

# AZ CHAPTER AND SW REGIONAL NEWS

Oct. 22 AZ Chapter Meeting – Copperstate Casa Grande Forums Tent

## LA POSADA HOTEL, RESTAURANT MUSEUM & GARDENS - 1930

The combined Southwest Regional and Arizona Chapter Fall Camp/Cookout began on Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> at Winslow's LaPosada Hotel. The LaPosada hotel is the masterpiece and favorite building of Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter, the greatest of all Southwestern architects, who designed this hotel, restaurant, residence and private museum in 1903. (photo 1)

The great buildings represent regional archtype of Hopi Pueblo, Anasazi Tower, and Spanish Hacienda. Amtrak runs outside of the hotel and delivers guests and Winslow residents to the area. (Photo 2)

The Turquoise room was once the old lunch room where train passengers came to eat. Pictured here(3) are Jim and Donna Lambert, Kent O'Kelly, Cyndi Conger, Debra O'Kelly, Doug Conger, Dave Luse and Cliff VanVleet. Others that showed up and not in the picture were Sally Luse, Claire and Terry Karlson, Carole VanVleet, Larry and Charlotte Pourtouw, Jim and Charlotte Garner. We had marvelous meals, this one being breakfast. The walls were lined with authentic Navajo rugs, chandeliers and the ceiling was blue-green turquoise which was one of Colter's favorite colors.



1- La Posada's Backyard

2- Winslow Train Station



3- LaPosada Breakfast



After Winslow the group made their way to Payson, Arizona. The mountains and road to Payson were beautiful, you wouldn't recognize Arizona if you only had this picture to go by. (picture 4) The four day Southwest Regional was held at Payson Airport. The runway was closed due to construction for two days, so most of the clan drove in. Planes that finally made it in on other days were Larry and Charlotte Pourtouw, Cliff and Carole VanVleet, Doug Conger, Shirley and Steve Sheppard in their Tripacers and Jim and Donna Lambert in their Warrior. Tom and Carolyn Gifford, Adrian and Barb Geiger in their RV's and Julie Walker (Claire's sister, a member of the AZ Chapter and her dog Jordan) in her auto.

Our hosts in Payson, were Jim (far right) and Charlotte Garner (far left) who always do an excellent affair. They provided the campfires, BBQ, shade cover, Band, and so much more.

We had such a great time, that there was no time to take notes, so I apologize for not noting the names of our guests, and if I missed anyone who attended.

As always, what would it be without a trip to Dairy Queen! (pictures below)

Next year's Payson cookout will be Labor Day weekend. The SW Regional is tentatively set for Denver, Colo., TBD.



4-Arizona Hwy 87 to Payson



5-Charlotte, guests x2, Jim Garner our hosts



6-Cliff, Guest, Dave, Shirley



7-Live Band



8-No explanation needed



9-Cliff, Kent, Carole, and Debra



10-Adrian, Barb, Sally, Donna, Jim Garner (host) and Jim Lambert