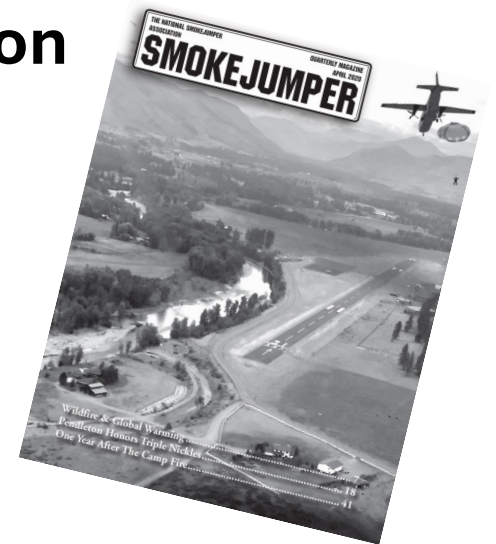
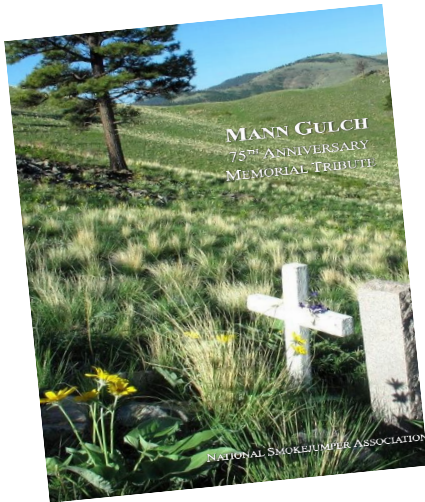


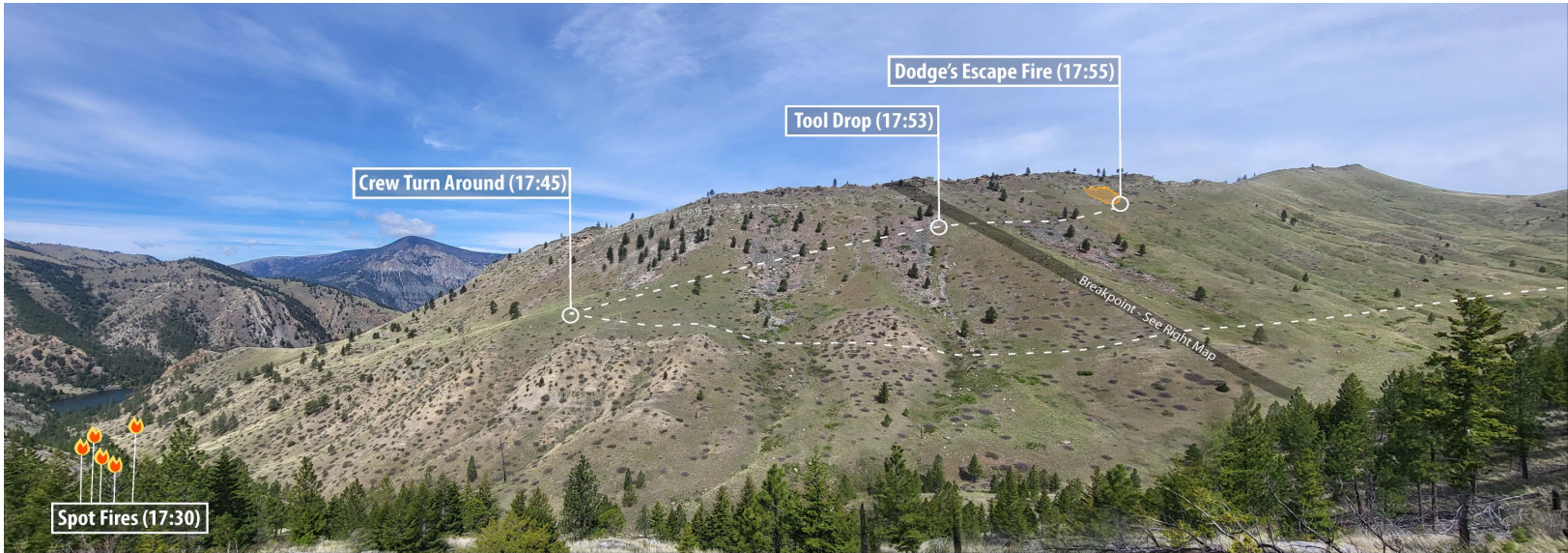


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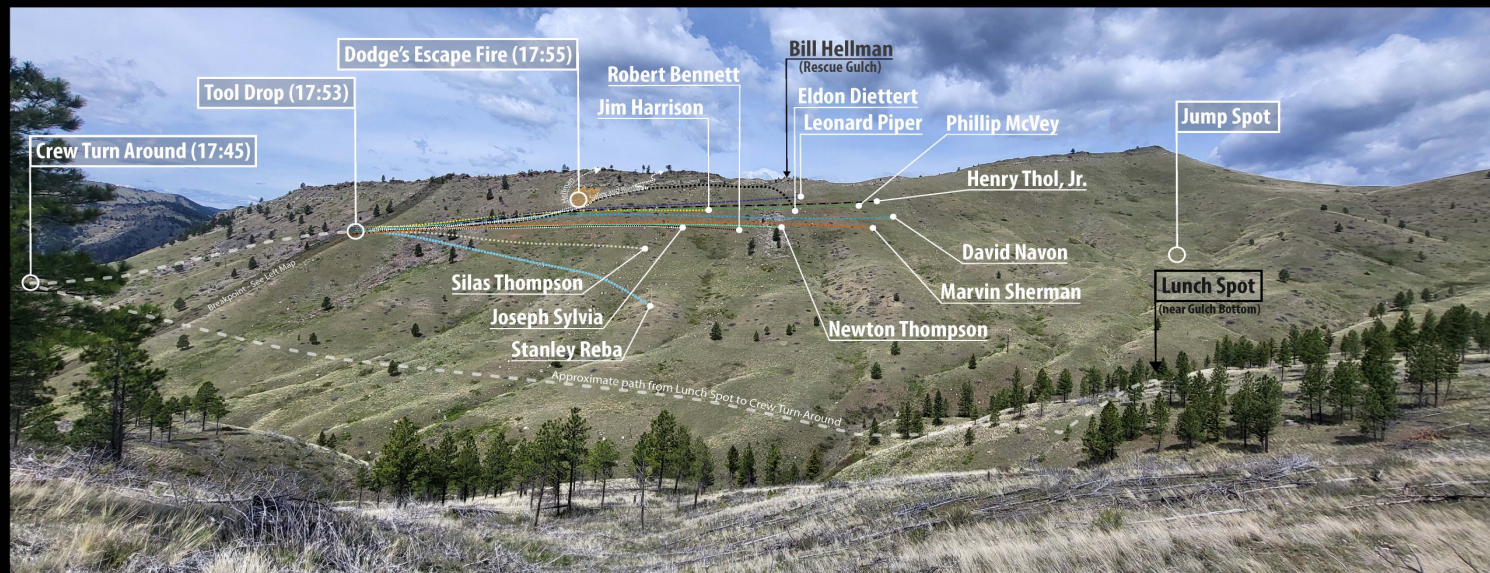
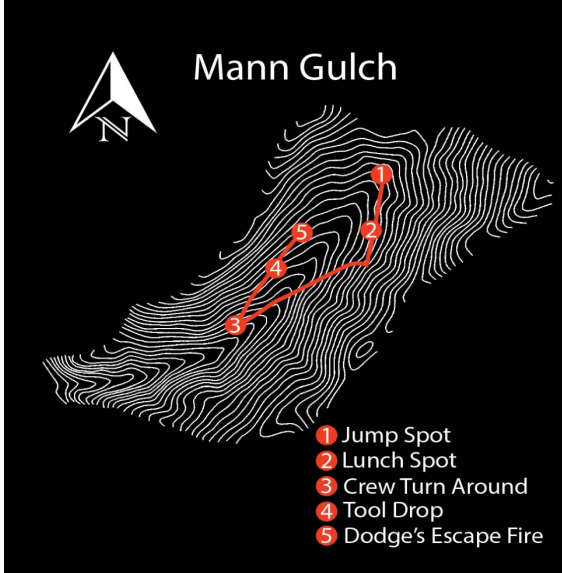




Mann Gulch

August 5, 1949

Composite image map showing the north slope of Mann Gulch and the significant events of the Mann Gulch fire.



Site Coordinators

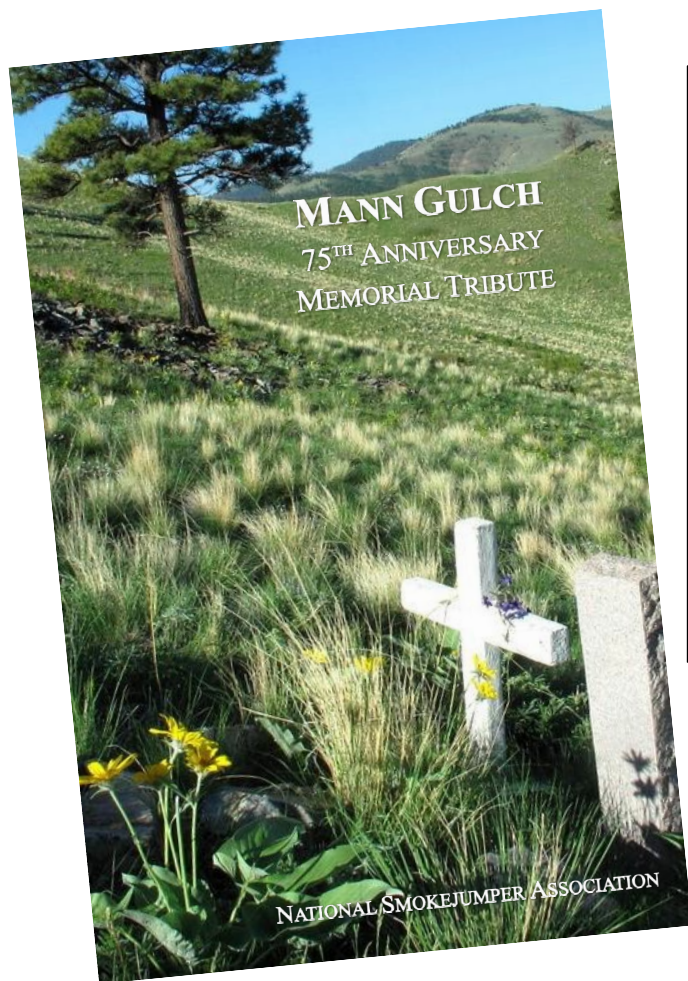
- Jim Cherry, (MSO '57)
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- Lyle Best (MSO '68)
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- John Pietras (MSO '73)
- Tory Kendrick (MSO '00)
- Chuck Underwood (MSO '61)
- Nels Jensen (MSO '62)
- Ed Ward (MSO '80)
- Kurt Rohrbach (MSO '03)
- Dan Roberson (MSO '75)
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- Eric Hansen (MSO '62)

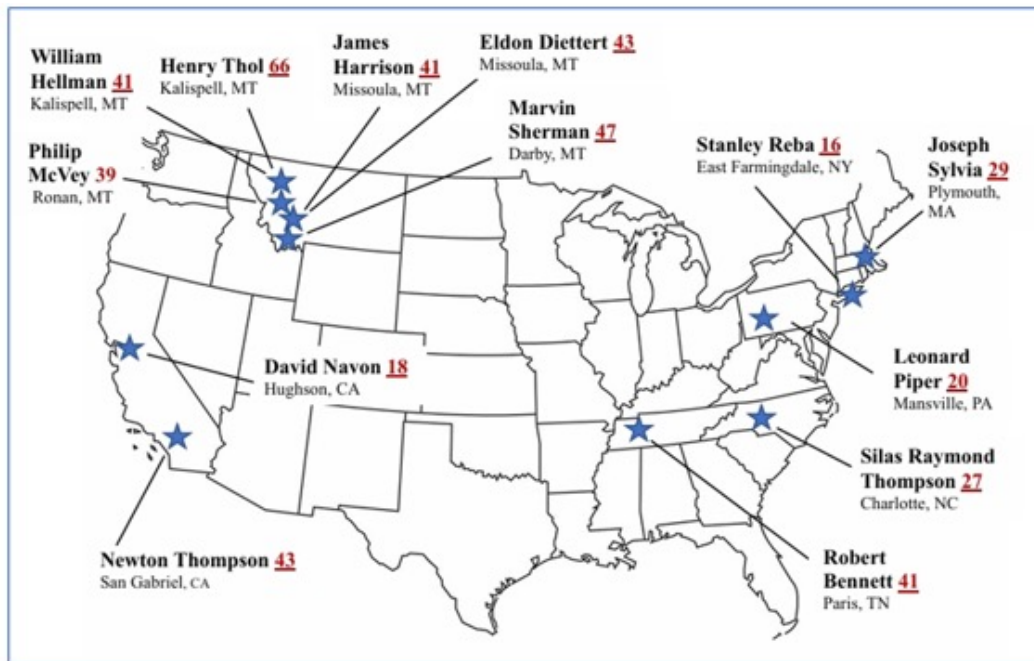
Mann Gulch committee tri-chairs:

- *Jim Cherry (MSO-57)*
- *Sarah Doehring (MSO-91)*
- *Mike Bina (MSO-68)*

Committee Members:

- *Denny Breslin (NCSB-69)*
- *Tory Kendrick (MSO-00)*
- *Bob Smee (MSO-68)*
- *Jodi Stone (MSO-02)*





- Planning, planning, and more planning...
- Dogged determination and working around roadblocks...
- Communication, cajoling, and coercing – in a gentle way!
- Logistics, media, photographers, videographers, and families – cemeteries, VFW, NSA emblem installations...
- Phone calls, emails, texts, and fretting over details
- Coordination, transportation, showing up - pulling it off
- Celebration and Relief – Joy and Satisfaction
- Cheers and tears – a job well done and appreciated



NATIONAL SMOKEJUMPER ASSOCIATION

MEDIA RELEASE 5.23.24

A FIREFIGHTING TRAGEDY THAT SHOCKED THE NATION

On August 5, 1949, twelve U.S. Forest Service smokejumpers and one district fire guard, a former smokejumper, tragically died when they were overtaken by the flames of the raging Mann Gulch forest fire on the Missouri River in the Helena National Forest. The smokejumpers answered a routine fire call from their base in Missoula, Montana. After successfully landing by parachutes nearby the fire and beginning the process to contain and extinguish the fire, they and the district fire guard were trapped as the fire exploded beneath them.

Bob Sallee, a smokejumper who was one of three Mann Gulch fire survivors said at the 50th anniversary memorial, "It is time to rededicate ourselves to the memory of these fine young men and the lesson they best taught us, that wildfires are, and always will be, dangerous and we must respect its potential to put a fire fighter in harm's way. Life is precious— and for some very short."



NSA Memorial Grave Marker

On the 75th Anniversary of this tragedy the **National Smokejumper Association** on or about August 5, 2024, will honor each of these young men by having association members visiting each of the 13 individual smokejumper gravesites across the United States. The families of the smokejumpers will be invited to a memorial grave-side program that will include a verbal tribute and the presentation of a commemorative booklet, and the placing of a wreath and a bronze memorial grave marker pictured above. Ten of the 13 men were U.S. military veterans who served in WWII prior to this tragedy. Local American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars posts will provide color guards to also pay respects to these veterans.

The National Smokejumper Association is a 1500-member private non-profit 501(c)3 membership organization dedicated to preserving the history and lore of smokejumping, maintaining and restoring our nation's forests and rangeland resources, and responding to the special needs of smokejumpers and their families.

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Press Release Site Coordinators Smokejumper reunions Camaraderie... Bonding

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Kurt Rohrbach	Missoula, Montana	
Dan Roberson	Kalispell, Montana	
Nels Jensen	Ronan, Montana	
Mark Nelson	Hughson, California	
Lyle Best	Mansville, Pennsylvania	
John Pietras	Farmingdale, New York	
Jeff Kinderman	Darby, Montana	
Roger Archibald	Plymouth, Massachusetts	
Dan Roberson	Kalispell, Montana	
Eric Hansen	San Gabriel, California	
Mike Bina	Charlotte, North Carolina	

MANN GULCH MEMORIAL PROJECT - California									
5-Aug	Volunteers	Hughson	Contact info	City	Zip	Phone	Email	City	Grav
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3	Freeman	Adrienne	1323 CLUB DRIVE	Vallejo	94592	209-742-3391	adrienne.freeman@usda.gov	Hughson/San Gabriel	USF
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5	Mathiesen	Josh	1325 Club Dr.	Vallejo	94594	530-515-9272	joshua.mathiesen@usda.gov	Hughson/San Gabriel	USF
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9	Rosenberg	Ken	3929 HILLSIDE AVE	Klamath Falls, OR	97603	925-984-9053(c)	Yolanda.saldana@usda.gov	Modesto/Hughson	David Navo
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13	Will	Don	30 WAHOO AVE	DAVIS	95618			Modesto/Hughson	David Navo
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3	Decker	Tom	1290 SANTA ROSA DR	CHULA VISTA	91913-1849	562-424-4836	tomdecker2010@yahoo.com	San Gabriel	Newton Thompson
4	Freeman	Adrienne	1323 CLUB DRIVE	Vallejo	94592	209-742-3391	adrienne.freeman@usda.gov	Hughson/San Gabriel	USFS
5	Garcia	Robert	701 NORTH SANTA ANITA AVE	ARCADIA	91006	626-716-2120	Robert.garcia3@usda.gov	San Gabriel	Newton Thompson
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**The crosses and gravestone markers....
The families....**





*The ceremonies
The wreaths
The songs
The respect*



JOB WELL DONE!

