



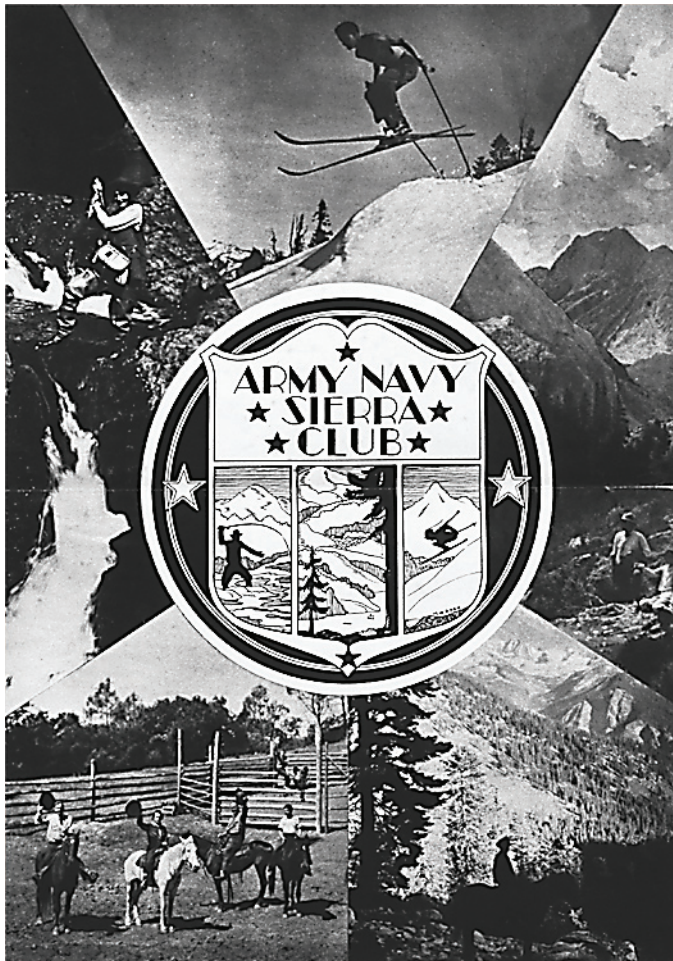
Donner Summit Historical Society www.donnersummithistoricalociety.org

Help Launch the Donner Summit Historical Society

with a unique brochure depicting Ice Lakes in the 1930's

A taste of history almost 80 years old

The Donner Summit historical society has opened for business "to offer lectures, seminars, and field trips that will help the community learn the history of Donner Summit and the surrounding area, and to collect and display artifacts relative to the history, and to carry on other educational and charitable activities associated with this purpose" (from our articles of incorporation, December, 2007). The historical society is a 501(c)3 entity.



The story of the brochure:

Norm Saylor, long time respected resident of Donner Summit since the 1950's, was invited to a cabin in Kingvale to look at old photo albums. In the corner of one page was a folded 1935 brochure for the Army and Navy Club at Ice Lakes (today's Serene Lakes). Norm's eyes lit up,

"Can I have it?"

A deal was made and Norm was the owner of the unique brochure. Some sleuthing followed and Margie Powell uncovered the articles of incorporation. The Army and Navy Club was to be a rest and recreation center for military personnel before World War II. Had it been built the present community at Serene Lakes would not exist.

This reproduction of the brochure, which you can hang on your wall, is just one example of the materials in the historical society's archives. There will be more history available in newsletters, on our website, and in our store as the historical society begins to archive and catalog our collections as well as continue with research.



Donner Summit History Museum

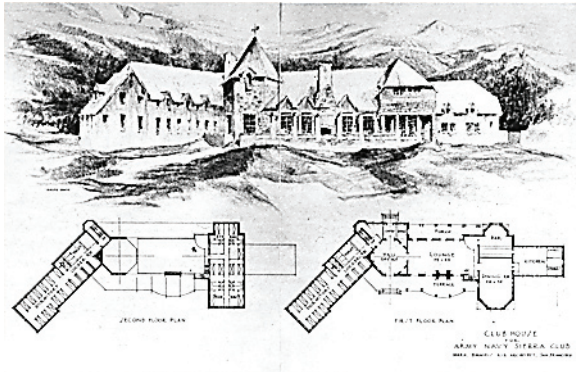
Our long term goal besides collection and publication is the building of a Donner Summit history museum so our current and future collections will have a safe home and so the public can enjoy and learn. Help us with that by purchasing a displayable copy of the Army and Navy Club brochure.

You Can Help

You can participate in the historical society as well by contributing (we're a 501(c)3) and or by helping with our various projects. Currently we have need of

1. someone to convert 8mm movies to DVD
2. publicity person
3. fundraiser
4. grant writer
5. on line store person
6. coordinator of local community information, contacts, and research
7. cataloger, office work
8. pictures of the Kit Kat Club in Kingvale
9. pictures of the Crest Garage and Lodge in Soda Springs

Pictures: The front page picture is from the Army Navy Club brochure. The picture above is Ice Lakes (Serene Lakes) in the 1930's. Note there are three lakes. The dam had not yet been built. Below is the proposed Army Navy Club lodge. For more pictures, you'll have to buy a copy of the brochure.



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all proceeds go to the society's long term goal of building a museum on Donner Summit. Order: DSHS P.O. 1 Norden, CA 95724 (if there are any left.)

On 8/31 at Serene Lakes Lot 1 on Serene Rd., framed brochure reproduction #1 will be silently auctioned to benefit the historical society.