

February 8, 1998
Outing to Young, AZ
History of Pleasant Valley War

1998

Tracy DeVault set up a visit to the Young, AZ area where we learned about the 1880s history of the Pleasant Valley War which took place in the area. He made arrangements to meet with some local residents who told us about the conflict and took us to some sites related to this history. A group of fourteen braved the elements of the chilly day.



Left: Group photo taken at the cemetery.



Right: Local history book was worth a look.



A muddy road was a challenge for some.



This cabin shows the wear of the years.



Local lawn décor.

March 27-29, 1998
OCTA Mid-year Board Meeting in Arizona
Inc. trail tour on Southern Trail

The chapter hosted the OCTA Board at its mid-year meeting. It included a reception on Friday night at the Chandler home of the Tompkins, the all day board meeting at the Arizona Historical Society in Tempe, and a Sunday trail tour over Butterfield Pass and to Painted Rock State Park. To prepare for this tour, two preliminary days were done in January and February, and a local 4WD club provided transportation for those that needed it.



Above: OCTA President, Roger Blair and Susan Doyle at reception.



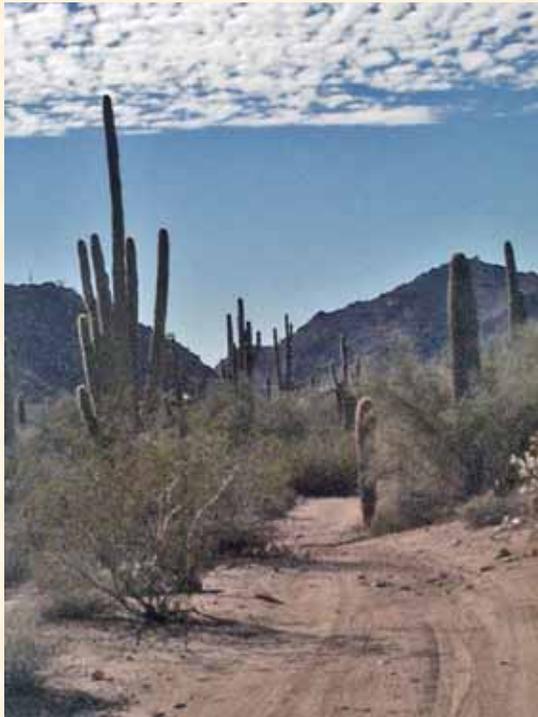
Above: Jon Harvey checks out a section marker near the trail during one of the preliminary trips on the trail.



Left: Bea Kabler and Ruth Root walk along the trail.

Below: Carsonite markers along the trail through Butterfield Pass





Left: The trail in Butterfield Pass winds through this cactus forest.

Right: Wagon wheels left grooves in the lava rock near the Gila River Valley.



Below left: The tour group views the Gila River Valley where the trail climbed out.

Below right: Petroglyphs at Painted Rock State Park. Emigrant diaries mention this landmark.



April 8-15, 1998
Sixth Mapping Week
Southern Trail, New Mexico and Arizona

Five mappers did an overview of the trail corridor from Whitmire Pass in New Mexico through Guadalupe Canyon in Arizona. This area includes very rugged terrain, previously cultivated land, private landownership, valley flooding and proximity to the Mexican border. We received permission to spend several days on the private ranch in Guadalupe Canyon, where we found bits and pieces of trail. The 4WD ranch road is likely on top of the original trail in most places since there are not too many options for travel.



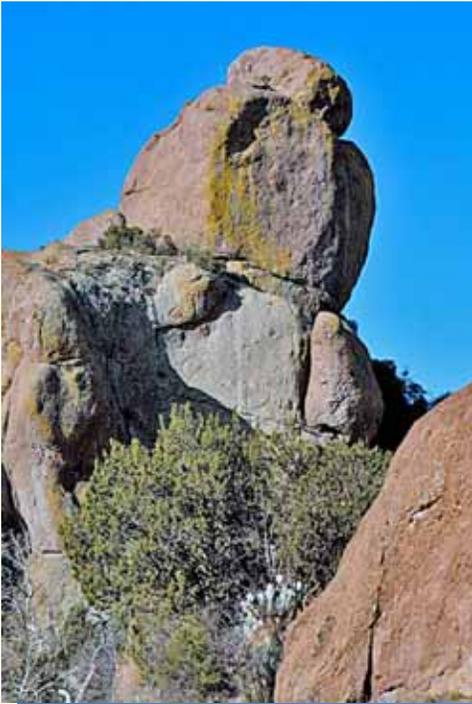
Rose Ann Tompkins, Cam Wade, Don Buck and landowner Diana Hadley look over the maps of Guadalupe Canyon.



Rose Ann Tompkins, Cam Wade, Don Buck and Tracy DeVault camping at Cloverdale, NM.



Tracy DeVault, Dave Hollecker, Don Buck and Cam Wade at one of the US/Mexico border markers.



Above, left: Capped Rock, a landmark in Guadalupe Canyon mentioned in a number of emigrant diaries.

Above, right: View into Guadaupe Canyon, showing the rugged terrian. Note cars in the distance.

Below, left: The plain just east of the top of Guadalupe Canyon.



Above, left: Chalky rocks. John Barlett mentions these in his narrative during the Boundry Commission work.

Left: Rock with grooves left by metal wagon wheels.

Above, right: Tracy DeVault stands in one of the few pristine trail traces found in Guadalupe Canyon.

July 18-19, 1998
Eleventh Planning Meeting and outing on historic sites in the area.
Prescott, Arizona

This planning meeting was held in Prescott at the home of Tracy and Judy DeVault. The next day the group visited sites on the Hardy Toll Road, Williamson Valley and Camp Hualapai.



Right: Tracy DeVault, in brown hat, explains the history of the place the group has stopped along the highway.



Above, left: Group gathers on DeVault's deck to exchange ideas.

Below left: Marie Greene and Judy DeVault looking for some shade.

Below: Remnants of a wall are all that remain at this site.



August, 1998
OCTA convention
Pendleton, Oregon

Some of the chapter members at the convention



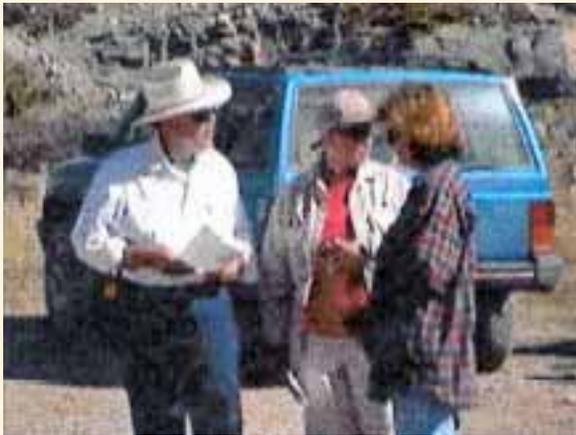
Don Buck and Reba Grandrud



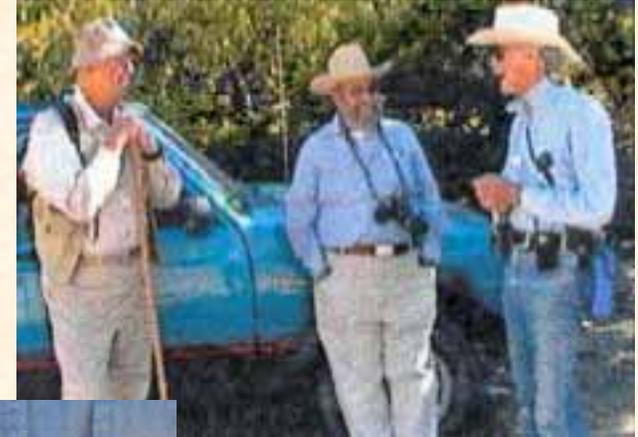
Attendees at the chapter meeting
included: Ruth Root, Jack Root, Reba
Grandrud, Bob Lee, Betty Lee

October 16-20, 1998
Seventh Mapping Week
Apache Pass Alternate Trail, Arizona

Eight mappers returned to Apache Pass to continue working on the trail in the area. Larry Ludwig, ranger at the Ft. Bowie National Historic Site was again our resource. We worked in areas both east and west of the pass. We were allowed to camp in the headquarters parking lot, giving us access to a bathroom and shower as well as a flat area for parking. This week included a Sunday outing for the chapter. We led a hike up Siphon Canyon, pointing out various trail sites along the way.



Left: Harland & Rose Ann Tompkins and Judy DeVault before the hike up Siphon Canyon.



Right: Bob Steward, Peter Bennett and Don Buck before the hike up Siphon Canyon.



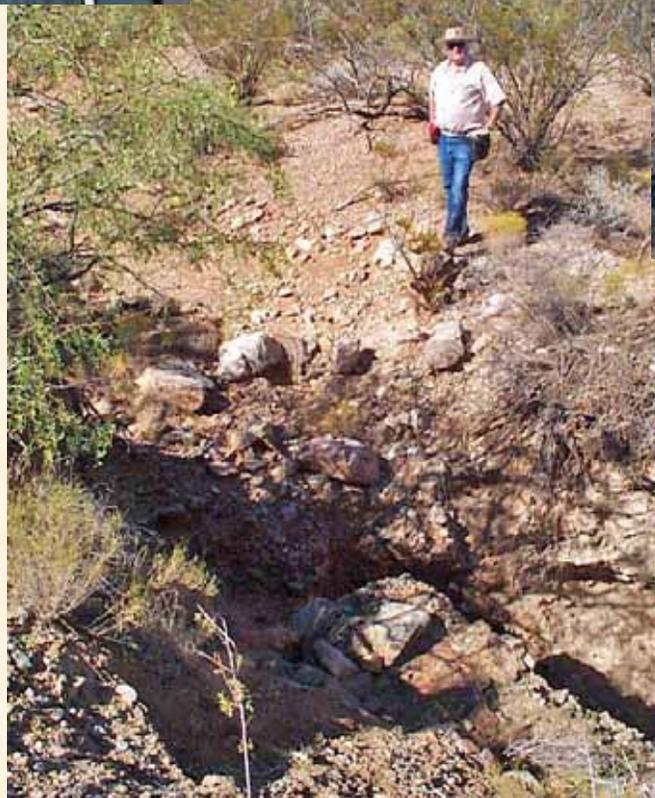
Right: Don Buck with the large horseshoe (probably from a draft horse) found in Siphon Canyon.



Tracy and Judy DeVault huddle in their sleeping bags in our evening circle. At this time of year, the days were pleasant but the nights were nippy. We tried to stay up as late as possible to minimize the long night hours in the vehicles.



Wagon part found along the trail.



In working the trail east of the entrance to Siphon Canyon and Apache Pass, the trail crossed several small drainages. Above and left are two of those drainages with Dave Hollecker at one and Don Buck and Dave at the other.



Ready to leave the parking lot for a day of trail mapping. Left to Right: Marie Greene, Tracy DeVault, Judy DeVault, Rose Ann Tompkins, Dave Hollecker and Don Buck.

Several interpretive markers are found within the Fort Bowie National Historic Site. This one summarizes an 1861 incident known as the Bascom Affair.





Left: Don Buck stands in the trail where it crosses the existing road leading to Apache Pass.



Right: Dave Hollecker, Don Buck, Larry Ludwig and Tracy DeVault confer about the trail route.



Wagon wheel rust on large white quartz rock.

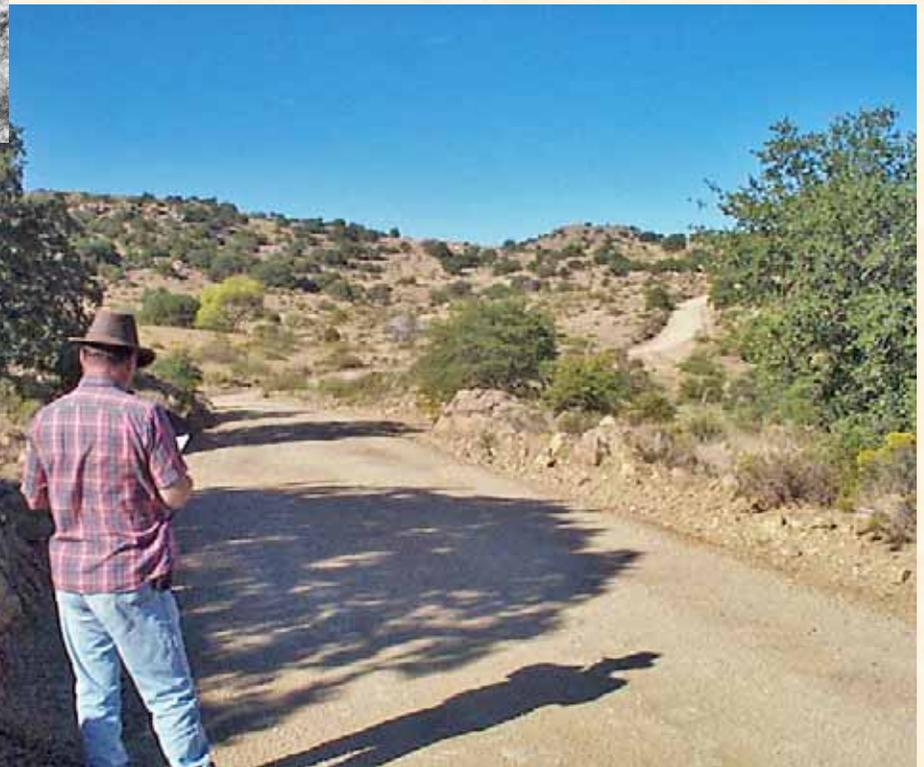


Rock walls near the trail west of Apache Pass. Origin unknown, but more recent than Indian use of the area.



Left: This photo from the 1930s is a copy of Plate 61 from *Butterfield Overland Mail* by Conkling and Conkling. Arthur Clark Co. 1947. The caption reads: "Apache Pass, Arizona. A relic of the Old Road through this treacherous pass. The depression in the fore and middle ground is the eroded course of the Road. This picture was made near the site of the Apache Indian attack (february, 1861) on the Butterfield Stage."

Below: Tracy DeVault stands by the road leading to Apache Pass. This skyline compares with the one from Conkling.



Below: Larry Ludwig & Marie Greene at the Fort Bowie Visitor's Center. Marie volunteered there one day so Larry could show the group some possible trail traces.

