

"Edgar Rice Burroughs Hunted the Apache Kid" by Frank Puncer

Rio Rico Historical Society Membership Meeting

September 17, 2019, 6:30 pm at Rio Rico Community Center

391 Avenida Coatimundi, Rio Rico, AZ 85648



We are very fortunate to have one of our members, Edgar Rice Burroughs historian Frank Puncer, be our speaker for our September 17, 2019, Rio Rico Historical Society General Membership Meeting. Frank will share with us the story just published in the July 2019 issue of True West magazine, and also presented to the ERB-Fest in Willcox in August.

Edgar Rice Burroughs, world-famous author/creator of Tarzan and John Carter of Mars, served in the 7th U.S. Cavalry in Arizona Territory in 1896-1897. His Troop B, 7th Cavalry went scouting from Fort Grant in search of the famed renegade outlaw Apache Kid. Burroughs wrote about his cavalry experiences which inspired him to write a pair of well-researched Apache War novels in the 1920s. These books were *The War Chief* (1927) and *Apache Devil* (1933). Burroughs returned many times to Arizona for vacations and writing inspiration.

The Arizona influence can be particularly felt in his Martian novels, besides his realistic Apache War books.

Frank Puncer is a Navy veteran of Vietnam (1968) and a 1976 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a B.A. in English and Philosophy. He has collected, studied and written about the life and works of Edgar Rice Burroughs for 45 years. His ERB related articles have appeared in the magazines *Collector's World*, *True Treasure*, and *The Antiques Journal*. He is a frequent contributor to

The Burroughs Bulletin published at the University of Louisville, KY, home of the world's largest institutional collection of Edgar Rice Burroughs.