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Registration opens for 2004 Reunion

Big things are planned for the 2004 International Cody Family Association Reunion in San Diego, California, October 7-10.

Thanks to a very involved planning committee all the activities are in place. All we need now is YOU!

In addition to the traditional social activities associated with any reunion, special events are planned to let family members get involved with some of the major attractions in this city by the sea. The headquarters hotel will be the Courtyard by Marriott with a secondary motel Western Inn (now a Ramada Express) nearby.

You'll find a complete schedule of events, a description of activities, information about accommodations and a helpful map to the site starting on Page 5 of this edition of the *Review*. On the last page of this issue is a registration form for the Reunion with Cody Family membership information on the back. Please tear this sheet off and send it to Ron

Preston chief curator at BBHC

Dr. Charles R. Preston, Draper Museum of Natural History founding curator, has been named chief curator for the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. In announcing the appointment, Dr. Robert E. Shimp, BBHC Executive Director, said: "The Buffalo Bill Historical Center is growing, changing, and learning to serve many audiences through different media and experiences. We made this change to better manage and plan in the years ahead." Prior to opening the Draper Museum, Dr. Preston was Chairman of the Department of Zoology at the Denver Museum of Natural History.

Complete Reunion information and Registration Form inside

Hills at the address given. There are many arrangements still to be made and the committee needs an accurate count of those who will be attending as well as funds to prepay for some of the activities.

Registration can be either for a complete package of events or by the individual events, which are listed separately.

An accompanying article tells more about the attractions available in San Diego. You can find any changes in the Reunion information on the web at www.richgros.com/ reunion/.

Buffalo Bill Cody played a big part in opening up the West. Why not follow in his footsteps and hit the trail for San Diego in October.

No basis for *Hidalgo*

You may have heard that the recent movie *Hidalgo* has in it a Buffalo Bill Cody connection.

Judi Winchester, curator at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, warns that although the movie bears the title "based on a true story", there appears to be little truth in it other than the way the Wild West was presented.

The movie was based on the life of Frank T. Hopkins who claims to have been, in addition to other things, a member of the Wild West show cast. The movie concerns itself with the supposed race by Hopkins in Arabia.

Winchester says that she has been unable to find in any of the voluminous records in BBHC any mention of Hopkins as a participant in the Wild West.

She said the producers did contact her early on about how the Wild West was presented for inclusion in the movie but not about the reliability of Hopkins' claims.

Circle News

Ohio Circle meets

The Ohio Circle Reunion was held in Spring Hollow Lodge, Westerville, Ohio, on September 14 with Gerald Cody, President, presiding. There were 23 people attending (see photo at right).

Ways to encourage more participation discussed were sending postcard reminders and setting up a phone tree.

Several people volunteered to help Terry Cody head up the 2008 reunion, which may take place in Cincinnati. Everyone was encouraged to attend the San Diego Reunion.

As part of the business meeting the same officers were elected for the coming year.

As usual there was good food and fellowship and \$80.00 was collected from the annual white elephant auction.

Terry Cody had CDs that his son, Phil (a singer-songwriter), had made. All proceeds from the sale of these CDs was given to the



Cody Ohio Circle. Family crest shirts were also available for sale.

The next gathering of the OH Circle will convene on June 20, 2004, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Spring Hollow Lodge in Sharon Woods at Westerville, OH. Coffee and donuts will be provided for the early birds and a potluck dinner will be enjoyed at 1 p.m. For more information and directions, contact OH Circle President Gerald Cody by telephone at (330) 832-8127 or email at buffalo@sssnet.com. All Cody cousins and friends are welcome to join us for a good time!

From the President

You will have a great time of fellowship and fun at the 2004 Cody Family Reunion in San Diego, October 7-10. I can assure you of that because Suzanna Cody and her fellow West Coast family members have done an excellent job of making sure the event is well-planned and executed. To make the event successful — with all the arrangements that

must be made — they need your help in coming up with some definite numbers on how many Codys and their families will be attending. That's why it is important that, if you are planning on going to San Diego, you fill out and return the registration form in this *Review*. I've done my registering, hope you will too. See you there! — Kit Cody

Family News

Notice has been received of the death of James F. Briggs (263/A51) in Marietta, Ohio. He was 94 years old. He had been a farmer with his father, a school bus driver and a school board member and had also worked for Gas Transport, a division of Anchor Hocking Glass. He is survived by Beulah, his wife of 73 years, one daughter, Kathryn Starcher (263/A511) and her husband; a son James A Briggs (263/A512) and his wife Barbara; two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Gertrude Wheaton Chandler (148/2A2) passed away on March 18, 2004, at the age of 87, in Edinburg, Pennsylvania. She had been in declining health for some time due to the effects of congestive heart failure. "Trudie" worked for the travel agency at Peoples Bank for 24 years and then formed Total Travel in 1980. She was well-known for her travel lectures. She is survived by a son, Karl Chandler III (148/2A21) and his wife, Sandi of Mount Jackson, PA; two daughters, Sally Chandler (148/2A22) of Edinburg, and Carol Chandler (148/2A23) of Alexandria, VA; a sister, Dolly Wasson of Bala Cynwyd, PA; and two granddaughters.

Dwight Cody (148/3423), after operating the Boston Connection for 28 years in that city, has moved his business to the Cape and will offer filmmakers around the country services as Resource for Services. Dwight says he hopes his parents, Richard Cody (148/342) and mother Priscilla can move to the Cape also in the near future. Richard is 96 years old. Priscilla is 86.

Joan Sheets Woolf (270/4511) reports on the memories of the Cody Family Association that she got from her grandparents, Bessie Lenora Cody (270/45) and Perley Delbert Sheets, and her aunt Gladys Sheets (270/451) and uncle John Aiken. She says her first memory of the association was of these relatives preparing to go to a Cody reunion in the mid 1930's. Joan says they had rented a small travel trailer which was of "great interest to the neighborhood children as it was

the first such living quarters we had seen." She said Grandma Bessie was proud of her heritage and enjoyed the reunions.



Christopher Cody Polatin (148/213111) and Colleen Elizabeth Sculley were married on August 31, 2003, in Chautauqua, New York. The Reverend Carolee Gill (148/21312). aunt of Christopher, officiated at the ceremony. Christopher is the son of Suzanna Cody (148/21311) and stepson of Ron Hills. Christopher completes his Masters degree in Conservation Biology in May and plans to go into the environmental consulting business while Colleen, an entomologist, serves as manager of the Hadley MA Fish and Wildlife Agency. They reside in Amherst, MA.



Brian Dombkowski and Ashley Ledbetter (148/242211) were married October 11, 2003, at Meadowood in Napa Valley, CA. Brian received his BS and MS in Finance at the University of Wisconsin and is Chief Investment Officer, Senior Portfolio Manager at RCM Capital, San Francisco. Ashley received her BA, MA, and PhD at Rice University in Mathematics and is Principal with MPM Capital, Health Care Venture Capital. The couple lives in San Francisco. Ashley is the great-great-granddaughter of Lindus and Amelia Cody.

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Use the address above to write to us, update your genealogy, or pay your dues.

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INTERNATIONAL CODY FAMILY REUNION REGISTRATION FORM San Diego, CA – October 7, 8, 9, 10, 2004

Send to:

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Everything you need to know about the 2004 Reunion

ACCOMMODATIONS

Old Town San Diego is approximately 4 miles from the San Diego airport where services are available to transport you to your destination. Driving directions are available on Mapquest.com. Please make your travel and accommodation plans early to assure the best rates and allotted availability.

- Consider weather forecasts before packing as conditions can fluctuate in October.
- Ask for <u>International Cody Family</u> Reunion Reservations for special rates at listed hotels.
- Consider accessing the net (e.g. Orbitz.com or Hotels.com) to learn of better rates.
- Please note that both of our "headquarters hotels" are located within 100 paces of each other.

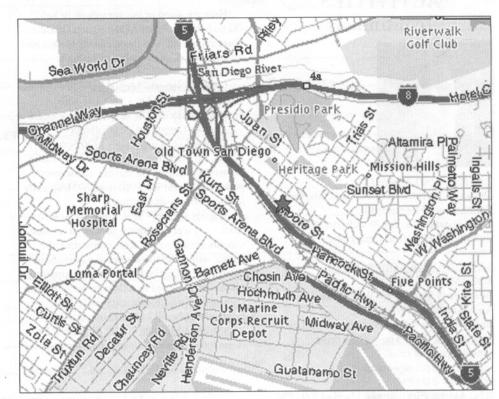
Since most activities will be held in Old Town or nearby, rental cars are not necessary from headquarter hotels. From other venues, they may be necessary. Parking is tight in Old Town.



REUNION HEADQUARTERS HOTELS Courtyard by Marriott (star on map at right) "Reception and Information Hotel" Old Town San Diego 2435 Jefferson St. San Diego, CA 9210 Tel. (619) 260-8500 or 1 (800) 255-3544 Fax. (619) 298-2427 Web. http://marriott.com/property/ propertyPage/SANOT Rates: USD plus tax ~ 10% \$114.00 5 King (main bldg.) \$114.00 5 Twins (main bldg.) \$124.00 3 Kings (new bldg with balconies)

2 Twins (new bldg with balconies) \$124.00 All reservations must be made by September 1, 2004 to receive discounted rates.

Contact Person: Kjersti Roosevelt



- Check-in 3:00 PM Check-out 12:00 noon
- Shuttle service to and from airport.
- Children under 18 stay free.
- Cots, fridges, microwaves available upon request.

Check parking rates.

Western Inn

33889 Arista St. San Diego, CA 92110 Tel. (619) 298-6888/Fax. (619) 692-4497 Reservations: (888) 475-2353 E-mail: Westerninn3889@aol.com No web-site.

Rates: USD including tax 9 Rooms with 1 King Bed \$87.30 6 Rooms with 2 Double Beds \$87.30 5 Suites - 1 BR with Kings \$120.45 or 2 Doubles

- Check-in 3:00 PM Check-out 12:00 noon - no airport shuttle.
- Contact Person: Reddy
- Reservations must be made by September 1, 2004 to receive discounted rates. Check parking rates.

KOA RV Campground - near Chula Vista 1 (800) 762-KAMP

Rates: Approximately \$24 - \$32 - Call to learn about your particular rig.

Hal Brewer will provide further details: (760) 788-2993. Hal and Diane Brewer's son and daughter-in-law will act as hosts and hospitality coordinators at the campground.

REUNION ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2004

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Registration and Reception. Courtyard Marriott, See Bulletin Board in Lobby for Location.

5:00 - 5:30 PM

Special Guest Speaker from San Diego Historical Society hosted by Diane and Hal Brewer.

Baseball Hats and Tee Shirts will be sold at the reception and throughout the reunion. Costs: \$8-12 per item.

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

No Host Dinner. Mexican Restaurant walking distance from hotels.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2004 9:00 AM

City Trolley Tour

All day snapshot tour of San Diego. This tour allows you to embark and disembark at ideal San Diego locations, including Sea World. Meet with others at designated areas or approximate times for lunch or breaks. Arrive and depart from tour at your leisure and convenience. Trolleys depart from nearby location.

Another option is the Seal Amphibious Tour (15 or more people for \$20.00 pp)

REUNION ACTIVITIES (continued)



7:00 PM
Dinner - Courtyard Marriott, Santa Barbara
Ballroom
Guest Speaker: Dr. Juti Winchester, Curator,
Buffalo Bill Historical Center.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2004 8:30 AM

Bus departs Marriott for Wild Animal Park – Approximately 45 minutes.

Bus is for those who do not wish to rent cars or drive. For those who wish to drive, consider parking rates.

9:30 AM – 2:00 PM Wild Animal Park: Return Marriott 3:00 PM

6:00 PM Depart Old Town Trolley:

6:30 PM

Dinner Harbor Cruise:

Entertainment: Buffalo Bill and John Wayne Impersonators – Dancing.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2004

11:00 AM

Church Service – Heritage Park – Rev. Carolee Gill offers non-denominational service for those who would like to attend. Heritage Park is about a 7-minute walk from hotels. It is a charming Victorian village with several shops. Rest rooms nearby. Very private, clean and hospitable.

11:30 AM

Picnic - Heritage Park: Tented Catered BBQ Special event – Caricature artist hosted by Hal and Diane Brewer.

1:30 PM

Business Meeting for all who would like to attend.

Speakers:

Kit Cody, President of ICFA – Opening Remarks.

Linda Cody Secretary of ICFA – Secretary's Report

Ron Hills and Terry Cody Budget and Treasurers Report

3:00 PM - Reunion officially closes

San Diego attractions

Here are some of the attractions in San Diego listed in Fodor's Destination Guide. More information on these and other sites and directions will be available at Reunion headquarters.

Cabrillo National Monument - 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Dr. - This 144-acre preserve marks the site of the first European visit to San Diego in the 16th century.

<u>SeaWorld of California</u> - 1720 South Shores Rd., near the west end of I-8 - One of the world's largest marine-life amusement parks, SeaWorld is spread over 100 tropically landscaped bay-front acres.

Seaport Village - W: Harbor Dr. at Kettner Blvd. - On a prime stretch of waterfront that spreads out across 14 acres connecting the harbor with hotel towers and the convention center, the village's three bustling shopping plazas are designed to reflect the architectural sites of early California, especially New England clapboard and Spanish mission.

Maritime Museum - 1492 N. Harbor Dr. - A must for anyone with an interest in nautical

history, this collection of three restored ships affords a fascinating glimpse of San Diego during its heyday as a commercial seaport.

Mission San Diego de Alcala - 10818 San Diego Mission Rd. - Mission San Diego de Alcala was established by Father Junipero Serra in 1769 on Presidio Hill, and moved to its present location in 1774. The present church is the fifth to be built on the site; it was reconstructed in 1931 following the outlines of the 1813 church.

Mingei International Museum - House of Charm, 1439 El Prado - All ages will enjoy the colorful and creative exhibits of toys, pottery, textiles, costumes, and gadgets from the around the globe at the Mingei (which means "all people".

Westfield Shoppingtown Horton Plaza - A collage of pastels with elaborate, colorful tile work and modern sculptures, Horton Plaza, a major shopping complex and Downtown's centerpiece, rises in uneven, staggered levels to six floors. It is anchored by Macy's, Nordstrom's and Mervyn's, with more than 140 other shops.

Extend your trip to see Cody sites

If driving to San Diego for the Cody Reunion this year why not plan on visiting some of the historical sites throughout the country associated with Buffalo Bill Cody, our most famous relative.

The sites are scattered throughout the west from Iowa to Arizona. Many are near interstate highways which are the preferred route of travel for motorists today.

From east to west, here are some sites you might consider:

Le Claire, Iowa - This Mississippi River town has a small museum honoring the memory of Buffalo Bill who was born in Scott County near here. To the west of Le Claire, in Long Grove, there is a farmhouse still standing in which the Isaac Cody family lived for several years before moving to Kansas.

St. Joseph, Missouri - The Pony Express, for which Buffalo Bill rode, started here. There is a Pony Express Museum located at 914 Penn.

<u>Leavenworth, Kansas</u> - Isaac and his family moved to this area in 1854 and the Codys lived her for some time after Isaac's death. There is a Buffalo Bill historical site here at Haymarket Square.

<u>Larned, Kansas</u> - Fort Larned was one of the posts that figured in Cody's frontier career. This fort is one of the best surviving examples of a frontier Army post. The Fort Larned National Historic Site is located six miles west of Larned on K-156. North Platte, Nebraska - One of the most beautiful and lasting Cody sites in the midwest is Scout's Rest ranch in North Platte. The Cody family took up residence here in 1886 and Buffalo Bill himself spent many winters there. The ranch is now a Nebraska State Park. Both the house and barn have been restored and contain Cody exhibits.

Maxwell, Nebraska - Not far from North Platte is the site of Fort McPherson where the Cody family lived for awhile and out of which Buffalo Bill operated. On the site of the fort today is the Fort McPherson National Cemetery. It is located two miles south of I-80 Exit 190.

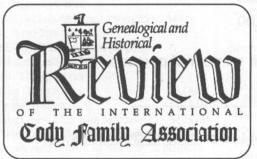
Denver, Colorado - After he died in 1917, Buffalo Bill (some say against his wishes) was buried on top of Lookout Mountain at Denver, actually Golden, Colorado. You can visit his grave site there as well as a nice museum. Take Lookout Mountain Road off I-70 near Golden.

Cody, Wyoming - Visit the town Cody built in the Rockies and see the Irma Hotel which he built for his daughter and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. Cody is located just to the east of Yellowstone National Park.

Further information on most of these sites, including directions and operating hours, can be found on the Internet by using a search engine such as Google for the title of the site.

USE THIS FORM TO SEND US YOUR FAMILY UPDATE INFORMATION

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