

**18th Annual Mountain–Pecos Regional Meeting**  
**Marathon Community Center, Brewster County, Texas**  
**May 18, 2019—8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

| <b>TIME</b>     | <b>SUBJECT</b>   |
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| 8:30 am         | Registration, Visitation & Continental Breakfast   |
| <b>9:00am</b>   | <b>WELCOME</b>   |
|                 | <i>Honorable Eleazar Cano, Brewster County Judge, Alpine</i><br><i>Mr. G. E. (Pete) Peterson, III, THC Commissioner, Alpine</i>  |
| <b>9:10 am</b>  | <b>DETERMINE 2020 MEETING LOCATION</b>   |
|                 | Selecting a site for the next THC Mountain & Pecos Region meeting.   |
| <b>9:15 am</b>  | <b>REPORT UPDATES FROM INDIVIDUAL CHCS</b>   |
|                 | Presentation of a report given by a representative of each CHC present from the Mountain-Pecos Region. This presentation may include special projects, methods of achievements and their relations with their county citizens. The report should be made in five minutes or less. Questions and answer may be expected.  |
| <b>9:45 am</b>  | <b>THC COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION (CHC) OUTREACH PROGRAM</b>   |
|                 | <i>Ms. Amy Hammons, THC Outreach Coordinator, Austin</i><br><i>Mr. Emiliano (Nano) Calderon, THC CHC Outreach Specialist, Austin</i><br>Presentation from the staff of THC related to activities of Texas CHCs. Ideas, duties, and activities for a successful CHC membership and opportunities for CHC involvement with heritage tourism and the THC Heritage Trail Program.                                |
| <b>10:10 am</b> | <b>THC CEMETERY PRESERVATION PROGRAM</b>   |
|                 | <i>Ms. Carlyn Hammons, THC Cemetery Preservation Program, Austin</i><br>Presentation from the staff of THC related to how CHCs can identify primary cemetery concerns and set priorities for protecting and preserving historic cemeteries.  |
| <b>10:35 am</b> | <b>THC HERITAGE TRAILS</b>   |
|                 | <i>Ms. Windy Little, Executive Director, Texas Mountain Trail Region, Alpine</i><br><i>Ms. Melissa Hagins, Executive Director, Texas Pecos Trail Region</i><br>Presentation of the activities from the Directors of the Heritage Trail Regions related to the tourism activities of the county and region with the benefits received from their actions for the citizens of the county and the trail region. |
| <b>10:55 am</b> | <b>BREAK</b>   |
| <b>11:10 am</b> | <b>US ARMY IN THE BIG BEND 1870 - 1895</b>   |
|                 | <i>Col. (Ret.) Thomas T. Smith, San Antonio</i><br>Presentation of information on the military activities conducted during the period of years from 1875 up thru 1895 as they are related to the Big Bend and Trans Pecos Region.  |

Col. Smith has several books on the military actions in the region and is working on additional units for the area.

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**11:40 am THE STEER BRANDED MURDER IN BREWSTER CO JANUARY 28, 1891**

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*Mr. Randall Ross, San Angelo*

This event is described in several stories and publication related to the history of Brewster County. Its relation to the region is typical of several early period actions taken by the settlers and cowboys in their settlement of their differences in the southwest. This story is presented by a person who's relatives' were directly involved.

**12:20 pm LUNCH**

Afternoon program to be presented will be a series of reports on some of the activities that occurred in the Trans Pecos Region prior to the year 2019.

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**1:00 pm BREWSTER COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION (BCTC)**

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*Mr. Robert Alvarez, Executive Director, Alpine*

Presentation of the activities of the Brewster County Tourism Commission related to the tourism activities of the county and region with the benefits received from these actions for the citizens of the county.

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**1:30 pm BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK (BBNP)**

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*Mr. Raymond Skiles (Retired), Big Bend National Park, Alpine*

*Ms. Judith Parsons, Sul Ross State University, Alpine*

Presentation of the history and related activities of 75th Anniversary of the Big Bend National Park (BBNP) and involvements of Mr. H. W. Morelock, President of Sul Ross State College, involvement in the creation of the BBNP.

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**2:00 pm SPRIT EYE CAVE RESEARCH**

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*Mr. Bryon Schroeder, Archeology, Center for Big Bend Studies, Alpine*

Presentation of the research conducted on a historic cave located in the Pinto Canyon region of Presidio County, Texas.

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**2:30 pm CBBS Interactions with Mexican Federal Agencies (INAH and the AGN)**

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*Mr. William A. Cloud, ED Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, Alpine*

This presentation will detail recent interactions and working agreements between the Center for Big Bend Studies (CBBS) and two Mexican Federal agencies, the Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e Historia (INAH) and the CBBS and Sul Ross State University (SRSU) entered into an historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with INAH on July 19,2017 and have been in coordination on a number of projects and initiatives since then. A similar relationship with the AGN is currently under review.

**3:15 pm BREAK**

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**3:30 pm INFO SIGNS, HISTORICAL MARKERS, CO CREATION & MAPS OF THE AREA**

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*Mr. Travis Roberts, PE & RPLS; Chair BCHC, Marathon*

Presentation of several exhibits related to the various road side signs, the existing historical markers in Brewster County and several copies of related historical maps of the Trans Pecos region.

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**4:00 pm RECAP OF THE MEETING PROGRAM WITH QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION**

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**4:30 pm**      **AJOURN**

**5:00 pm**      **FIELD TRIP TO THE POST (Camp Peña Colorado, Est. August 23, 1879)**

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(5 mile drive) Drive in your own car about 5 miles south of Marathon to the Brewster County park located at the original site of Camp Peña Colorado for a discussion and description of the area and observation of the original military facilities, Half Saloon (Circle Dot Ranch) and store, school, horse pens, civilian settlements, the military and civilian cemeteries all that existed or were established in August 1879. The lower military road located by Lt. John Lapham Bullis and the Seminole Scouts running from Fort Clark to Camp Peña continued on west to Fort Davis passed by the Camp. The original road that ran south to the Boquillas on the Rio Grande and to the Terlingua Mines crossed Peña Creek at the post. Lt. Bullis and his troops found a group of Comanches overlooking the water at Rainbow Springs about 1870.

**6:00 pm**      **DEPART FOR EVENING**