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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from Buckeye, Arizona! My move has been concluded.... now to the unpacking of some 200 boxes! The first 30 did not go well as I pulled my back out. Thank goodness for muscle relaxers.

This month we have added a new Section to the Newsletter containing business cards for our Club members. The placement of these "ads" is free and will run continuously as long as the member is in good standing. Updates and submissions are the sole responsibility of the Club member. Please submit the actual card (no scans or email attachments) to me at the address below, for future inclusion:

Jerry Vergatos
20490 N. 273rd Ave
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Please patronize our Members for any of your collecting needs or other services.

In the absence of a legal counsel, Christine Smith and Michael Siskin, our Legal Committee members have stepped up to assist in our legal issues. Recently, they were involved in a legal matter concerning the reading of Eric Rosenblum's Will. We were advised of our participation (the Club) on his last requests. Thank you Christine and Michael.

I recently concluded the negotiation for the 2021/2022 South Point convention contract. While there are some increases in fees, the South Point continues to be the best venue for us. It is hard to find a location which offers us everything in one place. We continuously try to minimize costs, while not

cutting any of the events that we all love to have. Steve Palumbo will continue to as our Convention Chair and next year's Convention will prove to be another great success. It is my hope that you can attend and participate in this fantastic event.

The Museum of Gaming History continues to move forward with Mike Quinlivan at the helm. There are many projects in the works at this time and hopefully they will come to fruition very soon. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike at mqprod54@gmail.com.

I haven't received any content for local clubs interested in being part of another Section of our Newsletter. This could be a great way to communicate with your members and possibly increase your membership numbers. You can submit photos and text of any of your activities for inclusion in future Newsletter issues. Please send them to me at vergatos@msn.com by the 15th of each month.

The revised Club website is in the works and should be released in the very near future. Preliminary design changes done by Todd Barrett are fantastic. This has been long overdue and I'm sure will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to everyone for supporting our great Newsletter. Jim Follis does a great job month after month in putting it together.

Until next month, I hope everyone continues to enjoy this great publication

Jerry Vergatos LM-8093-241
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Click Richard Huber, above, and send him an email to be added!

IMPORTANT MAGAZINE (CCN) DEADLINES

Summer Issue: May 10, 2019

Robb McPherson

Fall Issue: July 31, 2019

Steve Miller

Winter Issue: November 15, 2019

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Spring Issue: January 31, 2020

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CCA Newsletter Content Call for Local Clubs.

We are going to start a new Section in the CCA Newsletter that will be dedicated to the local clubs. You can submit any events and notices that are of interest to your club. Posting on the newsletter may help you increase your membership and may even be more efficient in communicating with your members as well as informing potential members that you have a club in their area.

You can submit photos, with captions, to highlight your activities. If you would like to participate, then send me an email for more information at vergatos@msn.com. Content must be submitted by the 15th of each month to be in the following month's edition.

ON THE DOCKET...

CCA Board Actions through September, 2019

Membership – Roy Nelson submitted a revised report on our membership status. The report contained the number of new members, expired members, renewed members and a general summary of the report.

Action – No taken. Accepted as informative report.

Mailing List – A request was made by member for a copy of the CCA's mailing list. Only a hard copy of addresses was allowed at this time. A more detailed policy will be discussed at the February BoD meeting.

Action – Tabled until February meeting

Privacy Policy – Matters brought to attention by Jim Follis to discuss a privacy policy concerning our mailing list at the next board meeting in February.

Action - Tabled pending further discussion at February board meeting.

Eric Rosenblum – The Board was notified by Legal Counsel Committee members, Michael Siskin and Christine Smith, as to the disposition of our involvement in the bequeathments of Erick Rosenblum's estate.

Action – None taken. Accepted as informative report

Antique Show – The Board approved payment of the entry fee for the September 28, 2019 show at the Silverton Hotel and Casino. President Vergatos, Roy Nelson, and Pam Focazio will solicit Club membership at the all-day event.

Action – Approved unanimously

Convention 2021-2022 – President Vergatos negotiated a contract for the 2021/2022 Convention/Show at South Point. The Board was presented with the contract for review.

Action – Approved unanimously.

MoGH – Discussion on members of the CCA Board serving on the MoGH Board on their roles and responsibilities and the limits that should be placed upon them, if any.

Action – Tabled until the February Board meeting.

Newsletter Disclosure – A Club member indicted that general membership should be aware of concerns regarding spam/ads/cookies being attached to our current distribution list. A policy was written by Jerry Vergatos and will be posted on the Club website and linked from Newsletter.

Action – None taken; for informative purposes only. SEE POLICY HERE

Congratulations to Life Member Paul Schaffer!



During the 2019 CCA Convention, Paul Schaffer entered an Exhibit that was also an attempt to break the then current Guinness World Record for the largest \$1 casino chip collection. Following the Convention, Paul submitted his documentation to certify his entry and late this August, Paul was notified by Guinness representatives that he had in fact, set a new World's Record and he is now the current record holder at 802 different, \$1 casino chips!

Think you want to try and beat that record, well Paul invites anyone to contact him for details on how to go about it during the 2020 Convention.

Contact Paul at: minn4x4@comcast.net.

Silverton Casino Antique and Garage Sale Membership Drive Report.

On Saturday, 28 September, 2019, following a suggestion put forward by Rich Burgel (CCA Publicity Chairman) and in conjunction with Jerry Vergatos (CCA President), the CCA acquired a vendor booth at the Silverton Hotel and Casino's Garage and Antique Sale. The Jerry and Rich Show kicked off at about 4:00 am, to claim a space and get set-up. The objective was to have a CCA Sponsored Table as a Membership Drive. For sign-ups, at the event, new members were offered 'freebies' that included past, unsold Club Merchandise and donated material that was further identified as "OK" to sell for fund raising.

By about 8:45 am, 11 new Memberships had been acquired. At about 9:10 am, Ron Gaudette (Club Videographer) went Live, via Facebook and immediately, viewers could see and hear Club Member Walt Gonski stoppin by to say HELLO. It was obvious that it was very windy, with 45 - 50 MPH winds forecast for the day. Soon afterwards, Pam Focazio (MoGH Membership Assistant), Casey Focazio-Follis (MoGH, Convention Exhibits Assistant) and myself, arrived to lend a hand.

Much of the day was spent asking passer's by, if they collected casino memorabilia. It was very surprising as to how many people said Yes. Even more surprising, was when they said, No, while wearing a casino hat or shirt! When the answer was, Yes, they were asked what did they collect and then the conversation shifted to membership. When the answer was, No, we passed the person to Jerry, who would invariably say to the person, well please

pick out any chip on the table as a free gift from the CCA. As soon as they did, Jerry would then advise them that they were now a collector and then made the argument that they now needed to join the CCA!

All in all, we had a great time. Many local Club members (SNCCC) and CCA members stopped by to say Hi. And the CCA, is especially thankful to:

Mike Spinetti (Spinettis Gaming Supplies)
Rich and Dale Klabacha
Rick Lonski (Revived Slots)
Rich Burgel (Nevada Casino Mint)
Roy Nelson (CCA Membership Officer)
Doug Smith and Jerry Vergatos who pledged an overall \$300 donation to augment sign-ups, if and when needed.

Pam Focazio (who is now suffering from wind and sun burns to the face)
Casey Focazio-Follis (who helped pack up)

And in the end the effort resulted in 42 New Membership sign-ups!

Jim Follis,
CCA Vice President



L-R Pam Focazio, Jerry Vergatos, Rich Burgel, Vicki Gaudette, Casey Focazio-Follis, Ron Gaudette (foreground is a father/son visitors)

The Bruce Landau Memorial Auction...

The Club Auction is our largest money maker at the Convention. Our Auction Co-Chairs, David Spragg and Jay Sands, have put the auction together, by accepting and validating Lots, creating the Auction Catalog, and other related activities.

Alex Cilento organizes things on the Convention floor. Steve Wilson and Mark Russell do a lot of work helping at the tables, showing potential bidders the Lots and tracking pre-auction bids.

Tyrus Mulkey, of course, is our distinguished Auctioneer. Altogether these Club members run the auction very efficiently.

It should also be noted that as the years go by, we have been receiving fewer and fewer consignments from members; in particular, donated Lots.

Gratefully, David Spragg has seen fit to donate quite a few Lots, to make sure that we have an adequate number of items to sell.

Thank you David!

Everyone is asked to donate items for next year's Auction, now. Please contact David or Jay by email to get your items in early.

For, more information please contact David Spragg at: davidspragg@zen.co.uk or Jay Sands at jaychip@sbcglobal.com

Attention Facebook Members...

Please visit the [CCA Facebook page](#)! The CCA's Social Media Director, Chuck Sikora has been busy posting content, on a daily basis, to our Facebook page.

If you are on Facebook, please stop by to Like us, or sign-up or post content! Everyone is welcome.

Our thanks to Chuck for his efforts and we look forward to his future engagements with Twitter, SnapChat, Instagram and other social media outlets, to promote the CCA and our hobby!

CCA Raffle Returns for 2020...

The CCA will be running a raffle once again at the 2020 Convention in June and we're looking for donations – chips, slot cards, hotel room keys, silver strikes -- anything casino-related that's in good shape that you'd want in YOUR collection (no items that are in really poor condition, please).

These donated items will be raffled off at the 2020 Convention (June 18th through June 20th at the South Point in Las Vegas). If you'd like to help, please gather up your donatable items and send them to the the address noted below.

The Annual Convention Raffle is an important part of our Club's fundraising efforts and proceeds from this event help keep Membership and Convention costs down and allow us to do all the things that we want to keep our Club and hobby enjoyable.

Now, with regards to raffle tickets – Tickets are a donation of \$10 each or 3 tickets for a \$25 donation. All funds raised for this event will go to the Club's General Fund. You do not need to be present at the Convention to win (but it would make it a whole lot more exciting). There will be drawings on Thursday and Friday during the Convention. The number of drawings as well as the number of winners per drawing per day will be determined by the number of donations received. If you want to purchase raffle tickets, please mail payment (payable to the CCA) to me at:

Doug Smith PO Box 691085
Raffle Chair Houston, TX. 77269-1085

I already have a few donations pledged, and, as usual, I will be adding items weekly as they come in.

Thanks for your help, donations & purchases as well as a huge thanks to all that contributed to past successful raffles.

Douglas Smith Raffle Chair

Free advertising!...

Starting in this edition of the CCA Newsletter we will be offering you the opportunity to post your business card in a new section of the CCA Newsletter, free of charge. Your card will be posted as long as you are an active member of the Club.

If you are not a member you can join our Club and have your card posted. Contact Roy Nelson at rknelsonlv@yahoo.com for membership.

Rules are as follows:

Standard professional printed business cards only. No coupons will be accepted. The cards should have your address/contact information and what your business is all about.

Printing must be in a horizontal format

You must snail mail business cards to me after September 1st to:

Jerry Vergatos 20490 N 273rd Ave Buckeye AZ 85396

Scans sent by email will not be accepted.

I reserve the right to refuse your card if it doesn't meet our requirements.

Please contact me at vergatos@msn.com if you have any questions.

CCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Quarterly magazine - Casino Collectible News
- Access to dozens of books in the club Library.
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- Ability to vote for the Chip Of The Year, Silver Strike Of The Year, Token Of The Year, and Card/Key Of The Year.
- You can pre-register for the convention and get one of the famous goody bags.
- You can attend the Early Bird Banquet before the convention.
- You can be listed in the public, online Club Directory (along with your email and website URL) for others to learn about you and your collecting interests
- You will develop life-long friendships with other club members.
- You receive a membership card and are entitled to use the club logo on your business cards and web pages.
- You get to have a vote in the direction of the most influential organization in the hobby.
- You have access to the full Club Directory that contains many names and addresses not available in the public, online directory.
- You have the honor of belonging to an organization that takes its ethics and codes of conduct very seriously.
- You have the honor of belonging to an organization dedicated to the preservation of part of our nation's history.

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CCA Member Paul Schaffer advises us that based on data extracted from ChipGuide, these are recent new releases. Thanks Paul and Thank You to the ChipGuide Submitters!!!



**The MoGH's
Membership Team,
Pam Focazio and
Jerry Vergatos, at
the Silverton Event
doing CCA
Membership
Recruiting.**



Recognize this webpage?...

ChipGuide - A Catalog of Casino Chips and Collectibles

The ChipGuide



Quick Select - Region: State:

Total Items on the ChipGuide = 235,993 **Items Added Today = 1**

You can help the MoGH achieve greater success in our efforts to add more content. This recent screen shot shows 235 images are currently on ChipGuide. But we have plenty of room for more. Do you have scans of casino memorabilia and collectibles that could added, then please visit the site and offer your scans by clicking on "SUBMISSIONS".

Changes are happening at The Neon Museum. As they prepare for a major Special Event, that hosts a Tim Burton Experience for several months, the Neon Museum has respectfully asked that we remove our display from their Lobby. On September 27th, the Sahara Tribute display was removed.

On that same day, the Exhibit at the National Atomic Testing Museum was completed!



The MoGH at the National Atomic Testing Museum



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Interested in becoming a MoGH Life Member???

We are now offering an easy installment plan. You can make 5 easy payments of \$50 each, for 5 months. This is in lieu of the onetime fee of \$250. The MoGH is on the move and we need your support. Your Life Membership will go a long way in helping us achieve the many great goals we have started. If you would like further information please contact me at vergatos@msn.com.

Jerry Vergatos MoGH LM-0001
 Membership Director
 Museum of Gaming History



MoGH Life Member Plaque

The Trail of the MoGH...

The MoGH is pleased to offer this series of 6 chips (octagons) and 7 plaques, commemorating the "Trail of the Museum of Gaming History". Each set commemorates the opening dates of each of the first 6 Exhibit locations, along the Trail of the MoGH. Please show your support of the Museum of Gaming History by purchasing a full set of the chips and/or the plaques. These are limited in quantity and newer issues are planned. Contact the MoGH Membership Director, Jerry Vergatos, at vergatos@msn.com for payment and shipping.



Pricing
 Plaque Sets (7*) - \$75
 Chip Sets (6) - \$30

Our sincere THANKS to [Kevin Norris](#) for this wonderful artwork!

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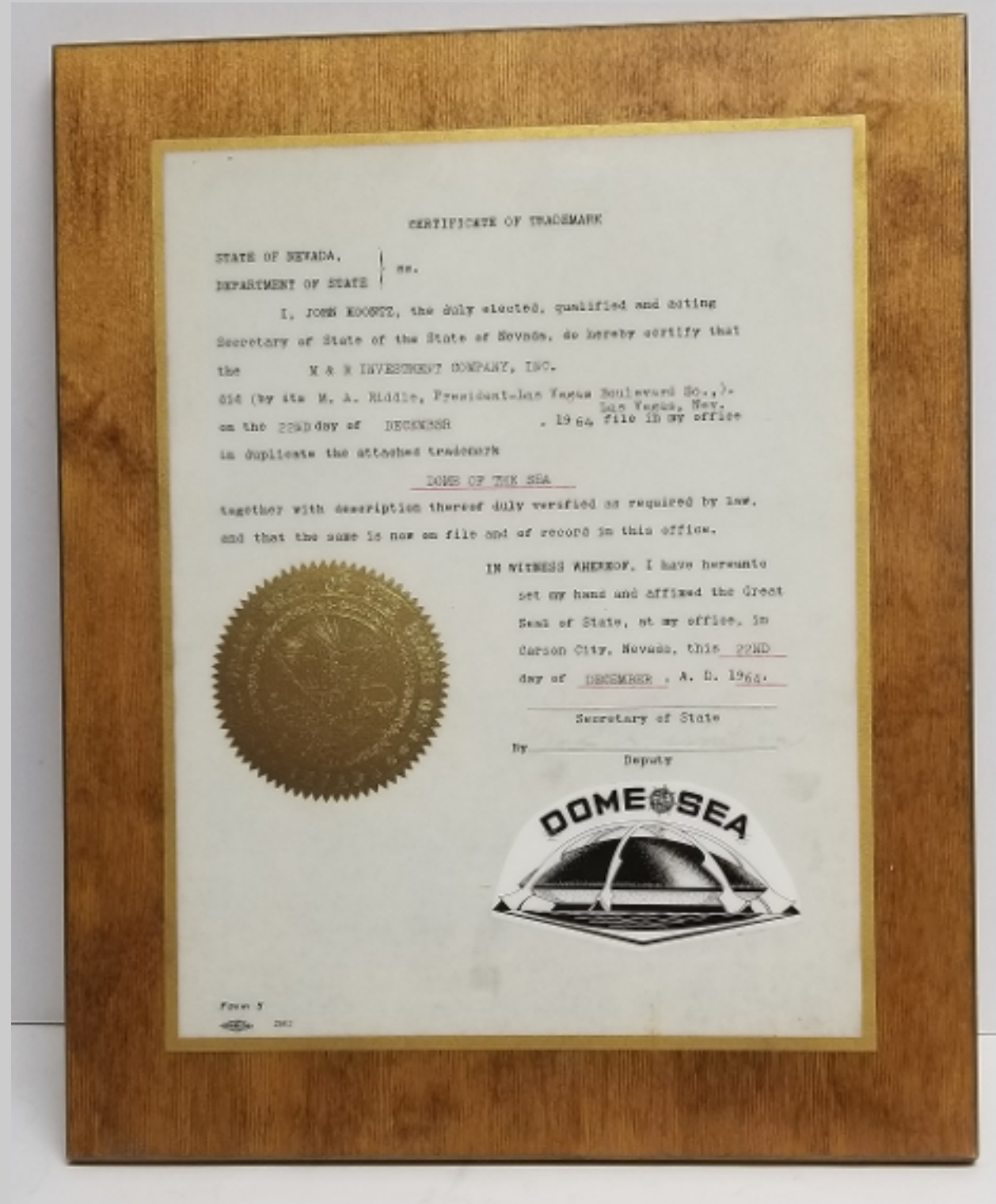


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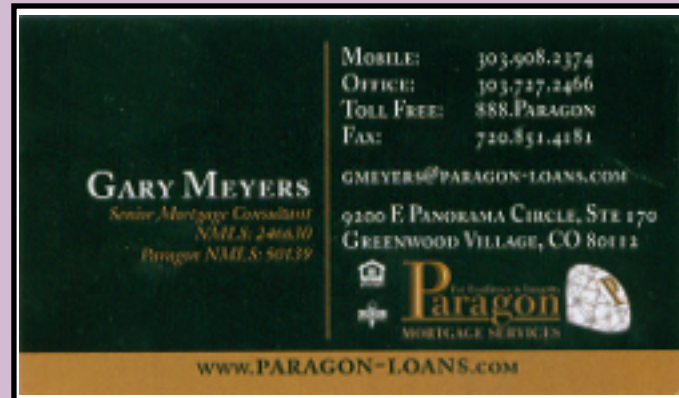
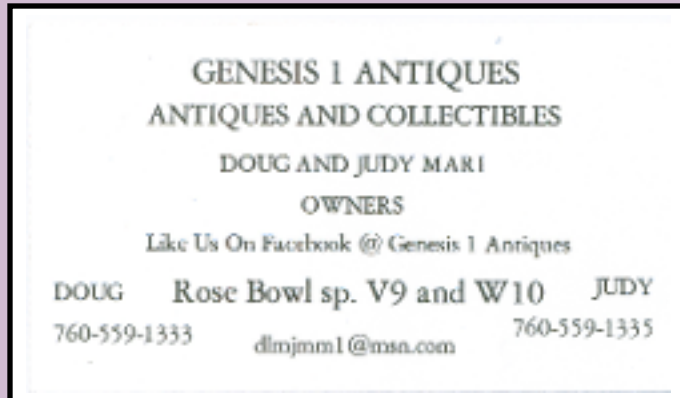
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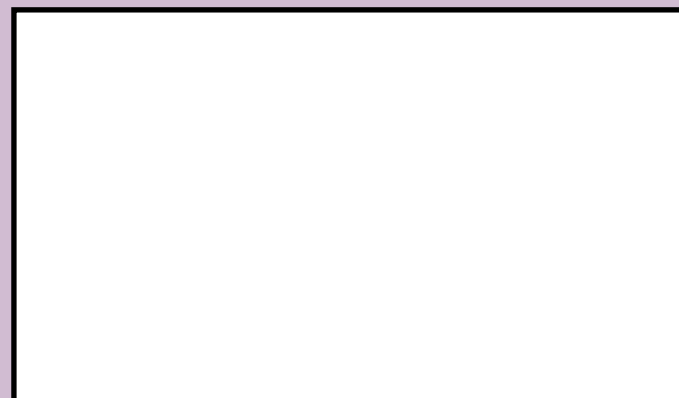
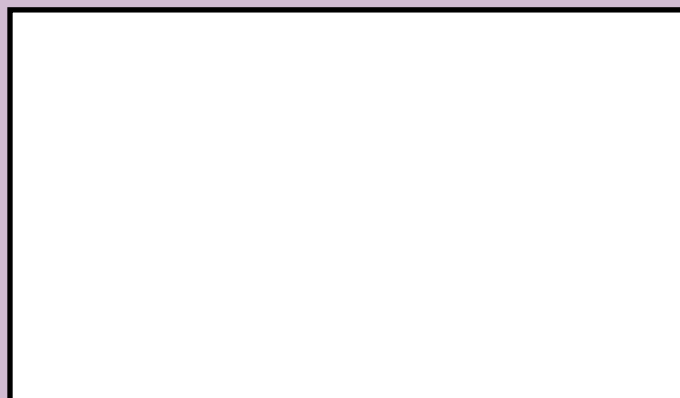
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CCA Membership Officer, Roy Nelson, (R) supervising the event.

National Atomic Testing Museum, MoGH Milestone 7 is complete.



Goodbye, but not farewell to the Neon Museum.