum

4280 Waldon Weaver Road, Hemet Wed.-Sun. from 10 to 3 pm (909) 658-2716

### San Gorgonio Pass Historical Society

39437 Oak View, Cherry Valley 92223 (909) 845-4828

### San Jacinto Valley Museum

181 E. Main St. San Jacinto 92583 12 to 5 pm Thurs.-Sat. (909) 654-4952

### Sherman Indian Museum

9010 Magnolia Ave., Riverside Mon.-Fri. from 1 to 4 pm (909) 276-6719

### Sweeney Art Gallery

3701 Canyon Crest Dr., Riverside 92501

### Temecula Valley Museum

Sam Hicks Monument Park 28314 Mercedes St. Temecula Tues.-Sat. from 10 to 5 pm & 1 to 5 pm on Sun. (909) 694-6450

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### Trujillo Adobe Historic Area

S. Pellisier Rd., Riverside County 92501 northwest from the junction of Orange St. and Center St. and west of I-215.

### **UCR Museum of Photography**

3824 Main St., Riverside 92501 Tues.-Sat. from 11 to 5 pm & Sun. from 1 to 5 pm (909) 784-3686

### Whitewater Adobe

I-10 & Hwy. 111 Palm Springs foundation exists

### **World Museum of Natural History**

4700 Pierce St., Riverside at La Sierra University 2 to 5 pm Saturday (909) 785-2209

### Vagle, Mary Museum and Nature Center

11501 Cypress Ave., Fontana 92337

### Yucaipa Adobe

32183 Kentucky St., Yucaipa 92399

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A Special Place

Children's Hands-On Museum 1003 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino (909) 881-1201

**Agua Mansa Cemetery** 

2001 W. Agua Mansa Road, Colton 92324 Wed.-Sat. from10 am to 4 pm & Sun. from 1 to 4 pm (909) 370-2091

Augustan Society Library/Museum

located in the historic Muir Funk Mansion, Daggett call for appointment (760) 254-9223

**Barstow Harvey House Depot Museum** 

"Route 66 Museum" in the back, west end of the 'Casa del Disierto' railroad depot 681 North First Avenue, Barstow 92311 Fri. thru Sun. from 11 am to 4 pm (760) 255-1890 for group tours by reservation

Barstow Mojave River Valley Museum

Corner of Virginia Way & Barstow Rd. 1 block north of I-15 270 E. Virginia Way (P.O. Box 1282) Barstow 92311 11 am to 4 pm daily (760) 256-5452

Beatty, Nevada Museum

417 Main Street in the old Catholic Mission Building P.O. Box 244, Beatty, Nevada (775) 553-2302

Big Bear Discovery Center

40917 North Shore Drive North Shore Drive between Fawnskin and Stanfield cutoff Big Bear Lake (909) 866-3437

Big Bear Valley Historical Society and Museum

P.O. Box 513, Big Bear City 92314

Summers Hours 2003: Wed. 10-4; Sat. 10-4; Sun. 10-4 (909) 585-8100

**Bloomington Garage** 

Commercial Street @ Orchard St., next to the I-10 freeway one block west of Cedar Ave. on ramp to I-10

**Boron Borax Museum** 

follow SR-58 west of Boron and follow the signs

**Bureau of Land Management** 

California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley 92553. old address at 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside

Calico Early Man Site

take Minneola Rd. exit from I-15 - 15 miles north of Barstow open Wed. noon to 4:30 pm & 9 am to 4:30 pm Thurs.-Sun. (760) 218-0827 or (760) 254-2248

Calico Museum

Exit I-15 about 7.5 miles north of Barstow on Ghost Town Rd. at the authentic Lane Store in Calico Open Saturdays & Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm (760) 254-3828

California Route 66 Museum

16825 D St., Victorville (at 6th and D Sts.) 10 to 4 pm Thurs.-Mon. (760) 951-0436

Casa Rancho de Cucamonga

John Rains House - Co. Museum Branch (Maria Merced Williams de Rains Adobe) 8810 Hemlock, Rancho Cucamonga 91730 Wed.-Sat 10 am to 4 pm CALL first Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas (909) 989-4970

Chaffey-Garcia House and Museum

7150 Etiwanda Ave., Etiwanda (909) 899-8432

Children's Forest

Highway 18 & Running Springs School Rd., Running Springs (909) 337-5156 or (909) 867-5996

Colonel Vernon P. Saxon Jr. Aerospace Museum

in Boron

open daily 10 to 4 pm (760) 762-6600

Colorado River Historical Society & Museum

2201 Hwy. 68, Bullhead, AZ (located in historic church) Open Tues. thru Sun. from 10 am to 4 pm Closed July and August. (520) 754-3399

Colton Historical Society

P.O. Box 233 Colton 92324

Colton Museum

380 North La Cadena Drive, Colton (the Old library) Fri 1 to 4 pm & last Sun. of month (909) 824-8814

Cooper Regional History Museum

217 E. A St., Upland 1 to 5 pm Saturdays (909) 982-8010

**Daggett Historical Society** 

meets on 1st Thurs. of each month (760) 254-2629

Daggett Museum

33703 Second Street P.O. Box 105, Daggett 92327-0105 open from 1 to 4 pm Sat. and Sun. (760) 254-2629

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# Desert Discovery Center (the Old Barstow BLM bookstore)

2160 Barstow Road Tues.-Sat. from 11 to 4 pm (760) 252-6000

### Dixie Evan's Burlesque Museum, Exotic World

29053 Wild Road, Helendale open daily 9 am to 5 pm (760) 243-5261 An historical treat. Excellent, tastefully done. As Dixie would say, "I haven't been busted yet!"

### El Rancho Motel 66 Museum

There is another Barstow Route 66 Museum. It is east of First St. on the south side of Main St. 1st St. goes over the old Bridge and Main St. is Old Route 66.

### Fire Museum

D Street & 8th Street, Victorville 92392

### Fontana Historical Museum

8459 Wheeler Ave., Fontana and 8863 Pepper St., Fontana (909) 823-3846 (909) 823-1733 Historical Society Number

### Ft. Irwin's National Training Center & 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Museum

Open daily during working hours and by appointment. (760) 380-6607

### Mojave Desert Heritage and Cultural Assoc.

37198 Lanfair Road - G-15
Essex 92332-9799
tel. Helen Baker at (818) 705-3930 or
Jo Ann Casebier at (760) 733-4482
Hours: open house weekends
the first weekend of each month from January through June
and October through December. Hrs. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Harvey House and Rail Depot

681 1st Avenue, Barstow Fri.-Sun. from 11 to 4 pm tours by reservation 1 (760) 255-1890

### **Hi-Desert Nature Museum**

57116 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley Tues.-Sun. from 10 to 5 pm (760) 369-7212

### Historical Glass Museum

1157 Orange St., Redlands Sat. & Sun. from noon to 4 pm (909) 798-0868

# Historical Site of the Original McDonald's and Route 66 Museum

1398 N. E St., San Bernardino 14th and E Streets; southeast corner 10 to 5 pm daily (909) 885-6342

### Kimberly Crest House & Gardens

1325 Prospect Drive, Redlands Thurs.-Sun. from 1 to 4 pm (909) 792-2111

### Lake Arrowhead Children's Museum

Lake Arrowhead Village, lower level 10 to 6 pm daily (909) 336-3093

### Lincoln Memorial Shrine

125 W. Vine St., Redlands 1 to 5 pm (909) 798-7636

### Maloof Residence Museum

5131 Carnelian St., Alta Loma 1 to 4 pm (909) 980-0412

### Mohahve Historical Society

meets at 7 pm on 4th Thursday of the month at the Sterling Inn, 17738 Francesca, Victorville (760) 949-2276

### Mousley Museum of Natural History

35308 Panorama Drive, Yucaipa. Wed-Fri & Sun. from1 to 5 pm & Sat. from 9-5 pm 2-9-03 temporary closed (909) 790-3163

### Museum of History and Art

225 South Euclid Ave., Ontario Wed-Sun, 12-4 pm (909) 983-3198

### Needles Museum and Garces Harvey House

Front St., Needles (760) 326-2892

### Oak Glen School House Museum

Yucaipa Sat. from noon to 4 pm & Sun. from 1:30 to 4 pm (909) 797-1691

### Oakie Rav's Museum

705 State Route 395 in Red Mountain an outdoor mining museum

### Owl Hotel

699 US 395 in Red Mountain it was closed early Dec. 2002

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Pahrump, Nevada @3/03-soon to open

Petterson Museum 730 W. Plymouth Rd., Claremont 91711

Pioneer and Historical Society of San Bernardino 8th and D St. in S.B. in Harris Memorial Hall meets the 1st Thursday at 7 pm

Planes of Fame Air Museum and Jet Fighter Museum

7000 Merrill Avenue, Cal-Aero Field, Chino 9 to 5 pm daily (909) 597-3722

Rialto Adobe northeast corner of Bud Bender Park on Lilac Avenue, south of Foothill Blvd., Rialto (909) 875-7414

Rialto Historical Society Museum 205 N. Riverside Avenue, Rialto (909) 875-1750

Rincon Rancho Yorba-Slaughter Adobe 17127 Pomona Rincon Rd., Chino 91710

Route 66 Visitor Center & Museum 7965 Vineyard Ave., Rancho Cucamonga 91730

San Bernardino Asistencia Mission de San Gabriel

26930 Barton Road, Redlands 92373 Wed.-Sat. from 10 am to 4 pm, Sun 1 to 4 pm (909) 793-5402

San Bernardino County Medical Museum 952 S. Mount Vernon Ave., Colton (909) 825-6526 Mon. to Fri. by appointment only

San Bernardino County Museum 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands Tues.-Sun. from 9 am to 5 pm (909) 307-2669 or (888) 247-3344

Searles Valley Historical Society Trona (760) 372-5222

Silver Dollar Cafe/Saloon 685 US 395 was open Dec. 2002

Stone Hotel In Daggett - closed at this time (909) 307-2669 ext. 238 Trona History House 83001 Panamint St. (off Trona Road) also has a caboose and RXR equipment outside

Trona Museum

13193 Main Street @ Corner with Searles Street this is an official California Point of Historical Interest

**Trujillo Adobe Historic Area**S. Pellisier Rd. Riverside County 92501
North West from the junction of Orange St. and Center St. and west of I-215.

Twenty Mule Team Museum
20 Mule Team Road in Boron, south of SR-58 about 2 blocks open everyday from 10 to 4
(760) 762-5810

Twentynine Palms School House Museum 6760 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms Wed.-Sun from I pm to 4 pm (760) 367-2366

20th Century History and Technology Museum 106 N. 1 St. San Bernardino 10-3pm Saturday (909) 797-3279

Victor Valley Museum 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley Wed-Sat from 10 am to 4 pm & Sun from noon to 4 pm (760) 240-2111

Western American Railroad Museum Harvey House in Barstow 681 N. First Avenue Open 11 :00-4:00, Fri., Sat., Sun. (760) 256-9276

Vagle, Mary Museum and Nature Center 11501 Cypress Ave., Fontana 92337

Yorba-Slaughter Adobe Rincon Rancho Yorba-Slaughter Adobe 17127 Pomona Rincon Road, Chino 91710 Wed-Sat 10 to 4 p.m. & Sunday 1-4 pm. (909) 597-8332

Yucaipa Adobe 32183 Kentucky St., Yucaipa 92399 Tue. to Sat. from 10 am to 3 pm, Sunday 1 to 4 pm Closed Mondays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day. (909) 793-5402

Yucaipa Valley Historical Society Museum 35130 Avenue A, Yucaipa (909) 797-2489, ext. 511

# OTHER MUSEUM'S OF INTEREST AND EASTERN SIERRA MUSEUM'S

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### Old Timers Museum

located in Murphys, Calif. write 11 Knolltop Ct., Novato, CA 94945 Thurs-Sun. from 11 to 4 pm

# University of the Pacific at Stockton Clamper Repository

Daryl Morrison Holt-Atherton Department of Special Collections University Library, University of the Pacific Stockton, CA 95211 (209) 946-2404

### **Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest**

Take Hwy. 395 north of Big Pine and turn east on Hwy. 168. Drive to White Mountain Road and turn north. The road is paved from Big Pine to the Schulman Grove of Bristlecone Pines. Contains an interpretive site and self guided trails.

### Bishop Museum & Historical Society

P.O. Box 363, Bishop, CA 93514 (619) 873-5950

### **Bodie State Historic Park**

US 395 to State Hwy 270 (7 miles south of Bridgeport) and go 13 miles east to Bodie. Last 3 miles are unpaved. Road subject to snow closures in winter.

9 to 7 pm in summer 9 to 4 pm remainder of year 10 to 5:30 pm Memorial Day to Labor Day (619) 647-6445

### California Historical Society

678 Mission Street, San Francisco (415) 357-1848

### California Military Museum

1119 2nd St., Sacramento, CA 95814 Winter: 10 to 5 pm; Summer: 11 to 7 pm (916) 442-2883

### California State Indian Museum

located at 2618 K Street, Sacramento write 2701 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 10 to 5 pm daily (916) 324-0971

### California State Railroad Museum

located at 2nd and I streets in Sacramento write 111 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2265 (916) 445-7387

### Conference of California Historical Societies

(209) 946-2169 write CCHS, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA

### Death Valley's Furnace Creek Visitor Center

8 to 5 pm (760) 786-3200

### Eastern California Museum

155. N. Grant, Independence P.O. Box 206 Independence, CA 93526 10-4 pm Weds.-Mon. (760) 878-0258

### Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center

Located 1 mile south of Lone Pine, at the junction of U.S. 395 and Hwy. 136 8 to 4:50 pm daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Year's Day

### Kernville Museum

by Lake Isabella Thurs.-Sun. from 10 am to 4 pm

### Laws Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum

P.O. Box 363, Bishop, CA 93515 (760) 873-5950

### Lone Pine Museum

127 Bush Street, Lone Pine Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce (619) 876-4444

# Mammoth Lakes Ranger District Visitor Center

located on Hwy. 203 in Mammoth Lakes, 3 miles west of U.S. 395 8 to 5 pm daily (July-Sept. 15) Mon.-Sat. from 8 to 4:30 pm (Sept. 15-Memorial Day)

### Mammoth Museum

From Hwy. 203, turn south onto Old Mammoth Road, and continue nearly one mile crossing over the creek, to a broad right curve: at the curve, turn left onto Sherwin Creek Road and follow the signs to the museum.

11 to 6 pm during summer (July 1-Oct.1)

Open by request any time

(619) 934-6918 (619) 934-8983

### Manzanar National Historic Site

Located on the west side of U.S. 395, approx. 6 miles south of Independence

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### Maturango Museum

100 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555 (760) 375-6900

### Mono County Museum

located 2 blocks from the Mono County Courthouse, next to the County Park 9 to 7 pm (Summer) 9 to 4 pm (remainder of year) 10 to 5:30 pm Memorial Day to Labor Day (619) 647-6445

### Mono Lake Committee

along U.S. 395 in the center of Lee Vining (619) 647-6595

# Old School House-Mono Basin Historical Museum

adjacent to Hess Park on the east side of Lee Vining Thurs.-Sun. from noon-8pm - summer only (619) 647-6461

### Old Spanish Trail Association

write: Treasurer, OSTA, P.O. Box 7, Marysville, CA 98270

### Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA)

write: P.O. Box 1019, Independence, MO 64051-0519 (816) 252-2276

### Maturango Museum

100 E. Las Flores, Ridgecrest NE corner of Las Flores & China Lake Blvd.

### Paiute/Shoshone Indian Cultural Center

Located 1 mile west of U.S. 395 on West Line Street (Hwy 168) in Bishop Open daily all year, except for major holidays (619) 873-4478

### **Shoshone Museum**

58 miles east of Furnace Creek on the east side of Death Valley and 57 miles north of Baker on SR-127 open daily from 8 am to 4 pm (760) 852-4414

# Tehachapi Heritage League & Museum & Errea House

Tues.-Sun. from noon to 4 pm (661) 822-8152

# SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL CO. MUSEUMS call the branch museums to be sure they are open

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### SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave., Vista

Ballast Point Lighthouse Guijaros Rd., San Diego

Bonita Historical Museum 4035 Bonita, Chula Vista

Cabrillo National Monument End of Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego 92106 (619) 293-5450

Firehouse Museum 1572 Columbia St., San Diego

Julian Pioneer Museum 2811 Wshington St., Julian

Maritime Museum 1306 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego

Mission San Antonio De Pala Pala Mission Rd., San Diego

Mission San Diego de Alcala 10818 San Diego Mission Rd., San Diego

Mission San Luis Rey de Francia 4070 Mission Ave., Oceanside

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park Twiggs St. & Juan St., San Diego

Operational Lighthouse Cabrillo Rd., San Diego

Pacific SW Railway Museum 4695 Nebo Dr., La Mesa

Palomar Observatory
From I-15 take SR 76 (Pala Rd.) east to County Road S6.
Follow S6 north to the Palomar Observatory.

Pauma Mission
Pauma Reservation, San Diego Co.

San Diego Wild Animal Park 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido 9-4pm daily (760) 747-8702

### BALBOA PARK, CITY OF SAN DIEGO

6th Ave. & El Prado This large park contains the San Diego Zoo and several museums

Aerospace Historical Center

**Botanical Building** 

Hall of Champions Sports Museum

Museum of Man

Natural History Museum 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego (619) 232-3821

Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater & Science Center

San Diego Automotive Museum 1449 El Prado, San Diego

San Diego Model Railroad Museum

San Diego Zoo Balboa Park, San Diego (619) 234-3153

**Veterans War Memorial**