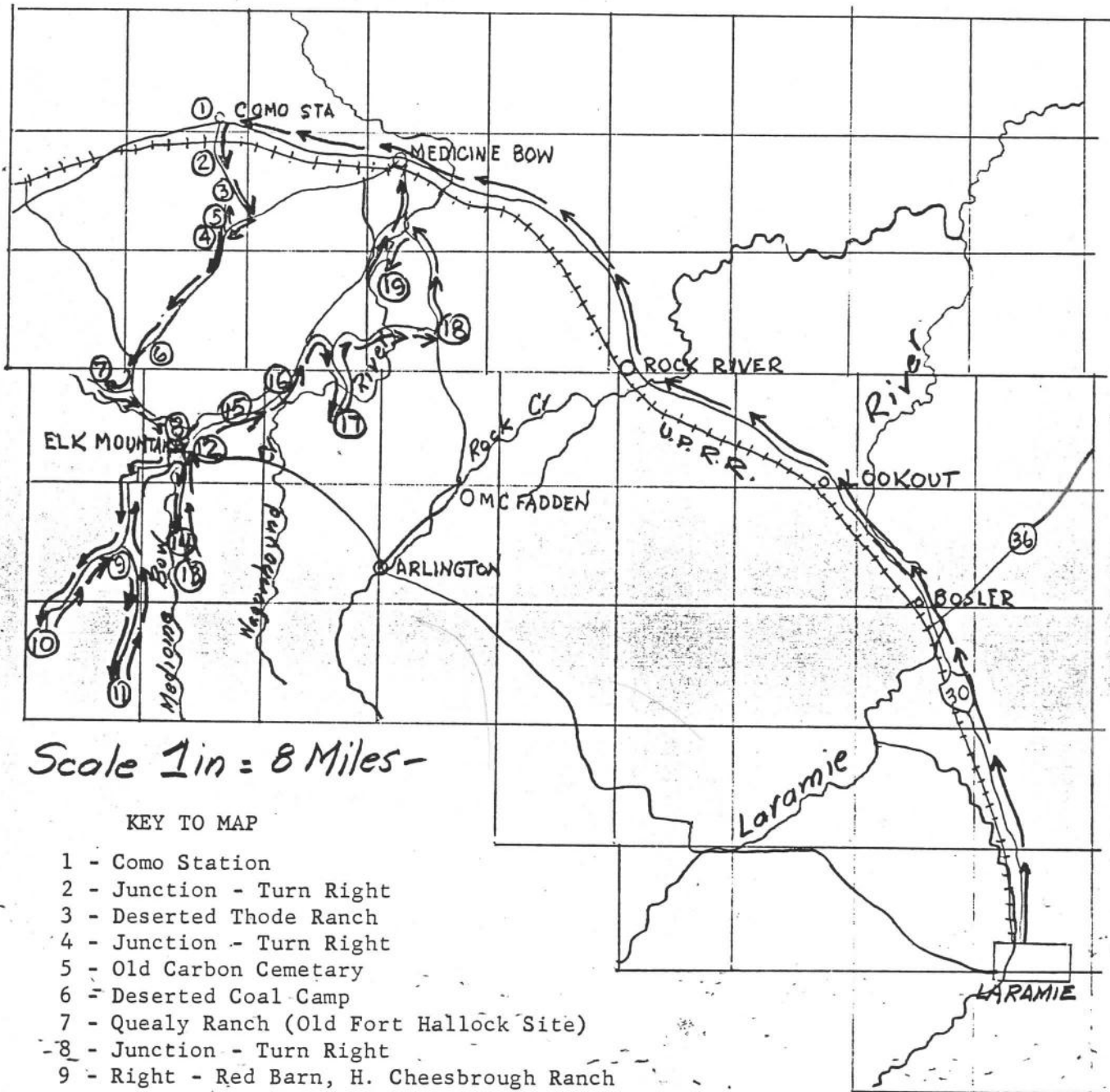


FOURTEENTH OLD TIME RANCH TOUR

July 19, 1964



Scale 1 in = 8 Miles -

KEY TO MAP

- 1 - Como Station
- 2 - Junction - Turn Right
- 3 - Deserted Thode Ranch
- 4 - Junction - Turn Right
- 5 - Old Carbon Cemetary
- 6 - Deserted Coal Camp
- 7 - Quealy Ranch (Old Fort Hallock Site)
- 8 - Junction - Turn Right
- 9 - Right - Red Barn, H. Cheesbrough Ranch
(UL Ranch, Judge Mentzer)
- 10 - Bob Johnson Ranch
- 11 - Basin Ranch: Quealy and Palm
- 12 - Overland Trail Marker
- 13 - Richardson Airport
- 14 - Richardson Ranch
- 15 - Orton Ranch
- 16 - Sam Johnson Ranch
- 17 - TL Ranch: (Connor, then Horne Bros.) Albert Irene
- 18 - Brackenberry Ranch: (Christine Cronberg)
- 19 - Spade Ranch: Horne Brothers

Fourteenth Annual Old Time Ranch Tour
Sunday, July 19, 1964

THE ELK MOUNTAIN AREA

This tour is sponsored by the Albany County Historical Society, the University of Wyoming Summer School, and the Kiwanis Club.

These Old Time Ranch Tours strive to create interest in the heritage which is ours in this high plains country. The ranches operating today go back to the beginning of the range livestock industry in the West, which occurred right here on the Laramie Plains at the site of the Overland Trail crossing of the Big Laramie River in 1869.

This tour has been arranged by Robert H. "Bob" Burns, A. S. "Bud" Gillespie, Willing G. Richardson, George Berges, Bill Riedl, John Paulsen, Col. Art Hodges and Oliver Knight.

The route will be partially over oiled roads and the balance over graded country roads and the general route is north from Laramie through Rock River and Medicine Bow, Como, Old Carbon, and Elk Mountain and the ranches along the Medicine Bow River. The total mileage from Laramie out and return to Laramie is around 260 miles.

Bring your car, family and friends, a lunch and a beverage, and be at the Albany County Court House Square in Laramie a few minutes before 6:45 on Sunday morning, July 19, 1964.

The tour will depart promptly at 7:00 A.M. after a few instructions and arrangements for rides for those who have their lunch but no transportation. All those having transportation are asked to report how many riders they can take to either Bud Gillespie, Phone 745-3030 or Bob Burns 742-2509, prior to Sunday morning if possible.

The rate of speed suggested is around 50-60 miles on the oiled highway and 30 to 45 miles per hour on the graded country roads depending on curves, surface condition of road, etc.

Each driver is urged to allow a "between-car" distance of several hundred yards between him and the car in front of him, to keep out of the dust on gravel roads and allow faster "non-tour" cars to pass the caravan on the paved highway.

The ranchmen on the route extend rest room facilities, which place a responsibility on tour members to respect the property of their ranch hosts. These ranch owners welcome our tour and give what anecdotes they have of their ranches past and present. They are quite naturally fearful of grass and general fires during the dry weather, so tour members must take every precaution in smoking.

If you must smoke, use the ash tray in your car, and do not flip lighted cigarettes or matches from your car. Make sure they are out.

Be careful about picking up souvenirs and ask any of us, or particularly the ranch owner, before taking away any souvenir. It may seem worthless to you, but is often used during a portion of the year, as were some branding irons hanging on the fence at an old ranch corral, which we were forced to ask the tour member to return to their place.

Make use of the following schedule or "Log" of the Tour and the map on the cover. These schedules will be distributed at the Court House Square--one to each car, and extras will be available at the noon-day stop. At noon, please REGISTER your name and home town on the booklets provided by the Tour Directors, as we wish a roster of those attending our Tour. Our TOUR DIRECTORS are experienced in handling the parking of large numbers of cars and if you will follow their instructions the tour will move with clock-like precision.

The State Highway Patrol will escort the Tour while we are on the Public Highway (U.S.30).

Schedule of "Log" of Fourteenth Old Time Ranch Tour

Sunday, July 19, 1964

Reference in brackets refer to pages in the book "Wyoming's Pioneer Ranches" by Burns, Gillespie and Richardson. A few copies are available for purchase. If interested speak to Bud Gillespie on the tour or phone him at 745-3030 or call at 1620 Rainbow.

	TIME	ELEVATION	MILEAGES	
			Local	Trip
LARAMIE: Courthouse Square	7:00 A.M.	7200	0.0	0.0
Diamond Horseshoe Restaurant, Motel and Station	7:05		3.2	3.2
Aunt Mary Earhart Ranch (Stone house) on left (45,50,209)	7:06		0.1	3.3
Entrance to Bosler (King Bros.) Ranch on right (312,321,523,527-557)	7:10	7165	3.8	7.1
Entrance to Roy Lundberg(Krueger) Ranch on right	7:14		1.6	8.7
Entrance to McKechnie River Ranch on left (348)	7:16		1.2	9.9
Wyoming Station on left	7:18		2.0	11.9
To north on horizon is Laramie Peak some 90 miles away.				
To West and North is Elk Mountain where we are heading today.				
Oasis Ditch	7:22		3.4	15.3
Boughton Canal (88,218)	7:24		1.8	17.1
Laramie River Bridge	7:28		0.5	17.6
Ghost Ranch (white water tower) east half a mile (217,218)	7:29		0.4	18.0
Bosler (57,212,217,521)	7:30	7000	1.1	19.1
Entrance to Diamond, Wallis(formerly Coble and Boughton) Ranch. Entrance on right. (88,218,219,224,359,361,416,425)	7:31		0.6	19.7
Schmale Bros.(Formerly S. Gillespie) Ranch on right (42,112,113,117,217,218,220,222,224-6,228,360,375,376)	7:33		1.5	21.2
Cooper Lake Station on left (218,272,394-396,405)	7:37	7200	3.3	24.5
Lookout Station on left	7:42	7300	2.9	27.4
Site of Swan Co. Wool Shed (487-518)				
Kite or McGill Ranch Road to right (224,228,229,260,364,475,478)	7:44	7400	1.9	29.3
Harper Station to left (118,119,290,425,426,667)	7:50	7300	3.8	33.1
Thornton Ranch (now Malmquist)to right in trees, 2 miles N.E. (424,425,426,429,436,546)	7:54	7100	3.0	36.1

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			Local	Trip
Fremont Nelson Ranch on left and Rock Creek Bridge (424)	7:57	7000	1.3	37.4
Rock River (79,89,216,409,423,424,470,479)	7:59	7100	0.9	38.3
Jct. Garrett road to right and Fort Halleck Trail Monument.	8:01		1.5	39.8
Big Farm at left across railroad	8:02		1.0	40.8
Ray Bottom Ranch to right	8:03	7100	1.6	42.4
Dobson or Brokaw Ranch to right (423)	8:04		1.5	43.9
Jct. Carlin Ranch and Sheep Creek or Marshall road to right: Como Fish Hatchery. (429,430,515)	8:05		0.3	44.2
Como Ridge Dinosaur Museum	8:10	7000	4.6	48.8
Entrance to Robbers' Roost Ranch on right (430)	8:14		4.2	53.0
Bridge across Medicine Bow River	8:15	6900	0.1	53.1
Schmale Bros. Ranch to right	8:17		1.5	54.6
Robbers' Roost Ranch east of Schmale bldgs.				
Medicine Bow: Site of Owen Wister's "Virginian!" "When you say that SMILE". (89,118,193,280,352,358 425,464,467,468,561,562,584,600,603,607,632,637,646)	8:19	6700	1.3	55.9
Como Station: Leave oiled road and turn to left	8:29		8.8	64.7
Cross U.R.R. Tracks. Be careful and watch for trains	8:30		0.3	65.0
Chace Ranch Headquarters to right: Bear left	8:34		1.1	66.1
Jct. Turn right on graded road	8:35		0.4	66.5
Gate and Fence	8:37		1.5	68.0
Deserted Ranch (Thode) Stone house and big barn. (613,636,641). Stay on graded road to south and west.	8:41		0.6	68.6
Pole and wire gate: Jct. Turn right on to old highway	8:45	6800	1.7	70.3
Jct.: Turn right along telephone line	8:48		1.8	72.1
Jct.: Turn right. To left are old building foundations.	8:49		0.3	72.4
Jct. Turn left	8:50		0.3	72.7
OLD CARBON CEMETARY <u>STOP</u> (376,561,578,580,582,589,690,600,603,607,608, 622,636,642)	8:51-9:20	6800	0.1	72.8
Retrace to OLD CARBON CITY RUINS. <u>STOP</u> (Foundations)	9:22-9:52		0.4	73.2
Retrace to Telephone Line and south to Jct.	9:53		0.4	73.6
Jct. Turn left over hill on graded road.	9:54		0.3	73.9
Wire gate	10:02	7000	3.4	77.3
Wire gate	10:06		1.1	78.4
Reservoir on left	10:08		0.6	79.0
Wire gate	10:12		1.7	80.7
Wire gate (A tight customer)	10:13		0.4	81.1
Deserted coal camp	10:14	7100	0.3	81.4
Jct. with paved highway: Coal Bank Hill	10:18	7200	1.3	82.7
Bloody Lake to the West (594,595)				
Jct. Turn right off of paved road.	10:19		1.0	83.7
Cross old wood road: Elk Mt. to Carbon City	10:21		1.9	85.6
Cook Homestead (deserted)	10:24		1.2	86.8
Quealy Ranch. (Fort Halleck Site) <u>STOP</u> Now Norman Palm Ranch. (391,570,579,587,593, 605,638,643,646,647)	10:27-11:00	7400	2.3	89.1
Retrace back to oiled road and turn right	11:10		5.4	94.5
Jct. with Pass Creek Road. Turn right-leave oiled road.	11:12	7000	1.0	95.5

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Turn to left: West Ranch to the West	11:14		1.2	96.7
Turn to right	11:17		1.5	98.2
Turn to left	11:18		0.5	98.7
Turn to right	11:19		0.5	99.2
Turn to left	11:20		0.5	99.7
Jct. Go straight ahead. On right-Wyo.Farm Bureau sign - V. Garretson Ranch	11:21		0.3	100.0
Jct. Go straight ahead. On right-Wyo.Farm Bureau sign - Runner Herefords.	11:22		0.5	100.5
Cattle guard	11:24	7300	1.2	101.7
Jct. Go straight ahead. On right Red barn of H. Cheesebrough. (UL Ranch, Judge Mentzer)	11:26		0.5	102.2
Sign on right: Elk Mountain, Elevation 11,162	---		0.5	102.7
Cattle guard	11:27	7500	0.2	102.9
Jct. of Large Y in road. Turn right.	11:30		1.3	103.2
Cattle Guard	11:32		1.1	104.3
John Cheesebrough ranch on left	11:33		0.3	104.6
Jct. Turn right on Pass Creek Road: Sign Saratoga 30 miles	11:35		1.1	105.7
Bob Johnson Ranch <u>STOP 2</u>	11:39-12-00	7800	0.8	106.5
Retrace route to John Cheesebrough Ranch	12:08		1.9	108.4
Cattle guard	12:09		0.2	108.6
Jct. Large Y in road. Turn right			0.1	108.7
Basin Ranch: Quealy and Palm <u>STOP FOR LUNCH</u> (587,593,597,601)	12:22-1:30	8000	8.9	117.6
Retrace route to Large Y Jct.	1:55 P.M.		9.0	126.6
Retrace route to Elk Mountain <u>REST STOP</u> - GAS	2:15-2:30	7200	8.2	134.8
Monument on left marking Overland Trail & Elk Mt.				
Crossing. Turn right on main road and over cattle guard	2:33	7400	0.5	135.3
Richardson airport: Turn right down the hill	2:39	7800	5.2	140.5
Richardson Ranch <u>STOP 3</u> (572-631)	2:24-3:15	7600	1.0	141.5
Retrace route to Overland Trail Monument and turn left. Telephone Booster Station on left	3:27		6.2	157.7
Cattle guard			0.3	158.0
Turn to right: Menke Ranch on left.	3:31		1.6	159.6
Cattle guard	3:32		0.4	160.0
Cattle guard: Orton Ranch to left	3:34		1.0	161.0
Steel Bridge across Medicine Bow River . Sam Johnson Ranch. <u>STOP 4</u> (571,573,577,631-636)	3:36	6800	1.3	162.3
Cattle guard	3:40-4:00	6800	2.3	164.6
Jct.: Turn right on Kyle Road	4:01		0.3	164.9
Jct.: Turn right on TL Road	4:07		4.6	169.5
TL Ranch (John Connor) Later Horne Bros. Albert Irene. <u>STOP</u> (636)	4:12	7200	3.1	172.6
Retrace route to Kyle Jct. and straight ahead through cattle guard with orange gate posts, just north of oil tanks.	4:26-4:45	7000	5.9	178.5
Follow road along telephone line down draw past oil sump; Brackenberry Ranch. One of first dude ranches.	5:01		3.6	182.1
<u>STOP</u> - On Medicine Bow River: Christine Cronberg (636,637)	5:07-5:20	6800	3.1	185.2
Bridge across Medicine Bow River	5:21		0.2	185.4
Jct. with McFadden-Medicine Bow Road: Turn left	5:25		1.9	187.3

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			Local	Trip
Cattle guard	5:30	6700	2.3	189.6
Cattle guard	5:35		3.7	193.3
Bridge across Medicine Bow River			0.2	193.5
Oil Tank Farm Jct.: Turn left	5:36		0.4	193.9
Spade Ranch: Horne Bros. <u>STOP</u> (637)	5:46-6:00		3.3	197.2

THIS IS END OF TOUR BUT ROUTE BACK TO LARAMIE IS GIVEN FOR REFERENCE

Retrace route to Oil Tank Farm and bear to left	6:10		3.3	200.5
Jct. Elk Mountain-Medicine Bow Road: Go straight ahead.			0.7	201.2
Cattle guard	6:12		0.9	202.1
Medicine Bow	6:15		1.7	203.8
Laramie	7:15		56.0	259.8

You have now completed our tour of the Elk Mountain Area and historic Carbon City, and Fort Halleck. So Long Pardner. See you next year!!!!