



First RV Trip - Fall 2018



Day 18

Saturday

October 13th

Tombstone,

Arizona

Weather

60's

Mostly cloudy

Rainy`

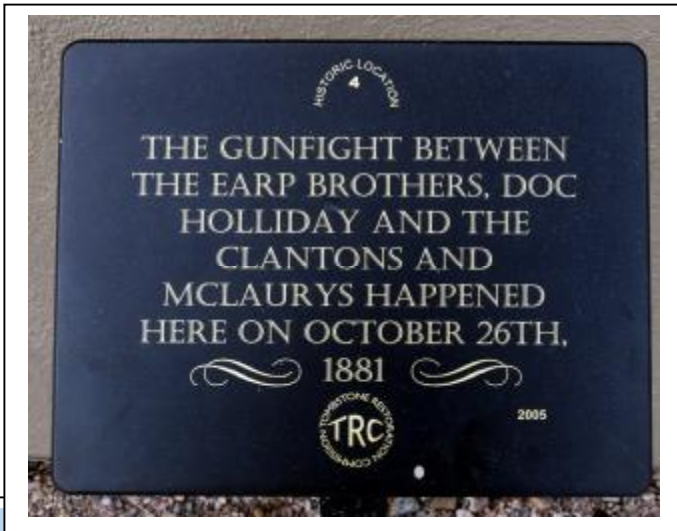
Hello to Family & Friends

The plan for today is to see some of the places in Tombstone I missed yesterday, not many, eat food from my fridge, plan the trip back to Florida (I will most likely be around Tallahassee), dump the tank, pack my cowboy clothes, and move to the Tombstone Grand Hotel.



My first check at the hotel my room was not ready. They told me to check back after 3 p.m. So I went back to the Crystal Palace to watch the first half of the Brewer game. I am two hours earlier out here, so the game started at 1:00.

A statue of Wyatt Earp



The actual fight took place in the vacant lot behind this wall. They charge for the privilege of watching the reenactment. Helldorado Days is this coming weekend and it should be in the main street.



Both Mr. & Mrs. Fly were professional photographers. Their photos garnered national attention at times. They lived here into the 20th century.



Below is the plaque in front of Scheifflien Hall. Remember, he was the one that discovered the silver and why Tombstone was founded. The story goes that when telling soldiers he was searching for ore; silver, gold, etc., they told him that all he would find out there was his Tombstone. So he named the town Tombstone.

When he had the ore assayed and was told it was \$2800 to the ton (this is 1877 remember. That would be \$84,000 in today's dollars) he said it was good enough for him. Thus, the Good Enough Mine that I toured yesterday. The second was something about a tough nut to crack, thus the Tough Nut Mine. And last was a mine he found when he stepped off his horse and his brother told him he sure was a Lucky Cuss.

In its heyday, Tombstone was the largest city west of the Mississippi. Even larger than San Francisco. Hard to believe it was a virtual ghost town by the 1920's.

HISTORIC LOCATION
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SCHIEFFELIN HALL

Upon its completion on June 8th, 1881
it became the largest, most elaborate
theatre between El Paso, Texas and San
Francisco, California.

Albert Schieffelin and William Harwood conceived and constructed a "first class opera house" for the citizens of Tombstone. The seating capacity was 450 on the parquet with a gallery capacity of 125. The drop curtain was a Colorado scene and was considered a "work of art". The building became the hub of entertainment and social events in Tombstone with formal balls and theatrical performances. The Hall was scorched by the fire of 1882, but survived. Schieffelin Hall has been home to the King Solomon Lodge # 5. Today, it is used for City Council meetings, local social gatherings, fundraisers and theatrical performances. It survived the tumultuous mining era, and the southeastern Arizona Climate. The building was placed on the National Register of Historic places on October 15th, 1966.



2005



The pictures below really make you feel like you're in the old west.





This site was given 5 stars on Trip Advisor, but I could find no one to explain anything or buy a ticket from even after I wandered around the place for awhile.



After I packed up the RV, packed my cowboy "equipment" and so on, I stopped at the famous Boothill Cemetery.



I didn't notice at the time, but it really looks ominous with that sky.



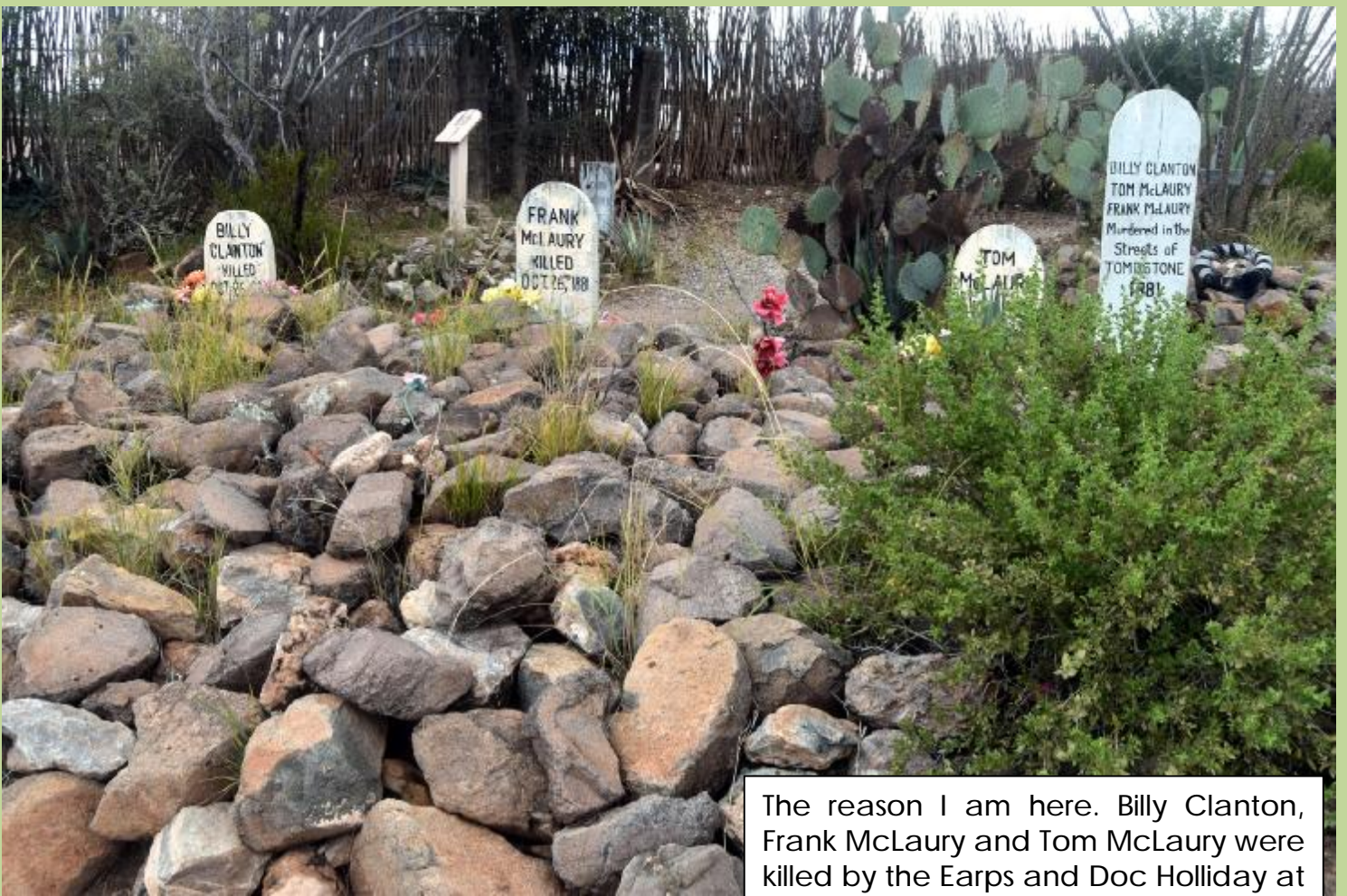
Remember the 7 men hung at the courthouse for robbing a bank in Bisbee? These are their graves.



William "Billy" Clayborne – Shot by Frank Leslie in 1882.

Clayborne, while drinking, sought to settle a real or fancied wrong with Leslie. This took place in front of the Oriental Saloon where Leslie tended bar.

It was this scene that was being reenacted when my camera caught the fire from the gun in a photo yesterday.



The reason I am here. Billy Clanton, Frank McLaury and Tom McLaury were killed by the Earps and Doc Holliday at the OK Corral. Retribution for these killings resulted in Morgan Earp being killed and Virgil Earp severely wounded. This sent Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday on the Vendetta Ride to seek revenge.



This was the father of Billy Clanton above. He was killed by Mexicans during a cattle drive.



This story was on one of the plaques in yesterday's newsletter.

"Here lies George Johnson
Hanged by mistake
1882

He was right
We was wrong
But we strung him up
And now he's gone"

George Johnson innocently bought a stolen horse and suffered the consequences.





Moore was a Wells Fargo agent at Naco and had a dispute with a man over a package. Both men died.



Marshall Fred White

Shot by Curly Bill in 1880

He was accidentally shot as he started to take Curly Bill's gun. This took place on the lot where the Bird Cage Theatre now stands.

"Curly" Bill Brocius was one of the "Cow-Boys" that Wyatt sought on his Vendetta Ride. You will hear more about him later this week, on Curly Bill Day.

Dutch Annie 1883

Sometimes called "The Queen of the Red Light District"



Brandy Bros - 1883

A tragic story

These boys were drowned while swimming in the San Pedro River. One died in a vain attempt to save his brother. They were 11 and 12 years old.





John Swain Slaughter - 1945

Old John was nearly 100 when he died. He came to Tombstone in 1879 with the John Slaughter family, and spent his life in and around Tombstone.



My home for the next 7 nights. I hope the crow is not a sign of things to come. I did not notice him when I took the picture.

Room is decently large. Two queen beds. Pool.

The Meet 'n Greet for the ride is tomorrow evening. Then on Monday we start riding. It will be a full week with a tour of Tombstone with the numero uno guide; history panel discussions; celebrity appearances (actors, directors, authors); ranch tours; ghost towns; guns; and hopefully a ride down Allen Street, ahorseback, in full cowboy regalia, all 45 of us. Since this is the 10th anniversary of the Vendetta Ride Steve has gone all out.

It should be a blast.

I guess the Brewers jersey did not make a difference.

Badgers didn't look so hot either.

Goodnight
