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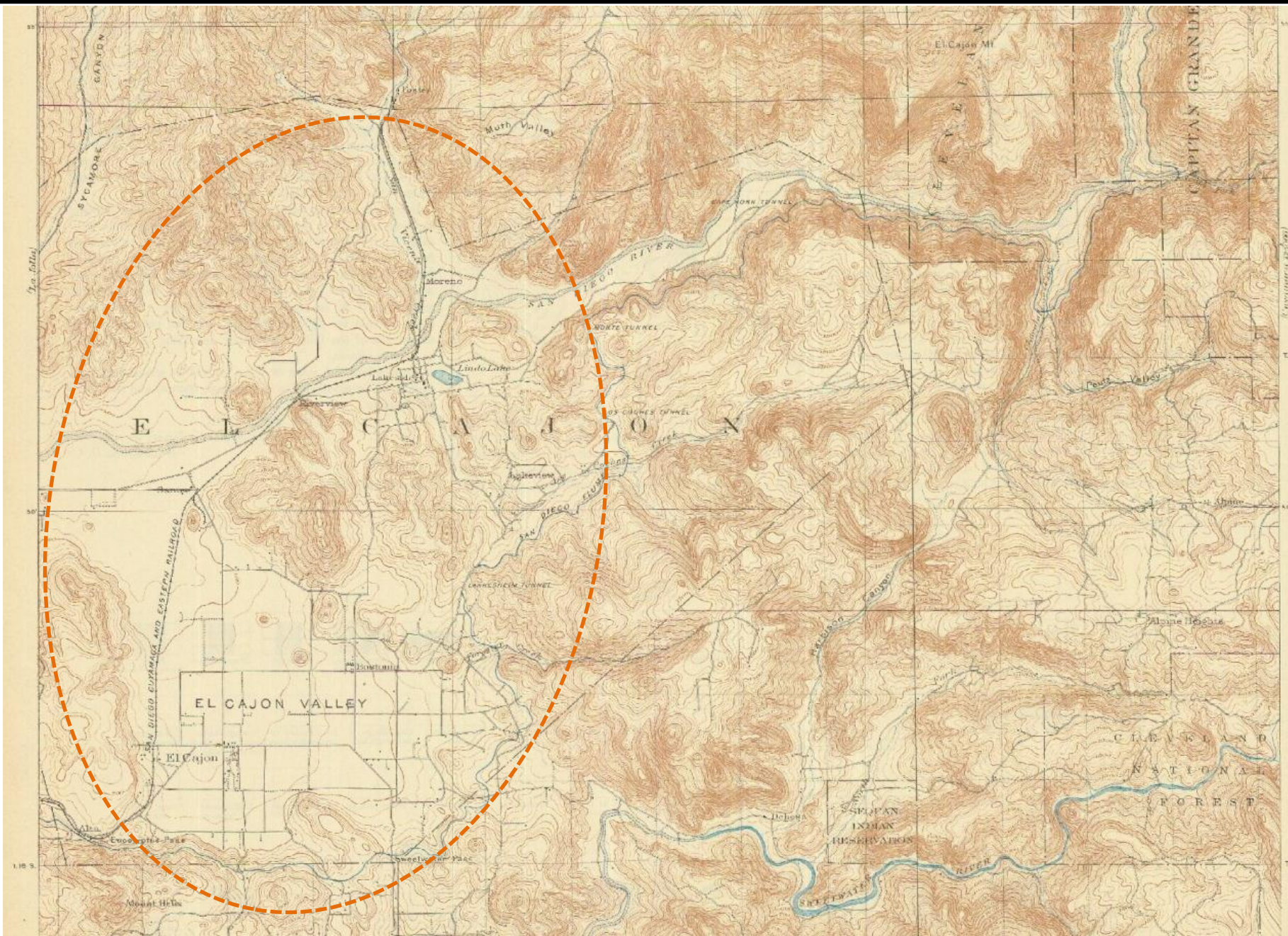
A Historical Look at Gillespie Field:

"Ranches – Gooney Birds & Bonanzas"

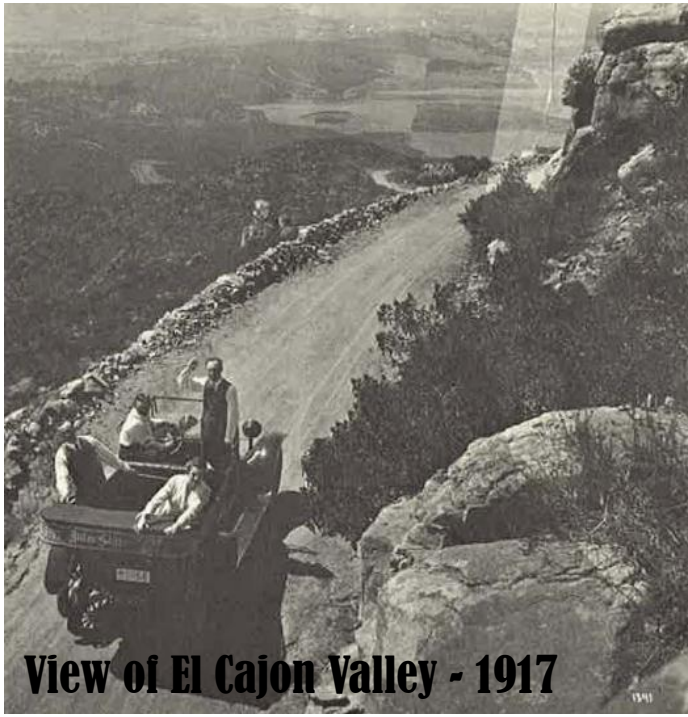
Natural Pasture & Ranchland

Agricultural Valley in the Box



El Cajon & the Early Years

Knox Hotel – El Cajon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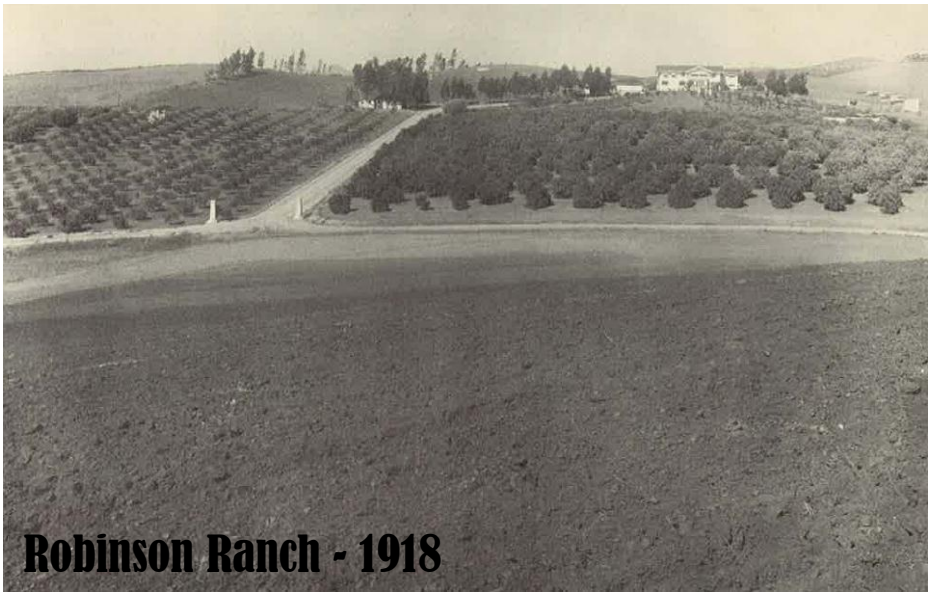
Robinson Ranch - 1918

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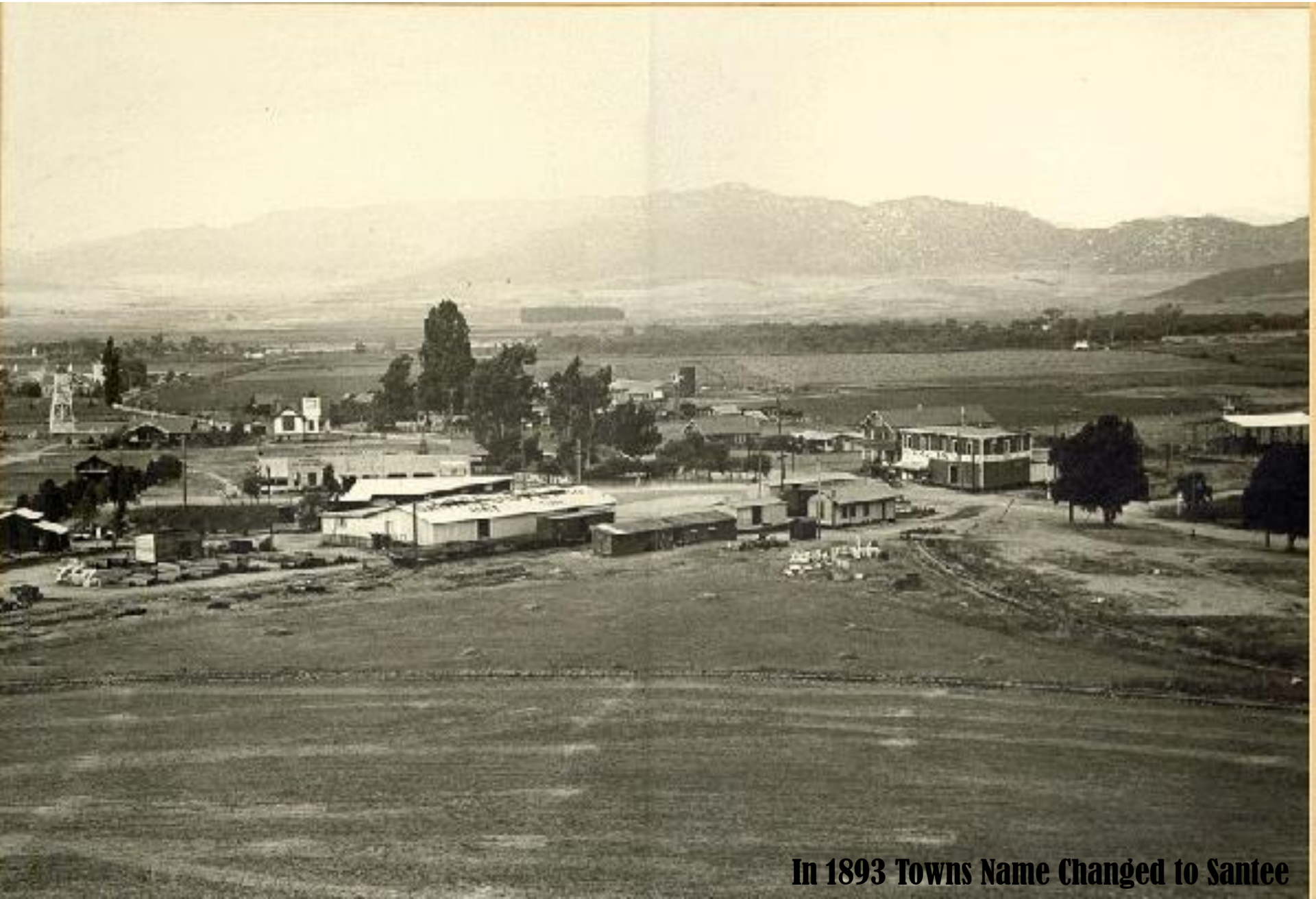
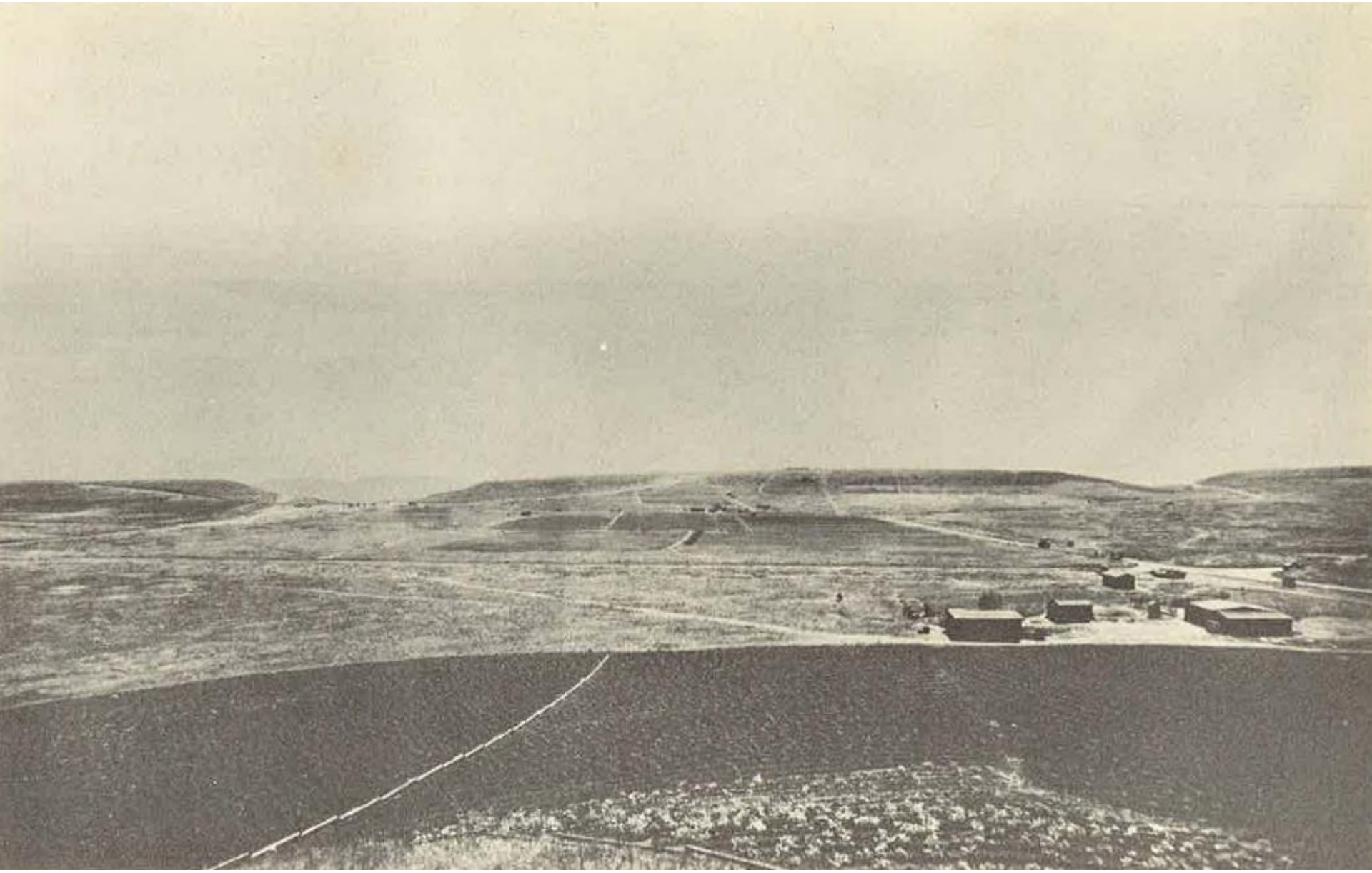
The Early Years



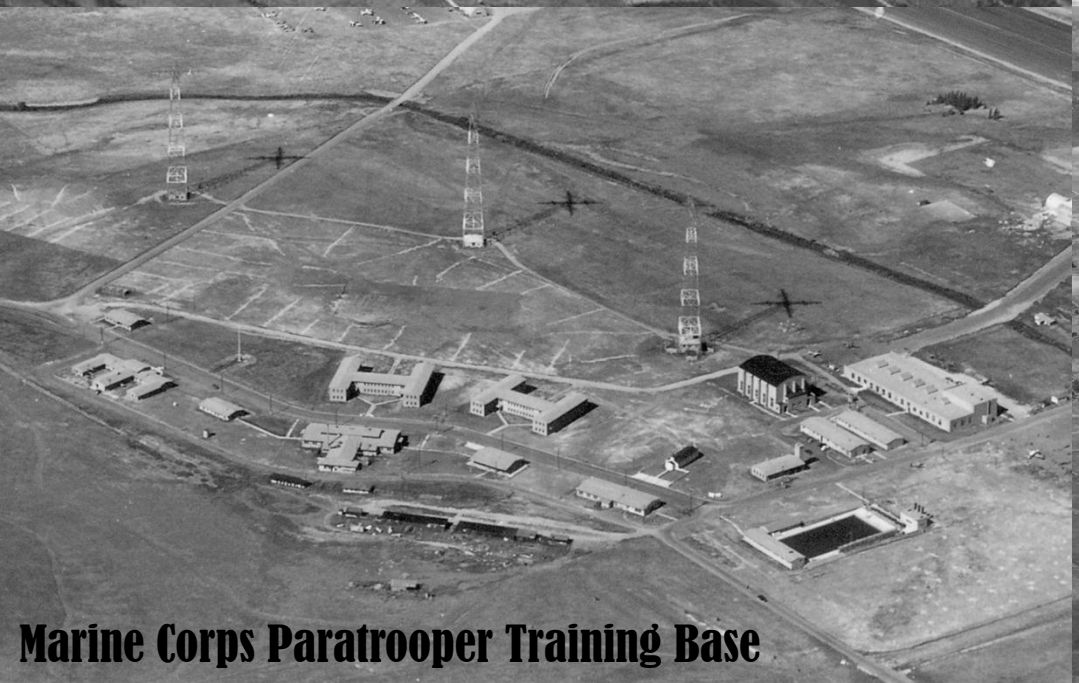
In 1893 Towns Name Changed to Santee

Future Site of Camp Gillespie



Pre-World War II

Camp Gillespie Established 1942



Marine Corps Paratrooper Training Base

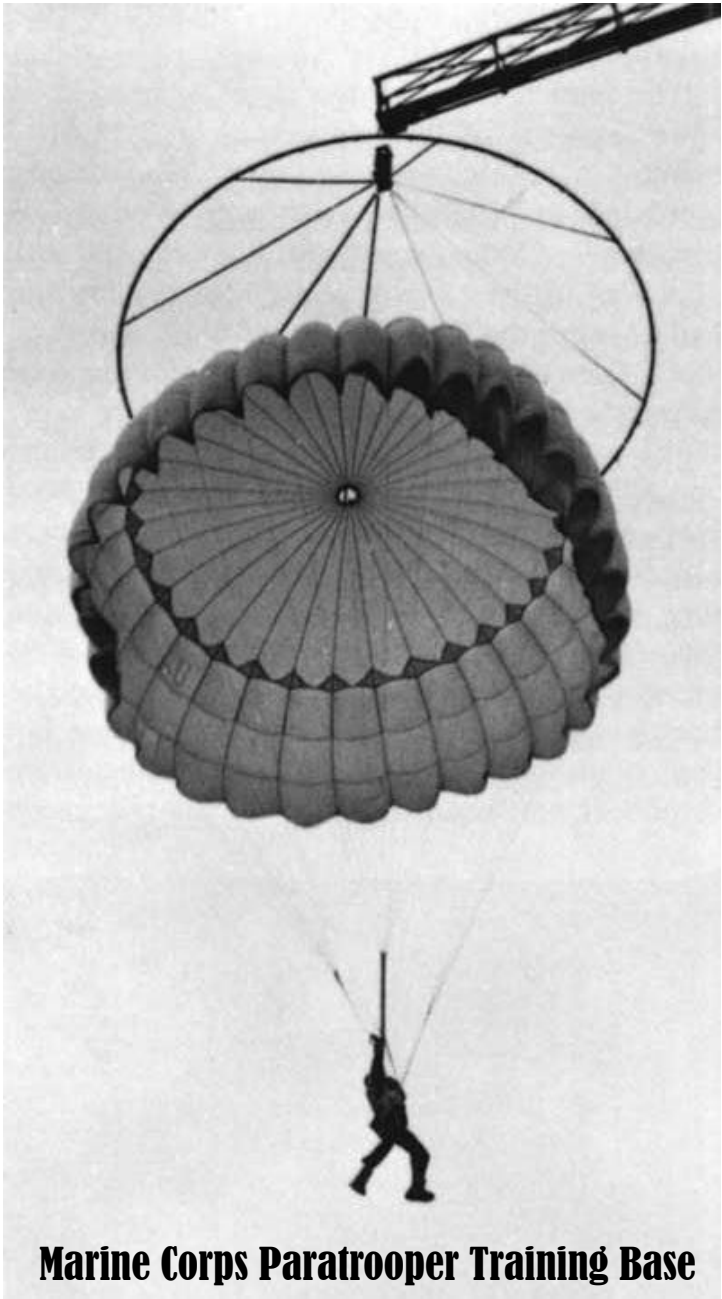
Camp Gillespie - Paratrooper Training Base

Training Towers

"Blue Goose" Jump Plane

Marine Corps Paratrooper Training Base - 1943

Paratrooper Training Base



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A Piece of History – Ira Hamilton Hayes

Marine PFC Ira Hayes, Pima, Gila River Reservation pictured far left in photo, 1945.

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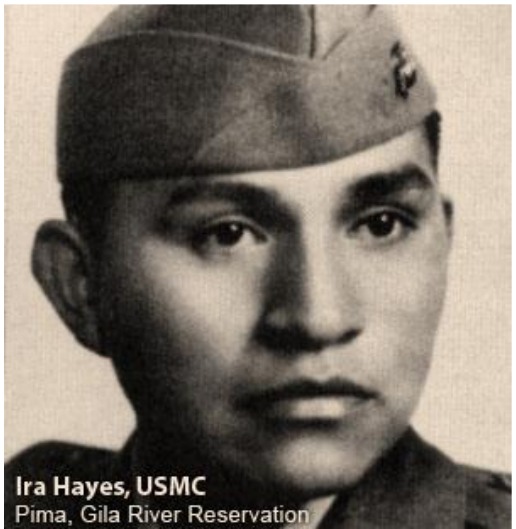
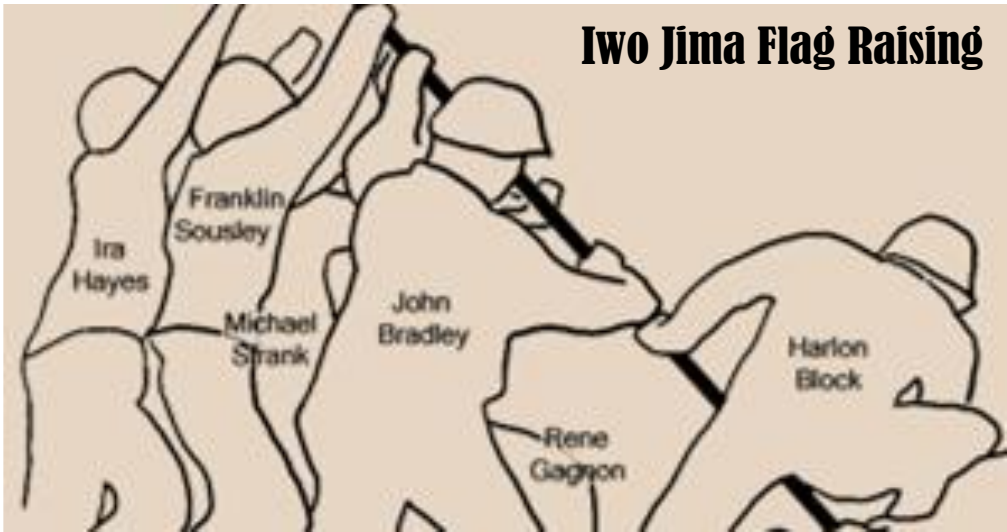


Ira Hayes, USMC
Pima, Gila River Reservation



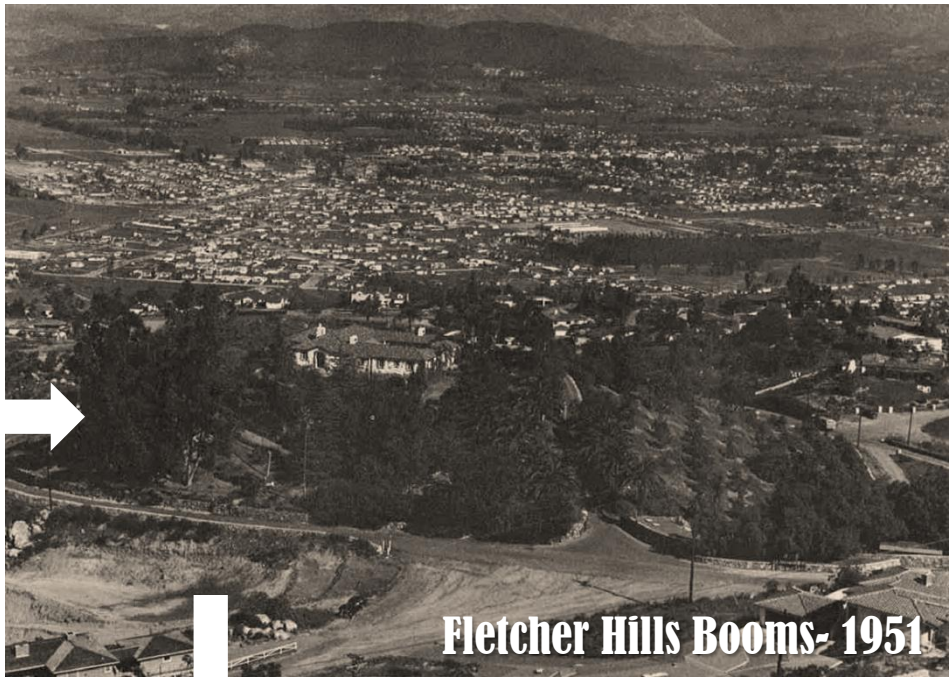
Military Aircraft Based at Marine Corps Auxiliary Airfield-Gillespie

F4U Corsair
Fighter-Bomber

SBD Dauntless
Marine Dive Bomber

In Passing

Leased to the County - 1947



Fletcher Hills Booms- 1951

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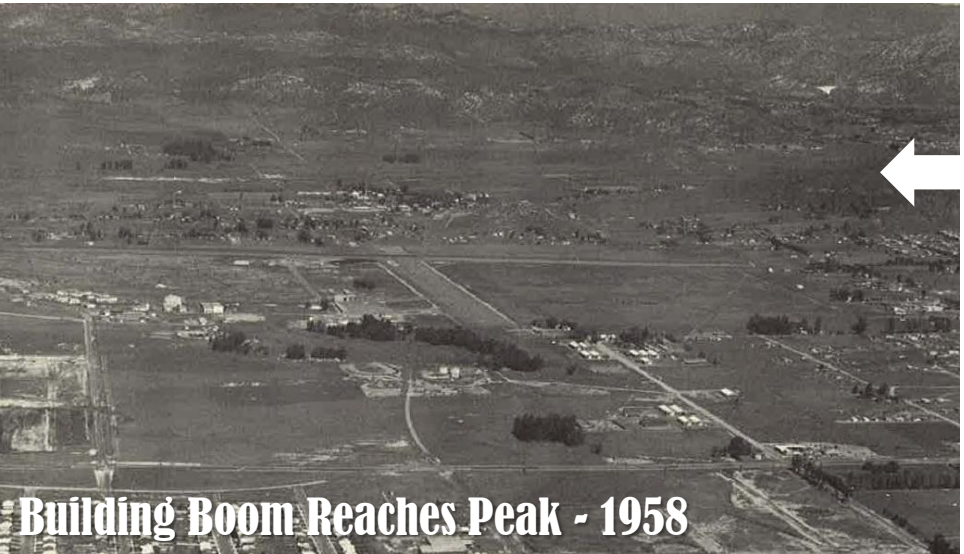
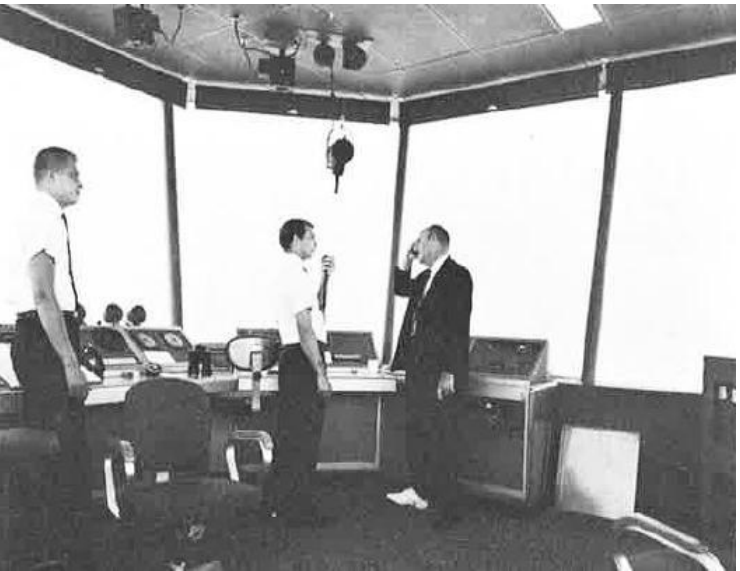


Building Boom Reaches Peak - 1958

1950s

Air Traffic Control Tower - 1962



Air Traffic Control Tower - Today

Gillespie Field

Breise & Johnston Flying Service - 1964

Gillespie Field

Mr. Essery

Golden State Flying Club – 1960s

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Bob Dennis – El Cajon Flying Service – 1950s

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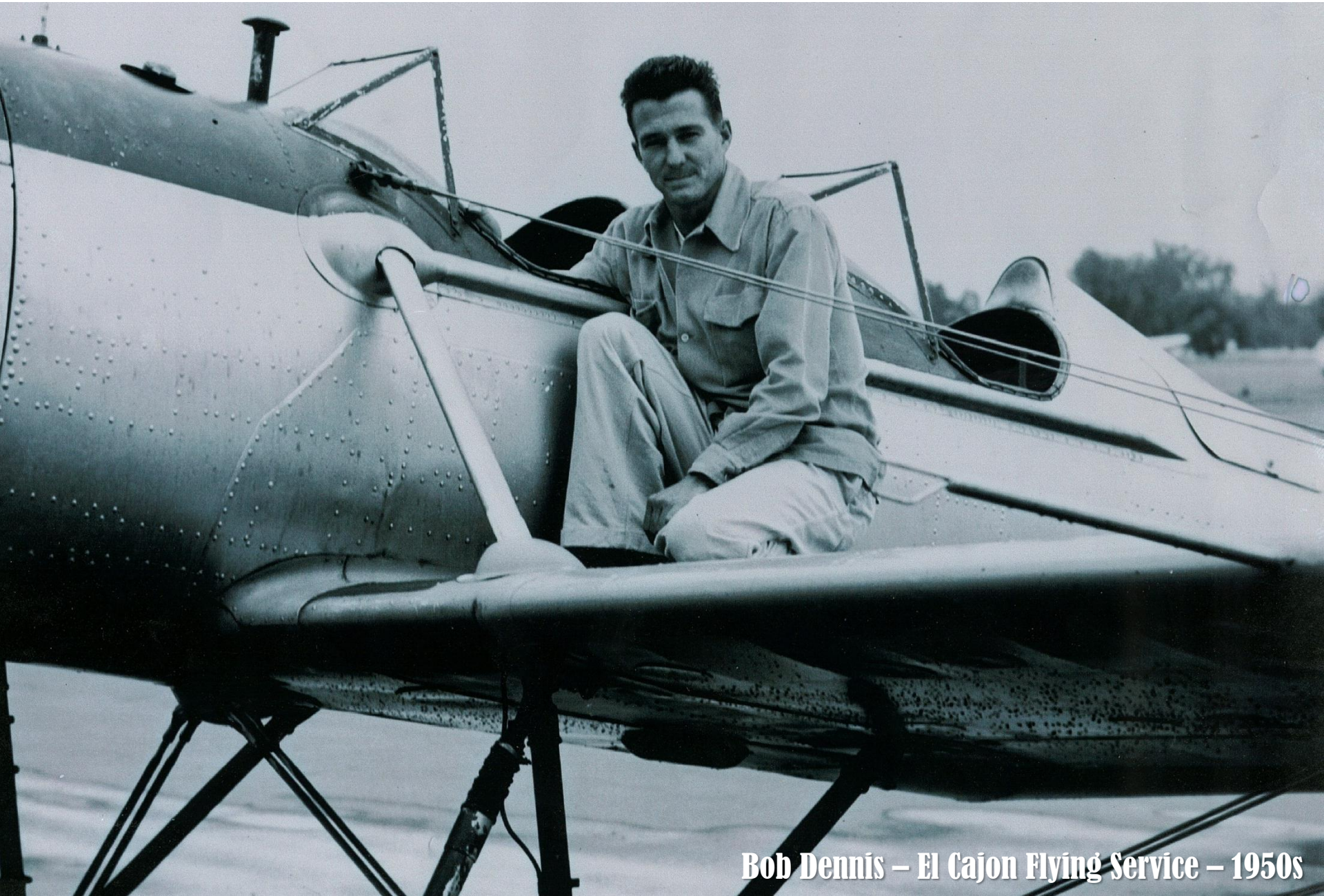
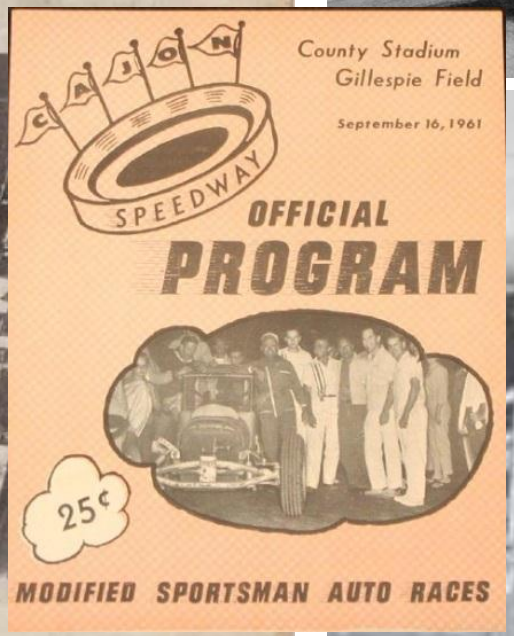
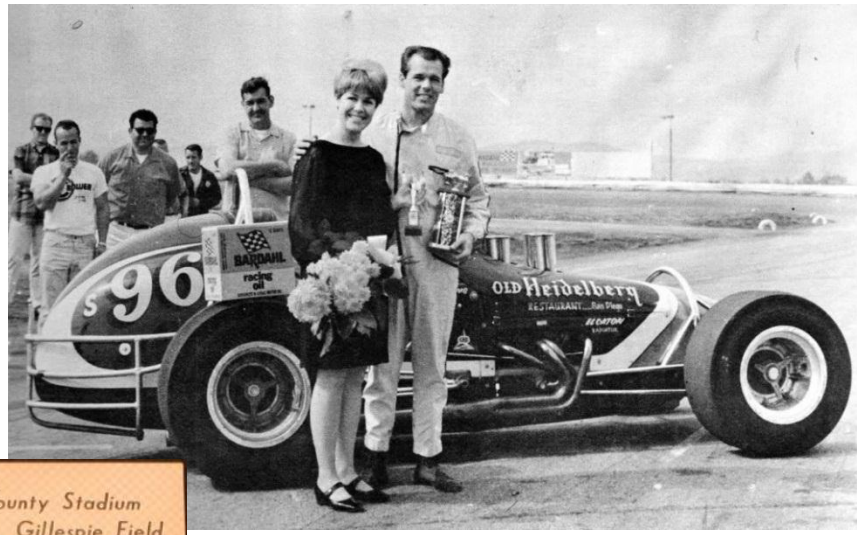
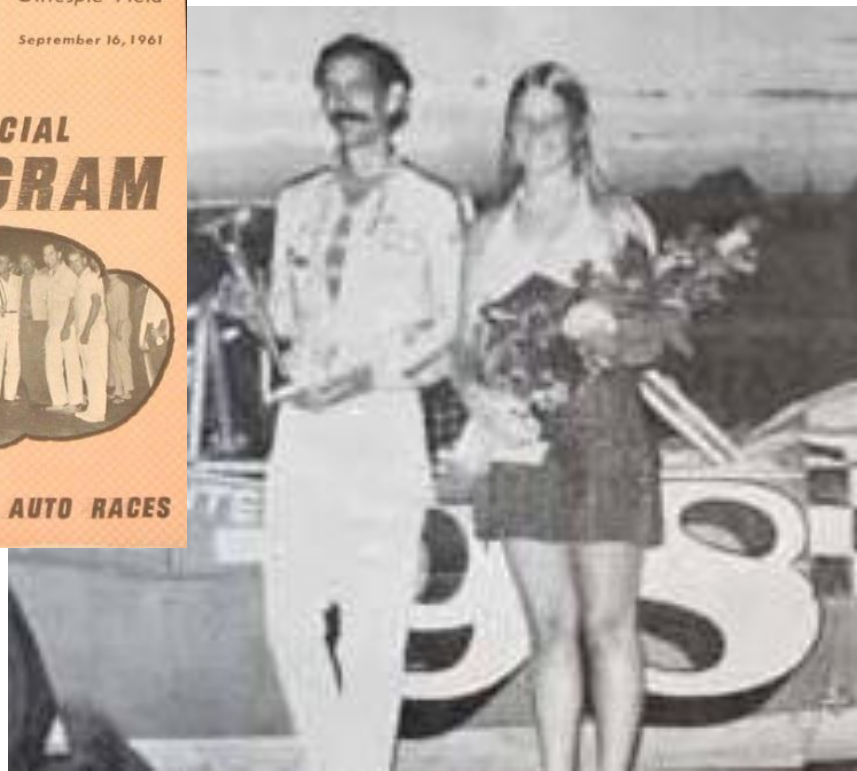


Bob Dennis – El Cajon Flying Service – 1950s

Cajon Speedway – 1961 to 2005







Cajon Speedway

Cajon Speedway - 2004

Former Camp Gillespie Pool/Gymnasium Area- 1962

Gillespie Aerial - 1962

Sheriffs ASTREA - 1971

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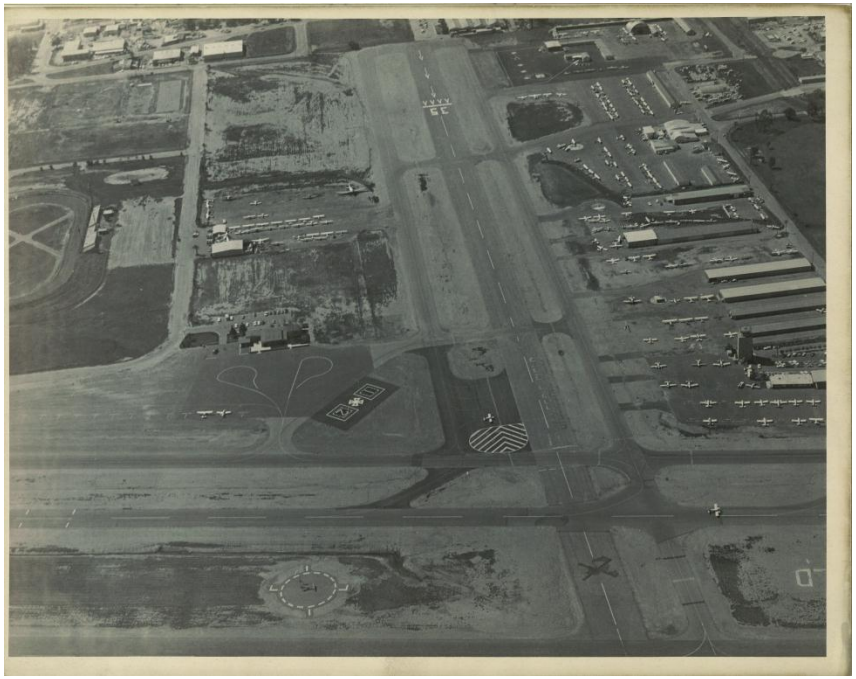
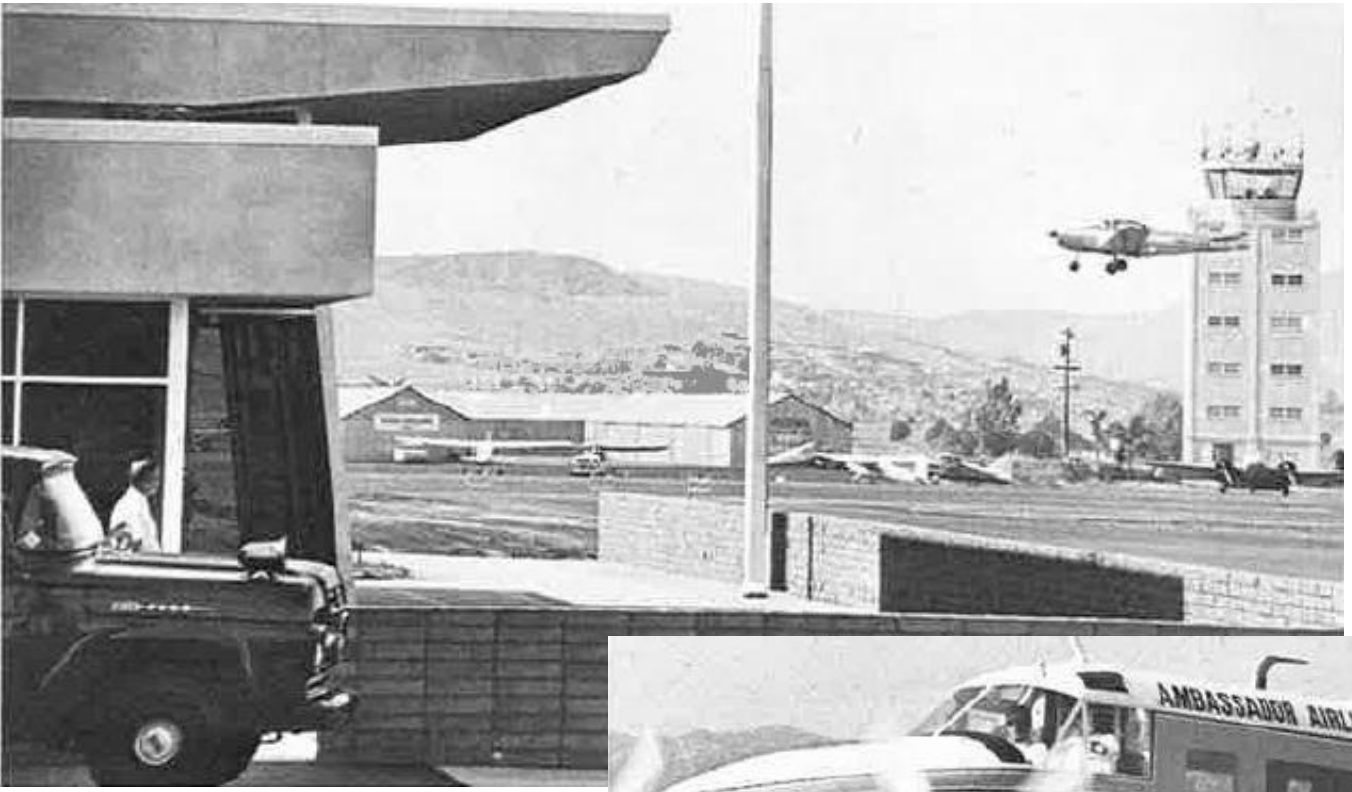


Gillespie Field – 1970s



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