



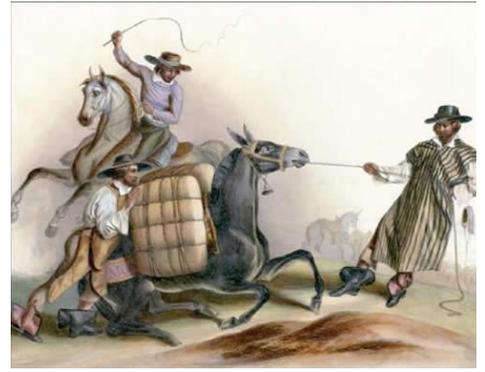
OLD SPANISH TRAIL ASSOCIATION

24th Annual National Conference

October 5-8, 2017

Quality Inn

1520 E Main Street, Barstow, California 92311



Theme: Pathways From the Past Lead to the Future

The Conference will explore links from the historic period of the Spanish Trail to the present. For the western portion of the Old Spanish Trail, west of Parowan, Utah, the physical links include the Salt Lake Road, Arrowhead Highway, U.S. 91, and Interstate 15. The people that traveled the Old Spanish Trail settled and established numerous communities in California.

Costs: Preregistration fees are only \$75 for OSTA members, which includes all presentations, Friday buffet lunch, field trips, reception, and refreshments. See the registration form for additional information.

Accommodations: The Quality Inn, 1520 E Main Street, Barstow, California 92311, 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 Quality Inn at (760) 256-6891 to make reservations individually. Make sure to mention you are with the Old Spanish Trail Association to receive the discount rate.

There are a variety of other hotels in Barstow and nearby Lenwood (location of the Barstow Outlet Center) ranging from \$40 to \$135 per night.

Conference Tracks: This year's Conference will have two tracks of presenters providing 14 or more presentations sharing different aspects of the Old Spanish Trail and the people that traveled it. Presentations will be in adjoining meeting rooms so that Conference participants will be able to easily shift between meeting rooms to hear the presentations of their choice.

Presentations: Some of the presentations already confirmed are briefly described below. Please watch the Old Spanish Trail website for further information and updates regarding the Conference.

- **Nelson Miller** - will present information regarding the precise alignment of the Old Spanish Trail from maps prepared by the Surveyor General's Office which laid out the Townships and Ranges across California. This effort commenced in 1855 and the "Old Trail" or "Salt Lake Road" are virtually the only road or trail shown on these survey maps across the Mojave Desert.
- **Tom Sutak** – author of "Into the Jaws of Hell" will relate how Jefferson Hunt traveled the Old Spanish Trail in 1847–48 with a pack train to obtain supplies for Salt Lake City and then in 1849 led a wagon train of settlers along the trail and helped establish the colony of San Bernardino.
- **Leo Lyman** – well-known author of numerous books and articles about the Old Spanish Trail will describe links between the trail and the Arrowhead Highway. This highway was one of the significant automobile routes in the early 1900's.
- **Al Matheson** – will describe celestial navigation techniques that were in use during the historic period and share some of his collection of antique navigation instruments of the period. Col. Matheson is a Master Navigator and Senior Space Operations Officer with a decorated career in the Air Force. He is a noted speaker and lecturer on National Historic Trails, aviation archeology, and was recently the Utah Director of the Old Spanish Trail Association.

- **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 colonists from New Mexico to California in the early 1840's and established the earliest settlement in Riverside County.
- **Jack Pritchett** – Mapping the Mule Trace and the wagon road in the Emigrant Pass area between Amargosa River and the Nevada border.

Other presentations are anticipated, including:

- National Park Service regarding the Comprehensive Administrative Strategy on the Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- Historic pathways in the Cajon Pass
- Genealogy of the Lorenzo Trujillo family
- Native Americans and the Old Spanish Trail
- Economics of the Old Spanish Trail

Field Trips. A variety of optional field trips will be provided on Thursday, October 5 and Sunday, October 8. In addition, Conference participants will be able to celebrate the Fifth Annual California Old Spanish Trail Day at the Desert Discovery Center on Saturday, October 7. The anticipated field trips include:

- Trujillo Adobe and Agua Mansa Cemetery – Thursday afternoon. Earliest settlement in Riverside County.
- Town of Daggett – Thursday afternoon. Terminus of 20-mule teams, black smith shop, stone hotel and museum.
- Forks in the Road - Thursday afternoon and 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
- Harvey House and Main Street Murals - Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning.
- Inbound and Outbound Self-Guiding tours of significant locations along the Old Spanish Trail - Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning.
- Fifth Annual California Old Spanish Trail Day at the Desert Discovery Center - Saturday morning

Barstow Area Attractions: For those significant others who are interested in other activities there are four free museums in Barstow: *Mojave River Valley Museum* (which also has the best bookstore anywhere on the Mojave Desert), *Route 66 Mother Road Museum at the Harvey House*, the *Western American Railroad Museum also at the Harvey House*, and the *Desert Discovery Center*. Barstow is the location of the largest rail yard west of the Mississippi River. *Calico Ghost Town*, ten miles east of Barstow, is the renovated mining town restored by Walter Knott, who then recreated many of the attractions at the original Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park. *Rainbow Basin Natural Area* is a beautiful area of multi-colored rock formations and scenic canyons. *Barstow Outlet Centers* was one of the first outlet centers in California and is a frequent stop for Las Vegas bound travelers.

Camping: For those who may be interested in camping, there are a variety of nearby full-service RV Parks and primitive camping opportunities available. Both Calico Ghost Town and Barstow/Calico KOA have full and partial hookups and tent camping. There is also dry camping at Rainbow Basin (Owl Canyon - \$6/night) and Sawtooth Canyon (Free) BLM campgrounds. For more information, contact Nelson Miller, Conference Chair.

Other Information: Please watch the Old Spanish Trail website for further information and updates regarding the Conference. If you have questions, or need more information, please contact Nelson Miller, 2017 Conference Chair, at: nemiller47@yahoo.com.