



# Old Spanish Trail Association National Conference October 5-8, 2017

*Theme: Pathways From the Past Lead to the Future*

## **Guided Field Trips, Reception and Dinners**

**(Note: For all Field Trips, you will need to drive your personal vehicle to the location.)**

**Further Note: If you plan to attend the Thursday or Sunday Field Trips, please e-mail Nelson Miller at [Nemiller47@yahoo.com](mailto:Nemiller47@yahoo.com), so that we have an approximate count of attendees.**

### **Agua Mansa Pioneer Cemetery and Trujillo Adobe: Thursday, October 5, 10:00 AM**

Tour will begin at 10:00am at Agua Mansa Pioneer Cemetery, 2001 Agua Mansa Road, Colton, CA 92324. at 10:00 AM (parking inside the cemetery grounds). Attendees will be welcomed by Spanish Town Heritage Foundation and OSTA Agua Mansa Chapter member Darlene Elliot. Jennifer Dickerson, San Bernardino Museum Curator, will conduct the Agua Mansa Tour. Please wear closed toed shoes and note that the cemetery grounds are uneven and unpaved.

At 11:00am, attendees will caravan to the Trujillo Adobe (about 3 miles) at 3669 Center Street, Riverside, CA 92507. (Park along Center Street.) Darlene Trujillo Elliot and Sharon Trujillo Kasner along with Riverside County Park Ranger Margie Valdez will guide you through the Adobe and share their family's story of migration, community building, and their lasting effects upon the community of Riverside as it stands today. Lorenzo Trujillo brought his family along the Old Spanish Trail in 1838 and settled in this area.

At noon, attendees will caravan to Riverside's Historic Mission Inn's Las Campanas restaurant for a no-host lunch and to view the original San Salvador bell that saved the people of La Placita/Agua Mansa during the flood of 1862. After lunch, tour attendees are free to explore the City of Riverside on their own and travel to Barstow for the Conference, which is about 90 minutes travel time.

### **Historic Town of Daggett: Thursday, October 5, 1:00 PM**

Meet at the Daggett Museum, 33703 Second St., Daggett, CA 92327. Guided tour of the Museum, Old Stone Hotel, and the Alf Black Smith Shop and 20-mule team wagons. Daggett is about 7 miles east of Barstow on I-40, or exit Ghost Town Road off the I-15.

Daggett was established in the 1880's along the Old Spanish Trail and Mormon Road. It served the Calico Mining District and the borax mines of the U.S. Borax Co. Alf's Blacksmith Shop was known for building the borax wagons made famous by the Death Valley 20-Mule-Team Borax freighters. Regular visitors to the Old Stone Hotel included: Death Valley Scotty, Wyatt Earp, Naturalist John Muir, and "Borax" Smith.

For a bit of nostalgia, have lunch before you arrive for the tour, at the authentic Peggy Sue's 50's Diner, 35654 Yermo Rd, Yermo, CA 92398, located 2 ½ miles north of Daggett, just east of the Yermo-Daggett Rd (Ghost Town Road from the I-15). Be sure to check the gift shop for even more nostalgia too!

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**Dinner at Idle Spurs Restaurant, 690 Old Highway 58, Barstow, CA 92311: Thursday, October 5, 6:30 PM.**

Advance registration required for group dinner.

**Reception at Mojave River Valley Museum, 270 E. Virginia Way, Barstow, CA: Friday, October 6, 6:00 PM**

The Museum is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the scientific, historical and cultural heritage of the Mojave River Valley. The Museum also has the best bookstore on the Mojave Desert anywhere. Refreshments. Entertainment by the Buzzard Rock Ramblers.

**Old Spanish Trail Day at the Desert Discovery Center, 831 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA: Saturday, October 7, 10:00 AM**

The Fifth Annual Old Spanish Trail Day at the Desert Discovery Center. Family fun, entertainment, children's activities, presentations, educational booths.

**Main Street Mural Tour: Saturday, October 7, 11:30 AM**

Board a bus at the Desert Discovery Center, 831 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA, for a one hour, guided tour of the 20 or so large murals painted on buildings in downtown Barstow. About half of these murals relate to the Old Spanish Trail or travelers along the trail.

**Banquet at Los Domingos Restaurant at the Quality Inn, 1520 E Main St., Barstow, CA: Saturday, October 7, 6:30 PM**

Advance registration required for banquet.

**Forks of the Road and Wagon Tracks: Sunday, October 8, 9:00 AM**

Meet in front of the Quality Inn at 9:00 AM. Nelson Miller will lead a caravan to several sites along the Old Spanish Trail, where you can still see wagon tracks and a couple of historic markers. High clearance vehicles are recommended for the Forks of the Road, but we can carpool. Forks of the Road is where two branches of the trail split, the Mormon Trail and the Mojave Road. Other sites are accessible by regular passenger cars.

At the end of the tour, especially intrepid individuals may also follow Nelson to see a possible mule trace and wagon tracks at Impassable Pass at the head of Spanish Canyon, adjacent to Fort Irwin.

**Bitter Springs – Cancelled (U. S. Army could not accommodate us on Fort Irwin)**