



First RV Trip - Fall 2018



The Tombstone Monument Guest Ranch

Day 19

Sunday

October 14th

Tombstone,

Arizona

Weather

60's

Cloudy

Hello to Family & Friends

Good to see old friends, and make new ones.

This evening was the traditional Meet & Greet that Great American Adventures hosts before every ride. We all met at the Tombstone Monument Ranch pictured above. Our dinner was in a large barn where weddings are held. I do pity the poor wedding parties though. It's about a 1.5 mile gravel and washboard road to the ranch. Then anyone in high heels would have a heck of a time in the soft dirt and loose gravel that has to be traversed to enter any of the buildings. But it is a very nice place.

We had a little cocktail hour first before Steve took up the mic. Steve likes to talk, but he kept it to the minimum tonight.

Just to bring everyone up to speed: Great American Adventures, GAA, hosts horseback riding adventures. Dress up like a cowboy, or cowgirl, and ride in the steps of history: Wyatt Earp's Vendetta Ride; Jesse James Train Robbery; Custer's Last Stand; Wild Bill Hickok in Deadwood, SD; The John Wayne Monument Valley Ride; and of course, the Western movie I made a couple years ago.

Tomorrow starts the 10th Anniversary of the Wyatt Earp Vendetta Ride. Steve has a lot of special things planned for this year. It should be great.

Did not do too much today. Determined which clothes to wear which days; taught Gops a thing or two on his computer; moved all of the adjuster and office tools back into their places in the RV; got myself gussied up for the Meet & Greet



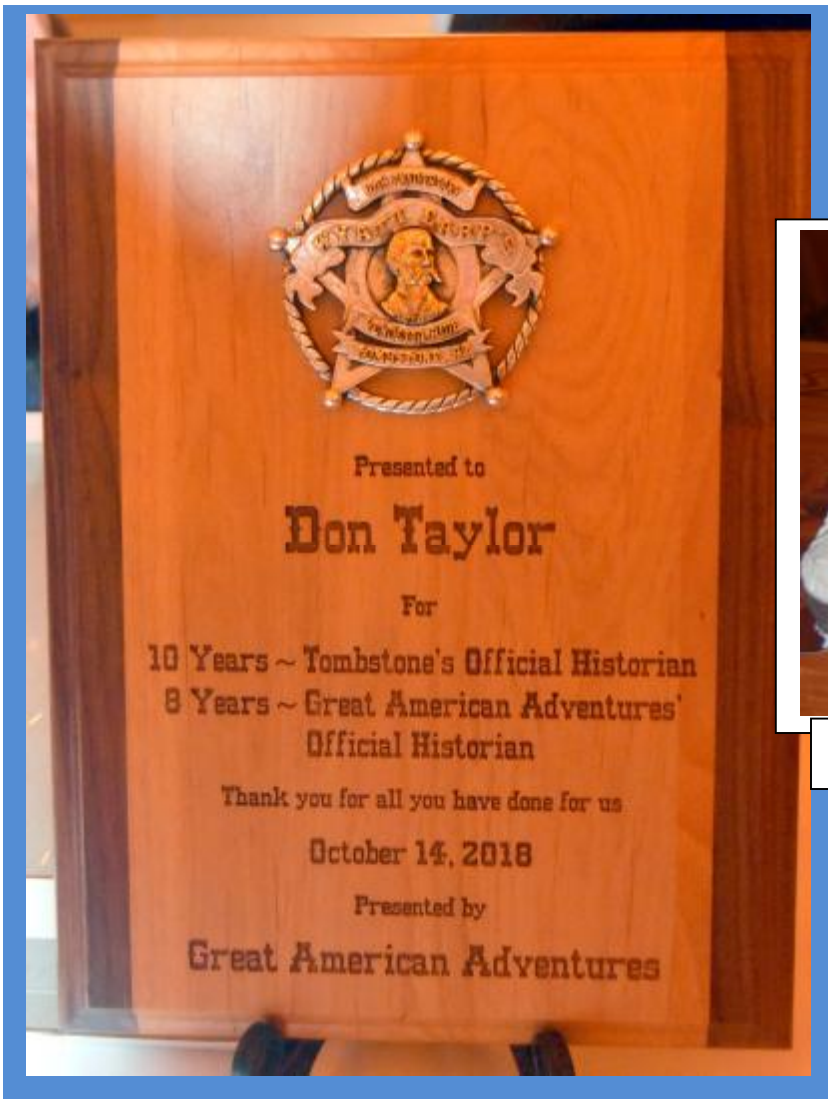
After we were all given our Deputy Marshall badges, to our surprise Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday showed up themselves to swear us in as Deputies





After dinner Steve read off all of our names and how many rides we had each been on. There were a couple newbies, this is my fourth, this is John Rankin's 18th. The festivities included a plaque for Don Taylor. He is the official historian of Tombstone and the official Tombstone historian for GAA for the past 8 years.





Cake too!

When I mentioned above the special things Steve and Marcie do for their riders, especially on this anniversary, this is what I am speaking of: Each of us received a bottle of wine with this label.





After a humorous short film about "gittin yourself to Tombstone", Grizzly Matt, you may remember him from the Jesse James ride last year, sang his song about GAA to the tune of RHINESTONE COWBOY. It was a hit.



Tomorrow morning we meet at the hall above, photo from yesterday, for breakfast, then the adventure starts.

Goodnight