



El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association

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Boots on the Ground



*A collapsed lava tube on the Jornada del Muerto and the caldera in the distance.
The lava field covers about 170 square miles and extends to the Rio Grande.*

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CARTA Trail Committee members Dr. David Love, Dr. Peggy Hardman, and Mr. Paul Harden have been busy the past two months with mapping and photographing the trail adjacent to Socorro and along the Jornada del Muerto. This includes the ten-mile long stretch of pristine trail between Paraje Fra Cristobal and the reliable water at Tusas Springs. The majority of this route is visible on GoogleEarth, though not shown on the official GIS maps of the trail. It is the hope that CARTA can present the proper documentation to NPS to be recognized as a part of El Camino Real through the Jornada. The Tusas route has also been explored by personnel of the Ted Turner Armendaris Ranch, including the finding of some artifacts.

From period travelers to contemporary authors, much has been written about the grueling trek along the Jornada del Muerto. However, one glaring feature of the Jornada is seldom discussed in these writings: lava. Miles and miles of black rock lava. In places, as far as you can see. The appropriately named "Jornada Lava Field" covers about 170 square miles of the northern Jornada. The uneven and very rough surface, with cliffs and ravines, made travel very difficult. The route of El Camino Real through the northern Jornada was clearly dictated by these lava flows, including the Tusas route.

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Geologist Dr. David Love has led this portion of the study, for both professional and trail-related purposes. New technology has allowed lava to be dated with higher accuracy than in the past. Dr. Love, with colleagues Matthew Zimmerer and Bill McIntosh, have dated lava along the trail on these field trips. One surprising result is the lava flows are the result of three separate volcanic episodes. The top, or newest layer, is about 78,000 years old, and younger than previously thought. This actually makes it some of the youngest lava in New Mexico. In contrast, the lava that formed trail landmark Mesa del Contadero, the counting place, is about 818,000 years old.

These field trips have been beneficial to both our understanding of the trail and for professional geology. Many of the findings of this fieldwork will no doubt be presented in a future issue of *Chronicles of the Trail*.

by Paul Harden



Interim-President Dr. Peggy Hardman listens to a geologist describe how the soft sandstone has been compressed over the years by the wagons following the Tusas route of El Camino Real.

Class Offered to Help Prevent Looting & Vandalism of Historic Properties

The Jornada Research Institute (JRI) is offering a two-day course in awareness, prevention, and identification of looting and vandalism of archaeological and cultural resources as well as training in the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA).

This training is extremely important for anyone involved in law enforcement, state parks, other government agencies, archaeology, and cultural resources protection. The class includes an overview of pertinent federal legislation, details on the types of looters and their connections, examples of what to look for in terms of site damage, how to combat looting, and an in-depth overview of case studies. The course includes a simulated field situation and simulated looted site (unless a real one is available) and course participants, in teams of two, record site damage. The groups then discuss their findings. The class is valuable to agency archaeologists, archaeological contract folks, avocationalists, Native Americans, or anyone who has an interest.

Jeffrey R. Hanson, Ph.D. is teaching the course. Jeff is Vice President and Research Associate of JRI <http://jornadaresearchinstitute.com/>.

Contact Jeff Hanson at jefferyhanson64@gmail.com to express your interest and for further details.

NPS Centennial Events Along the Camino Real

9th Annual ¡Viva México! Celebration

July 16th & 17th, 2016, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Santa Fe, New Mexico

Come to El Rancho de las Golondrinas for a celebration of the culture, cuisine, and crafts of our colorful neighbor.

The National Park Service turns 100.

Thursday, August 25, 2016.

The National Park Service turns 100 on August 25, 2016. As we lead up to the centennial, we invite you to participate in Find Your Park Experiences to learn, discover, be inspired, or simply have fun in national parks.

Martineztown Park Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, September 27, 2016, TBD, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Featuring the new El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail interpretive waysides.

Festival of the Trail

Wednesday, November 19th, 2016, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; San Antonio, New Mexico

Celebrate El Camino Real Trail and its role in shaping the history of New Mexico with traditional arts and crafts, music, dance, food.

For more information on calendar visit <http://nps.gov/elca>

CARTA Events

Chronicles of the Trail "First Look"

Sunday, July 17, 2016, 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm, 817 East Alameda #6, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Details of the event are printed on page three of this newsletter. To reserve a spot for this event and the following two events, contact Julianne Burton-Carvajal at julianne@ucsc.edu or at 831-915-4900.

Slide Presentation on the Wells Petroglyph Preserve

Thursday, July 21, 2016, 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The Wells Petroglyph Preserve is located in historic Los Luceros off Highway 68 north of Española, New Mexico, near Velarde. Admission costs \$25 for CARTA members, \$45 for friends of CARTA members, and attendance is limited to twenty-five participants. To reserve a spot, please contact Julianne Burton-Carvajal at the email address or phone number above by Friday, July 15, 2016.

Walking Tour of Wells Petroglyph Preserve

Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Join Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project (MPPP) volunteers and CARTA members for a follow-up walking tour of the Wells Petroglyph Preserve in docent-led groups of five participants each. Admission costs \$40 per person and is limited to twenty-five participants. Reservations are required by contacting Julianne Burton-Carvajal by Monday, August 1, 2016.

CARTA Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2016, Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge near La Joya, New Mexico. Specific details about the upcoming Annual General Meeting will soon be finalized, but save the date for CARTA's annual meeting.

Other Events

Hammel Museum and Train Museum (the old Hammel Brewery / Icehouse)

The Socorro County Historical Society invites you to visit the Museum, located on 6th Street in Socorro, on the first Saturday of each month.

Tercentennial Exhibit Commemorating the San Clemente Land Grant

Saturday, July 9, 2016 to Saturday, September 17, 2016, Museum of Heritage and Arts, Los Lunas, New Mexico. For more information about the exhibit, call 505-352-7720 or visit <http://www.loslunasnm.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8988>

Over Santa Fe Trail to Mexico: The Travel Diaries and Autobiography of Dr. Rowland Willard

Saturday, July 16, 2016 2:00 pm: Fountains at Farah 8889 Gateway Blvd. Suite 120, El Paso, Tx
One of the first Anglo-Americans to record their travels to New Mexico, Dr. Rowland Willard (1794-1844) journeyed west on the Santa Fe Trail in 1825 and then down the Camino Real into Mexico. This edition of the physician's travel diaries and autobiography, annotated by New Mexico Deputy State Librarian Joy Poole, is a historical source on the two trails and the practice of medicine in the 1820s.

El Camino Real Historic Trail Site and Fort Craig Tour

Reservations are still being taken for this one-day tour on Saturday, July 23, 2016. Please contact the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts at 505-352-7720 by Friday, July 22 to reserve one of the few remaining spots. More information <http://www.loslunasnm.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8988>

Chronicles of the Trail Editorial Transition

For the past several years, Catherine López-Kurland has edited the *Chronicles of the Trail*, the journal of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association (CARTA). During her tenure as editor, she worked with many competent scholars, archaeologists, and enthusiasts of the stories, places, and events associated with the historic trail to publish quality articles about the Camino Real. Of note, the journal's quality was recognized when it was presented a State of New Mexico Heritage Publication Award in May 2011. Earlier this year, she decided to step down as editor after a productive tenure guiding the journal's composition. The trail association thanks Catherine for her role in raising interest and awareness in the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

In April 2016, the CARTA Board of Directors selected Julianne Burton-Carvajal as the next editor of the *Chronicles of the Trail*. A long-time member of CARTA, she became fluent in Spanish at the age of sixteen, has lived in México and España, and has traveled extensively throughout the Spanish-speaking world, including South America and the Caribbean. She served on faculty at the University of Texas at Austin for three years before teaching for three dozen years at the University of California at Santa Cruz. She has written or edited six books on Latin American film and eight other volumes on the art, architectural, and social history of California and the Novohispano Southwest. As a "bilingual bilocator," she relishes dividing her time between Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Monterey, California.

On Sunday, July 17, from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Julianne will host an informal "First Look" open house to view the redesigned *Chronicles of the Trail* and to meet special guests, including several contributors to the upcoming journal issue. The event will be held at her "Nido" overlooking the Santa Fe Riverwalk; her address is 817 East Alameda #6, which is two blocks east of the intersection of East Alameda and Paseo de Peralta. Guests are welcome to bring a favorite beverage or food to share, and out of courtesy for residents, please observe street parking only. Julianne's balcony overlooks the off-street parking area. If you are unable to attend, please ensure that your CARTA membership is current in order to receive a copy of the forthcoming issue of the *Chronicles of the Trail*.



A CARTA Membership Makes a Great Gift...

Student Rate Just \$15/Year!

EL CAMINO REAL DE TIERRA ADENTRO

TRAIL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

In recognition of the importance of the pathways and histories of prehistoric peoples, conquistadors, colonizers, missionaries, settlers, traders, warriors, Native Americans, and modern U. S. and Mexican travelers, a group of trail aficionados has formed an organization called El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association, or CARTA. The Camino Real de Tierra Adentro – the Royal Road to the Interior – that connected Mexico City to Santa Fe and nearby Ohkay Owingeh (formerly San Juan Pueblo) in northern New Mexico has been used for centuries. The U. S. segment, which extends from the storied Rio Grande crossings at San Elizario and El Paso, Texas, to Ohkay Owingeh is a designated National Historic Trail, administered by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management, with the assistance of CARTA, for the enjoyment and benefit of the public.

CARTA was founded to facilitate goodwill, cooperation, and understanding among communities and to promote the education, conservation, and protection of the multicultural and multiethnic history and traditions associated with the living trail. We invite you to join us as an ongoing member and to help write a new chapter in the history of the trail. Member benefits include our biannual journal, *Chronicles of the Trail*, Symposium invitations, e-mail alerts regarding upcoming events, and membership in the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS). **Please join us!**

Please make checks payable to CARTA and mail to the address below. Annual membership fees are preferred to be received by January 1 each year. However, new memberships and renewals are welcome throughout the year and are valid for twelve months.

Date: ____/____/____

New ____ / Renewing ____ Member

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Street/P. O. Box

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: Work or Home (optional) _____ E-Mail: **(important)** _____

Annual membership fee:

____ Individual \$25.00

____ Joint \$30.00

____ Student (Include Copy of ID) \$15.00

____ Institutional/Corporate \$40.00

____ Additional Contribution: ____ \$10.00 ____ \$20.00 ____ \$50.00 ____ Other Amount

I would be interested in helping CARTA by:

Serving as an Officer/Board Member _____

Writing trail history _____

Organizing tours _____

Organizing conferences _____

Developing tourism ideas _____

Other _____

Serving as committee chair or member _____

For more information, please contact Cynthia Shetter, Interim-Treasurer at shetterc@msn.com or by writing to:

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