



## The Reel west newsletter

Bonanza Creek Ranch is an all-inclusive film location nestled in the foothills near Santa Fe, New Mexico. The ranch is spread out over several thousands of acres and features 2 ponds, one movie town and 2 home sets. More than 130 movies have been filmed here since 1955 including *The Man from Laramie* (starring Jimmy Stewart), *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, *Easy Rider*, *The Cheyenne Social Club* (Jimmy Stewart and Henry Fonda), *The Cowboys* (John Wayne), *The Sacketts*, *The Legend of the Lone Ranger*, *Silverado*, *Young Guns*, *Lonesome Dove*, *Walker, Texas Ranger*, *The Missing*, *Into the West*, *3:10 to Yuma*, *Wild Hogs* and *Cowboys & Aliens*. As you will see later on, *Justice*, to be released later this year, still had production trailers and dressing rooms on site.

The Ranch is currently booked for all of 2016, so we were lucky to get our two days.



We were still riding horses today. We bad guys did some filming first, part of which was galloping into town. We did the first take and were sent back to do another. During that take John Rankin (alias Ben Craig) was thrown over the horses head at a full gallop. He finished some scenes but was then taken to the hospital. At this time I don't know the extent of his injuries. Needless to say, all horse riding from then on was done at a walk.

Day 14  
Thursday  
April 14th

*Horseback Riding  
and on Location  
at  
Bonanza Creek Ranch*

Weather  
High Temp: 70+  
Low Temp: TBD  
Conditions: Beautiful



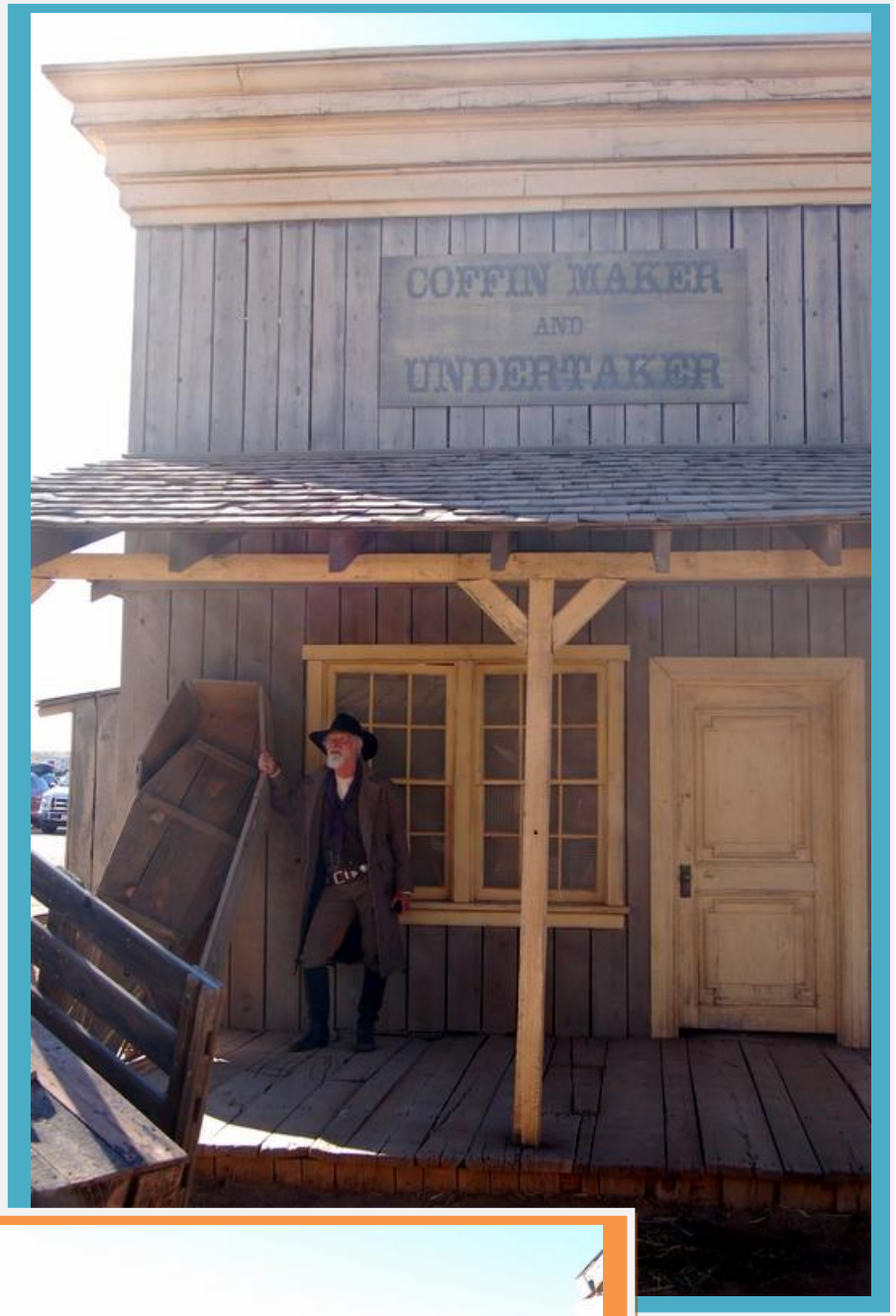
The main bad man,  
J.T.Ripper



If you watch the movies listed above, you will most likely identify buildings on this street. The older 50's and 60's set has been torn down and replaced a couple times, most recently in 1989. While the good guys were filming their scenes, us bad guys had the run of the town. This was SO great!! We could enter buildings, stroll the boardwalk, lock ourselves in jail and even rob a bank. The best part was, we had it all to ourselves, only about 15 of us, and some of us made the most of it.



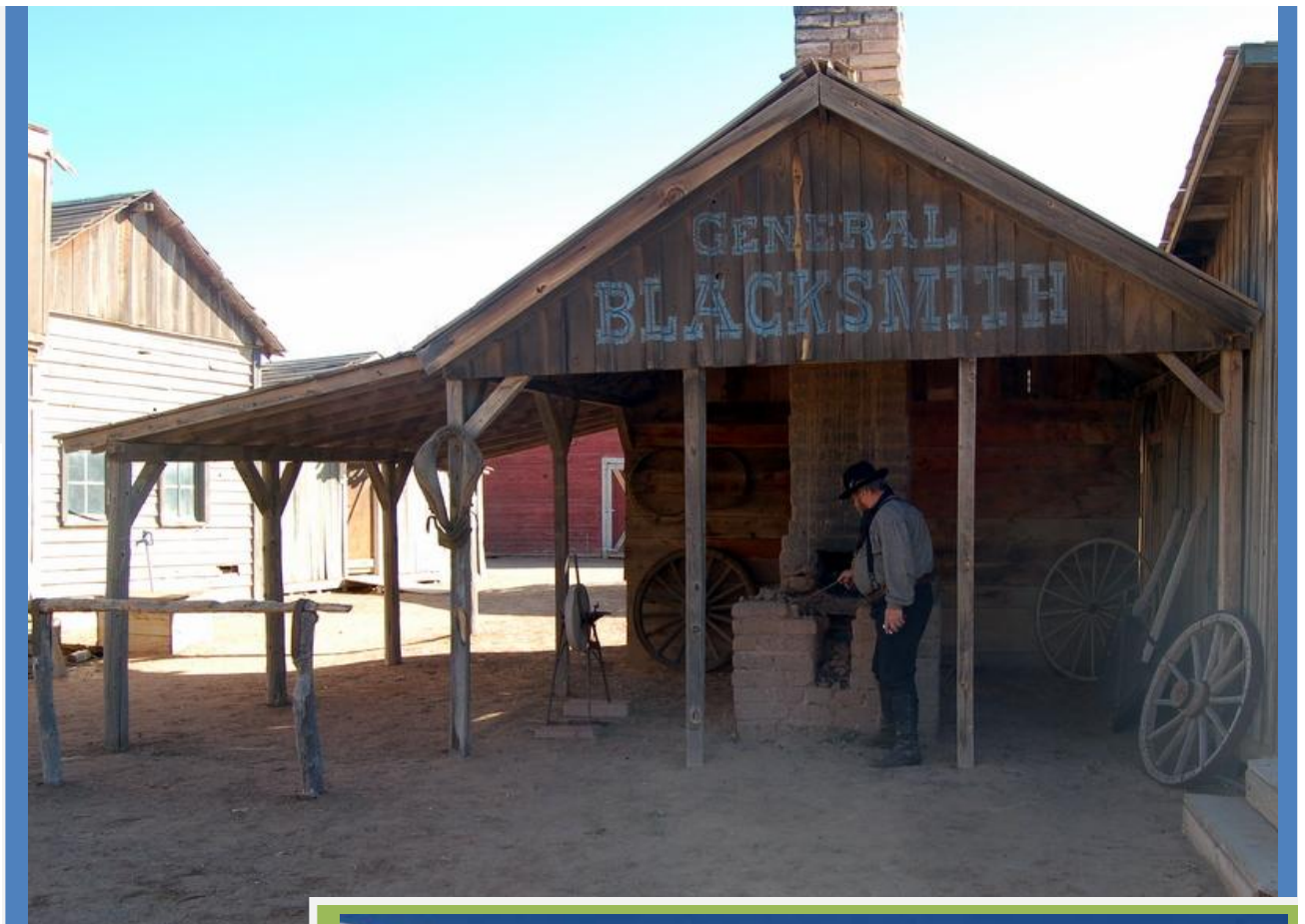




Below - We really roughed it. A 1-holer for a group of 40-50. And no door. JK



Omaha, the blacksmith of Brimstone.



Next time Steve, maybe we could get something like this to help us out?

As I was sitting at the truck and a cast member from *Justice* walked by. He was dressed as a civil war soldier. I told him that my trousers, which are black, were supposed to have been civil war blue like his. He looked at me and said "I think you look better than me." Cool right?



QUIET ON THE SET!!



John Chisum and I moseyed on down to the Sheriff's Office.











Dead Eye Jake.....Ace.....Hairtrigger Harry





Far left is Patti, Indy's wife. She helps me out by taking most of the pictures you see of me. I met Patti and Jeff on the Monument Valley ride 2 ½ years ago. It was good to see them again. Next to her is Marsha, Lucky Gunn's wife.

Far left is Sharon, who we have seen in several of the photos above. I have not met the young ladies on her right or below yet.



All these ladies are non-riders but participate as multiple characters, background, set decorators and safety pin attachers. This film would have been very difficult without all of their help and support. I just realized how many people I have seen helping out who I do not know and have not met. It really brings home the speeches on Academy Award night when the winners don't have time to thank everyone involved. I now know exactly how they feel. Not that I am expecting an Oscar or anything.

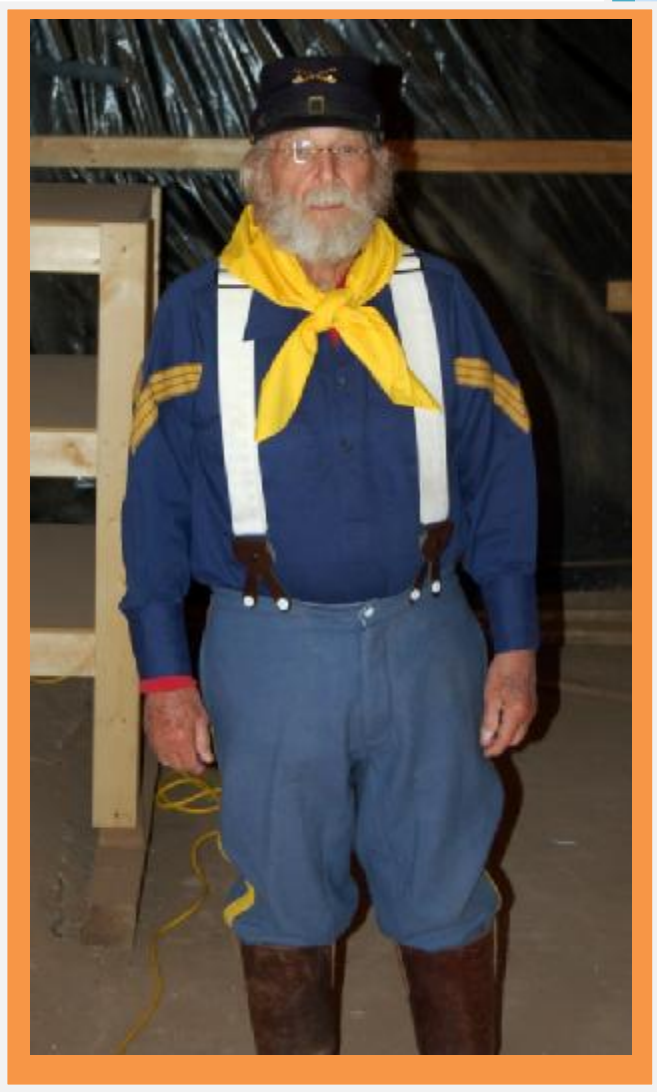


Some of the buildings are the magical "false fronts" of Hollywood.

Run rabbit, run!!



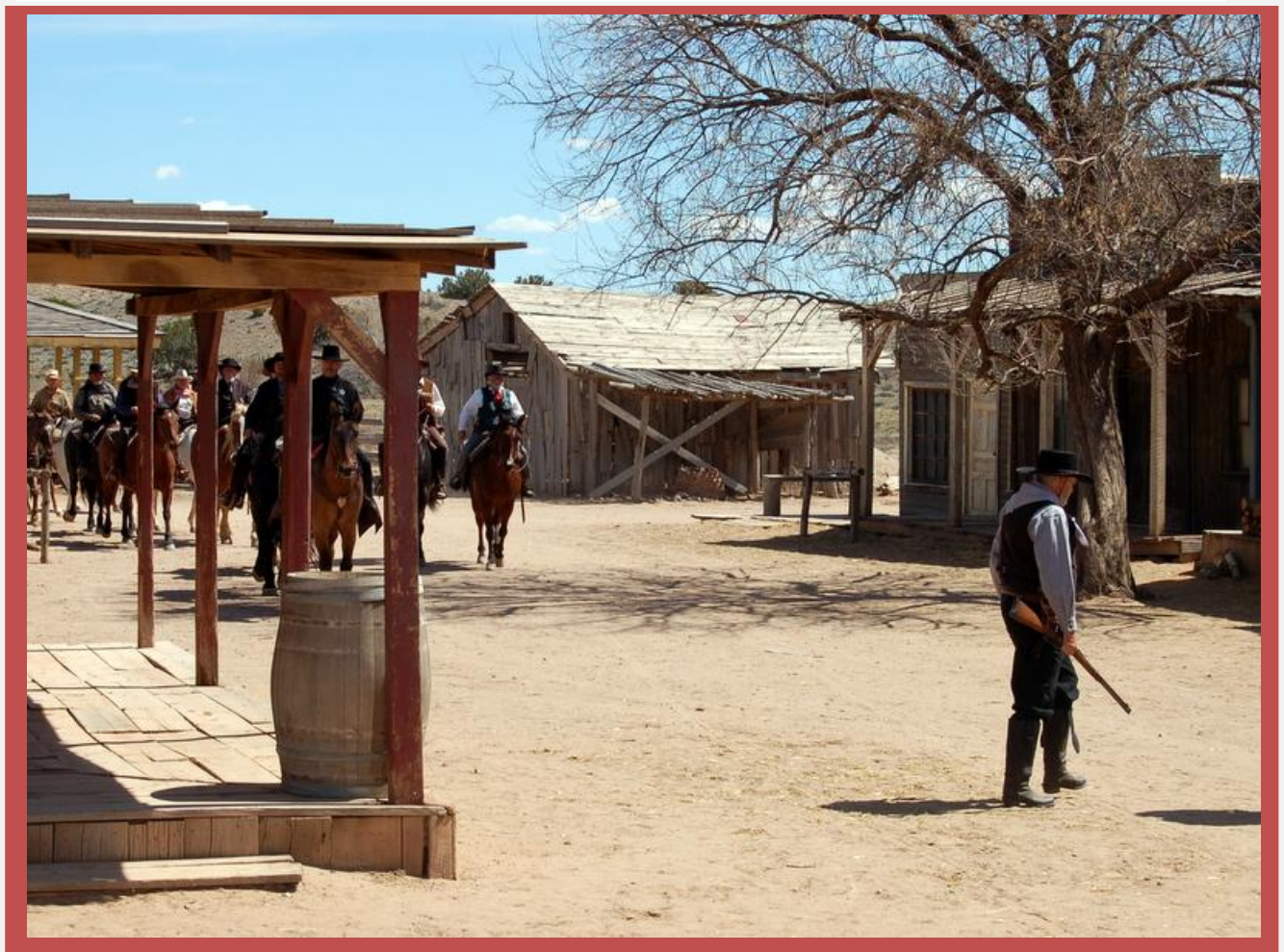
Left is the Arizona Kid dressed as a cavalry sergeant for a different scene.



Below – The ladies wait with Larry and his team.



Boo!! The good guys arrive in Brimstone. Boo!





Steve saying his lines flawlessly, as always.



The Peacemakers show their superior numbers. Heck, they outnumber us 3 to 1. Who do you expect to win?



Great shot with the snowcapped mountains in the background.

This should be the publicity photo for The Peacemakers.









Lady Stetson and her stunt double, Hayden.

I will finish off today with a shot of your author on his horse, Rose. One day of filming left. I truly am enjoying myself.

Good night,

Ace

A quick P.S. - I mentioned safety pins earlier. I have lost five buttons on my outfit. I am currently being held together with seven safety pins. Belle, Tex, Marcie, Sharon, I may have forgotten someone, have clipped me together.

Thank you ladies!!! Of course I am sure everyone else thanks you also.



