

The TEXAS JACK SCOUT

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MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT!

Allow me to introduce you to your new President - Jack Omohundro and his lovely wife, Jane, from Crowley, Louisiana. Jack was elected during the 10th meeting of the "Texas Jack" Association held in Leadville, Colorado on June 27-30, 1990. I know you will give Jack and Jane the same wonderful support as was given me during my term as president. Thank you Jack and Jane for your dedication and enthusiasm needed to keep this wonderful organization of ours alive! Here's wishing you much success!

Sue O. Allen

THE "TEXAS JACK" ROUNDUP DIARY

by Sue Allen
(Pictures provided by Will Whitescarver)

This issue of the SCOUT will feature pictures of the "Roundup" which was held in Leadville, Colorado on June 27-30, 1990. We were sorry that so many of you were unable to attend. However, for those 65 of you who came by plane, car, train or bus, maybe these pictures will refresh your memory of the trip. Speaking for myself, I know this is one trip I'll never forget as long as I live!

DAY 1 OF OUR TRIP!

Well the day had finally come for Will and I to depart for Leadville! We departed from the Richmond International Airport at 9:40 a.m. headed for Denver, Colorado. The plane trip seemed to last forever but we finally landed in Denver around 2:45 p.m. The view from the plane was spectacular.



"We're on our way - Leadville or Bust"

Once we had landed in Denver, Will and I rented a car and were on our way to Leadville.

The scenery was breathtaking! Colorado had received its last snow fall on June 1st. We found out that the mountains stay snow covered all year round. It was unfortunate, however, that the temperature for this time of year was unseasonable warm. Instead of experiencing 50 to 60 degree weather IT WAS IN THE 90'S! I'm glad that I had packed a few summer clothes to wear.

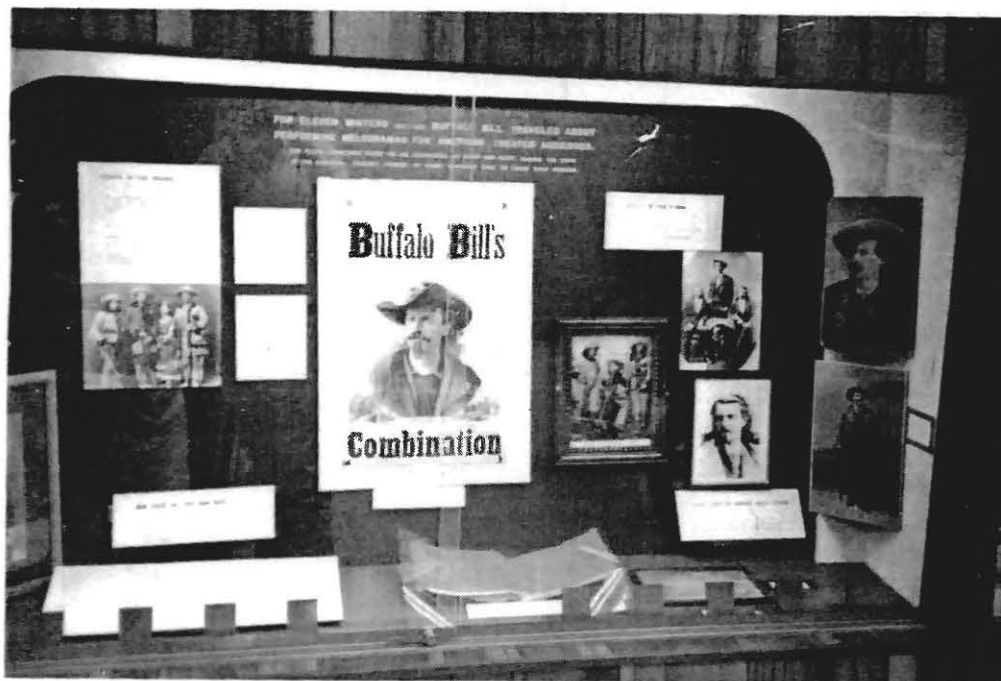


Our first stop was "Lookout Mountain" - the gravesite of Buffalo Bill. From there you could see Denver and the surrounding snow covered peaks. We toured the museum, had a shoot-out with the fastest gun in the West, and hiked to the top of the mountain to see the grave of Buffalo Bill. As you can see, "Texas Jack" and his lovely wife Josephine Morlacchi, we both featured in the museum.

After spending 2 hours at "Lookout Mountain" it was on to Leadville.



Will Whitescarver looks down on Denver from "Lookout Mountain".



A display featured at the museum.



William F. Cody

Medal of Honor

Indian Scout 3 US Cavalry

Indian Wars

Feb 26, 1846 Jan 10, 1917

Will has a shoot-out
with the fastest gun
in the West while
visiting the museum.



Our first look at
downtown Leadville.
We arrived around
4:00 p.m. in the
afternoon and
immediately checked
in at the Delaware
Hotel.

DAY 2 OF OUR TRIP!

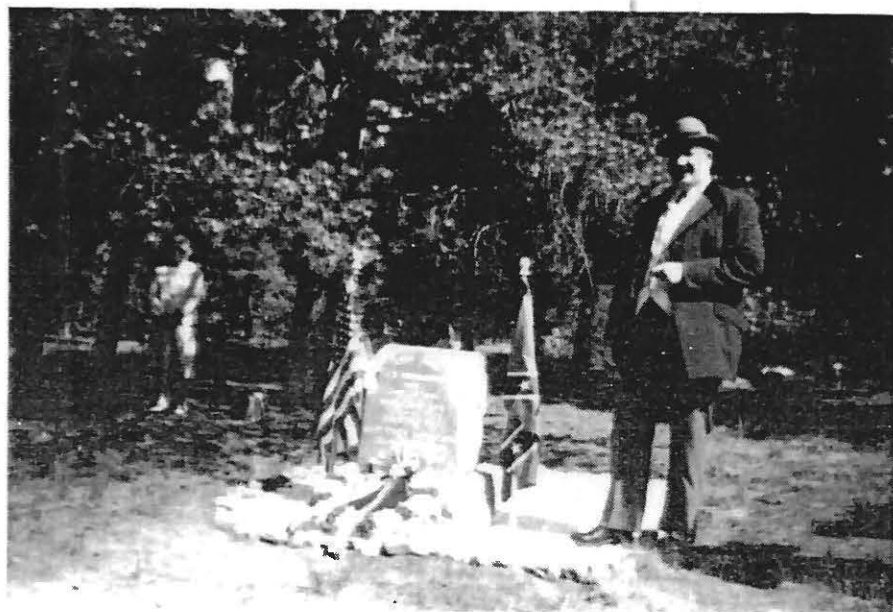
We were all busy making the final preparations for the "Roundup." While visiting "Texas Jack's" grave, we met Mr. James A. Browning from Charleston, SC. It just so happened that he was looking for "Texas Jack's" gravesite so he could take pictures of it and feature him in a book he was writing on famous people. We had a nice chat with him and he promised to let us know when the book would be published so we could buy a copy. I have featured pictures of the gravesite before and after the improvements were made.



The original grave the day of "Texas Jack's" funeral. Buffalo Bill provided the stone for the gravesite.



John and Edna Nees, Mr. James Browning and Sue Allen at the gravesite before the "Roundup."



The gravesite the day of the ceremony featuring Judge Neil Reynolds.

DAY 3 OF OUR TRIP!

The day of the "Roundup" was finally here! Everyone checks in to the Delaware Hotel, registers for the "Roundup," and enjoys the Social held that evening so everyone could get acquainted. It was lots of fun!



The Delaware Hotel located on 700 Harrison Street in downtown Leadville.

Below is featured the new podium banner that was designed for the Association and will be featured at all reunions the Association has in the future.



Here we have people registering for the "Roundup." Sue Allen and Franklin Phillips greeted the "TJ'ers." Our newest member of Association Richard Omohundro is registering his family - wife Nancy and son Brandon to attend the "Roundup." It just happened that they were vacationing in Colorado from Salt Lick, KY and heard about the "Roundup." They made a special trip to Leadville to join us and we're so glad they did.



Edna Nees had a display of postcards which featured "Texas Jack", Buffalo Bill, and Annie Oakley. They can still be purchased by contacting Edna.

"What will you have?" says Will to C.D. and Elizabeth Harwood from Goochland, Virginia.

The interior of the hotel was as if we were still in the days of the Old West!



Everyone was busy getting acquainted during the Social. There was so much to get caught up on since the last reunion of the Association. Everyone was so excited!

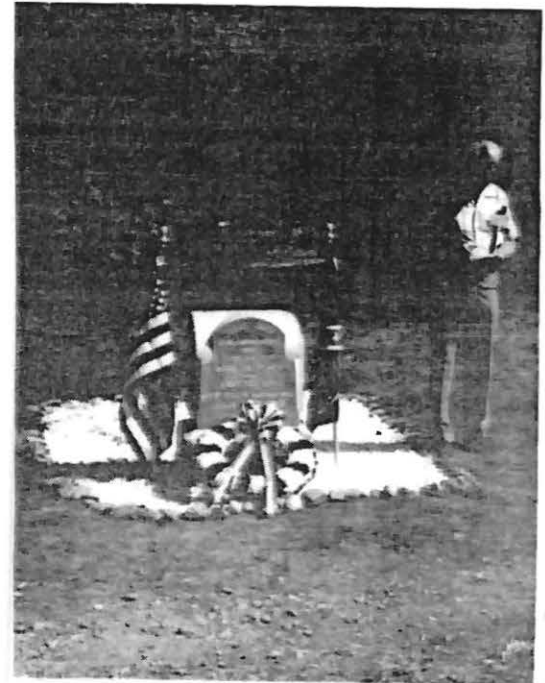


DAY 4 OF OUR TRIP!

Our morning began with the graveside service at the Evergreen Cemetery. Everyone boarded a school bus and rode to the cemetery where Judge Neil Reynolds presided over the ceremony and M. H. Omohundro, Jr. placed the wreath on the grave. Dennis Greene and Mal Wyche placed the flags on the grave. Taps were played by Dean Ferran. The remainder of the day consisted of a walking tour of historical Leadville.



The TJ'ers arrive at Evergreen Cemetery for the service.



Jack Omohundro gives the opening prayer.



M. H. Omohundro, Jr. places the wreath on the grave.



Dennis Greene and Mal Wyche place the American and Confederate flags on the grave.



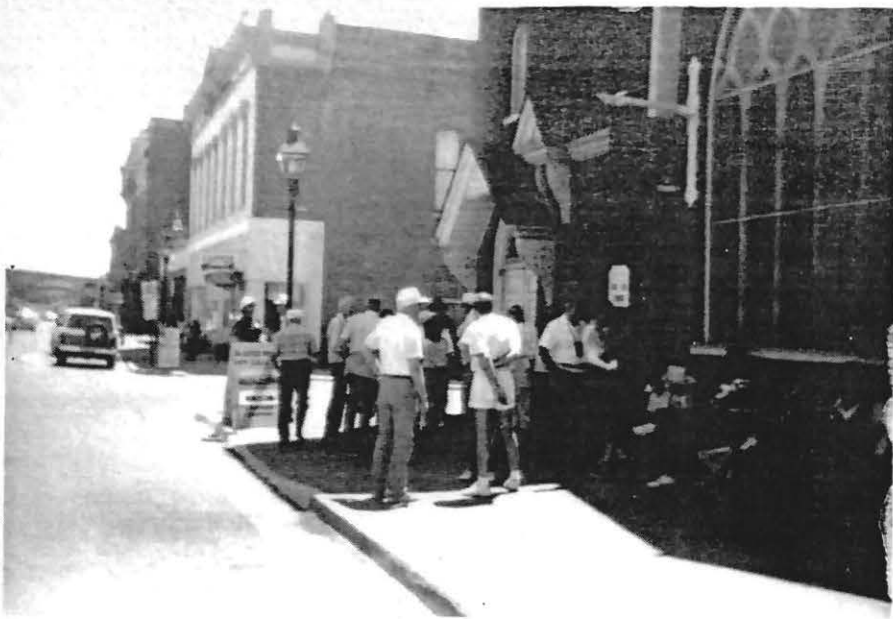
Dean Ferran, a local employee of the Coors Plant located in Leadville, did a wonderful job playing taps at the conclusion of our service for "Texas Jack." It brought a tear to everyone eyes.

Here is a group shot of everyone at the gravesite.

Nancy Manly, who is a member of the Leadville Historical Society, will keep our flags and will place them on the grave on holiday and other special events.



Before boarding the bus to start our tour, M. H. Omohundro, Jr., Edna Nees, Angela Wyche, Sue Allen, Judge Neil Reynolds, Marie Banton, and Franklin Phillips pose for a group shot.



We begin our two day tour by visiting the Old Church where a slide presentation was shown featuring the history of Leadville. We also visited the Heritage Museum, the Miners Hall of Fame, Tabor House and the Healy House.

Surry rides were an attraction for the tourists. It was a very relaxing way to see Leadville.

On our free afternoon many of us went our separate ways. Some played golf, rafting, shopping, toured surrounding towns such as Vail or took a train ride up the mountain.



This saloon was named after Silver Dollar the daughter of Baby Doe Tabor.

To go inside you would expect to see a cowboy or one of the local miners to come strolling by. It was as if time had stood still.



DAY 5 OF OUR TRIP!

Our last full day in Leadville there was still much to see and do! A lovely reception was given Nancy Manly and David and Jean Parry at the town library. Franklin Phillips presented the library with a plaque which will remain in the library along with the rest of the "Texas Jack" documents.

That evening we attended a play at the Tabor Opera House entitled - "The Sour Stone Medicine Man - How Do You Smell Relief." Everyone really enjoyed the play.

I forgot to mention that earlier in the afternoon many of us took a train ride up the mountain. There were some breathe taking moments as the train sped along the track which barely seemed to hug the side of the mountain. All along the way you could see the remains of the old days were telegraph wires were posted and old railroad ties still lay on the ground.

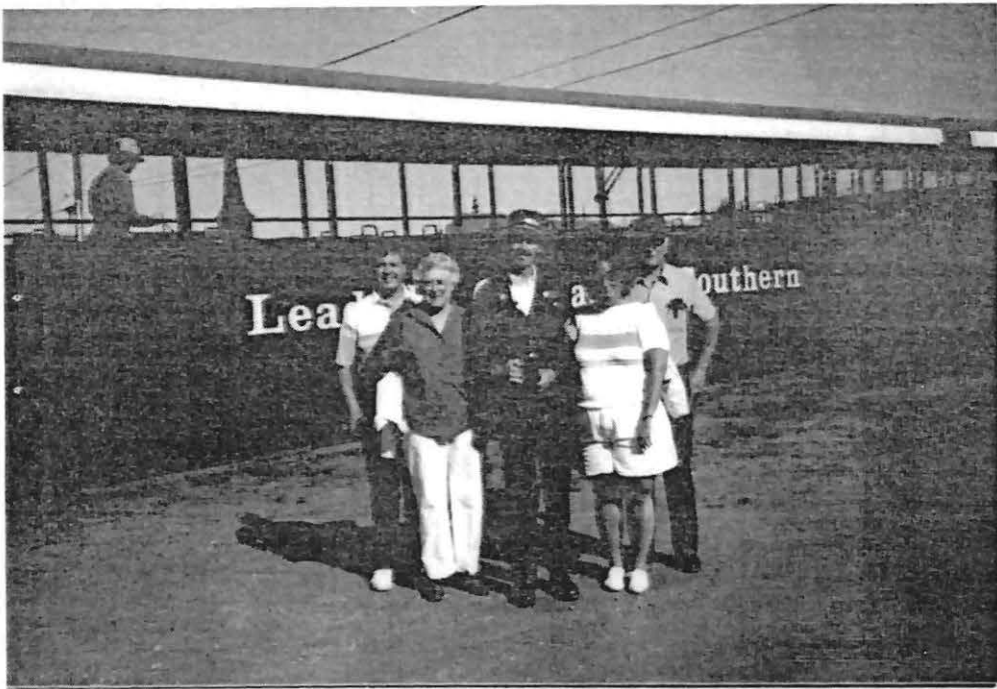


David Parry prepares the finishing touches to a beautiful and delicious luncheon.

(From left to right)

Franklin Phillips presented Nancy Manly, Jean and David Parry, and Judge Reynolds with a plaque on "Texas Jack" to be placed in the library.





"ALL ABOARD!" shouts the conductor and our guide for the 2 hour trip up the mountain.

The train came equipped with all the comforts of home.

Once on the train the conductor would come by and punch your ticket. All along the train route he would point out interesting things and give us a history lesson as well.



The view was beautiful! As you can see from this picture the tracks were right on the edge of the mountain.

We tried not to think about what could happen.



This is a picture of the original Tabor Opera House where "Texas Jack" and Buffalo Bill once performed.

Mrs. Evelyn Furman is the owner of the Opera House and plays are still performed there on a regular basis.

We all decided that we would be a part of history by having our picture taken on the very stage that "Texas Jack" once stood. The tour of the Opera House showed everything as it was in the Old West.



Here is a scene from the play that we saw Thursday evening at the Opera House.

The players come out into the audience and sell their elixer which will cure what ails ya!

The name of the theatre is The Crystal Comedy Company.

DAY 6 OF OUR TRIP!

Our last evening spent in Leadville we had a Banquet at the town Elk's Lodge followed by a dance. Mayor Jim Martin was presented with a plaque from the "Texas Jack" Association commemorating our visit to Leadville. Also, two awards were presented - (1) to the person who surfaced the most new members. Edna Nees received a trophy and a check for \$25.00 from the Association. (2) to the person who travelled the furthest to attend the "Roundup." Julie Stallard, from London, England, received this award.

Project reports were given and the new slate of officers was elected.

Location for the next "Texas Jack" Association reunion will be announced by Jack Omohundro, your new President.

"The Attitude Club" played until midnight and the town was invited to join us and help dance the night away.

On Saturday morning, each of us went our separate ways from Leadville. Some of us returned home and some continued to tour the midwest states. Regardless of your plans, I hope each of you had a safe journey home!

The remaining pictures are of some very interesting people we met during our stay in Leadville.



Pictured here is Julie Stallard, from London, England with Steve Omohundro from California.

The last of his kind "Mountain Bob" is probably the last active miner around.



The Past
President's
MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!


This will be my farewell letter to you as I turn the reins of the "Texas Jack" Association over to Jack Omohundro. Jack was a tremendous help to me during my term as president and I will always be forever grateful. I know he will do a fantastic job as the new President of the Association. He also has a very talented slate of officers to assist and support him during the next two years. I look forward to seeing what's ahead for the organization.

I'm happy to report that at this time there remains a balance of over \$3,400.00 in the Treasury! Thank you for the many donations that were so graciously given. I promise this will be the last time I will hound you about money. Please keep your dues current as the Association depends on your support to survive.

A big thank you to all who sent cards and letters complimenting the "Roundup." It was wonderful to see so many of you there and I look forward to seeing you again in 1992. For those who were unable to attend we sure missed you. I hope this issue of the SCOUT will recapture some of our unforgettable moments during our visit to Leadville.

Now as I finish up this issue of the SCOUT, I don't want you to forget that I'm just a letter or phone call away. I hope to keep in touch as I have made many friends I will never forget.

Love,


Sue O. Allen

WELCOME NEW TJA MEMBERS!

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Association!

Richard W. Omohundro
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Salt Lick, KY 40371

R. Brandon Omohundro
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Nancy J. Omohundro
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Don Calvin
901 Copper Drive
Leadville, CO 80461

Please renew these memberships in the Texas Jack Association for January, 1990. Enclosed is \$15.00 per membership per year.

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- Mrs. Henry R. Coe: Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY
- The Earl of Dunraven VII: Grandnephew of the Earl of Dunraven IV (author of THE GREAT DIVIDE, HUNTING IN THE YELLOWSTONE AND CANADIAN NIGHTS), County Limerick, Ireland
- Dr. Paul Fees: Curator, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY
- *Mr. Fred H. Garlow: Grandson of William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody, Cody, WY
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- Mr. Herschel C. Logan: Author of BUCKSKIN AND SATIN (Biography of Texas Jack), Santa Ana, CA
- The Earl of Meath: Grandson of the Earl of Dunraven IV County Wicklow, Ireland
- *Mrs. Nellie Snyder Yost: Author of BUFFALO BILL, THE CALL OF THE RANGE, NO TIME ON MY HANDS, and MEDICINE LODGE, North Platte, NE

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