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To any true Clampers, with their love of history, in response to a request for history of ECV Chapter namesakes:

Joaquin Murrieta was a Mexican with an honest and peaceful disposition. In 1850 he engaged in the honest occupation of a miner in the Stanislaus placers. However, a band of lawless men severely beat him when he refused to give them his claim. They then tied him and ravished his mistress before his eyes. As Yellow Bird (a local Indian) put it: "They left him, but the soul of the young man from that moment on."

He again tried to start a life, this time farming. Again, the "Mexican intruder" was driven from his home. This time he bundled up his property, and again started forth to strike his fortune. This time he arrived at "Murphy's Diggings" in Calaveras County, where he began to mine.

Joaquin borrowed a horse from his half-brother, which turned out to be stolen. Joaquin was bound to a tree and whipped. His half-brother was hanged without judge nor jury. Again, according to Yellow Bird: "Then it was that he declared to a friend that he would live henceforth for revenge and that his path should be marked with blood. Fearfully did he keep his promise..."

Soon, many men began to be found shot or stabbed, and after a while it was realized that these were the men who joined in the whipping of Joaquin.

Joaquin was joined by Three-Fingered Jack, a man "utterly destitute of one merciful trait of humanity." Together with a band of outlaws, they lived through robbery and murder.

They never injured any man who extended them a favor and took care of many ranches and houses who afforded them shelter or assistance. They thus became associated with the legend of Robin Hood. Once, upon robbing a ranch, the owner informed Joaquin that the money was all he had in the world. Joaquin replied "I won't take it. You are a poor man and you have never injured me. Put us up for the night and I will pay you for your trouble."

Once, in Mokelumne Hill, Joaquin entered a saloon and began to gamble. He overheard a group of men discussing Joaquin, and one of the men stated: "I would just like once in my life to come across Joaquin," and that if he did he would "kill him just like a snake." The bandit Joaquin jumped up on the table, drew his revolver, and shouted "I am Joaquin! If there is any shooting to do, I am in!" The room grew silent, and Joaquin gathered his cloak from his chair and walked out without incident.

The following quote is from Yellow Bird and this Humbug believes it is of great Clamp- importance! "A Mexican rode up in a gallop and hastily dismounted. He advanced towards Joaquin, who rose at his approach, and, seeing that he was a stranger, gave him the secret sign by which any member of the organization [Joaquin's band of outlaws] might recognize another, though they had never met. It was satisfactorily returned, and the stranger immediately inquired for Joaquin..." The sign of the well jackass, no doubt! Yellow Bird obviously was a Clamper. SATISFACTORY!

Upon once seeing a reward sign with Joaquin's face and the sum of \$5,000.00, Joaquin got off his horse and wrote on the poster: "I will give \$10,000. Joaquin." Nothing else was talked about for weeks, especially by the ladies.

It is alleged that Captain Harry Love decapitated Joaquin, but of course this is not so. He continues to ride throughout California, mostly in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. He occasionally goes elsewhere when accompanied by two ECV 13 Hawkers and XNGH Chuck Gavrilis and the little green table.

You wanted history on Joaquin? You got it, more than you wanted no doubt. But it is early Sunday morning, I have had too much coffee and now I am finished.

Adios!

Pee Wee Joaquin!

(Scott Jenny, XNGH of the Murderous Chapter 13!)