

Tuesday morning we took a ride along the Chisholm Trail courtesy of guest speaker Kel Anderson. Kel is related to club member Dick Anderson. Kel told his story with the use of a slide presentation, a guitar, and singing of songs old cowboys sang along the trail. A distant relative of the Andersons named Tyler Sprague helped drive longhorn cattle along the trail. The Chisholm is a 700 mile trail stretching from San Antonio, Texas to Abilene, Kansas. From 1867-1889, cowboys herded approximately 6 million head of longhorns along this route. They faced many hazards along the way. These included dangerous river crossings; Red River, Arkansas River, and Cimmaron. Various weather conditions had to be dealt with: heat, rain, wind storms, snow and cold. Also different Indian tribes posed problems for the drovers. Among the worst were the Comanches. Each of the cattle drives took 2-3 months. Once the Abilene destination was reached, the cattle were shipped east by rail to New York. Among the songs Kel sang were "Cattle Call" complete with yodeling, "Bury Me Not on the Old Prairie", "Don't Fence Me In", and "Happy Trails".

Kiwanis business: July 13---- Next pop can collection.  
July 16--- Kiwanis Governor Jan Burch to speak in LeMars.  
Aug. 2--- Division 6 meeting in Aurelia  
Aug. 10,11--- NE/IA District Convention in Des Moines.

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