National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Conference 2020
Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, April 29:

Early arrival for those who wish to bring teams and wagons to drive on parts of the existing overland trail. Stabling is available. Registration location and time TBA.

Thursday, April 30:

Arrangements will be made to drive teams, either on portions of the Overland Trail or on the Sprout Ranch Thursday morning.

2-6 pm: Registration at Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
200 S. Front Street, Fort Davis, TX
2-6 pm: Tour Moreland Wagon shop, watch a tire building demo.
6:30 pm: A “Get Together” with a light supper at Glenn Moreland’s Home. Chance to visit and tour Glenn’s wagon shop.
206 S. Madrone Street, Fort Davis, TX

Friday, May 1:

7:30 – 8:30 am: Breakfast available at Methodist Fellowship Hall for those interested.

8:30 am: Meet at Methodist Fellowship hall. Drive your own vehicle or car pool to Sul Ross University in Alpine, TX. Tour the Museum of the Big Bend; visit their premier map collection.

11:30 am: Lunch(provided) at Spicewood Restaurant in Alpine. We will remain at the restaurant for afternoon speakers.

1:00 pm: Guest Speaker

2:00 pm: Guest speaker

3:30- 6:00 pm Travel back to Fort Davis –Freetime

6:00 pm: Dinner (provided) Meet at the Cow Camp, 410 Fort Street, Fort Davis
Enjoy an evening meal, visiting, and trading stories. Those who sign up to attend the “Star Party” at McDonald observatory will have time to eat before departing for an evening of viewing the stars. (Reservations will need to be made by individual attendees through the Observatory website)

Saturday, May 2:

7:30 – 8:30 am: Breakfast available at Methodist Fellowship Hall for those interested.

9:00 am: Meet at the Fort Davis Historical Site for a tour of the Fort.
10:30 am  Return to the Methodist Fellowship Hall

11:00 am  Guest speaker

12:00 am  Lunch provided at the Hall.

1:00 pm  Guest Speaker

2:00 pm  Guest Speaker

3:00 pm  Optional tours of original Overland Trail sites.

6:30 pm  Gather in the mountains at the H.E. Sproul Ranch and Harvard Lodge for dinner, a little entertainment, a little dancing and a lot of visiting.

Sunday, May 3:

Departure for home. We will be happy to list suggested sites to visit on your way home or before you arrive.

Guest Speakers:

1. Matt Walter – Curator Museum of the Big Bend; Professor of Texas History at Sul Ross;
   and Marty Davis – Map collector, specializing in southwest history
2. Dan Judkins – Jack Ass Mail and Overland Trail researcher
3. Glen Sample Ely is an award-winning historian and documentary producer. Ely earned his Ph.D. from Texas Christian University and is the author of Where the West Begins: Debating Texas Identity (Texas Tech University Press, 2011). **His website is: TexasHistory.com**
4. Larry Francel – Museum Curator, researcher on Trails of the southwest

Working on two more speakers.