

# STATE OF ARIZONA HISTORICAL MARKER

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Plaque: **Lost Dutchman Plaque # 16**

Name of Plaque: **Chloride Mining Camp**

Location of Plaque: **Chloride, AZ Lat/Long: 35.413278N -114.19927W**

Explain the Design of the Plaque and Base: **Bronze on concrete pedestal**

Date of Dedication: **04/27/1996**

President of Chapter at time of Dedication: **Frank "Martini" Gregorius, NGH#7**

Are requested Photos enclosed? Yes  / No

Exact Wording of the Plaque:

## CHLORIDE

### "OLDEST SILVER MINING TOWN IN ARIZONA"

**FOUNDED IN 1862 WITH THE DISCOVERY OF SILVER, CHLORIDE, BECAME THE FIRST MINING TOWN OF THE CERBAT MOUNTAINS. DURING ITS HEYDAY, 1900-1920, THE POPULATION SWELLED TO OVER 2,000 WITH 75 MINES IN OPERATION. CHLORIDE WAS THE FIRST INCORPORATED TOWN IN ARIZONA, THE HOME OF THE STATES OLDEST ALL-VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE STATE'S OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING US POST OFFICE ESTABLISHED IN 1871.**

**CHLORIDE WAS SERVED BY THE BUTTERFIELD STAGE FROM 1890 TO 1919 AND BY THE SANTA FE RAILROAD FROM 1898 TO 1939.**

**CHLORIDE LIVES ON TODAY WITH LOCAL CITIZENS PROUD OF ITS HISTORY.**

**DEDICATED APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> 1996  
LOST DUTCHMAN CHAPTER 5917  
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