



# First RV Trip - Fall 2018



today

I told you it was a risqué window

## Hello to Family & Friends

Another gorgeous day today. This will be our longest ride so far as we head up into the Dragoon Mountains to the stronghold of Cochise. Cochise is probably the most famous Apache Indian in history.

In the 1850's Cochise negotiated a treaty with the white man. In early 1861 he was betrayed by Lt. Bascomb, escaped from Bascomb's tent, but his family was held captive and later executed. In retaliation Cochise began his reign of terror in Arizona and Mexico.

The Apache Wars would last 25 years, until 1886.

Day 23

Thursday

October 18th

Great American  
Adventures  
Wyatt Earp  
Vendetta Ride  
Tombstone, AZ

Weather

70's - 80's  
Sunny  
Dry  
Perfect

The stained glass wall divider above left is on the same wall as the OK Corral gunfight I included the other day. The photo below is of a stained glass skylight in the ceiling of the Longhorn Saloon.



Troy and 3 of his 4 wranglers. The middle 2 are sons of Troy.  
Now these are REAL cowboys.



Brewster to the left and Valley is below. They join us on every ride and are constantly between the horse's legs, but the horses never seem to mind.



There will be some beautiful scenery today





Over-the-shoulder shot





Can you find the face in the rock?



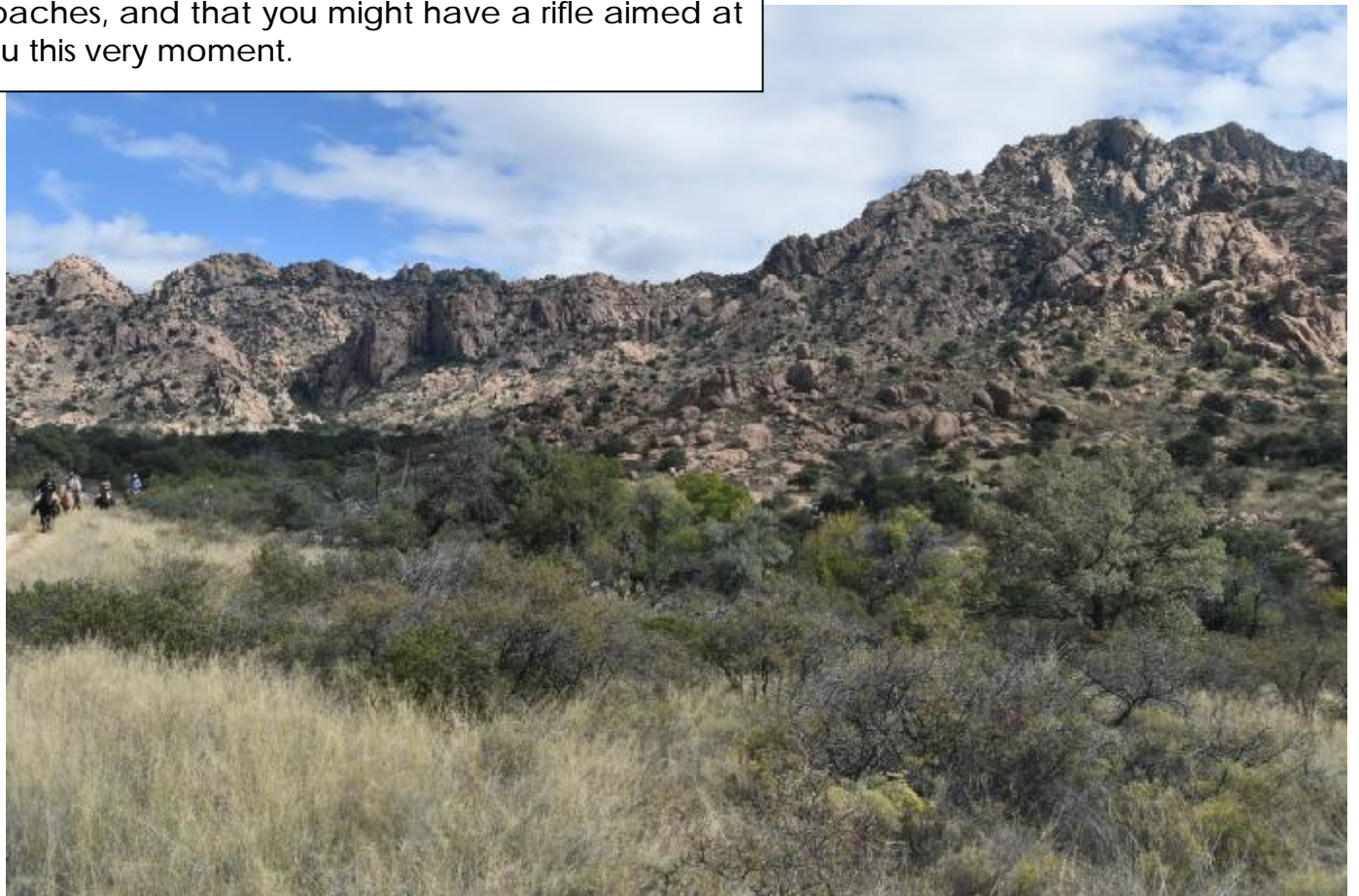




Great rock formations



Imagine you're a white man riding along these rocks, wondering if you're being watched by Apaches, and that you might have a rifle aimed at you this very moment.





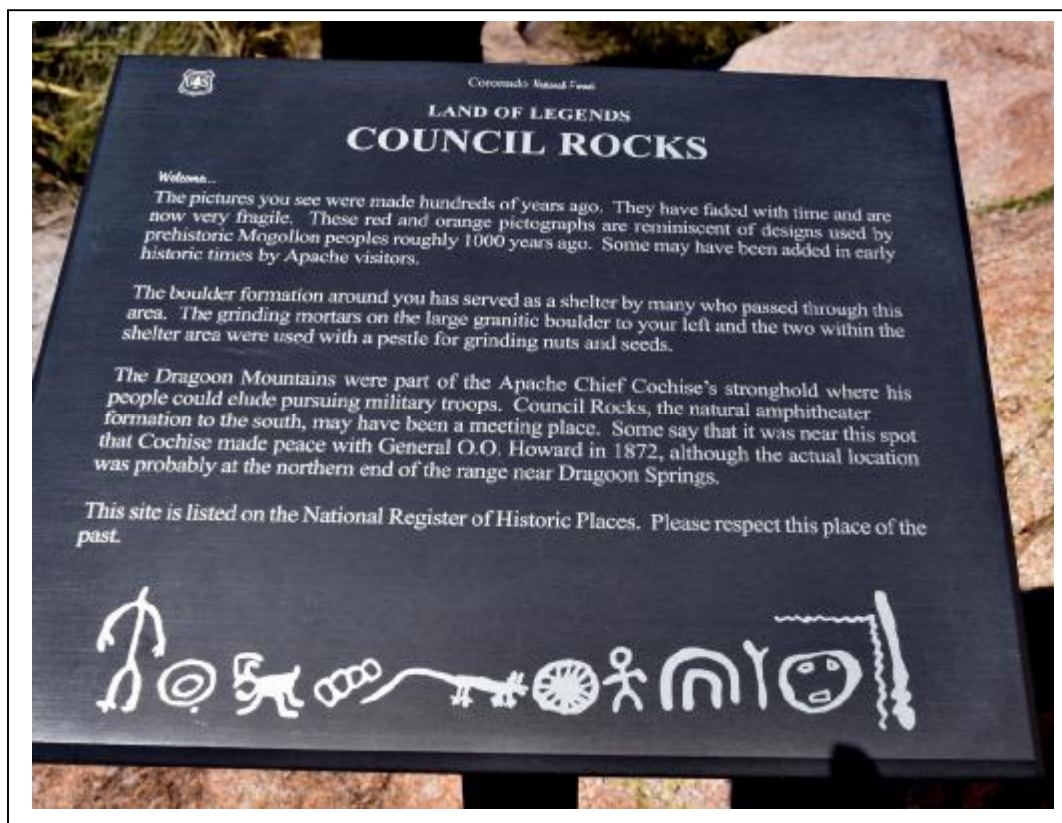


Very realistically western looking as we tied our horses to the trees and ate lunch.



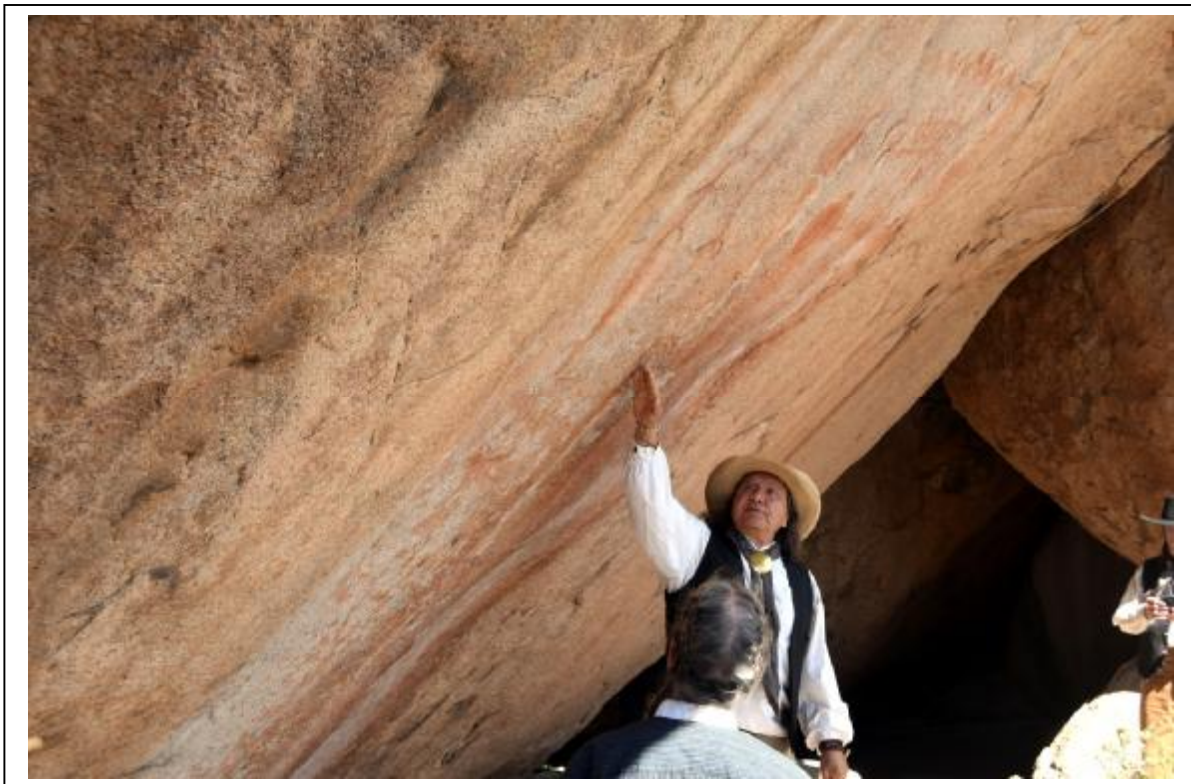


Looking down on our horses tied below. This is just below Cochise's Stronghold. Imagine you're an Apache Warrior, with a rifle in your hand, watching the plains below for movement of any white man.





Below is Charlie One Horse. He is teaching us the meaning of the paintings on the rock.



This is where Geronimo slept when he was in camp



This is known as the "Land Shark"

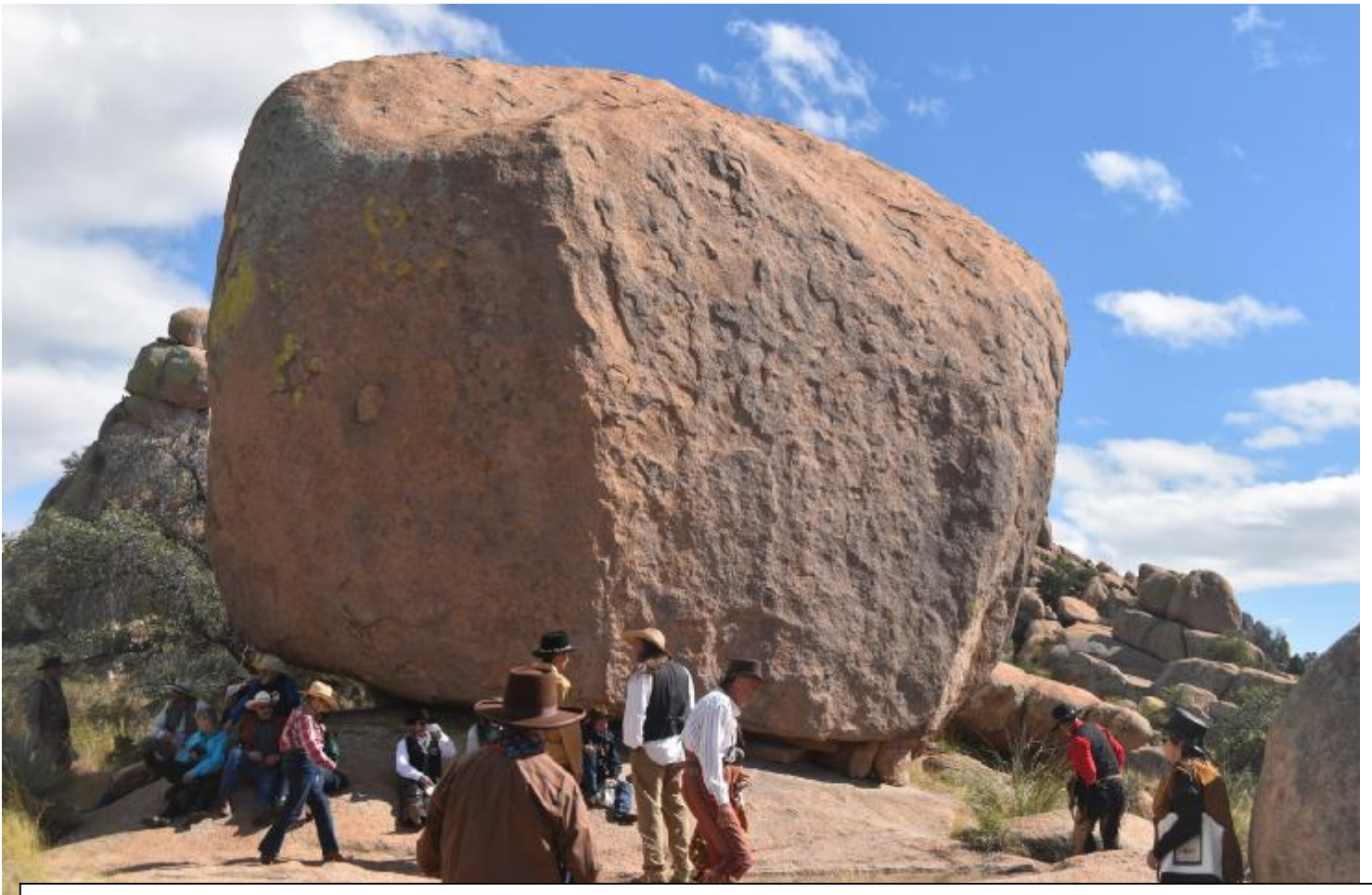




The cool breeze was unbelievable through this shelter. It was extremely comfortable.



Amazing balanced rock formations all throughout the Dragon Mountains



This is Council Rock, where Cochise and Tom Jeffords would have sat and talked about peace between the Apache and the white man.

Tom Jeffords – Worked as a scout, Pony Express rider, stagecoach owner, all sorts of things. He entered Cochise's Stronghold alone and negotiated peace to stop the slaughter of both Apaches and white men. There are books written about Jeffords and the movie **THE BROKEN ARROW** stars Jimmy Stewart as Tom Jeffords. Good movie.









Charlie One Horse singing an Apache song to guide us on our way



Just below the V above is Council Rock



Looks and feels like real cowboys rounding up the herd





We had to take a slight detour on the way back. This Rattlesnake did not like us interrupting his tanning session. Speaking of rattlesnakes, I forgot to mention that during the Fairbanks ghost town ride, my horse shied away from a rattlesnake under a bush. You could not see that one, but you sure could hear it. Today he was right out in the open. Probably about 5-6 feet long if uncoiled, and making plenty of noise.







Big Mike's Chuckwagon.  
Dinner on the trail tonight.



Steve presenting Troy with  
a wall poster and  
a plaque, thanking him for 10  
years of wrangling for GAA



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If you remember, on Monday Indy was thrown from his horse and received the Rusty Spur award. His wife Patti finally convinced him to go to the hospital yesterday. 3 cracked ribs. Needless to say, Indy will not be riding the rest of this week, although he did ride on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tomorrow is the last day of riding. We try to escape the Apache hoard by making our way to Fort Bowie.

Goodnight

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