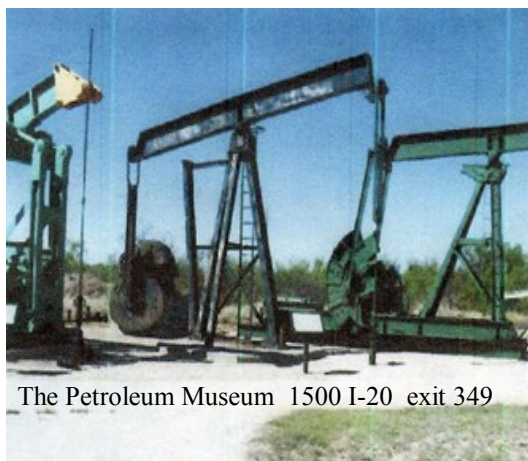


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President's Message

Dear Fellow Historians,

You are in for a big treat as we



Meet in the newly renovated Petroleum Museum in Midland, Texas. It is right off the I-20 highway west. They have done extensive changes and are open to the public. The Permian Historical Society is very grateful that we can have our spring meeting there as usual. After the meeting you can stroll through the museum and be awe stricken.

Special presenters for the PHS meeting will be **Bill Boyd**, former cowboy from Crane on the McElroy Ranch, now serves as a deputy & investigator in Kingsland, Texas who will tell us of his experiences plus a preview of the Big 4th of July celebration in Crane, TX. It covers the history of the Good-night-Loving cattle trail which came through Castle Gap and Horsehead Crossing 150 year ago; **Billy Chapman**, Construction Engineer of the world's largest Solar Farm near Bakersfield, TX. He explains the unit from beginning to production; **Brian H. Scarborough** of the Midland Scarborough's who will speak on the Vineyard he owns and runs in the Greenwood area; **Sheriff Painter** had to withdraw due to business. **Jerry Lackey** long time news reporter of the San Angelo Standard Times has graciously stepped in to bring us a story from one of his books. He will also have books to sell. Betty Damron, Vice-President of PHS in charge of acquiring speakers always is prepared to give a presentation in case of a last minute vacancy. This slate has something of interest to everyone so—**COME ON DOWN**. Registration begins at 9:00 combined with a "Happy Hour" where you can enjoy breakfast treats and renew old friendships and visit. Paper presentations begin at 10:00 and then there will be a catered meal. A new restaurant in Stanton will cater the meal of pork ribs, potato salad, beans, bread, dessert & tea for \$10.50 per plate. There will be door prizes & costume parade. Dress Western.

The Permian Historical Society Newsletter, April 23, 2016

Very Important Notice

It is time for a PHS Board Meeting. It is scheduled for 9:00 Prompt & should not last over 30 minutes if each shows on time.

Need: a slate of officers submitted by the board of directors at spring meeting of even numbered years. Included in this newsletter will be the names & e-mail address of all board members so that you can communicate. If approved by the board the slate will be put before the members present & voted on and will take charge from that moment on.

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Please communicate and come up with a slate of officers:

President:

1st VP: Membership

2nd VP: Program & Presenters

Secretary: Recommend Sue Ann Damron remain

Treasurer: Rene Rogers volunteered

Investments: J. Tillapaugh and ???

Editor of Annual: Jim Collett **will** remain

REVIEW

For those of you were unable to attend the fall meeting in Fort Stockton here are a few of the papers presented plus the other activities available.

A short story about the Annie Riggs hotel & Museum was brought to the meeting with an invitation to go by and visit while in town. Also, visit the Grey Mule Saloon.

Sammy Hooper gave a very interesting presentation on growing up on a ranch, & continuing as he reached adulthood. He also spent years teaching. His wife accompanies him daily on the ranch plus two sons who are following in parents & grandparents foot-prints as ranchers.

Wayne Tanner shared a story about a town called Grube. He mentioned also that the grandfather of his wife was killed by a "pet" bear.

Wilson White of Fort Lancaster gave a detailed story on the history of the fort as well as telling of its recent renovation. School classes are invited to attend at any time. Fort Lancaster is located outside of Sheffield, Texas.

After lunch the audience went all around the adjacent area to take in vendors and watch Mexican dances from Presidio, pet & ride the camels, and shop for articles such as antiques, jewelry, art work, and stop for a sip of tea and cookies. These were all activities plus others provided at the annual Old Fort Days.

The spring meeting of PHS will be at the Petroleum Museum in Midland on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Plan now to attend & hear stories from Jerry Lackey, Billy Chapman, Bill Boyd & Brian Scarborough on subjects such as ranching & ranch families, Solar farms and a winery at Greenwood. See you there!



Annie Riggs hotel/museum representative
Wilson White of Ft. Lancaster



Rancher/teacher Sammy Hooper of Crane
The audience at the Sibley/Rollins House



Wayne Tanner of Odessa re: Grube
Mexican dancers from Presidio



We often have a costume contest, best costume gets a door prize. We will be having two speakers on the cowboy way of life in West Texas so I thought it appropriate to ask for western costumes. You may dress as a solar panel or a bottle of wine or what ever clever idea you come up with. No rules, just fun.

PRE-REGISTER: It is important for you to pre-register for the meeting & meal. We need a head count to be able to prepare the meal and not fix too many or too few plates. So please as you receive this newsletter you will call & make your reservations or mail your check & register. It would make things so easy for the secretary & the treasurer. Make checks payable to PHS of Permian Historical Society. \$10.50 per plate. Having your registration helps with the packets you receive with the program, pencil, and name tag. Please print your name clearly. SEND PRE-REGISTRATION TO:

Peggy Kelton Box 901 McCamey, TX 79752 or e-mail to peggy.kelton@gmail.com or call 432-652-8738

When you call or e-mail you will pay at the door. Thanks & I'll be looking to see many old friends & many new ones. Peggy



A preview of a few of the solar panels from the largest solar farm in the world between McCamey & Bakersfield in Pecos County. McCamey is the Wind Energy Capital of Texas and now is 10 miles from the largest solar farm in the world.

Visitors are welcome & if you stop at the office at the entrance someone will give you a guided tour & personal knowledge of how it works. Plan a visit.

Permian Historical Society
Petroleum Museum, Midland, Texas

23-April-2016

Before general meeting

- 9:00 A.M. **Registration**—Coffee and breakfast treats; Visiting & viewing of displays. Buy books to Benefit PHS. **Important: Board Meeting; members try to be there at 9:00.**
- 10:00 A.M. **General Meeting Welcome:** Peggy Kelton—President of Permian Historical Society
Betty Damron—Program Chairman Introduction of presenters.
Brian H. Scarborough—He came to West Texas working for Hunt Oil & Texas Oil & Gas With a degree from Texas A&M in Agricultural Economics he soon acquired acreage in the Greenwood area and in 2006 began planting his first vineyard. He will tell you the rest.
Billy Chapman—who will enlighten us on Solar Power as he shows and tells of the largest Solar Farm in the world located in Pecos County between McCamey & Bakersfield.
Jerry Lackey—long time writer for the San Angelo Standard Times as well as an author Specializing on stories of early settlers in West Texas. He has several books available sell. He will also autograph them for you.
Bill Boyd—Bill was born in San Angelo and lived on several ranches as a youth. He came to Crane in 1965 at age of 18 and lived and worked on the McElroy ranch in Crane from 1965 to 1991. He currently lives in Kingsland and serves as a Deputy and Investigator. Bill will share many of his experiences as a rancher and then will tell of the big celebration planned for the 4th of July in Crane, TX. It is to celebrate the 150th date of the first cattle drive by Goodnight/Loving through Castle Gap and Horsehead Crossing on the Pecos river. There are tours planned to caravan to those historical spots, dances, food, vendors, and just listen to what he says and make your plans to attend the three day event.
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch provided by ? Recipes of Stanton, TX.
- Donna Bell: Casting of ballots for Best Presentation Award that will be given at Fall 2016 meeting. The Best Presentation Award for Fall 2015 presented at this time. Sammy Hooper.
- Costume Parade, Door Prizes, Recognize guests, first timers, oldest, youngest

This is an invitation for all of you authors to bring your books to sell. Tables will be provided. A small percentage or a donation will be welcomed by PHS—volunteered

