



President's Letter



In the 19th Century, a life line that connected Chihuahua, Mexico, with the Texas port of Indianola. Opened to exploit rich trade in Mexican silver and gold, the road eventually carried every type of goods

Dear Fellow Historians,

Spring is in the air and it is time to make preparations to attend the annual spring meeting of the Permian Historical Society in the Petroleum Museum in Midland. It will be on April 16, 2011 and will begin as usual at 9:00 with "Happy Hour," visiting, and the board meeting. Then the presentations will begin at 10:00 and take us to lunch which will be catered. An early registration via e-mail, phone or snail mail will be appreciated so that we can have a head count to be sure we have enough food for everyone. You can RSVP to me at 432-652-8738 or peggy.kelton@gmail.com or Box 901 McCamey 79752.

We have another point of view on the making of the movie Giant made in Marfa; a story on Kermit, TX; a story on the Chihuahua Road, a story on saving & redoing the Boy Scout Hut in Iraan and...



Was Kermit, TX named after Kermit the frog? Come find the answer to that and other interesting information being brought your way.

Theodore Roosevelt was the 26th president of the United States and the youngest at the time, 43. He was also a cowboy, soldier, hunter, naturalist, & explorer. "Walk softly & carry a big stick" was attributed to him.

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Jim Collett, long time historian, history teacher, archeology enthusiast and member of Permian Historical Society took the reins of putting the 2010 PHS annual together. He worked long and hard on it since taking the job. It is the 50th anniversary for the book and features the murals found in Odessa and Big Spring done by the CCC or WPA back in the 1940s. There will be other stories of presentations presented so if you missed a meeting you will have a chance to read the stories. The book has been sent out to all who were paid up on their dues unless mistakenly left off my mailing list. They will be available at this meeting to pick up yours or to buy one. Good buy!

Permian Historical Society

Petroleum Museum

16 April, 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.**

The terms of several members of the board are expiring and replacements must be elected.

General Meeting 10:00 A.M.

Welcome Peggy Kelton—President of Permian Historical Society

Betty Cash—Introduction of proposed presenters.

Ginger Pope Schantz—1986 Immigration

Craig & Jeff Fischer—History & story of 100 year old Kermit, TX

Tommy Garrison—story of reviving the Boy Scout Hut in Iraan with help from the late Rose Mary Rogers

Tom Chick—Making of the movie “Giant” from a kids point of view plus some music written by Tom.

Victoria Scism—Stories from & about the Chihuahua Trail

Casting of ballots for Best Presentation Award that will be given at Spring 2011 meeting;

Best Presentation Award from the Spring 2010 meeting: Barbara Barton

Best Presentation Award from the Fall 2010 Meeting: John Mac Carpenter

Other awards and prizes.....Peggy Kelton

Best Costume Award

Oldest in attendance

Door Prizes

Youngest in attendance

**Theme &
Dress for the
meeting :
Movie Star,
explorer, rock
hunter or
your choice.**

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 (\$10) to Peggy Kelton will go to the front of the line to eat; those registering via e-mail (\$10) 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.



NECROLOGY

We have lost four active members this past year whom we will miss sorely. They are:

Rose Mary Rogers of Iraan. Rose Mary always dressed up for our meetings. She did extensive research on many projects for PHS, the Archeology Society, her Church, the Pecos County Historical Commission and many other local activities. She was the chauffeur and best friend to Snooks Collett, another active member of PHS. She will be missed by many.

Jim Stewart along with his wife Frances have become great members, never missing a meeting and always dressing up in the designated theme. He was such a good sport and the two of them always friendly and with a smile on their faces. We will also be missing Jim and hope that Frances stays with PHS as she is such a good member.

Doug Damron was not only a good member of PHS, but a good friend of mine (PK.) Actually he was a friend to everyone he met. Friendly, full of fun, always agreeable to work or fun or mischief. He and wife Betty were outstanding citizens of Crane serving in many capacities. Betty is currently Chairman of the Crane County Historical Commission and Doug was always there to support her in her activities.

Nancy Rankin McKinley: Nancy was a mover and a shaker. She was 3 months shy of her 98th birthday. She attended schools in Midland and graduated from Midland High in 1931. Her entire life was spent in recording and preserving history especially the history of Midland. She married and raised a family in Midland. She was an active member of every historical organization around. She was a fun person to be around and easily recognized by her bright red or blue hat and large glasses on a tiny frame. These folks are gone, but will be remembered for a long, long time.

Aspire to Inspire before you expire

