



The 2017 Old Spanish Trail Association Conference October 5 - 8 Barstow, California

Pathways From the Past Lead to the Future

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.

Register Now

The 2017 OSTA Conference will explore links from the historic period of the Old Spanish Trail to the present. From Utah to California, the historical routes of the western portion of the Old Spanish Trail evolved into the Salt Lake Road, Arrowhead Highway, U.S. 91, and Interstate 15. The people that traveled the Old Spanish Trail, and these later routes, settled and established numerous communities in California.

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!

Barstow is the City of Murals and many of them depict the Old Spanish Trail. One of our guided tours will take you downtown to show you this unique artwork — some were produced by local school children!



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 (includes free cooked-to-order hot breakfast).

Please 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 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.



Spanish Trail Association 2017 National Conference – Preliminary Schedule, Friday & Saturday October 5-8, 2017 – Barstow, CA (Also Optional Field Trips Thursday & Sunday)

Theme: Pathways From the Past Lead to the Future

The Old Spanish Trail (OST) often following Native American trails established the path for roads, highways, railroads, and interstates

(Schedule subject to change without notice. Presentations will be in adjoining meeting rooms for easy access to the session of your choice.)

Friday, October 6		Saturday, October 7	
9:00	Opening Remarks & Setting (1850's Survey Maps showing the OST) – Ashley Hall / Nelson Miller	8:00	General Meeting – Old Spanish Trail Association membership
10:00	Emigrant Pass Mule Trace Report - Jack Pritchett, OSTA	10:00	Old Spanish Trail Day at the Desert Discovery Center
11:00	Break - Refreshments		
11:15	Jefferson Hunt, First Wagon Train along OST - Tom Sutak, OSTA		
12:15	Brfg./Trng. on Establishing Partnership Site Certifications – National Park Service (NPS)		
	Brfg./Trng. on Developing Sign Plans for OSNHT Segments – NPS		
12:15	Buffet Lunch (included with conference registration)		Lunch on own
1:30	Links to the Arrowhead Highway, 1 st all-weather road L.A. to Salt Lake City – Leo Lyman, OSTA	2:00	Celestial Navigation Along the Old Spanish Trail - Al Matheson, OSTA
2:30	Status of Sign Plan for Mojave Desert OSNHT – Zack Pratt, BLM		Native American Perspectives – Charles F. Wood (Chairman, Chemehuevi Tribe)
3:30	Economic Opportunities and Factors of OST – David Earle	3:00	Slave Trade along the OST - Cliff Walker, OSTA
3:45	Break - Refreshments	4:00	Break - Refreshments
4:45	OST Settlements - Agua Mansa Cemetery & Trujillo Adobe - Nancy Melendez, OSTA	4:15	Settlers of the OST – Alexander King, OSTA
6:00	Archaeology along the Mojave Desert OST - Jim Shearer, BLM		Pictorial Landscapes along the OST - Walter Feller
7:30	TBD	6:30	Banquet – Registration required - \$25
	Reliving the Old Spanish Trail Ride, 2015 - Richard Waller (OSTA) & Otis Calef		
	Reception - Mojave River Valley Museum w/ Buzzard Rock Ramblers		
	Dinner on own		

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 black smith 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.



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