Southern Trails to CaliforniaMarch 27-30, 2014

Open to the Public ---- No charge

A two-day symposium March 27-28 about Southern California history presented by the Southern Trails Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) at the City of Temecula's Conference Center is followed by other events in Temecula on Saturday and Sunday (see below). The two-day symposium is open to the public* free of charge, but they should sign-up before March 15th because the number of seats is limited. If you want to attend Thursday and Friday, please email Anne Miller at DMEAJM@earthlink.net to have your name put on the list. Your name, but not your email, will be provided to the STC members handling the registration table.

*OCTA members are being charged a fee for Thursday and Friday

Thursday March 27

- 7:00 Volunteers set up displays, silent auction, coffee
- 7:30 Registration
- 8:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 OCTA film "Saving a Legacy"
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Phil Brigandi Emigrants on the Southern Trails
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Anne Miller When the "Right Trail" Goes the Wrong Way
- 11:45 Lunch on your own.
- 1:00 Dennis Carlos Anza: The Man and the Route
- 2:00 Tom Sutak Mormon Battalion: Yuma Crossing to San Diego
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Paul McClure & Reba Grandrud Old Spanish Trail
- 3:45 to 6 Book signing/Dinner on your own. Conference Center open the entire time.
- 6:30-8:30 Public showing of OCTA award-winning film "In Pursuit of a Dream"

Friday March 28

- 8:00 Registration, Silent auction
- 9:00 Will Bagley Salt Lake to Southern California Road: Route and Travelers
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Nick Cataldo Over Cajon Pass to the San Bernardino Valley
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Frank Norris Butterfield Overland Mail: A Proposed National Historic Trail
- 11:45 Lunch on your own.
- 1:00 Southern Trails Chapter Meeting
- 3:00 Temecula Valley Museum 28314 Mercedes, Light Refreshments.

Saturday March 29 Open to the Public – No charge

10 am - 4 pm Temecula Valley Museum. A Walking Tour of Old Town at 10 am (If the 10 am Walking Tour is full, a 1 pm tour may be scheduled). Sign up for the Walking Tour is required by 3 pm Friday, March 28.

10 am – 4 pm First Day of VaRRA's two-day Open House at the Little Temecula History Center (a wonderful small museum) and the nearby Historic Vail Ranch site. The History Center is located west of Kohl's in the shopping center at the southeast corner of Temecula and Redhawk Parkways. This event is free and open to the public. A number of authors will be autographing and selling their books. There will be a Southern Emigrant Trail display.

Sunday March 30 Open to the Public – No charge

Noon to 5 pm Second Day of VaRRA's Open House event above