

Saddlebag Newsletter

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WWHA Journal – September 2023

The September 2023 issue of the *WWHA Journal* was mailed on Friday, September 1st. Look for it in your mailbox soon.

New Videos in September and October

WWHA has two new and very interesting videos to soon be released, the first coming on [September 15](#) and the next one on [October 1st](#).

1. [September 15](#). “In Search of the Frank McLaury - Sanford Mine circa 1878, Tombstone, AZ.” McLaury was killed at the gunfight behind the O.K. Corral.
2. [October 1st](#). “Captured! Children Captured by Apache and Comanche Indians. A True Story of Abduction on the Texas Frontier... Kidnaped by the Apache and Comanche: What it is like to be Captured by North America's Most Brutal Indian Tribes.”

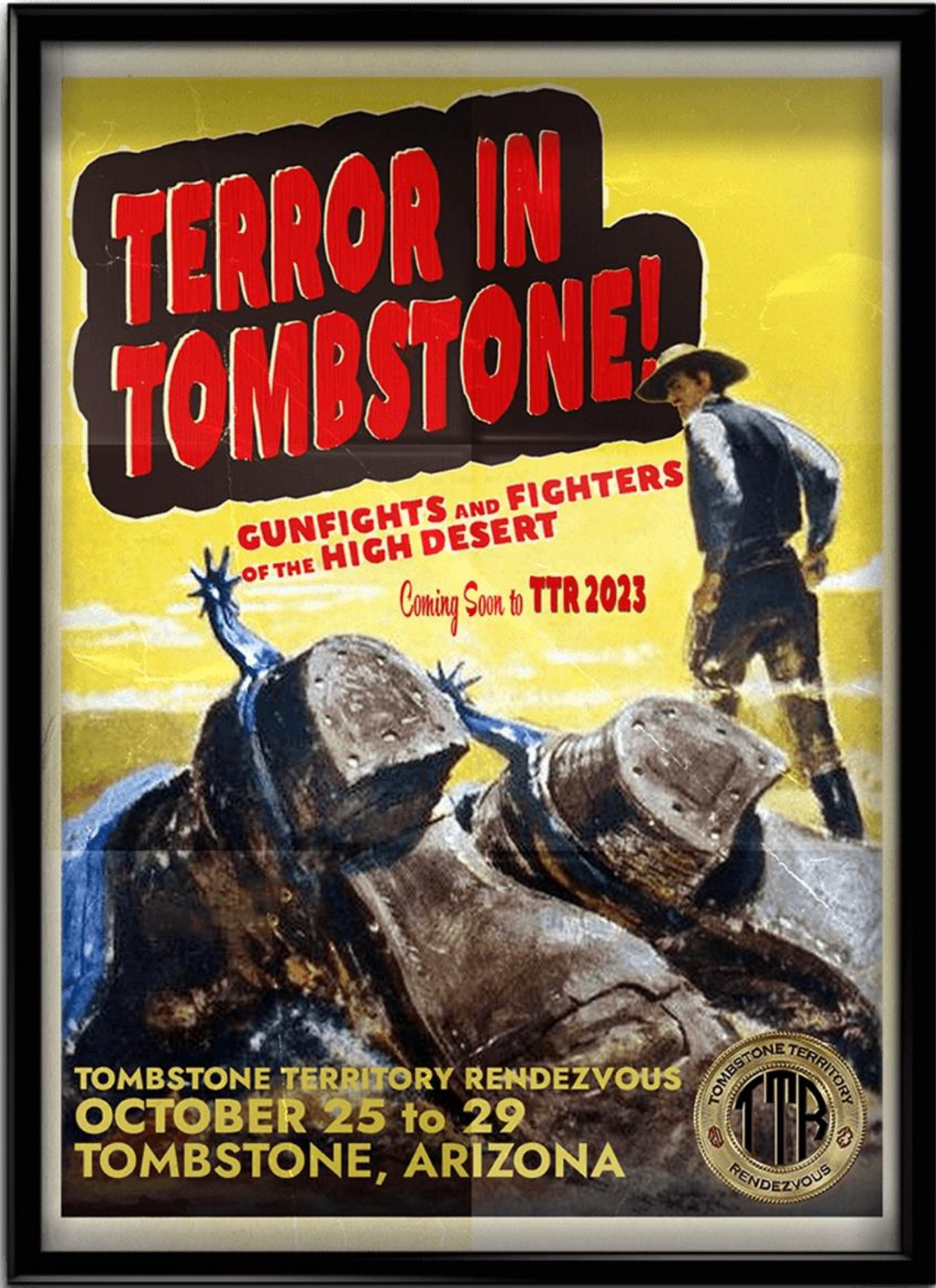
View all of our published videos here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/WildWestHistoryAssociation/videos>

Subscribe to the WWHA YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/c/wildwesthistoryassociation> (free) and you will be notified when each of the new videos listed below is released. Upcoming videos:

Who Killed Johnny Ringo; Bass Reeves 1883 Mini Series; Captain Sam Walker and the Battle of Walker Creek; Dead Man's Hole; Tombstone Hills and the Clanton Ranch; The Great Comanche Raid; Ash Upson, The Man Who Invented Billy the Kid; Black Bart, The Gentleman Bandit; A Last Serenade for Billy Bonney; The YO Ranch Headquarters; Child Captives of Comanche and Apache Indians; Scott Cooley, Comanche Indian Fighter; Calamity Jane; Outlaw O.C. Hanks Headstone Dedication; Brown Bowen Hanged by Mistake?



TOMBSTONE TERRITORY RENDEZVOUS
OCTOBER 25 to 29
TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA



“Terror in Tombstone” Gunfights and Fighters of the High Desert

➤ Tombstone Territory Rendezvous ➤ WWHA Regional Roundup October 25 to 29th Tombstone Arizona

Tombstone Territory Rendezvous Schedule

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

SCHIEFFELIN HALL

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm
5:00 pm - 6:45 pm
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Registration & Luncheon
“Introduction to Gunfighters & Gunfights” - Chuck Smith
“Gunsmoke on 4th Street in 1884 & 1894” - Ron Woggon
“Did Wyatt Kill Curly Bill?” - Gil Storms
Break
“Tools of the Trade” - Chuck Smith
Free Time and Dinner on your own
“An Epidemic of Shooting: Ordinance #9 & the Truth
Of Gun Control in Tombstone, Arizona” - Mike Mihaljevich

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

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Breakfast on your own

SCHIEFFELIN HALL

9:00 am - 9:45 am

10:00 am - 10:45 am
11:00 am - 11:15 am
11:15 am - 12:00 pm
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Peter Brand’s “The Killing of Charlie Storms by Luke Short”
Jean Smith
“Exploits of The High Five Gang” - Doug Hocking
Break
“Guns & Leather: Tombstone’s Craftsmen” - Paul Johnson
Free Time and Lunch on your own
“Bat Masterson in Tombstone” - Bob Palmquist
“Spurned Mistress Gets Revenge” - Pam Potter
Break
“Let’s Hang The Haldermans Again” - John Kowaleski

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner on your own
7:15 pm - 7:30 pm	Cowboy Poetry
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Book Panel - Garth Gould, Mike Lanning, Bob Palmquist, Roy Young

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

? - 8:45 am	Breakfast on your own
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Meet for Gunfighter Walk at Birdcage Corner 6th & Allen
11:00 am - 12:45 pm	Brown Bag Lunch at Four Deuces & Free Time

SCHIEFFELIN HALL

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	“What Made Wyatt Earp Tick?” - Mark Warren
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Cowboy Poetry
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Spicer Hearing - Part 1
4:15 pm - 6:45 pm	Free Time and Dinner on your own
6:45 pm - 7:15 pm	Skit - Pam Potter’s Troupe
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm	Spicer Hearing - Part 2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

? - 8:45 am	Breakfast on your own
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SCHIEFFELIN HALL

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	WWHA Registration
9:00 am - 9:15 am	WWHA Presentations
9:15 am - 10:00 am	“The Gunfight at Chandler’s Milk Ranch: Billy Breckenridge, Zwing Hunt, & Billy Grounds” Roy Young
10:15 am - 11:15 am	“Favorite Outlaw of the Old West: Billy the Kid” Mark Warren
11:30 am - 1:15 pm	Lunch at the Bird Cage with the Hunleys
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	“Myth of the Gunfighter: John Ringo vs Frank Leslie” Donna Harrell
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Book Signing

SATURDAY EVENING

TOMBSTONE MONUMENT RANCH

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Cash Bar
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

9:30 AM	Cowboy Church at Larian Courtyard, Roy Young & Paul Johnson
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2023 Roundup Report

Louis Harrell, WWHA Advisory Board

In July of 2023, the Wild West History Association met for its fourteenth annual Roundup in San Antonio, Texas. We were here to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Texas Rangers. The Roundup was held in the historic Menger Hotel. The Menger is conveniently located directly between the Alamo and the San Antonio River Walk. From the Menger, you could go to just about any museums, attractions, or any other major landmarks in downtown San Antonio. For instance, the renowned Council House Fight between the Texas Rangers and the Comanches took place well within walking distance of the Menger. My family and I arrived at the historic hotel on Tuesday, the day before the Roundup began.

On Tuesday evening, there was a cocktail party for our board members and speakers. After that event, we took a scenic walk through San Antonio at night, where we saw the site of the aforementioned Council House fight, walked through the famous river walk, and got a nice view of the Alamo. After a day of travel, we enjoyed taking an evening walk. The next day, the board of directors had a meeting, so my father and I had some free time. A few hours from where we stayed, there was a privately-owned ranch in which there was a plethora of World War Two, Cold War, and modern military weapons and vehicles, nearly all of which were completely operational. At the ranch, you are given the opportunity to fire guns and artillery, as well as being allowed to drive and fire tanks from all over the world. Even if you're unable to drive or fire one, you can still enjoy the freedom of getting inside them at the military museum on-site. After a fun afternoon, we came back to San Antonio to take part in the welcoming reception at the Buckhorn Saloon.

The Buckhorn, on top of having great food, has a Texas Ranger Museum and their own separate Buckhorn Museum. The former has many artifacts from the early days to modernity of the Texas Ranger Organization. The Buckhorn Museum, on the other hand, contains an eclectic mix of Texas history, illusionary demonstrations, and other assorted exhibits. Thursday started with a greeting by an active Texas Ranger, who gave a thorough presentation on the modern duties of the Ranger organization. After that, my father kicked off a day of presentations by authors and historians with a view into the life of my 5 greats grandfather, who was a Ranger and a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. In the middle of the day, we had our annual WWHA awards luncheon provided by the Menger. During the luncheon, people could visit the vendors and view the items going into our silent and live auctions.

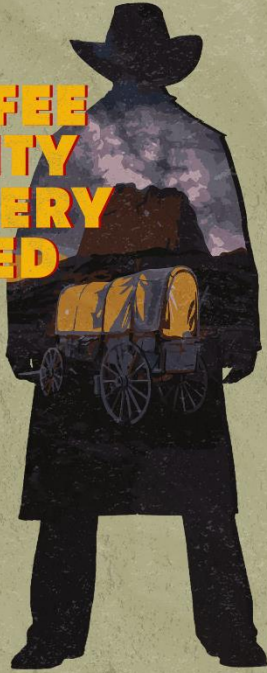
On Friday, we started off with a half day of lectures and presentations, followed by a lunch and afternoon on our own to explore the San Antonio area and visit its most impressive attractions. For those who were interested, a tour guide was provided to lead a tour through the Menger Hotel and speak about its history and notable guests. In the evening, we re-assembled and had our yearly program, "An Evening With," which focused on Australian author Peter Brand, one of the foremost authorities on the intriguing personalities from 1880s Tombstone.

Our last day began with a memorial of those we lost in the past year in a ceremony we call "The Last Roundup." Afterwards, my mother ended the general membership presentations with a story of the outlaw Younger brothers' time in Texas. As a final speech, author/historian Mike Cox spoke about the history of the Texas Rangers in an address sponsored by the Gunfighters. Gunfighter members give additional financial support to WWHA. After this speech, the general membership disbanded and the Gunfighters attended the annual Gunfighter Luncheon, where attendees voluntarily bring items

or foodstuffs representative of their home state or country. For a closing event that night, we had a banquet featuring a group of re-enactors providing interactive demonstrations of popular Old West table games. After the banquet was finished, the silent auction winners were announced and the live auction began. These auctions contained many classic paintings and first-generation copies of famous photographs from the Bob McCubbin collection. Formal entertainment ended with a Mariachi band, who ended the roundup with a rousing concert. The next WWHHA Roundup will take place in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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CHAFFEE
COUNTY
MYSTERY
SOLVED**



**JANE
KIRKHAM'S
LONLEY
HEADSTONE
EXPLAINED**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
5:00 PM.
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

FOR CENTURIES, A LONELY GRAVE ALONG
HIGHWAY 24 REMAINED UNCLAIMED. J. DAVID
HOLT SOLVES THE MYSTERY OF JANE KIRKHAM'S
HEADSTONE IN THIS PRESENTATION.

The Gather Westerners International Tombstone, Arizona

**September 14-16, 2023
Schieffelin Hall**

**Sponsored by:
Cochise County Corral of Westerners International
www.CochiseCountyCorral.org**

Speakers Include these WWHA members:

**Ron Woggon and Jean Smith speaking on:
*Fred Dodge: Frontier Gambler, Lawman, and
Wells-Fargo Detective***

**Doug Hocking speaking on:
*Exploits of the High Five Gang***

**Lots of tours, good meals, awards
and more!**