A Short Schedule of Events for the 90th meeting of WTHA in Odessa, Texas:

Thursday Afternoon, April 3, 2014
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM  Trans-Pecos “Wagon Trail” tour guided by noted WTHA historian and award-winning author Patrick Dearen includes stops at the beautiful sand dunes north of Imperial, Texas, historic Horsehead Crossing, Girvin schoolhouse, Girvin Social Club, McCamey’s Mendoza Trail Museum, Crane’s Museum of the Desert Southwest, and a photo op of Castle Gap. The trip includes a real cowboy lunch. Registration is necessary.
6:00 – 8:00 PM  Evening Reception at the MCM Grande (conference hotel). Registration required.
7:30 PM  WTHA Board Meeting in Ballroom C

Friday, April 4, 2014
8:00 AM – 5 PM  Registration – Lobby Area at the MCM Grande Hotel, Odessa, Texas.
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM  Sessions – see schedule
1130 AM – 1:00 PM  Women’s History Luncheon or lunch on your own. For more information on the Women’s History Luncheon please consult the program. Registration necessary.
1:00 PM – 5:15 PM  Sessions – see schedule
6:30 – 8:30 PM  Banquet and Reception at the Petroleum Museum just up the road towards Midland. The Petroleum Museum has graciously extended the gallery hours to accommodate our group. Bus transportation will depart from the east entrance of the hotel at 6:15 pm.
7:30 – 8:30 PM  Evening Speaker – Texas State Historian Bill O’Neal will regale us with his encounter with citizen historians and public history in his two years as the Lone Star historian.

Saturday, April 5, 2013
9:00 AM – Noon  Registration – Lobby Area at the MCM Grande Hotel, Odessa, Texas.
9:00 AM – Noon  Sessions – see schedule
12:00—1:30 PM  Luncheon – Awards and Business meeting, Room B-ballroom of the MCM Grande Hotel.
2:30 – 7:00 PM  Odessa Tour, includes supper, and an evening program. Tour stops includes the Tom Lea mural—Stampede, The White-Pool House Museum, the Parker Ranch House Museum, the Presidential Museum and Leadership Center, the Ellen Noel Art Museum, and Odessa’s Stonehenge. Transportation provided and registration necessary.

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WHERE:  All sessions (Rooms A, 3-4 and 1) and the Saturday luncheon (Room B-ballroom) will be held in MCM Grande Hotel in Odessa, Texas. The Friday evening Banquet will be held at the Commemorative Air Force Museum. Transportation available.

EXHIBITORS:  Some exhibitors have already registered (please see program). Interested vendors should call and reserve their table with Freedonia Paschall @ 806/742-3749 or email: Freedonia.Paschall@ttu.edu. Book exhibitors will be located in the lobby near the WTHA registration desk in the MCM Grande Hotel.

SILENT AUCTION:  A silent auction will be held in the MCM Grande (Room 171). Members interested in donating items please send to Freedonia Paschall, WTHA, TTU, P. O. 41041, Lubbock, Texas 79409. Auction closes at 10 AM Saturday, book pickup at 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Saturday.

THURSDAY - April 4, 2013: “Trans-Pecos “Wagon Trail” tour. Tour will depart at 8 AM from the east entrance of the MCM Grande. (see above for more information)
BANQUET - Friday, April 4: The banquet will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Commemorative Air Force Museum. (transportation available).

SATURDAY LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM. The Saturday Luncheon will be held in the Room B-ballroom of the MCM Grande Hotel.
Saturday Afternoon and evening – Odessa tour, supper, and additional program (see above)

HOTEL: MCM Grande of Odessa (432-362-2311). $109 per night. Rates are available for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Tell them that you are with the West Texas Historical Association to get the preferred rate. Deadline – March 20th, 2013. For more information go to http://mcmgrandecodessa.com. Robert Hall, WTHA Annual Conference Coordinator—robert.j.hall@ttu.edu

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