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## 2010 TJA Roundup

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Washington Avenue in downtown Golden

Source: [wikipedia/golden](http://wikipedia/golden)

The base camp for this year's Texas Jack Roundup is beautiful **Golden, Colorado**. Golden, originally founded as a mining camp during the Pike's Peak Gold Rush in 1859, served as a territorial capital from 1860 to 1867. It is situated at the foot of the Rocky Mountains and lies within a sheltered valley fed by Clear Creek. Golden became the "Lowell of the West", a regional center of trade and industry that boasted at certain points in time three flour mills, five smelters, the first railroad into the Colorado mountains, the

the Coors Brewery, brick works, the only paper mill west of Missouri, clay and coal mines, and more. Golden's industrial legacy continues today in the brewing, brickmaking, clay mining, and porcelain industries. During the 1870s it became home to three institutions of higher education, of which the Colorado School of Mines remains today. The town was home to sizable populations of German, Swedish, Italian and Chinese immigrants.

On Thursday, 7/29, we will head to nearby **Lookout Mountain** where we will visit the **Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave**. William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody (born 1846) was an American soldier, bison hunter, and showman. The museum was begun in 1921 by Johnny Baker, Buffalo Bill's foster son, and illustrates the life, times, and legend of William F. Cody. It includes exhibits about Buffalo Bill's life, his Wild West shows, Indian artifacts, Western art, and firearms.

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from the Editor's Desk...



The 2010 Roundup in Golden, Colorado, marks the 15th Roundup of the Texas Jack Association. Like each one before, this Roundup will prove to be a unique, interesting, and exciting event. I'd like to thank Martha Sullivan, Larry Tyree, Edna Nees, and Linda Omohundro in advance for their time and effort in organizing this event. This issue of *The Scout* will include a preview and history of the places we plan to visit as well as descriptions of other nearby attractions that you may choose to visit on your own time.

I have been to Colorado during various seasons of the year and can say that besides being rich in history, it is truly nature's playground. I have many memories of my visits there, such as the beautiful drive along Route 6, a two lane road that parallels Clear Creek, as it winds up the mountains to the West from Golden. I remember the precarious drive to Leadville from Breckenridge and finding Texas Jack's gravesite in the snow in March. I recall hiking at Estes Park in November and rushing back to the car when it started to snow.

I'd also like to thank Linda Omohundro who does the layout and design of *The Scout*. The next edition of *The Scout* will be published this summer after the Roundup. Remember also, that we will be looking for volunteers to be active in the Association and to come up with ideas to generate interest in Texas Jack's life and perhaps serve on special committees in that regard.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Golden!

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The Texas Jack Association was founded in 1980 by Frank Sullivan to commemorate John Baker Omohundro, prairie scout, western hunting guide, and Wild West showman.

The Texas Jack Scout publishes articles about John B. "Texas Jack" Omohundro, the times and places in which he lived, and individuals who have contributed substantially to maintaining his memory.

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Exhibits focus on separate phases of Cody's life, such as his life as a showman in the Wild West shows that began when he appeared in "The Scouts of the Prairie" with Texas Jack in 1872. His evolving relationship with American Indians is explored; originally a scout during the Indian wars, he later became an advocate for American Indians and was well known for treating them with equality and respect during his years with his Wild West shows. An exhibit on firearms depicts their importance in the American West; one focusing on guns relating to Buffalo Bill and the Wild West, and the second featuring weaponry favored by Native Americans of that time. There is also an interactive hands-on area named Cowboy Corral, where one can design a brand, dress as a cowboy, sit in a saddle, and try to lasso a calf! [Sounds like a photo op!] Buffalo Bill was buried on Lookout Mountain in 1917, overlooking the Great Plains and the Rockies; thousands of people were in attendance when Buffalo Bill was buried.



William F. Cody with Ned Buntline and Texas Jack Omohundro, c. 1873. Shown in the BBM&G  
<http://www.buffalobill.org>

After lunch at **Cody Inn**, we head to Denver to visit the **Denver Art Museum** and **Molly Brown's House**.

The **Denver Art Museum** is a private, non-profit, educational resource for Colorado. The DAM's Institute for Western American Art oversees an active program of acquisitions and exhibitions. The collection includes work by western masters such as George Catlin, Frederic Remington, Charles M. Russell, John Mix Stanley, Alfred Jacob Miller, and others. The crown jewel in the institute's collection is Charles Deas's *Long Jakes, "The Rocky Mountain Man,"* the single most influential image in Rocky Mountain iconography. The western American art collection was greatly enhanced in 2001 with a gift of more than 800 works of art from Bill and Dorothy Harmsen, longtime Colorado residents and founders of the Jolly Rancher Candy Company.

The **Molly Brown House**, designed by architect William Lang, was built in 1889. Here we will learn of Molly Brown's impressive and incredible life, including instant mining-town wealth, and her participation in labor reform, philanthropy, and the stages of New York.

Margaret Tobin Brown was born to Irish immigrants, John and Johanna Tobin, in 1867, in Hannibal, Missouri. She later followed her personal dreams and followed the migration to Leadville, Colorado. A short time after her arrival in Leadville, she met J.J. Brown, a mining engineer, and after a summer courtship, Margaret and J.J. were married on September 1, 1886. J.J. was 31 years old and Margaret was barely 19. Despite harsh working conditions and the rarity of success stories, the powerful sense that a regular workingman could become rich dominated Leadville until 1893, when everything came tumbling down in the Silver Crash. While Leadville already had its share of transience and instability, the crash created extraordinary poverty and anxiety. However, it was in this environment that J.J., now working as a mine superintendent, made a fortuitous, although well researched, discovery of gold in the Little Johnny Mine. The owners of the mine rewarded the Browns with significant shares in

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their company, the Ibez Mining Company, and the Browns became millionaires. With their new money and an already growing circle of friends, the Browns purchased what would become their long-time Denver home on Pennsylvania Avenue (now street) in 1894.

After her separation from her husband, Margaret continued her world travels. In 1912, she departed on a trip to Egypt, Rome, and Paris with her daughter Helen, and friends J.J. and Madeleine Astor. However, news of her ill grandson prompted Margaret's return, and she booked passage on the first available ship, the *Titanic*. To technology-obsessed Americans, the *Titanic* represented new heights in innovation and achievement. The ship was a wonder of modern science, built by British White Star Lines at a cost of \$10 million. The boat weighed 46,000 tons and was 882.5 feet long. The ship's builders boasted that the ship was "practically unsinkable." Although the ship's Captain and crew received numerous warnings of ice in the area during their passage, the *Titanic* charged ahead. Shortly before midnight on April 14<sup>th</sup>, the *Titanic* struck ice. Margaret was placed in Lifeboat #6, which was equipped to hold 65 passengers, but only held 24 people – 21 of them women. The ship *Carpathia* was the first to answer the distress call and rescued the occupants of Lifeboat #6. Later the *Carpathia* docked at New York's pier 54 where it was met by a crowd of people. Margaret was surrounded by reporters and was asked to what she attributed her survival. "Typical Brown luck," she replied. "We're unsinkable."

On Friday, 7/30, we rise early for a bus ride to **Leadville**, a town founded after thousands were drawn to the area by the discovery of silver in the mid 1870's. Quickly, the "Silver Boom" made Leadville and many locals wealthy.

Leadville was one of the world's largest silver camps, with a population of over 40,000. It was

said to be the second most populous city in Colorado, after Denver. However, the city's fortunes declined dramatically in 1893 with the repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act that caused the price of silver to drop dramatically.

Historically, the area is credited with producing over 2.9 million troy ounces of gold, 240 million troy ounces of silver, 1 million short tons of lead, 785 thousand short tons of zinc, and 53 thousand short tons of copper. In July, the temperature in Leadville typically ranges from 42-68 degrees.

A highway marker on the south end of Leadville on Highway 24 was placed by the Texas Jack Association in 1996.

A full day of sightseeing in the **Historic District** includes:

The **Healy House**, originally a two-story clapboard structure, was built in 1878 by August R. Meyer, a mining engineer from St. Louis who established the first ore sampling works in Leadville. Sold in 1881, the house eventually became the property of Daniel Healy, and it was used as boardinghouse for many years. In 1898 a third story was added to accommodate more boarders, most of them schoolteachers. Presently, the home is lavishly furnished, including items belonging to silver tycoon Horace and August Tabor and other Leadville pioneers. The Dexter Cabin, an 1879 log cabin used as an exclusive poker club for wealthy gentlemen, sits next door to the Healy House.

The **Heritage Museum** was built as the Carnegie Library; it opened in 1904, two years after the cornerstone date of 1902. It served as the library for the area until 1971 when it was turned into a local museum. It houses a scale model of the Leadville Ice Palace, an excellent display of 10th Mountain Division memorabilia, and various Leadville artifacts, including a Texas Jack exhibit.

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The Leadville Ice Palace, 1896  
[www.legendsofamerica.com/co-icepalace.html](http://www.legendsofamerica.com/co-icepalace.html)

The Ice Palace was proposed by the desperate townspeople in 1895 to draw tourists, create jobs, and spur the economy in Leadville by bringing in tourists. Built in just 36 days, the crystal castle opened January, 1896, and housed a 180 foot skating rink, a curling rink, a restaurant, a dance floor, gaming rooms, a theatre, toboggan runs, and a carousel house. It was the largest ice structure ever built. Visitors from far and wide were amazed with its impressive size, electric lights casting a glow through the translucent walls, American Beauty roses, and 18 inch trout frozen in blocks of clear ice decorating the inside walls. Outside the castle was adorned with gleaming search lights with prismatic colors, so when visitors arrived at night they were awe-struck. The Ice Palace entertained over 250,000 visitors during its three month life. But, it was a financial disaster for the investors who built it, so another ice palace of its magnitude has never been built again.

The famous **Tabor Opera House**, opened in 1879, is one of only a few “Tabor” associated buildings still standing in Colorado. The Opera House was said to be the finest theater between St. Louis and San Francisco when it was built.

Sources:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden,\\_Colorado](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden,_Colorado)

[www.BuffaloBill.org](http://www.BuffaloBill.org)

[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org)

[www.mollybrown.org](http://www.mollybrown.org)

[www.leadville.com](http://www.leadville.com)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leadville,\\_Colorado](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leadville,_Colorado)

<http://www.legendsofamerica.com/co-icepalace.html>

Notable performers such as Harry Houdini, John Philip Sousa, Oscar Wilde, Texas Jack Omohundro, and Guiseppina Morlacchi graced the stage.

Next door is the Tabor Home, built by H. A. W. Tabor about 1877. The house was moved to its present location because the original property had become too valuable and was needed for commercial use. Horace and wife Augusta maintained their Leadville home until 1881 when Tabor moved to the Windsor Hotel to be close to his latest mistress, “Baby Doe”. The Tabor triangle grew into a national scandal and finally ended in divorce and Tabor's marriage to “Baby Doe”. The public supported Augusta, and Tabor never regained his former prestige. A dozen years after the sensational divorce which broke her heart, she died a millionaire and Horace A. W. Tabor was bankrupt.

We finish up our visit to Leadville at the **Evergreen Cemetery** where we visit the gravesite of Texas Jack. He and his wife, Josephine, had settled in Leadville, but one month before his 34<sup>th</sup> birthday, on June 28, 1880, he died of pneumonia. Buffalo Bill donated the granite headstone. The Evergreen Cemetery was created during the Silver Boom in the 1870s. The cemetery is laid out in sections, including Hebrew, Masons, Elks, babies sections. There are many Civil War veteran markers, though many more Union than Confederate. Three hundred and seventy-five soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen are interred in Evergreen Cemetery. Roughly half of these veterans were in service in the 19th Century; half in the 20th Century. 🦒

## OTHER SITES TO SEE NEARBY IN COLORADO

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There is so much to see and so much to do and so little time... There will be time to do things on your own during the Roundup, or perhaps you've allowed extra days to vacation in the Wild West. There is something for everyone covering a range of interests including history, geology, fossils, art, railroads, quilts, living history, and a variety of outdoor activities. Below are some ideas if you choose to adventure out.

The following sites are in or near Golden:

- **American Mountaineering Center**

Home of the Colorado Mountain Club and American Alpine Club Museum and Library

The library is the largest mountaineering library in the Western Hemisphere with more than 17 thousand volumes. The museum will contain artifacts, art, climbing gear, and maps that are a historical testimony of mountaineering since the late 19th century.

710 10th Street

(303) 279-3080

[www.mountaincenter.org](http://www.mountaincenter.org)

- **Armory Building**

The largest cobblestone building in the country, built in 1913, with 3,300 wagon loads of stream-worn boulders from Clear Creek and quartz from Golden Gate Canyon.

13th and Arapahoe Streets

(303) 270-3113

- **Astor House Museum**

Opened in 1867, the Astor House was known as the finest stone hotel west of the Mississippi. It offered rooms to lawmakers, laborers, miners, students, and families. Today, visitors are encouraged to wander around a "modern" 1890s kitchen that dished upwards of fifty meals twice a day, and peek at a rope bed that inspired the saying, "Sleep tight, and don't let the bedbugs bite!" Be sure to experience one of the best views in Golden from the balcony, complete with a telescope.

822 12th Street

(303) 278-3557

[www.astorhousemuseum.org](http://www.astorhousemuseum.org)

- **Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum**

The Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum opened its doors in February, 2008, to be the first and only museum in the United States dedicated to the heroism, technology, culture, and spirit of mountaineering. The museum brings visitors into the world of mountain and rock climbing and honors the achievements of mountaineers from America and around the world. Exhibits on climate, science, cultures, and the humanities, as they relate to mountains, promise to make the visitor experience rich, exciting, and interactive. The museum is open Tues-Sat, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

710 10th Street

[www.bwamm.org](http://www.bwamm.org)

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- **Calvary Episcopal Church**

Consecrated in 1867, by missionary Bishop George Randall, founder of the Colorado School of Mines, is the oldest continuously used Episcopal Church in Colorado, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Walk the grounds of the American gothic revival church to see the historic stained glass windows dating from 1872, and the Great Hall, consecrated in 2000. Tours of the interior of the historic church may be arranged by inquiring in the church office.

13th and Arapahoe Streets

(303) 279-2188

[www.calvarygolden.net](http://www.calvarygolden.net)

- **Clear Creek History Park**

Take a fresh look at the frontier at Clear Creek History Park. Many of the buildings you'll explore were once part of the 1878 Pearce Homestead, which were lovingly relocated to downtown Golden. Guests may take a seat in the one-room schoolhouse, smell heirloom herbs from the gardens, and find out how hard it was to cook pioneer recipes on a wood-fired stove. Visitors may also visit the bee hives, and of course, talk with the chickens. Clear Creek History Park offers something different every day.

11th and Arapahoe Streets

(303) 278-3557

[www.clearcreekhistorypark.org](http://www.clearcreekhistorypark.org)

- **Colorado Railroad Museum**

Twelve acres of narrow and standard gauge locomotives, cars, and 50 thousand rare old photographs, papers, and artifacts. The museum itself is a replica of an 1880-style masonry railroad depot. The gift shop has over a thousand railroad books, videotapes, posters, prints, jewelry, and other memorabilia.

Open 9-6.

17155 West 44th Avenue

(303) 279-4591, or (800) 365-6263

[www.crrm.org](http://www.crrm.org)

- **Colorado School of Mines**

The first public institution of higher learning to open its doors in Colorado was established in 1874 to serve the needs of the local mining industry. Today, the School has an international reputation for excellence in both engineering education and the applied sciences, with special expertise in the development and stewardship of the Earth's resources. CSM has the highest admission standards of any public university in Colorado and among the highest of any public university in the U.S. The campus features beautifully renovated historical architecture, as well as award-winning new buildings.

1500 Illinois St.

(303) 273-3000, (800) 446-9488

[www.mines.edu](http://www.mines.edu)

- **Coors Brewery Tours**

Come see and taste traditional brewing in the Rocky Mountains! The history of Coors dates back to 1868, when 26-year-old German brewing apprentice, Adolph Coors, stowed away on a ship traveling across the Atlantic, with the ambition of brewing his own beer. Coors trekked across prairies, through wilderness, and into the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in search of a superior water supply that is still the basis for brewing a great beer. He found it in Golden, Colorado, where springs near Clear Creek bubbled up with cold, crisp water from the snow-capped Rocky Mountains. In 1916, the Prohibition came to Colorado three years before the rest of the country, and the company had to halt its beer production. It

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survived those years by focusing on its successful porcelain business and producing malted milk and near beer. With the end of Prohibition in 1933, the company resumed its beer production.

The newly upgraded experience includes a 30-minute self-paced tour highlighting the malting, brewing and packaging processes, sampling of Coors fine products in our hospitality lounge, and shopping in the Coors & Co. gift shop. Product samples are limited in quantity and available only to those 21 years and older with valid ID. Non-alcoholic beverages are also available. Guests under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Tours are free. Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Thurs–Mon. (Sunday hours are 12p.m. to 4 p.m.) Closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Major Holidays.

13th & Ford Streets

(303) 277-BEER - Tour Info

(866) 812-2337

[www.coors.com](http://www.coors.com)

- **Dinosaur Ridge**

A world-renowned geological and paleontological outdoor museum. It contains more than a hundred dinosaur tracks discovered in 1937. Bones were first discovered in 1877, igniting the dinosaur rush to the West. You can take your own tours with fifteen interpretive signs and guided tours on open days.

State Highway 26 (between C-470 and Highway 93)

(303) 697-DINO (3466)

[www.dinoridge.org](http://www.dinoridge.org)

- **Foothills Art Center**

Award-winning art exhibits in a historic setting. Located in the heart of downtown Golden, the galleries are situated in a gorgeous Neo-Gothic Victorian church, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Exhibits showcase artists of regional, national, and international renown, featuring traditional and contemporary artwork. The gift shop offers high quality, affordable works by Colorado artists, including jewelry, ceramics, glass, paintings and much more. Open seven days a week. Mon - Sat: 10AM to 5PM; Sun: 1PM - 5PM

809 15th Street (15th and Washington Ave)

(303) 279-3922

[www.foothillsartcenter.org](http://www.foothillsartcenter.org)

- **Geology Museum**

The Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum offers free admission to extraordinary exhibits including minerals from Colorado and the world, Colorado mining heritage, mining artifacts, gold & silver display, gemstones, special radioactive exhibits, and fossils. A favorite for many visitors is the representation of a uranium mine, complete with driller and crystal pocket.

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9AM - 4PM; Tue, Thu: 10AM - 4PM; Sun: Closed until late Aug

Colorado School of Mines, 13th and Maple St.

(303) 273-3823

(303) 273-3815 Tours Hot Line

[www.mines.edu/academic/geology/museum](http://www.mines.edu/academic/geology/museum)

- **Golden Pioneer Museum**

Over 4 thousand items dating from the 1800's to 1930 display the wide diversity of occupation and culture in the area: farming, ranching, mining, military, and the lavish lifestyle entertained by the energetic entrepreneurs opening the West. Open Monday - Saturday between 10AM and 4:30PM.

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923 10th Street  
(303) 278-7151  
[www.goldenpioneermuseum.com](http://www.goldenpioneermuseum.com)

- **Golden River Sports**

Just two blocks from Clear Creek, it offers kayak lessons and rentals, fly fishing and tying classes, rod and reel rentals, and guide trips, so you can test the waters or dive right in!  
806 Washington Avenue  
(303) 215-9386  
[www.goldenriversports.com](http://www.goldenriversports.com)

- **Heritage Square**

Enjoy an opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city with a unique family fun experience offering an array of shops, Colorado's best Alpine Slide, old time photos, miniature golf, go-karts, and amusement rides. Rides operate daily Memorial Day – Labor Day. The Heritage Square Music Hall features a wonderful family melodrama style dinner theater and a Children's Theatre.  
18301 W. Colfax Ave (Hwy 40)  
(303) 279-2789  
[www.heritagesquare.info](http://www.heritagesquare.info)

- **Alpine Action - Heritage Square**

Take your pick of adventures at this venue including riding 490 feet to the top of the mountain and sledding (yes-sled!) down one of the two half mile tracks, ride down one of two 330 foot water slides that ends in a heated pool, or try a bungee jump that includes a 10 foot high airbag below for first time jumpers.  
18301 W Colfax Ave.  
(303) 279-1661  
<http://www.heritagesquarealpineslide.com>

- **Lariat Loop Scenic & Historic Byway**

On this 40-mile route you can retrace the motoring adventures of the early days of the automobile, 1900-1920, and still experience the thrill of foothills touring. Colorado's first gateways to the mountains still have sharp curves, winding roads, spectacular views, and waysides. A favorite for more than 90 years, the Lariat Loop Scenic & Historic Byway will introduce you to more than 150 million years of Colorado history and prehistory.  
(720) 971-9649  
[www.lariatloop.org](http://www.lariatloop.org)

- **Lookout Mountain Nature Center and Preserve**

Discover the Lookout Mountain Nature Center...where nature's riches abound and where curiosity and exploration are always rewarded. Connect with nature at this 110 acre park. Inside experience exhibits depicting migrating birds and secrets of the ponderosa forest and visit the Discovery Corner and Observation Room. Outside stroll trails winding through forest and meadow, picnic beneath towering pine trees, or join a naturalist-guided program.  
910 Colorow Road  
(720)497-7600  
[http://jeffco.us/openspace/openspace\\_T56\\_R14.htm](http://jeffco.us/openspace/openspace_T56_R14.htm)

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- **Miners Alley Playhouse - The Affordable Special Event**

Miners Alley Playhouse celebrates its sixth anniversary in Golden, being nominated for *The Best Season by a Theatre Company* by Denver drama critics and The Henry Awards, MAP's reputation has spread throughout the Denver metro area. Miners Alley Playhouse strives to offer a spectrum of productions that will appeal to everyone.

1224 Washington Ave. (13th & Washington)

303-935-3044

[www.minersalley.com](http://www.minersalley.com)

- **National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)**

You can learn more about renewable energy research at NREL's distinctive Visitor's Center, just off I-70 in Golden. In addition to exhibits and other educational opportunities, the Visitor's Center features energy-saving technologies such as a Trombe wall for comfortable efficient heating. NREL is a national laboratory of the US Department of Energy.

1617 Cole Boulevard

(303) 384-6565

[www.nrel.gov](http://www.nrel.gov)

- **Phoenix Gold Mine**

In the heart of the historic Idaho Springs mining district, experience mining history with a seasoned Colorado hard rock miner. Take a personalized tour, dig your own rich gold ore sample, pan for gold in a beautiful mountain stream. A safe way to see a working underground mine. Open daily 10AM to 6PM

(303) 567-0422

[www.phoenixmine.com](http://www.phoenixmine.com)

- **Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater**

A natural amphitheater overlooking a breathtaking 200 mile panoramic view. Concerts, Easter Services, and Graduation ceremonies claim this incredible wonder each year.

Morrison/Red Rocks exit off I-70 West

(303) 697-4939

- **RipBoard Inc.**

RipBoard Inc. provides riverboarding (think luge on water) rentals and instruction on Clear Creek. A typical session involves multiple runs, starting at the Whitewater Park across from the Community Center on 10th Street. The sessions vary from 2-5 hours and range in cost from \$35-\$65 per person and include all the necessary gear. All you need is a swimsuit, towel, and a "go for it" attitude!

1027 Washington Ave.

Phone: 303-904-8367

- **Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum**

Come explore the world of quilts at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. RMQM is dedicated to the preservation of quilts and the continuation of the art of both traditional and contemporary quilt making. It presents ten quilt exhibits a year, each with a unique and different style, history, and theme. Our Quilt Market is a great place to find quilts and related gifts. Mon - Sat: 10AM - 4PM

1111 Washington Avenue

(303) 277-0377

(303) 215-9001 - Quilt Market

[www.rmqm.org](http://www.rmqm.org)

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- **Territorial Capitol Building**

Built in 1861 by W. A. H. Loveland (Loveland Pass), this building housed the Colorado Territorial legislative sessions from 1862 to 1867. It currently houses office space and a restaurant cabaret.  
12th Street and Washington Avenue  
(303) 279-3113

- **Twelfth Street Historic District**

On the National Register of Historic Places. These homes are representative of the type of homes built by Colorado's pioneer entrepreneurs. Walking tour markers identify homes.  
Washington Avenue to Maple Street

Source: [http://www.2hourvacation.com/activities\\_detail/38.html](http://www.2hourvacation.com/activities_detail/38.html)

### The following destinations are within 2.5 hours of downtown Denver:

- **From Denver to Boulder, CO**

Distance: 29 miles

Driving Time: 0.5 hours

Boulder is home to the University of Colorado, and you can hike or rock climb at the Flatirons mountains.

- **From Denver to Colorado Springs, CO**

Distance: 69 miles

Driving Time: 1.25 hours

In Colorado Springs are Garden of the Gods Park, the U.S. Olympic training center, and Pikes Peak.

- **From Denver to Fort Collins, CO**

Distance: 65 miles

Driving Time: 1.25 hours

In Fort Collins are the Colorado State University and New Belgium Brewing Company, which makes the popular Fat Tire Amber Ale.

- **From Denver to Cheyenne, WY**

Distance: 100 miles

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

Cheyenne hosts Frontier Days, the world's largest outdoor rodeo, every summer in July.

- **From Denver to Estes Park, CO**

Distance: 65 miles

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

The town of Estes Park serves as the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park.

- **From Denver to Glenwood Springs, CO**

Distance: 157 miles

Driving Time: 2.5 hours

Glenwood Hot Springs boasts an outdoor pool over two city blocks long. Glenwood Springs also serves as the last resting place of gunslinger Doc Holliday.

- **From Denver to Canon City, CO**

Distance: 119 miles

Driving Time: 2.5 hours

While the town of Canon City is primarily known for its federal prison, its proximity to the Arkansas River makes it a popular starting point for rafting trips. Nearby is the amazing Royal Gorge.

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Also of interest, there are two events that occur annually:

### **Buffalo Bill Days**

July 21-25, 2010


Golden, CO

Thousands of people crowd into the city of Golden every summer for this popular five-day celebration. The original event dates back to the 1950's when the Buffalo Bill Saddle Club gave trail rides to Buffalo Bill's grave at the top of Lookout Mountain. One year the local Chamber of Commerce decided to expand the trail ride into a full-scale event to promote the city. That summer, a large contingent of trail riders rode up the mountain. But when they rode back down, they circled through the town, and a crowd of people lined the streets to greet them. Thus, the first Buffalo Bill Days parade was born. Over the years, this has become the biggest annual event in Golden with the addition of a Wild West show, car show, the ever popular Mutton Bustin' competition, a golf tournament, live entertainment, free kiddie train rides, a duck race and other children's activities, an arts and crafts fair, and more. You'll find most of the events at three locations: downtown Golden, Parfet Park, and various historical museums and parks around town. For a complete schedule of this year's events and information, visit [www.buffalobilldays.com](http://www.buffalobilldays.com).

### **Boom Days**

Aug 6-8, 2010

Leadville, Colorado

Leadville's Annual Boom Days, which takes place the first weekend in August, has been honored by the United States Congress as a Local Legacy Event. This three-day celebration of the Old West and the area's mining heritage offers entertainment for people of all ages and interests, from mining competitions, motorcycle games and a rod and gun show, to live music, a craft fair, and parade. The 21-mile Leadville Boom Days International Pack Burro Race (the second leg of Pack Burro Racing's Triple Crown) is always a crowd favorite. [www.visitleadville.com](http://www.visitleadville.com). Ed. Note: Been to Boom Days, lots of fun, big variety of things to do and see. 

**NOTE: Be sure to take your *Scout* with you to the Roundup to better take advantage of all the activities available!**



***PLEASE VISIT THE NEW AND IMPROVED  
TEXAS JACK ASSOCIATION WEBSITE!***

<http://www.texasjack.org>



A few weeks ago I was watching a DVD of a classic western television show from the 1950s: *The Lone Ranger*. I had picked it up in an anthology of about 20 other similar shows. Watching the opening of each story unfold it brought back memories from many years ago during my childhood. Familiar phrases such as... "*Return with us now to those thrilling days of yester-year. The Lone Ranger rides again!*" ... reminded me of many enjoyable Saturday mornings when I was small.

In many respects we shall be doing the same thing this summer in Golden and Leadville, Colorado. We shall be returning to those thrilling days of yester-year. As we walk the streets of Leadville, Denver, and Golden, we literally will be following the footsteps that were trod by Texas Jack, his wife Josephina Morlacchi, and his pard Buffalo Bill.

Ancient cultures devoted much time to teaching their children about their past, to know themselves. This is disappearing at an alarming rate today. Celebrated author, historian, and expert in Mythology--Joseph Campbell—once said that when a society no longer embraces its history, its sacred stories, its people do not know how to behave in civilized society. It has been said that our view of history shapes the way we view the present. In our own way, we are adding back to our society by what we do in the TJA.

One of the goals of the Texas Jack Association includes "...to increase public awareness of his contribution to the development of the American West and of his life and times." Jack was an amazing man and is a best kept secret who needs to be shared. As we continue to push forward the search for a more complete understanding of his story, we will come to know more about ourselves at the same time. *Larry Tyree, President*


## **High Altitude Tips**

High altitude has its benefits. Our bodies use more calories and burn more fat. But, for lowland travelers who are new to the area, altitude can produce some unusual sensations such as dizziness, nausea and headaches. Colorado is a state consisting of various and extreme altitudes with 54 peaks over 14,000 feet. Denver climbs to an altitude of 5280 feet. Golden, just fifteen miles to the west of Denver, is 5674 feet. Further west are the towns of Idaho Springs at 9015 feet and Leadville at 10430 feet.

To enjoy your visit in Colorado, here are a few things to keep in mind to give your body time to adjust to the altitude and prevent altitude sickness:

- Stay below 7,000 feet the first day (the city of Golden is 5674 feet above sea level.)
- Give your body time to adjust (there's lots to see and do at lower altitudes.)
- Avoid strenuous exercise the first day.
- Limit alcohol intake. Alcohol binds oxygen and water and robs your body of these two important nutrients.
- Drink more water. The air is drier and your body will dehydrate much more quickly. The higher up you go, the more water you should drink.
- Always travel with a companion. If someone begins to experience severe coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, or chest pain, get him or her to a lower altitude as quickly as possible.

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- The effects of some drugs such as tranquilizers can be greatly increased at higher altitudes. Be sure to check with your doctor first before exerting yourself at higher altitudes.
- If you are baking during your visit, be sure to follow the high altitude instructions.
- Get plenty of good rest and enjoy yourself! 

## **A Great Loss for the Texas Jack Association**



*Jane T. Omohundro*

Jane T. Omohundro, 89, passed away at American Legion Hospital on March 1, 2010. She was born Margaret "Jane" Thomson on October 28, 1920, in Crowley, LA, and was a lifelong resident, having lived on the same block her entire life. Her Crowley roots were deep. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Thomson came to the new town of Crowley in the late 19th century. Mr. Thomson sat on the board of directors of the First National Bank of Crowley and helped to oversee the building of the bank that still stands on Parkerson Avenue. Her father, Wayne Thomson, owned and operated many rice mills in Crowley, and was founder and president of Jennings Production Credit Association, which assisted in loaning millions of dollars to aid farmers and cattlemen in the area. Jane was the first Miss Crowley, in 1937, and

represented the city in the first International Rice Festival. She was a graduate of Crowley High School, attended Briarcliff Junior College in New York, and graduated from Duke University. She later got another degree at USL, and taught at Crowley High School for several years.

Jane was a lifelong, devoted member of the First United Methodist Church of Crowley, where she served on numerous committees. For over sixty years, she was a member of the, 3-10 Club of Crowley. Mrs. Omohundro was well known for her expert sewing and handwork skills, and was always willing to lend advice or encouragement to those that asked. She also had a reputation for being an excellent cook, and graduated from the Cordon Bleu in Paris. Sick and grieving friends and family could always expect her to show up with a tasty dish. Her love of gardening earned her Garden of the Month on numerous occasions. She also loved to travel with her husband, Jack, and went to almost every continent in the world. She will be sadly missed by her husband of forty-three years, Jack H. Omohundro of Crowley, and by all.

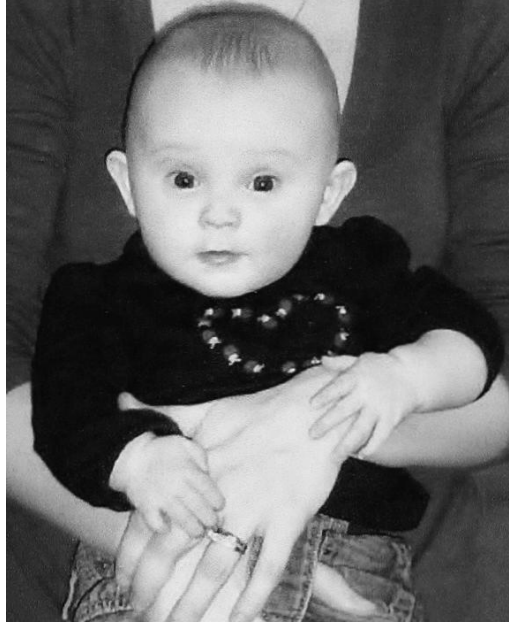
The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to First United Methodist Church of Crowley or the charity of your choice. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.geesey-ferguson.com](http://www.geesey-ferguson.com).



**A New Addition to the Texas Jack Family!**



*Lauryn newborn*



*Lauryn at 4 1/2 months*

**Lauryn Nicole Golladay**

Lauryn is the beautiful daughter of Josh and Whitney Golladay, born October 9, 2009, weighing 6 lbs, 14.5 ozs.

She is the granddaughter of Randy and Mary Golladay and the great-granddaughter of Edna Nees, historian of the Texas Jack Association.

Lauryn is a direct descendant of Texas Jack's sister, Arabella Omohundro Nees. Arabella was the grandmother of Edna Nees' late husband John.

Welcome, Lauryn!



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**Hotel information**



*Table Mountain Inn, Golden, CO*

**W**elcome to Table Mountain Inn, where the spirit of the West, the splendor of the mountains, and old fashioned warm hospitality combine to form an extraordinary Golden, Colorado hotel.

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Below are indoor and outdoor views of the Kokopelli Room where our banquet will be held. Left is a view of Table Mountain for which the Inn is named.



We have a choice of two styles of rooms: Basic @ \$134\* and larger @ \$144\*

\*To receive these discounted rates--state that you are with the **Texas Jack Association.**

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(888) 292-8331 (303) 732-5447

Please make your hotel reservation as early as possible, so we will know if we need to set aside a larger block of rooms.



In making your airline reservations, Denver International Airport (DEN) is the largest, and is 30 miles from the hotel. There are many smaller airports your travel agent can advise you on.

If you would rather camp:



Golden Clear Creek RV Park  
1400 10th St, Golden, CO  
(303) 278-1437 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis  
<http://ci.golden.co.us/Page.asp?NavID=329>

Dakota Ridge RV Park  
17800 W Colfax Ave, Golden, CO 80401-5605  
(303) 279-1625 for reservations  
[dakotaridgerv.com](http://dakotaridgerv.com)

**TENTATIVE ROUNDUP SCHEDULE**

WEDNESDAY (7/28/10)

4-6 Reception

THURSDAY (7/29/10)

DENVER GENERAL AREA

10:00 Depart for Cody Museum on Lookout Mtn.

Noon Lunch: Cody Inn

1:30 Depart for Downtown Denver

2:00 Molly Brown House

3:15 Denver Art Museum

4:00 Depart for Golden

Dinner and evening activities on your own.

FRIDAY (7/30/10)

LEADVILLE

10:30 Lake Co. Library (TJ exhibit, presentation)

11:00 Bus to Healey House

11:45 Bus or walk to Heritage Museum

12:30 Lunch--Bus to Golden Burro

1:45 Walk or bus to Tabor Opera House

2:30 Bus to Evergreen Cemetery

3:30 Depart for Golden

6:00 Arrive at Hotel

Dinner and evening activities on your own.

SATURDAY (7/31/10)

GOLDEN

9:00-11:00 Business Meeting

Lunch on your own

Afternoon: Optional local tours

5:00 No Host Cocktails

6:30 Banquet

*Please see pages 6-11 for suggestions for your free time.*

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**2010 ROUNDUP**  
REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP FORM  
July 28-Aug. 1, 2010      Golden, CO

(Roundup participants must make their own hotel reservations before June 28, 2010)

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult(s) @ \$135.00/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Student(s) (13 yrs to college) @ \$120.00/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (5 yrs to 12) @ \$80.00/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (4 and under) free

**\*\*\* Registrations received by May 1 will receive a FREE reproduction of a Texas Jack Dime Novel!**

**\*NOTE:** All attendees must be current members of the TJA:

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Memberships in Texas Jack Association @ \$25/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Memberships in Texas Jack Association @ \$40/family = \_\_\_\_\_

Names on membership: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior memberships (under 18) in Texas Jack Association @ \$10/person = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior membership in Texas Jack Association @ \$20/person = \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check payable to: **Texas Jack Association** for:      TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make dinner selections on back →**

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**\*BANQUET INDIVIDUAL SELECTIONS\***

(One choice per person)

How many:

\_\_\_\_\_ Atlantic Salmon Pan Seared & Topped w/ Lemon Burre Blanc. Served over Cilantro Lime Rice w/ Grilled Asparagus

\_\_\_\_\_ Pinon Crusted Cherry Chicken sautéed w/ Cherries, Shallots & Fresh Rosemary

\_\_\_\_\_ Braised Buffalo Pot Roast Served over Mashed Potatoes w/ Pan Au Jus & Fresh Grated Horseradish Sauce & Fresh Seasonal Vegetables.

\_\_\_\_\_ Seared Spinach & Roasted Eggplant layered w/ Lemon Butter Sauce and Served w/ Cilantro Lime Rice

All meals include salad, rolls & butter, ice tea, water, dessert.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Please print first and last names of all who will be attending so name tags can be made:**

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***Send completed form and check to:***

Rene Tyree, Treasurer TJA  
244 NW Whitlock Drive  
Lee's Summit, MO 64081



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 <u>Alamo</u>	(877) 222-9075
 <u>Avis</u>	(800) 230-4898
 <u>Budget Car Rental</u>	(800) 527-0700
 <u>Dollar Car Rental</u>	(800) 800-3665
 <u>Enterprise</u>	(800) 261-7331
 <u>E-Z Rent-A-Car</u>	(800) 277-5171
 <u>Hertz</u>	(800) 654-3131
 <u>National Car Rental</u>	(877) 222-9058
 <u>Payless</u>	(800) PAY-LESS
 <u>Thrifty Car Rental</u>	(800) 367-2277

## VENUES WE WILL VISIT



Buffalo Bill's grave on Lookout Mountain  
*wikipedia.com*



Texas Jack gravesite, Evergreen Cemetery  
Photo by L. Omohundro



Tabor Opera House  
*http://www.taboroperahouse.net/index.ihtml*



Molly Brown House  
*store.mollybrown.org*



Denver Art Museum  
*structurehub.com*



Buffalo Bill Museum  
*flickr.com*

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Healy House



Heritage Museum

**THE BEAUTY OF GOLDEN, CO**



Golden and Denver from Lookout Mtn



Overlooking Golden, Colorado, from North Table Mesa

**OTHER COLORADO PLACES YOU MAY SEE**



Longs Peak, Rocky Mtn National Park



Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs



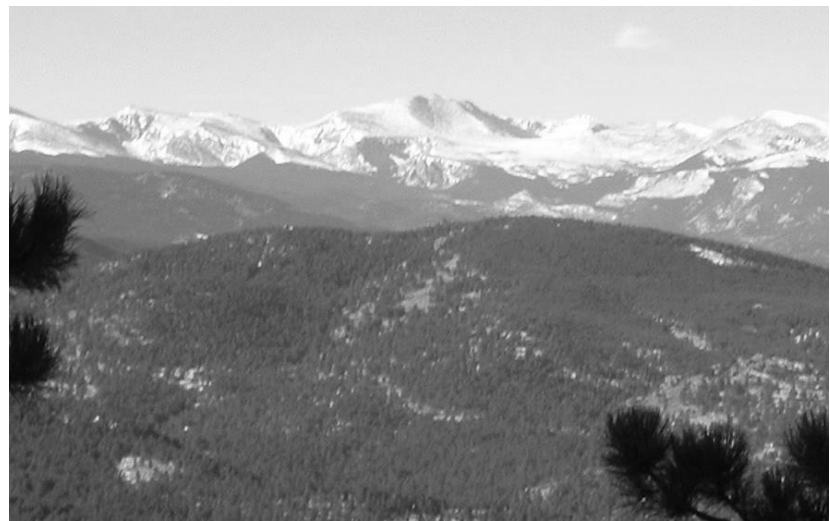
Panning for gold



Mt Massive Golf Course—highest in N.Am.



Seven Falls, Colorado Springs



Mount Evans—drive to the top!

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Get your Texas Jack stuff in time for the Roundup!



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Mug \$15



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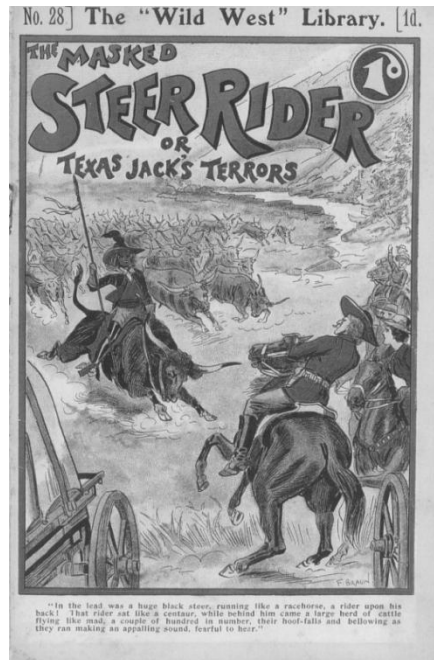
Please make check payable to the **Texas Jack Association** and mail to:

**The Texas Jack Association**  
**% Rene Tyree, Treasurer**  
**244 NW Whitlock Dr.**  
**Lee's Summit, MO 64081**

# Texas Jack Dime Novel Reprint



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**COWBOY ON THE HILL...April 2006**

By: Driftin' AaronG

I was sittin' on the hill upon Old Paint one night  
We was watchin' the stars just knowin' we was doin' right

Seein' all the lights in the far off town below  
Wondrin' if my sweetheart was waiting for me to show

I'd drifted off more 'n twenty years before  
The call of the high plains struck my soul to the very core

The letter I got said she'd be waitin' an' would be there when I got back  
So I rode down from the hill an' turned at the old railroad track

Slowly I rode up to the ranch that was not far from the town  
An' stopped at the yard gate an' the house is was all run down

I swung down from the saddle an' pulled her tattered letter from my breast pocket  
Reading the old letter again and in my other hand was her wedding locket

The tattered letter was writtin twenty years before this very night  
The night before my dear wife died an' was taken to her wondrous heavenly site

I looked up at the old rundown house with a tear in my eye  
Mounted up on Old Paint an' rode off toward the night sky

I didn't look back as I rode away with an' empty heart I wished I could fill  
Up the trail Old Paint climbed, back with this cowboy on the hill



Driftin' AaronG will be live & in person at the Roundup banquet, entertaining us with his meaningful jus' driftin' cowboy and patriotic poetry.

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