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Hello everyone!

Another year is beginning for the MCPA in June. Our Annual Meeting will be Saturday June 7 at noon behind the Verlot Public Service Center. We will have a good potluck lunch (please contribute your favorite item!) with the meeting to follow. Included in our agenda will be your questions and current plans for the hazardous materials removal, which has been postponed until 2015. Work on completing the new access road will occur this summer. As the town and trails will be open as usual this season, we will discuss our summer work plans plus ideas for interpretation once Monte Cristo reopens to the public in 2016.

Please also mark your calendar for the third Saturday in August. Instead of our usual working day we would like to reserve it for a summer MCPA social/picnic!

For the remaining third Saturdays from June through October we will continue our work parties on needed tasks. On June 21 we will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the clay slide to set up our MCPA bulletin board with updated information. That will be followed by cleaning up the roadway from winter. Please bring suitable tools such as saws, brush cutters, wrenches, and shovels, along with rain gear if needed, heavy gloves, plus extra food and drinks.

Members who already have a gate key can use the same one this year. If you do not have an MCPA liability waiver form on file, please download it from our website, www.mcpa.org or request one by mail and have it notarized. We need these on file for all workers, not just drivers. Please also display your current laminated tag on your dashboard.

We still have c.d.s with old photos of Monte Cristo, circa early 1900s. We are almost out of t-shirts, but I will bring the last few to our Annual Meeting for anyone wanting to purchase them. Shirts are \$20.00, c.d.s \$15.00.

Lastly, remember that our membership year begins June 1, so please get your dues in now. We appreciate your support as always! See you soon at the Annual Meeting, Saturday June 7 at noon.

Cheers, everyone,
Kal Klass,
MCPA President



Historical Essay

We are fortunate to have Elof Norman's account of his boyhood years at Monte Cristo. His paperback book *The Coffee Chased Us Up* is simply and well written, capturing his family's life there in a manner that no sifting through newspapers, mining records, or business documents could. When the book came out in 1977 it was an immediate hit, even more so when the Everett *Herald* and its south county *Western Sun* edition gave it three full pages and the cover of its weekend magazine. Alan May had the eastern county beat and also edited the *Western Sun*. This is what he wrote about Elof:



David A. Cameron

Elof Norman at Monte Cristo, 1978

“It was 1902. The country was still young. Some of its land was still unmapped, free for the taking. Its people still had the united purpose of settling – civilizing – the untilled land, putting it to production of the things they needed. Despite their simplicity, unsophistication, that was their common purpose, their unifying agent, the rallying point that made Americans a cohesive team with a goal to struggle for whatever their differences and disputes.

“Elof Norman was 8, old enough and bright enough to see and understand and appreciate the world around him. He was fresh from Denmark so the new country made strong impressions.

“Elof, his mother and his younger sister, Ely, joined his

father who had gone to Monte Cristo two years earlier. There he had found a job and built a house and saved the \$200 it took to get his family steerage space from Denmark.

“The fresh impressions young Elof gathered in the new land were strong and vivid and three quarters of a century later when he put them to paper they were still full of the flavor of the country as it was then, as it had been for nearly three centuries, as it would not be much longer, once the wilderness had been tamed and the country lost its common pursuit.

“There weren't many creature comforts in the new Norman home. Heat came from a wood stove, water from a pump. Wood had to be cut and carried in a never-ending race to stay ahead of the stove. Water had to be carried in buckets. There was no plumbing, no electricity. Energy came from humans, in the form of work.

“Nor was the town much by today's standards: wooden buildings, a few houses, a hotel, a store, saloons, some cabins where the prostitutes plied their trade, and the larger structures of the mines' mills and the railroad. All that was clustered in the double valley where Glacier Creek and 76 Creek fall from their respective cols and join to form the Sauk River.

“Young Elof and his family quickly learned to love the little mining town and its magnificent scenery. If it lacked comfort by today's standards it was an improvement over the Denmark they had left, and, like the rest of America, they looked forward to better – and more – things in the future.

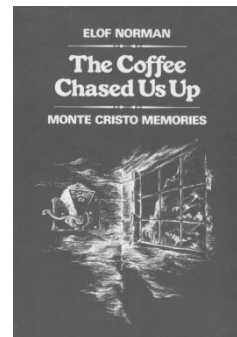
“In the new land it was only necessary to work hard to succeed and have nice things in great abundance, even if you didn't know the language very well.

“Elof soon improved the smattering of English he had learned in his Danish school and he soon learned about his new country and his new town and his new neighbors.

“There was the wonder and the excitement of Fourth of July a few days after the Normans arrived. And the children in town with whom he became friends or, sometimes, who he did not like very well. And the one-room school where the children studied under a succession of teachers.

“As the boy grew up, he ventured further away from the security of his home and his town. Off he went on fishing trips, berry-hunting excursions, explorations around the town and down the railroad tracks to neighboring communities. A 26-mile walk to Silverton and back was all in a day's work. There were the bears that ventured too close, frightened the children and became a welcome addition to the town's food supply.”

(To be continued)



Please Note: This form only needs to be submitted to MCPA once.

If you have already submitted this form to MCPA in a past year you do not need to do so again as we have it on file

**MCPA WAIVER/RELEASE
For Use of the Monte Cristo Road**

WHEREAS, the undersigned wants to use a limited access and non-County maintained right-of-way commonly known as the Monte Cristo Road, and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been informed that the Monte Cristo Road is not maintained to Snohomish County standards and is not maintained by County road crews, and

WHEREAS, the undersigned realizes that travel upon the Monte Cristo Road is extremely hazardous and that the road has been subject to such hazards as washouts and slides and is in such a serious state of disrepair so as to make access possible now only by four wheel drive vehicles, if at all,

NEVERTHELESS, the undersigned, desiring to use the Monte Cristo Road, agrees to forever waive from any and all claims of liability the Monte Cristo Preservation Association (MCPA), its board of directors and its members. The waiver of liability includes all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever suffered by any person or persons signing this release/waiver and to any member of their marital community and or any other members of their immediate family, and any other people not related to the driver but who join that member in driving on the Monte Cristo Road which may result from:

- A. Any work performed within the Snohomish County right-of-way of the Monte Cristo Road by any of the undersigned, their marital communities, or members of their immediate family, or
- B. Any damages resulting from any accident to either person or property of any nature whatsoever resulting from the use of the Monte Cristo right-of-way by the undersigned.

State of Washington)
County of Snohomish)

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me on this _____ day of _____ (mo/yr).

_____, (MCPA member's name printed)

_____, (MCPA member's signature)

personally appeared before me and executed the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed it.

Signature _____

Notary Public

Commission expires on _____

MEMBERSHIP FORM - June 2014-May 2015

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Area(s) of Interest/Occupation _____

IF YOU WISH AN OPTIONAL BARLOW PASS GATE KEY:

For new members:

Please download the required "MCPA Waiver/Release" at www.mcpa.us, have it notarized, then mail it to us with your check for \$42 to begin the process.

For renewing members:

For renewing members the present key is still valid, but if you need a new key: check here and include the additional \$18 cost of a key to your membership dues.

\$24.00 - Annual Membership

Mail To: **MCPA**

\$42.00 - Annual Membership + Key

PO Box 471

THANK-YOU!

Everett, WA 98206

MCPA CHARITABLE DONATION FORM

I wish to donate to the MCPA. The amount I wish to donate is:

_____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$200 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ Other

MCPA INTERPRETIVE CENTER DONATION FORM

I wish to donate to the MCPA Interpretive Center. The amount I wish to donate is:

_____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$200 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ Other

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail To: **MCPA**

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THANK-YOU!

C.D. ORDER FORM

This is a C.D. with pictures from Monte Cristo, up to 100 years ago. Cost: \$20.00 -Includes Shipping

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail To: **MCPA**

c/o Kal Klass

3815 E Garfield St.

Seattle, WA 98112

Thank you for your order!



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Annual Meeting & Potluck - June 7, 2014
New Membership Year starts June 1st

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