

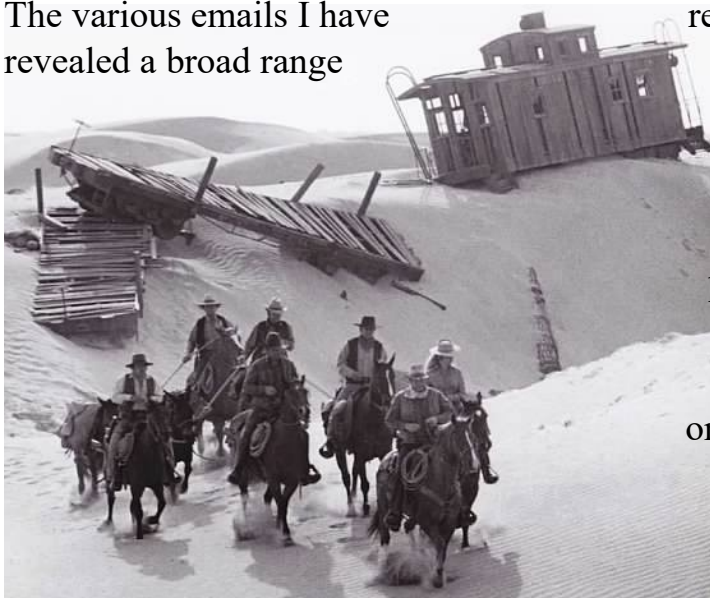


The AHHA! Moment

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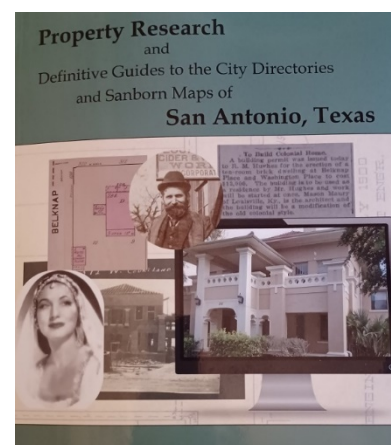
Thanks to all for joining our fledgling AHHA! We are planning our first meeting now and are looking forward to meeting everyone in person.

The various emails I have revealed a broad range



received from members have of talents and experiences – **AHHA!!!** My favorite story so far came from Robert's wife Carroll, who said Robert knows so much history around this area, he's lived here for 80 years, and grew up keeping his horses near the quarry basin. He and friends would put on handkerchiefs and run their horses along the train, pretending to hold it up (until it blew its whistle).

We have an expert on property research in our group, who has written a how-to book for all! His book includes a fascinating history of the family that owned the house he included as a case study. Michael has also volunteered to keep track of our archives and digitizing. Please start searching through your treasures for yearbooks, photos, wedding albums, mementoes, family stories, and newspaper articles of Alamo Heights that we can include in our digital library.





Several people have brought up the issue of protection for our old homes to keep them from being demolished. The formation of Historic Districts would be the best way to achieve this. The City of San Antonio has successfully formed 31 historic districts, so we have a neighbor we can learn from.

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/scoutsa/HistoricDistricts>

is the link and includes contact information. San Antonio also has an Office of Historic Preservation. Perhaps we can encourage our city to follow suit.

Have you any family photos? This is one of my favorites – Ken and his little sister enjoying the fountain in Olmos Basin Park circa 1935. The fountain is still there but needs restoration. (The Comprehensive Plan includes the acquisition of the park but it never happened.)



Finally, I have a dream.....wouldn't it be grand to have our AHHA! home in one of Alamo Heights' Centennial houses? We don't have a library or museum or meeting place. Why not create one? Sure, it's a dream but maybe someday....

