

January 12-13, 1989
Green Valley RV Park, AZ
Tubac & Tumacocori, Southern Trail

1989

Trip led by Jack Root of Tucson, AZ. Local arrangements made by Harry and Mary Reber of Green Valley, AZ. This outing included visits to the presidio at Tubac State Park and the mission at Tumacocori National Monument. Both of these sites were visited by emigrants using the Southern Trail. A side trip to Arivaca completed the day, before a potluck dinner at the Green Valley RV Resort. Jim Carter and Doyle Reed talked to the group about the Butterfield Stage and its route.



Group photo: Front row, left to right: Jack Root, Doyle Reed, Susan Doyle, Marian Carter, Mary Reber, Fiona Reed, Shirley Stebbing. Middle row: Jim Carter, Ruth Root, Gordon Stebbing, Harland Tompkins, Wilma Haines, Harry Reber, Rose Ann Tompkins. Back row: Bob Lee, Sheri Lee, Aubrey Haines.

Jim Carter speaks to the group after dinner.





Scenes of the mission at Tumacacori National Monument, including an interior view with some original wall decorations.





This rather unique store was certainly worth a photo. It was in Amado.



The cemetery in Arivaca had some interesting headstones.

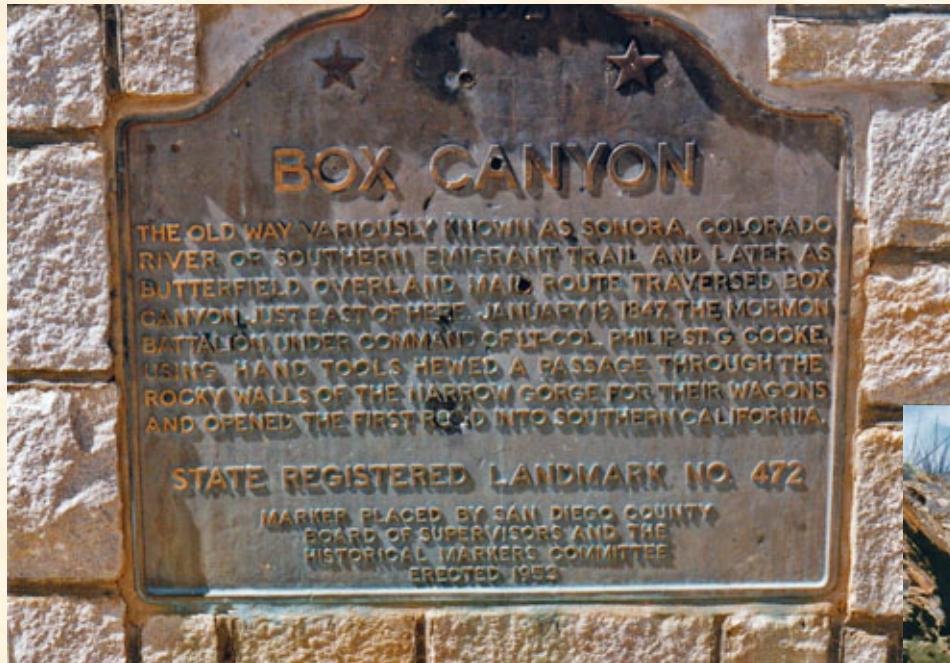


The group stopped at this mine site and saw this burial vault of the brother of Charles Poston.

March 11-12, 1989

Anza-Borrego State Park, California

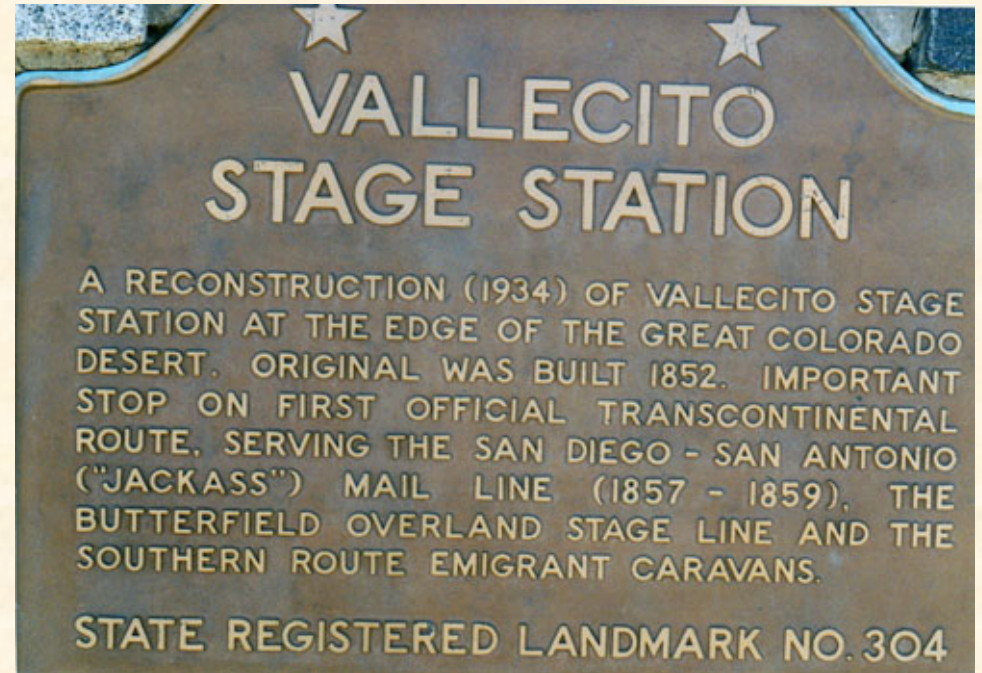
Trip arranged by Gordon & Shirley Stebbings, Julian, CA, with a local guide. A number of trail sites in the park were visited by the group, including Scissors Crossing, Foot and Walker Pass, Box Canyon, Vallecitos Stage Station, and Palm Spring . The next day, Gordon led a tour through the Historic Eagle Gold Mine, and Shirley served homemade apple pie to end the weekend.



Box Canyon, an area where Cooke's Mormon Battalion had to widen a place to get wagons through the close walls. The trail was also built up to allow wagons to bypass the wall at the upper end, shown here in the background.



Walking up the swale left in the rocks at Foot and Walker Pass.



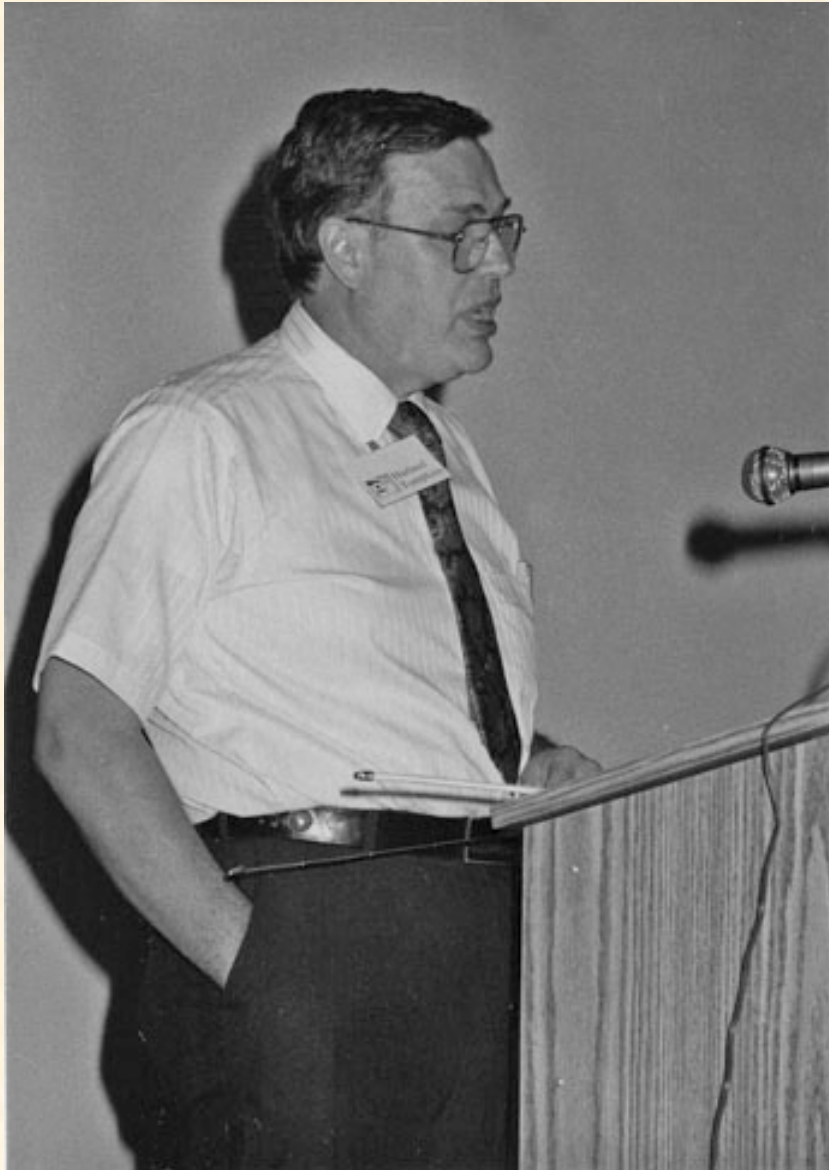
Reconstructed Vallecito Stage Station.



Palm Spring, a welcome oasis for travellers.

Visit to the historic Eagle Gold Mine. Gordon Stebbings, facing camera, led the tour.

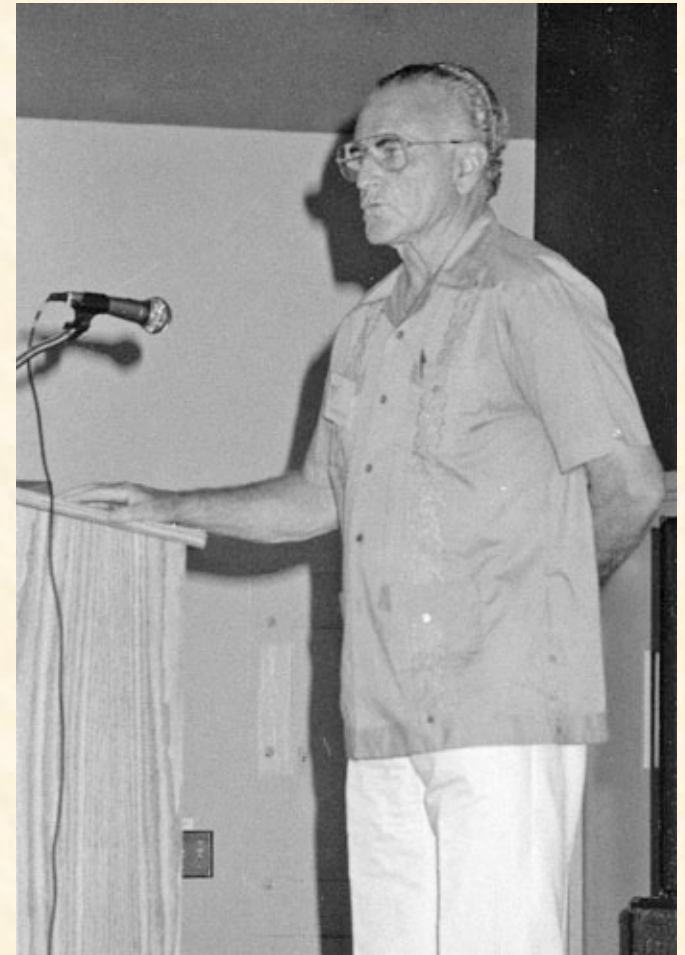




Harland Tompkins, Program Chairman, spoke on
"Elevation Measurements by Early Army Explorers."

June 17, 1989
First chapter symposium
Arizona Historical Society Auditorium, Tucson, AZ

Program Chair, Harland Tompkins, and Local Arrangements Chair, Jack Root, organized the chapter's first symposium. There were eight presentations. The day was considered quite successful.



Bob Lee, the elder, gave a book report on
"McLoughlin & Old Oregon."



Betty Lee spoke on "Southwestern Trails before Carson, Kearny and Cooke."



Aubrey Haines spoke on "The Oregon Trail: Myth and Fact."



Harland Tompkins and Gary Keller look over Gary's poster presentation "Mapping Arizona's Historical Roads."



Sherri Lee spoke on
"Old Fort Lowell."



Patricia Etter's presentation "The Southern Route - 1849: A New Look" was given by Bruce Dingus as Pat was not able to attend at the last minute.



Peyton Reeves spoke on
"Tucson's Million Dollar Railroad to Nowhere."

July 8, 1989
Second Planning Meeting
Mt. Lemmon, AZ

The location was the summer cabin of Bob and Sherri Lee of Tucson. At 8000 feet, it was a welcome relief for desert dwellers. The plans for the next year were discussed and tentative dates set. After a cowboy dinner, the Tompkins showed slides from recent research on the Beale Road in the Kingman area.



Planning in full swing on Mt. Lemmon.



Dinner preparations by Sherri Lee and "helper"
Harland Tompkins



Breakfast on the cabin's deck.

Sept. 4-6, 1989
Canyon de Chelly, AZ

Trip arranged by Gary and Dean Keller, Mesa, AZ. Guides were Daniel and Marilyn Staley who live in the canyon. This was more of a history outing than a trail outing. The Kellers had made friends with the Staley family, and arrangements were made to tour inside the canyon on Saturday and Sunday and along the rim on Monday. This was the first 4WD trip the chapter had done. The group camped at the canyon campground. The tours included a number of stops for narration and photography.



Meeting at the Visitor Center to begin our tour.

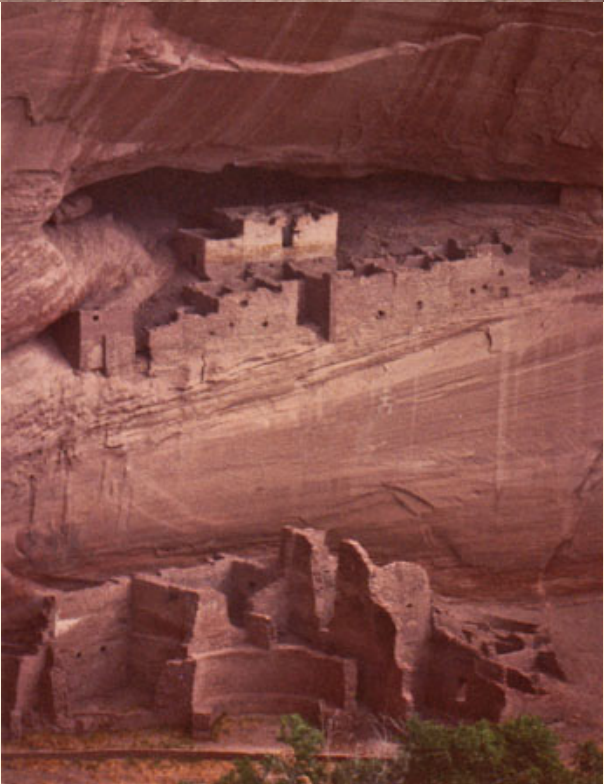
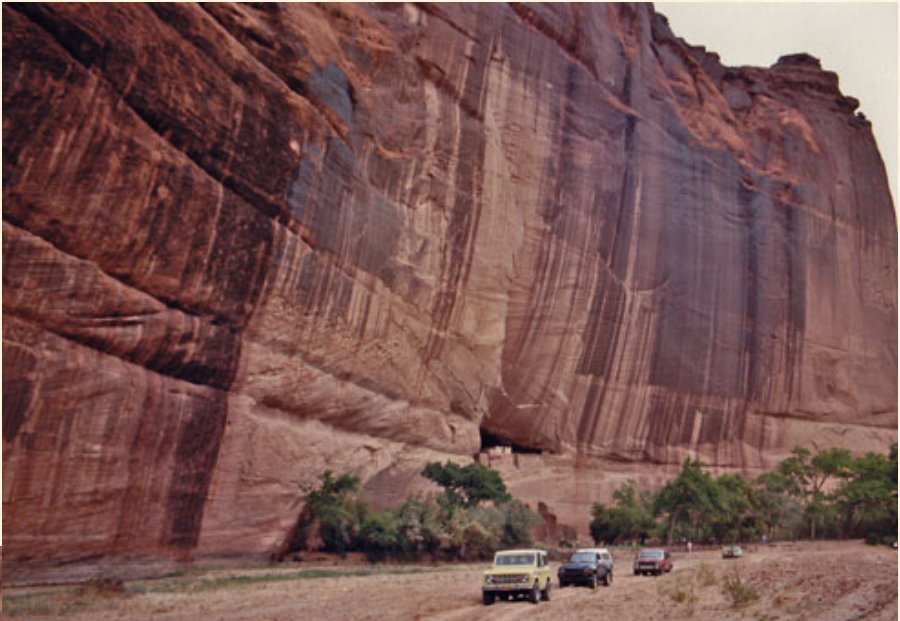


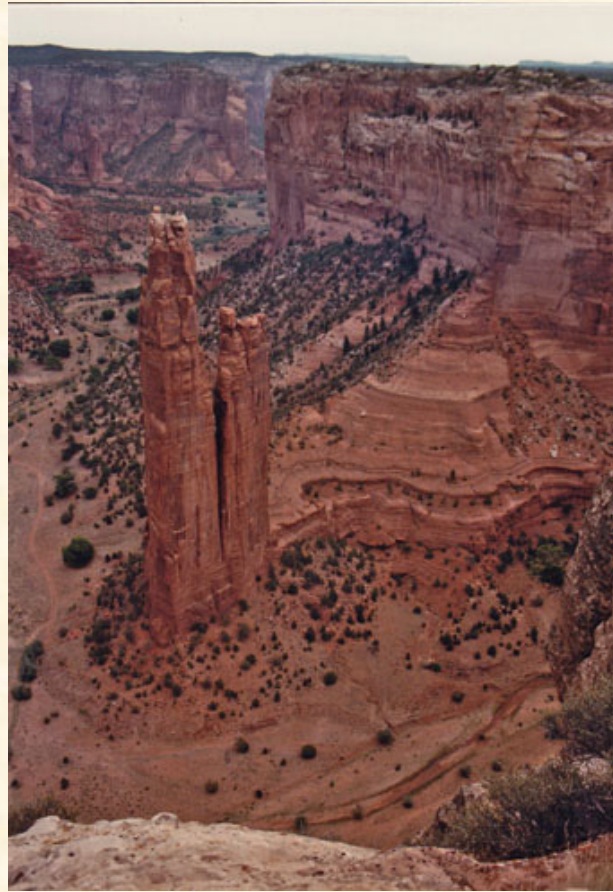
Gary Keller, top, and Harland Tompkins, bottom, examine various places where the group stopped.





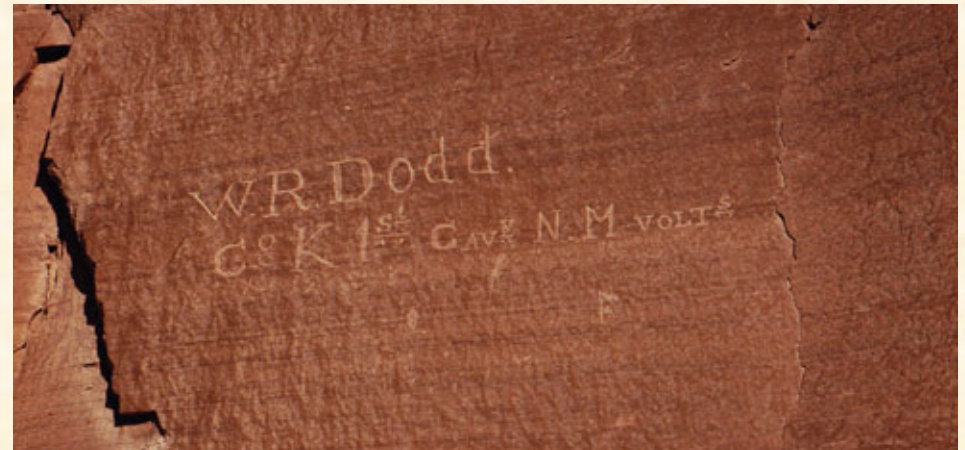
White House ruins, different looks.





Two views of Spider Rock

Company K, 1st Calvary, New Mexico Volunteers was involved in the removal of the Navajo from Canyon de Chelly.



November 4-5, 1989

**Las Cruces to Cooke's Spring, New Mexico
Butterfield Trail**

Trip arranged by Jim Carter of Las Cruces. He rented a van to allow us to travel together and access various stage stations along the Butterfield Trail between Las Cruces and Cooke's Spring, the latter being where the Butterfield Trail coming out of Mesilla joined the Southern Trail coming from the Santa Fe. First was a visit to the county fairgrounds where a researcher met us and gave us a view of reconstructed animal tracks preserved in the ancient muds of a shoreline. We then visited the sites of stage stops: Rough & Ready, Good sight and Cooke's Spring. There was also a stop on a hilltop where Whipple's US/Mexican boundary marker was placed before the Gadsden purchase. Dinner was at the stage station, now the La Posata Mexican restaurant in Mesilla. The next day was a stop at the Picacho station site, another boundary marker and Fort Seldon.



Thirteen chapter members plus 5 guides and guests gather for a group photo.



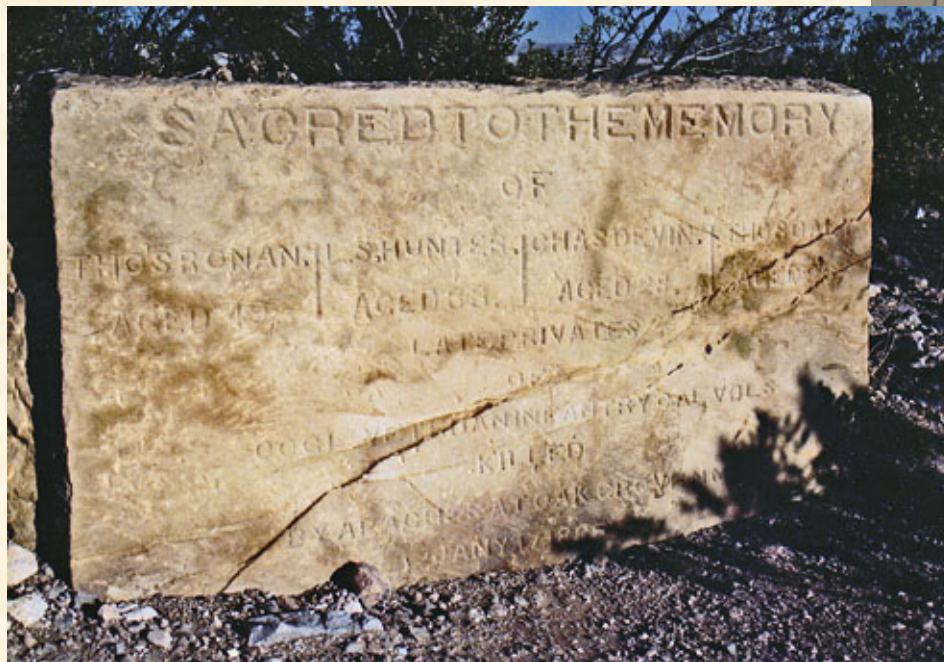
Clockwise from top left: ancient animal tracks left in mud, vegetation change shows where trail went, viewing the remnants of a stage station site are Jack Root, Harland Tompkins, Bob Lee (the elder) and Pat Etter.





Part of the ruins of Fort Cummings near Cooke's Spring.

Even modern "wagons" need attention from time to time. Wagon boss, Jim Carter, and "helpers" Harland Tompkins and Bob Lee (the elder).



Marker at a small cemetery at the stage station site near Cooke's Spring and Fort Cummings.