



President's Letter



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Dear Fellow Historians,

Here we are once again getting ready for the Fall Meeting of Permian Historical Society. The meeting will be held in Pecos, Texas at the beautiful West of the Pecos Museum. It is an old hotel and saloon which maintains much of its original looks with history seeping out of every nook and cranny. The upstairs rooms each are fixed to portray a certain era or person or just to display certain articles. There is a beautiful patio where we may be able to eat our lunch, but if the weather does not cooperate then we shall eat in the *SALOON*. It has an interesting history of its own—which you will learn about when you attend the PHS meeting.

The meeting will be Oct 22, 2011 and will begin at 9:00 A.M. as usual. Registration and “Happy Hour” will begin at 9:00, Board Meeting at 9:15, and paper presentations will begin at 10:00.

Lunch will be catered by the members of the Museum board at a cost of \$12. Pre-registration is required to be able to have a head count for lunch.

Annual #51 will be available to be picked up by paid up PHS members in attendance & will be sent to those who are unable to attend. They also will be for sale at the meeting.

2011 late dues may be paid at this time which will also get you an annual #51. 2012 dues will be due Jan. 1, 2012 & a reminder will be sent out prior to that due date. Help our treasurer!

I will be looking forward to seeing, meeting, and visiting with all of you.

Peggy Kelton
President of PHS



Permian Historical Society

West of the Pecos Museum

22 October, 2011

Before General Meeting

9:00 A.M. **Registration**—Coffee and breakfast treats; Visiting; Viewing of displays. Buy books to benefit PHS.

9:15 A.M. **Board of directors meeting.**

General Meeting 10:00 A.M.

Welcome Peggy Kelton—President of Permian Historical Society

Betty Cash—Introduction of proposed presenters.

Dorinda Millan: “History of Pecos and the Museum”

Dorinda is a staff member of the West of the Pecos Museum

Evans Turpin: “Ranch Hand Finds Pictographs in West

Texas”. Evans Turpin is an avocational archeologist and a

Charter member of the Iraan Archeology Society since 1965

Wiley Dabbs: Ranching in West Texas—Marfa area.

Dan Kalenak: Something New About Benjamin Franklin

Dan Kalenak is a former TV broadcaster. He has studied

Benjamin Franklin extensively and dresses as him and tells

his story to school students around the Permian Basin.

(Tai Kreidler——Pending)

Casting of ballots for Best Presentation Award that will be given at Spring 2012 meeting;

Best Presentation Award from the Spring 2011 meeting: Craig Fischer

Other awards and prizes.....Peggy Kelton

Best Costume Award

Oldest in attendance

Door Prizes

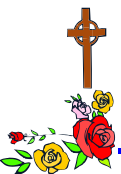
Youngest in attendance

**Theme &
Dress for the
meeting :
Wild West-
Rodeo-Saloon
Gals, etc.**

Permian Historical Society has chosen for each of their meetings to dress according to a theme. It raises interest and provides fun. You Know, History can be fun!

NOTICE: Those paying for lunch in advance (\$12) to Peggy Kelton will go to the front of the line to eat; those registering via e-mail (\$12) will be second and those showing up at the door (\$12.50) will bring up the rear. The reason for pre-registering is actually to get an accurate head count for ordering the meals—not too many nor too few. Please help us out and pre-register. Many thanks, PK

You authors bring your books to sell. There will be a table set up for Book Sellers. 10% of sales goes to PHS.



Pecos is the largest city in and the [county seat](#) of [Reeves County, Texas, United States](#).^[3] It is situated in the river valley on the west bank of the [Pecos River](#) at the eastern edge of the [Chihuahuan Desert](#) and the [Trans-Pecos](#) region of west Texas and near the southern border of [New Mexico](#). The population was 9,501 at the [2000 census](#), but had dropped to 7,782 according to a July 2009 estimate.^[4] The city is a regional commercial center for ranching, oil and gas production and agriculture. The city is most recognized for its association with the local cultivation of [cantaloupes](#).^{[5][6]} Pecos claims to be the site of the world's first [rodeo](#) on July 4, 1883.^[7]

Pecos is one of the numerous towns in [West Texas](#) organized around a train depot during the construction of the [Texas and Pacific Railway](#). These towns were subsequently linked by the construction of [U.S. Highway 80](#) and [Interstate 20](#). Prior to the arrival of the railroad, a permanent camp existed nearby where [cattle drives](#) crossed the [Pecos River](#). With the introduction of [irrigation](#) from underground [aquifers](#), the city became a center of commerce for extensive local [agricultural](#) production of [cotton](#), [onions](#) and [cantaloupes](#). The introduction of large scale [sulfur](#) mining in adjacent [Culberson County](#) during the 1960s led to significant economic and population growth.^[8] The growth was reversed after mining operations ceased in the 1990s

The City of Pecos is served by the [Pecos-Barstow-Toyah Independent School District](#), which currently has five schools:

- **Pecos Kindergarten**
- **Austin Elementary** - 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade
- **Bessie Haynes Elementary** - 4th and 5th grade
- Water tower and an old church in Pecos, Texas
- **Crockett Middle School** - 6th, 7th and 8th grade
- **Pecos High School** - 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade

Famous Natives: Jeff & Dewayne (Jr) Bryant of the country group “Ricochet.” Abel Talamanfez of the Kumbia Kings and Esmi Talamalez a talented Tejano singer.

Aspire to Inspire before you expire

NOTICE

“NEW” ENFORCED RULES ON DUES: It has become very confusing when people pay their past due dues in Oct. and some pay next year’s dues in Oct. When the treasurer makes a mistake on what year you were paying some folks get angry. SO: in the PHS by-laws it states that all dues for the year are due January 1 of that year. At the end of January those who have not paid will be taken off the roll. Money will be saved on postage for newsletters, post cards and annuals. This may not sit well with some, but it will certainly help the staff keep better records which will be to the advantage of all. Please try to follow the rules.

Contact Jean @ Best Western, Swiss Chalet 432-447-9477 Mention PHS & ask for special rate.

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Pecos, Texas, home of the World’s First Rodeo will host the fall meeting in October. This will be very exciting as there are many things to see in and around Pecos. It is on I-20 making access easy for many. For those coming from the South and Southeast there will be plenty of scenery to view as well as many wind turbines on the mountains and mesas. There is the West of the Pecos Museum and saloon, the rodeo arena, a zoo (at one time), & ponds where they produce algae-do you know what it is used for? Interesting.

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**The Permian Historical Society is issuing a call for papers for Annual 52: Previously unpublished materials, documented articles, reminiscences, interviews, photographic essays, and book reviews. Please submit your work to Peggy Kelton, Box 901, McCamey, TX 79752 or J. Tillapaugh @ UTPB or Jim Collett, 5607 Greenridge, Midland, TX 79707-9767.**

**We also would like to hear from folks who want to present a paper/story at the next meeting or next fall. The next meeting will be April (TBA), 2012 at the Petroleum Museum in Midland, TX. Mark your calendars now.**



For great information Google Pecos, Texas and click on the Pecos, Texas Visitors Guide! Great information! See you all on Oct. 22, 2011 in Pecos, Texas \*\*Best Western Swiss Chalet for reservations mention PHS\*\*

