

**The West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting  
April 7-8, 2017, Lubbock, Texas  
Conference Hotel – MCM Eleganté - 801 Ave Q  
For Reservations – Call (806) 763-1200,  
Room rate is \$99.00 plus tax ( Breakfast included)**



**The MCM Hotel has an on-site  
restaurant and a bar**

It is located across the street from a Wal-Mart Store and a River Smith's Sea Food Restaurant. The hotel is about a block from the Pancake House Restaurant.

All the meetings and Lunches will be held on-site in the Hotel meeting rooms.



West Texas Historical Association  
Thursday Tour, April 6, 2017

# Ranching History



## Preserving and Interpreting

One of the first structures built on a large ranch was the blacksmith shop, and it's appropriate that the first historic structure erected at the center in 1972 was the Renderbrook-Spade Blacksmith Shop. Lewis Neely did not make his living as a blacksmith, but he became a skilled blacksmith as a hobby and has volunteered for five years as the NRHC blacksmith. Neely is one of nearly 185 community volunteers who help make the National Ranching Heritage Center the No. 1 tourist attraction in the Lubbock area.

The American Wind Power Center in Lubbock has several examples of windmills used on the West Texas Plains for farming and service water. The Center also has other exhibits of farm and ranching interest.

The Silent Wings Museum north of Lubbock offers exhibits related to the use of gliders and equipment used in World War II. It is a well-done representation of WWII equipment and events. The Museum is located at the old Lubbock Airport Terminal.



The Buddy Holly Museum and the Allison House are in the downtown art district in Lubbock. The Museum is located next to the Triple J's Brewery where we will have lunch.

This tour will include other sites around Lubbock as time allows.

Tour cost is \$30.00 including lunch

