

May 18, 2011 Tour to lone, CA

lone was primarily a farming community back in the 1800's. It had the first farms and orchards in the country as well as the first flour mill. In 1854 a rack track was built on Rancho Arroyo Seco to showcase the best and strongest horses in the lone Valley. Today the track is still there in the city's Howard Park. In 1876 lone became the eastern terminus of the Galt and lone Railroad. The line was to serve the area's mining lumbering interests. The last steam engine to run now occupies a place of honor, a small park behind City Hall on Main Street.

In 1889 the California Senate passed a bill introduced by Edward Preston to establish a reform type institution as a progressive action to rehabilitate, rather than just imprison, young offenders. Local politicians convinced the legislature to locate it in rural Amador County to help keep it from being considered a prison and facilitate it was used for education and vocational training. "The Castle," known formerly as the Preston School of Industry, built in 1894, was the state's first reform school based on the philosophy that juveniles should be educated not merely punished. The school accepted its first seven students from San Quentin, on June 13, 1894. From 1960 for the next 40 years the buildings deteriorated from both neglect and vandalism. It was closed and declared unsafe. It was saved by the townspeople and is now a historical monument and the site of various charitable events.

Leave the Wave Parking Lot at 8:30A.M.

Taking Hwy 193 to Auburn then Hwy 49 to Placerville. Rest stop for 20 to 30 mins then Hwy 49 and Hwy 104 to lone. At 11:30 we will have at Tour of "The Castle" for 1 1/2 hours. Tour will Cost \$10 for each person. After our tour we will have lunch about 1:15P.M. in the Historic lone Hotel which is located at 25 Main St., lone. Parking is located at Preston & Main turn left or some parking behind the Hotel, which is to the right on Main from Preston. The choices are soup, salad, sandwiches, and burgers. After lunch we will take a different way back to Lincoln.

Please RSVP by May 2nd to Edy Ternullo (See LHSCG Roster for contact information)