



## Colorado River Basin History Symposium



Grand Canyon Private Boaters' Association was one of the sponsors (along with Grand Canyon Historical Society, Grand Canyon River Guides, and others) of the Colorado River Basin History Symposium, from October 13th through the 17th, in Kanab, Utah. If you didn't attend, you missed 4 days of amazing presentations dealing not only with the river in Grand Canyon, but the entire Colorado River basin, from Wyoming to the Sea of Cortez. Along with the talks, there was a display of 17 replicated or restored Colorado River wooden boats. These were arranged in a progression from oldest to more modern. Brad Dimock, boat builder and historian, gave the participants details about the evolution of designs from Powell's Whitehall design up to the current Grand Canyon dory. Dave Mortenson added perspective on building several of the replicas.

Along with the historic boat display, there were 31 presentations on topics ranging from archaeology, to geology, to movie making, biographies, birding, and more. A keynote speaker finished off each day examining such subjects as the age of Grand Canyon, the re-creation of the Powell expedition from Green River through the Grand Canyon, and Disney animator, writer, producer, and director James Algar who used the river and Canyon as sites to film documentaries and feature films. All presentations and keynotes were not to be missed by anyone interested in the river and its natural and human history.



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