

Watch for us in the 4th of July Parade

Mrs. Paula Renck, wife of Les Renck, a member of our Board of Directors who had suddenly passed away, called YEI! in January 2008 and said, "Brad, Les wanted you to have the car." Having received donated vehicles before, our expectations were ... not high. Brad ordered up a tow truck and went out to the house and, when Mrs. Renck opened the garage door, there it was: Les's 1953 MG Convertible.

Dave and Gary at European Auto Tech cleaned it up and gave us their recommendations. First, that its best value to YEI! would be to offer it for sale at next year's Barrett auction, where it is expected to fetch a pretty penny. And second, take it out on the road once a month to keep it humming (to Jerome, say, or to the Parade on the 4th!).

This sweet ride (see photo below), currently in dry storage, was a very generous gift on the part of Mr. Renck. A former Northern Arizona Chapter S.C.O.R.E. director and dedicated YEI! board member, Les also endowed us with one of our basic operating principles: "Safe * Quality * Clean." That motto, paired with our YEI! logo, is prominently displayed throughout all our working areas.

We are so grateful that so many people remember us benevolently with their gifts of land, unappreciated stock and vehicles. It brings to mind Sam Steiger's legacy gift of "the Braddilac," which was a donated convertible caddy that we were able to convert into about 500 sq. ft. of room at our Antelope Point facility Prescott Valley.



We're gearing up for the next decade:

Watch for a big announcement in May, when we will commemorate the first ten years of our Antelope Point facility. Prescott Charities and YEI! will unveil an extensive renewal plan. Our production technicians will be temporarily relocated during this next important phase in Antelope Point's production capacity.

To keep up with the burgeoning growth seen along the Highway 69 corridor and the increasing manufacturing opportunities found in Prescott Valley, we'll be preparing our API plant to meet increased demand in the years ahead.

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Rusing Hills Welcomes First Residents

Two years ago, Brad Newman and Russ Rusing completely decked out the Washington Hills Residence for Men, top to bottom, in a mere three hours. Their supply source? Local yard sales. (Predictably, as anybody who knows YEI! and Brad and Russ would guess, the Men's Residence is all cowboys and Grand Canyon



Looking at the results, what can we say but WOW!

Completely appointed through donated funds and heavy discounts from our many wonderful suppliers, Rusing Hills has become the home many of our new women residents and their families have always dreamed of.

Remember when your first child headed off to college? Imagine your child leaving home for the first time to try independent living in a group home situation. This next step in your adult child's life is an anxious time.

Along with Rusing Hills house parents Amanda and Bill, we welcome the new residents, and we are proud of this next developmental step these women and their families are taking.



vistas and that sort of guys-being-guys thing.)

After Uncle Ernie Feavel finished up construction on the Rusing Hills Residence for Women, we knew that decorating it for the ladies would take a different approach.

First, there was a furnishings and decor committee headed up by Deb Aldrich (Owner and Interior Designer at Burton Painting & Wallpapering), YEI! Board member Nan Hunter, and house mom Amanda Bazell.



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YEI! Clean Up Crew Walks the Walk

Our two-mile assignment on State Route 169 leads to the Yavapai County landfill, so there's ALWAYS work to be done along our stretch of road in the Adopt-A-Highway program. In 1994, we were recognized by the Governor's office for our work in keeping section of SR 169 clean. In the years since we were first honored, many YEI! Guys and Gals have worked hard, helping us maintain not only our roadways, but our enthusiasm for this and many other programs that are a part of our Community Contribution Corps.

"Once a month an enthusiastic group of ten or so travels out to Hwy 169. We diligently fill our blue trash bags along the two miles of roadway."

"As part of our ongoing commitment in keeping Northern Arizona clean, we glow with pride knowing we are giving back to the community," says API Community Contribution Corps Coordinator Deanna Pagone.



Community Contribution Corps Cleanup Crew in action (say that three times fast!).

Antelope Point Industries is officially responsible for Hwy 169, but API also has adopted Tonto Park (Prescott Valley).

The Washington Avenue Facility, steered by Josh Bradley, has been working hard on trail maintenance at the Highlands Center for Natural History campus on Lynx Lake Road, various Forest Service Trails, and over at Granite Creek / AC Williams Park.

When you see our guys at the park, you'll notice they aren't out

there throwing the frisbee around, but are but are doing their part as stewards of our community.

In addition to helping keep it clean, the YEI! Community Contribution Corps can be seen working all over the quad cities: everywhere from the Yavapai Food Bank to the Open Door Ministry to Mountain View Manor to stuffing mail for other non profits.



Employee Spotlight: Bill Loughney

Bill Loughney was originally featured in Summer 2003 issue. We cheered his arrival at our place by spotlighting him in the Exceptional News back then, telling you:

"In November (2002), an exceptional young man, Bill Loughney, joined our team as Industrial Services Manager."

"Along with his family, Bill brings us his great sense of humor (so he fits right in), skills in production planning and scheduling, quality control, CAD (computer assisted drafting), general business acumen, and a strong professional network."

"San Diego's loss is truly our gain."

Well, what a difference a half a decade makes!

Bill and Christine now own a home here, their children are enrolled in area schools, and Christine works in medical management at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, where she is adored by her coworkers.

Bill has made a huge impact on our production since he became a part of YEI! In fact, Rebecca Davis, our Operations Manager, reports that "from fiscal year 2002 to fiscal year 2007 sales increased 203%."

Not to mention the acquisition, expansion and huge success of the Spice 'n Slice product line and our expanded picnic table designs, both of which occurred during Bill's tenure with us.

Bill has added his class and sophistication to our operations here and represents us well at various

area charity golf tournaments and is a standout on his men's softball team. Here's to the next five years!



The Loughneys

Your Backyard Haven: From Lumberyard to Your Front Door

It's that time of year! Cody Clarke and his picnic bench-and-table squad were working on a special order of two 10-foot tables destined for the Prescott Daily Courier's offices in March.

In continuous production at Antelope Point Industries, most of the benches and tables are custom orders.

Cody & Craig Hahn start on a new order by sorting the lumber at



the lumber yard. It's then routed, edged, and assembled. Next, the crew sands the surface with 600 grit paper, giving it that characteristic finish we're after. Finally, each piece is hand finished by our API Production Technicians.

"Guests" of the Yavapai County Adult Detention Services, in the course of their maintenance duties, collect the coins from the Yavapai County Courthouse fountain. These come back over to YEI! where our guys clean and roll them. Thanks to a great idea by Mike Danowski, when the coins remitted to YEI! equal the price of a picnic table, one is delivered to the county park of their designation. Danowski, by the way, is

the former (now retired) Yavapai County Finance Director and high school chum of Brad.

Ready to give your outdoor spaces a new look this Spring?! Give Cody Clarke a call at 772-6235 or email us at mail@yeiworks.com to place an order.

You might have seen (or sat on) them around town, without knowing that this beautiful outdoor furniture was 100% crafted at Antelope Point Industries. A few businesses that feature our products:

- Porky's World Famous BBQ on Gurley Street, Prescott
- Prescott Coffee Roasters Coffee House, Prescott
- Pioneer Park
- Camp Verde Restaurant
- Colorado River Discovery in Page, AZ (Brad's weekend gig)
- Assorted County Parks
- County Courthouse Plaza, Prescott

YEI! Among Honorees at First Annual FEMAD Awards

Fann Contracting has had a special relationship with YEI! since the early 80's. The legacy built by company founder, Jim Fann, has carried on into the 21st century with current president Mike Fann.

Last year the company established "Fann Employees Making A Difference" (FEMAD), with a goal of simply encouraging Fann workers to join in giving back to our local communities.

Mike is understandably proud of his employees, as FEMAD distributed a total 2007 contribution of \$41,412 among seven local nonprofit organizations, among them YEI! They donate to us, they are our customers and, in fact they have included a YEI! graduate in their workforce.

"Amid the merriment of the FEMAD part (see photo at right), other recipients paused to reflect on the FEMAD bounty. YEI!/Prescott Charities Director Brad Newman said, "YEI! would not exist if it weren't for Fann Contracting. Mike's been donating

to us since 1983, and Fann Contracting is our customer, too for survey stakes, lath, and hubs. Their overall support was already amazing, but getting his employees to join him in opening up their wallets, all I can say is - wow!"



photo courtesy Helken & Horn