

GHOST TOWN TO TURN INTO A WESTERN MOVIE SCENE



Arizona's oldest mining town is becoming the amateur Hollywood of the US. The ghost town of Chloride is being transformed into exactly the opposite and may attract Western movies enthusiasts from all over the globe.

It is not only the dream of teenage boys to star in Western movies, yet the dream is shared by a number of adults, especially in Mohave County. Recently a local company of a documentary film maker and a gunfighter started offering tourists the chance to play in one of their short Western films.

The business idea, which preys upon this concept is very much in its infancy, yet promises to become extremely popular in the next few years. The **oldest inhabited silver mine town of Chloride in Arizona**, founded in 1862 to coincide with the discovery of silver ore, has thus started giving John Wayne fans the chance to live their dream.

The locals built a saloon, the core of almost all Western films around 10 years ago and the film crews of Chloride use the saloon to film their clients imitating their western heroes. There are plans to open up a theatre in the town to add extra spice to the project.

The company organising the somewhat bizarre events, the Out West Family Films Corporation, believe that their projects are sure to win and that visits to Chloride will rise rapidly. Chloride is also home to an all-female gun-fighting troupe, named the Wild Roses of Chloride. They regularly perform hilarious spoofs of gun-fighting scenes.

Chloride is a ghost town, with an atmosphere very much reminiscent of the past yet not neglecting the future. Beside the mock gunfights, pie baking contests and great food, a host of modern buildings attempt to get rid of the ghost feeling around the town.

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