Welcome to our newsletter for the 2017 Old Spanish Trail Association Conference! We’ll be sending out news and information about our conference every few weeks between now and October, letting you know about our plans, how to register, special features, and a few previews of our presentations.

The 2017 Old Spanish Trail Association Conference

October 5 - 8
Barstow, California

OSTA Experts Lead Presentations

Richard Waller – will share his experiences from his Old Spanish Trail Trek, riding mules and horses along the trail from the Cajon Pass in California to Santa Fe, NM in 2014-15. Richard is the past President of the Backcountry Horsemen of California.

Walter Feller – will present photographs portraying the landscape of the Old Spanish Trail. He is a noted photographer and author of www.digital-desert.com.

Nancy Melendez – the new California State Director of OSTA will share the story of Lorenzo Trujillo who brought a party of New Mexican colonists to California in the early 1840’s and established the earliest settlement in Riverside County.

Jack Pritchett – the President of the OSTA Tecopa Chapter, will discuss mapping the mule trace and later wagon road in the Emigrant Pass area between the Amargosa River and the Nevada border.

Pre-registration fees are only $75 for OSTA members, which includes all presentations, Friday buffet lunch, field trips, reception, and refreshments. Special new member rates, student rates and one-day rates are also available.

Click here to register today—remember, rates go up after Sept. 1!

Self-guided field trips complete the picture of this history-rich area!

Trujillo Adobe and Agua Mansa Cemetery – Thursday. Earliest settlement in Riverside County.

Town of Daggett – Thursday afternoon. Location of Old Spanish Trail through town. It was also the terminus of 20-mule teams, a blacksmith shop, stone hotel, and museum.

Forks in the Road - Sunday morning. Where two major branches of the Old Spanish Trail split

Bitter Springs – To be determined. Located on Fort Irwin, we are working with the U.S. Army to allow access to this stop along the Old Spanish Trail

Fifth Annual California Old Spanish Trail Day at the Desert Discovery Center – Saturday

Main Street Mural Tour departing from Desert Discovery Center – Saturday morning

Harvey House and Route 66 - Sunday morning.

Inbound and Outbound Self-Guiding Tours of significant locations along the Old Spanish Trail - Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning.

The Quality Inn, 1520 E Main Street, is hosting the Conference. Reservations at the Quality Inn are available at a discount rate of $75 per night for occupancy by 1-2 persons. Call (760) 256-6891 to make reservations individually. Make sure to mention you are with the Old Spanish Trail Association to receive the discount rate.

OSTA Meetings and Site Tours

Richard Waller, OSTA President, will announce the state of the organization.

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