Globe Engineer Brings Love of Apache Trail to New Series Book and Postcard Packet Sunday, 11 January 2009 00:00

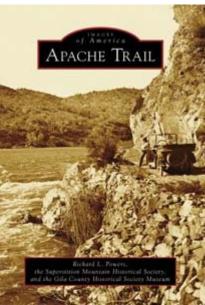
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Experience the rugged adventure of the developing Old West through historic photographs in a newly published book and companion postcard packet, "Images of America: The Apache Trail" and "Postcards of America: Apache Trail," available in all major bookstores, online and in a number of shops throughout the state of Arizona.

Meet the author and share your own tales of the Trail at book signings scheduled for Saturday, January 17, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Gila County Historical Museum in Globe; on Saturday, January 21, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Copper Spike Train Depot in Globe; or on Saturday, January 31, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Superstition Mountain Museum in Apache Junction.

Pres. Theodore Roosevelt once referred to the Apache Trail as "one of the most spectacular best-worth-seeing sights of the world," a sentiment shared by Richard L. Powers of Globe. A longtime resident of Arizona with a keen interest in Arizona and local history, his appreciation of the Apache Trail grew while working for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Now retired from ADOT and working for Jacobs Engineering, he has given presentations on transportation history, including Arizona's Interstate Highways System and the Apache Trail.

Powers is a 1980 graduate of the University of Kansas Civil Engineering School and a 1990 Master of Science graduate of Arizona State University's Civil Engineering School. Powers is currently a member of Chi Epsilon (Civil Engineering Honor Society), the Arizona Historical Society and the Gila County Historical Society Museum in Globe. Powers is also a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Rotary International and volunteer for the Center for the Arts.



Powers has written historical articles for local newspapers and has published technical publications in the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Record on the topics of Arizona's Pre-stressed Pavements and Innovative Approaches for Low Volume Roads in Arizona (including a case study on the Apache Trail.)

When not engaged in engineering or historical research, Powers finds time to hike, golf, fish, read and volunteer to assist local community organizations.