OLD SPANISH TRAIL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ASSOCIATION ALPINE/FORT DAVIS OST100 CONFERENCE CENTENNIAL +2 REENACTMENT OF 1920 OST WEST TEXAS EXCURSION MARCH 24 – 26, 2022

OST100 CENTENNIAL REENACTMENT REGISTRATION IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, ANYONE LOVING THE OPEN ROAD. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE ENOUGH COMPLIMENTARY FOOD AND MATERIALS DONATED BY GENEROUS BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS. REGISTRATION DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022



Fort Davis National Historic Site (U.S. National Park Service) www.nps.gov/foda

WEATHER

Late March provides warm sunny days and cold starlit nights in west Texas. Both swim suit and warm outer wear may be needed. Layers always good for traveling and air-conditioned or heated buildings.

VENUES

Quarter Circle 7 Hotel Parker

2800 West Hwy 90, Alpine, Texas 79830 Phone: (432) 837-1100 qc7hotel.com infofrontdesk@quartercircle7hotel.com

Quarter Circle Seven Hotel Parker is offering special sleeping room rates for the conference. The OST100 Conference Rate will



be \$125.10 plus tax nightly for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 24 – 26, 2022. Current local and state taxes are 13%. Check-in time 3pm, check-out 11am. Conference rate will be available before and after above days based upon availability. When making reservations, be sure to ask for the Old Spanish Trail Centennial Celebration (OST100) conference rate. **Special rate reservations must be made by Friday, February 25, 2022**.

Cancellations are to be made 72 hours prior to arrival date and will be handled on a case by case basis. Room rate includes Continental breakfast, free WiFi, parking, and indoor swimming pool.

Quarter Circle 7 Outdoor Event Pavilion will be the site of the Thursday evening Welcome Reception

Alpine Depot

102 W Holland Ave. Alpine, Texas 79830 Is where we will meet those arriving via AMTRAK, accurately reenacting the 1920 excursion to Alpine by the OST Board of Directors and highway designers.



Friday, March 25th Seminar and Exhibits will be in the **Alpine Civic Center end of City Hall Building** 100 N. 13th Street Between Holland Ave. and Ave. "E" Alpine, Texas 79830 432-837-3301



Alpine photo courtesy of Big Bend Gazette.



Saturday, March 26th Motorcade to Ft. Davis, Texas we will be having our picnic lunch under the pines, on the lawn of the 1910 Classic Revival style **Jeff Davis County Courthouse** with recessed columned porticoes and a Beaux-Arts clock tower renovated in 2002.

THURSDAY WELCOME RECEPTION Thursday, March 24, 2022

10:38am (or upon arrival) MEETING THE TRAIN and those reenacting the 1920 passenger train ride to Alpine.

6pm - 8pm WELCOME RECEPTION Quarter Circle 7 Pavilion. Many local historic, preservation, and civic organizations and businesses helped prepare for or sponsor this conference. Their members have been invited to register and join us this evening in the outdoor Pavilion of the Quarter Circle 7 Hotel to meet the lecturers, authors, and conventioneers, some of whom have come many, many miles to share their enthusiasm for the Old Spanish Trail auto highway. Scrumptious QC7 Spicewood Restaurant hors d'oeuvres will be provided by our sponsors and a cash bar available.

FRIDAY SYMPOSIUM, EXHIBITS, and PLENARY SESSION Friday, March 25, 2022

8am - 10am Complimentary BREAKFAST BUFFET in the Lecture and Exhibit Hall of the Alpine Civic Center.

8:30am - Noon SYMPOSIUM in the Alpine Civic Center. Speakers knowledgeable about the 1920s provide insight into transportation of that era, and how to preserve and commemorate the memorable sites along the way.

8:30 – 8:50am **Charlotte Kahl** Basics of Centennial Celebration Living near the San Antonio Headquarters Section of the Old Spanish Trail auto highway, Charlotte was appointed in 2004 to create a national centennial celebration to commemorate the history of those early roadbuilding pioneers and preserve their work.

8:55 - 9:25am **Hugh Hemphill** *Why the 20s Roared !* Hugh, longtime manager of the Texas Transportation Museum in San Antonio, has written a book about Texas railroads, and <u>San Antonio on Wheels</u>, tracing the history from horses and mules to today's interstate system. Hugh is originally from Scotland but has lived in San Antonio for almost thirty years.



9:30 -10am **Warren Nutt** *Pecos County OST* Roaming the ranch land along the OST as a youth, Warren began his lifelong search for transportation items of interest. As present owner of that land, he is marking the significant sites and will share what he has found with us.

10:05 - 10:35am Melba Montoya Site Events and Projects

Melba with Fort Stockton Convention Center will talk about what it has taken to document historically important moments and create events and projects at historic sites. Michael Aku Rodriguez will finish with how we can capture video to promote these moments, events, and projects.

10:45 - 11:15am **Jennifer Nottingham** *Preservation Partnerships* Grey Forest Councilwoman Jennifer Nottingham will tell of the partnerships formed during the decade of challenges met to preserve and commemorate the rural OST north-west of San Antonio in Bexar County, Texas



11:25 – 12 noon **Departments of Transportation BEYOND**, 1920s Maps and More

Noon - 2pm Complimentary BUFFET LUNCH will be available in Alpine Civic Center Exhibit Hall

12:30pm - 4pm EXHIBITS The large Alpine Civic Center will become the Old Spanish Trail Exhibit Hall for the afternoon. Join the gathering of enthusiasts informally discussing their knowledge of the history of the Old Spanish Trail auto highway and the development of vehicles that ship the freight and carry the travelers along that highway. Your city, county, or parish can take this opportunity to share stories of your OST corridor's successful preservation, beautification and revitalization efforts.



1:20pm -1:40pm PLENARY SESSION A 20-minute official business meeting of the Old Spanish Trail Centennial Celebration Association (OST100) will take place among the exhibits in the Alpine Civic Center. Just as the 1920s OST Association invited federal, state and local elected officials to hear the discussions of how to pave a transcontinental highway across the southern gulf and border states, OST100 host organizations, partners, and those attending this conference will create resolutions to enhance the Old Spanish Trail scenic route of today. City and County/Parish exhibitors will receive an artistic document painted by 1920s OST artist Mary Bonner recognizing their area as an OFFICIAL OST CITY, COUNTY, or PARISH to present to city mayors, county judges or supervisors, and parish presidents.

SATURDAY DRIVE to CITY of FORT DAVIS, TEXAS



Photo Julie B. Connerley

Saturday, March 26, 2022 MOTORCADE JEFF DAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

In 1920 OST Board members and County and State highway engineers came to Alpine by railroad. They spent a few weeks being entertained by businessmen of various towns in the area lobbying for the new OST highway to pass through their communities. They were driven in large touring cars along the military, stage, and freight routes crisscrossing this area, assessing the feasibility of paving them for auto and truck traffic. There will be a free van for those registered to ride with the motorcade.

8:30am The OST van and drivers of vintage and modern vehicles will gather in the Quarter Circle 7 Hotel parking lot to depart.
Promptly at 9am the motorcade will proceed east on the traditional military route US 90 to the old freight road Hwy 118 from Alpine north. From Alpine we will be following the western edge of the large 06 Ranch owned for generations by the Kokernot family. As we near the County Courthouse in Fort Davis, we will be driving over a portion of the El Paso-San Antonio stage coach road. That dusty road today passes the courthouse, Overland Trail Museum and enters Fort Davis National Historic Site.
10:30am Arrive at Jeff Davis County Courthouse for complimentary picnic lunch. We will be welcomed by Jeff Davis County Commissioners just as those of the OST contingent were in 1920.

2:15pm Reboard van at the Courthouse.

2:30pm promptly OST100 van departs Courthouse for drive to Quarter Circle 7 Hotel in Alpine. **3:30pm** Arrive QC7 Hotel.

Although the OST100 conference is free, registrations are required for each event. Please be sure to mark boxes for all events you will be attending. If you expect to have guests with you for any part of conference, please have them register also to ensure adequate materials and foods will be available.

PLEASE SUBMIT REGISTRATION BY FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022.

Various Brewster, Pecos, and Jeff Davis County, Texas state, county, and city entities; and local organizations have generously offered their resources to enable OST100 to provide free events for this conference. As a courtesy to organizers and event coordinators, if you have registered and find you will be unable to attend, please notify us before March 20. If you or your business would like to sponsor materials, transportation shuttles, snacks, or meals please see the SPONSORSHIP section below for advice.

Questions about registration, particular events, exhibits, etc. (210)735-3503 or OST100Kahl@aol.com.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON www.oldspanishtrailcentennial.com.

EXHIBITS

Free table spaces will be available in Alpine Civic Center Noon to 4pm Friday, March 25, 2022 to share your county/parish or city's accomplishments in preserving or revitalizing OST corridor roadway, businesses, or historic sites. Please coordinate your exhibit with Charlotte Kahl (210)735-3503 or OST100Kahl@aol.com. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR EXIBIT FORM BY FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

SPONSORSHIP

Conference sponsorship opportunities are available for entities that wish to partially or entirely sponsor buffet meals, snacks, social events, materials, shuttle service to tour sites, or general overall conference sponsorship. For sponsorship questions please contact: Charlotte Kahl (210)735-3503 or OST100Kahl@aol.com.