

(the Humpback), and the Navajo woman Chief (Khinibaihi), surrendered at the spot where Colonel Washington held council with the Navajo Chief Mariano Martinez and Headmen in 1849. The "Long Walk" as it was called was made by an estimated 10,000 Navajos. The journey was a very grueling 350 mile stretch to Ft. Sumner at Bosque Redondo, New Mexico, to be held as captives of the United States government for 4 years until the signing of the "Navajo Treaty of 1868. To compare their "Long Walk", it was more severe than the World War II "Bataan Death March" where the captured American soldiers walked 63 miles and then traveled by train from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell.

Under the guidance of Father Leopold Osterman the first mission was established in 1904. While Navajo Agent Ruben Perry was attempting to force Navajo children into school at Ft. Defiance he was overpowered and held captive by Doyalth'i'ih (Silent One) and his followers for 2 days. Later the soldiers captured the rebels and were sent for a year to Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay and then later moved to Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

COTTONWOOD

At the time soldiers established a camp in 1874, **Cottonwood** at that time had no name. As the community developed and more settlers moved in, it took its name from a circle of sixteen large cottonwoods growing about one-quarter of a mile away from the Verde River.

Because of a severe problem with mosquitoes which raised in thick clouds from stagnant pools left by receding floods, the town

was stricken with malaria and dysentery. They used a drug called quinine which is a white crystalline alkaloid with a very bitter taste. Almost insoluble in water, it dissolves readily in alcohol and other organic solvents. It was sold at \$4.00 an ounce and could be bought only when it was in surplus at Camp Verde. By 1879, nevertheless several families had settled there and the United States Post Office was established on March 6, 1879. Today **Cottonwood** is a thriving community.

THE HISTORIC OLD TOWN ASSOCIATION COTTONWOOD

For tourists coming in, there is no end to the entertainment. **Cottonwood** is the hub of the wheel, the heart of the Verde Valley, the books to be read between the bookends of Prescott and Flagstaff, Jerome, Sedona, Page Springs' and Camp Verde's wineries, the Verde Canyon Railroad, Blazin'M Ranch, a multitude of State and National Parks, and Ancient Indian Ruins.

Added to **Cottonwood's** appeal are: the newly renovated Old Town Center for the Arts featuring guest sounds of top notch talent such as R. Carlos Nakai, F-Stop Restaurant's world fusion cuisine now offers Friday and Saturday Dinners A La Carte or Prix Fixe, Crema with fresh gelato, now serves meals and music too, the Old Town Jail's upcoming renovation may possibly house the Verde Valley Wine Consortium, and there's a new Self-Guided Walking History Tour compiled by The Cottonwood Hotel. Other music venues include Bear's Earth Gallery, Heart and Soul, Kactus Kate's, The Green Garden, and, spontaneously, other



Car Cruz-In, 1950s Car Cruz-In (photo courtesy Historic Old Town Cottonwood Association)

Main Street locations.

Adding to the ease of arrival, Arizona Department of Transportation has approved remarking of Historic 89A signage through town plus the towns of Jerome, Clarkdale, and Sedona and Oak Creek areas. Flagstaff and Prescott now have local flights if you don't have a private plane for the Cottonwood Airport, which is also the site of RedRock Skydiving Jump Zone.

The OTA is collaborating with Ledbetter Law Firm to update and reinstall neon lighting to the antique Shep's Liquors sign, converting it to welcome folks to **Old Town**, and possibly to be a directional to the new parking lot. The old Willy's is reopening under new ownership as Bing's Burger Station with outside retro signage, soon to be another nostalgic eatery. Other established restaurants include Nic's and the Tavern Grille, Hog Wild, and the newer Thai Palace, Green Garden and Conchos Mexican.

During your stay, accommodation options include: The Historic Cottonwood Hotel, which has been lodging to stars including Mae West and John Wayne; The Sundial Motel for its old stone courtyard and artistic flair; and The Annabel Inn, **Cottonwood's** first Bed & Breakfast and an eco-friendly 3-Leaf European Cottage.

For more information please visit www.oldtown.org

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