

**The dinner at Wool Growers is for our members only, but their banquet room seats a maximum of 60 persons. The rest of the restaurant remains open to the public, so you may be able to make reservations individually. You must make your own reservations in that case. I am told that the food is very good there. Again, register with me early to ensure being seated with the main group. This is strictly a social event—no chapter business is involved—so you may even prefer to get together your own little group.**

More detailed driving instructions to the various venues will be provided at the chapter meeting on Friday evening. I am told that all of the sites are within short driving distances of each other.

For those of you who have never visited this area, let me suggest that you consider making it into a springtime jaunt by driving home by via the scenic Kern River Canyon and historic Walker Pass (Highway 178) and then along the eastern base of the Sierra Nevada through Bishop on Highway 395. In the springtime, this is one of the most beautiful drives in the U.S. Depending on the winter snowfall, a number of routes over the Sierra will be open—beginning with Tioga Pass and Yosemite in the south. I would also point out that Bakersfield is a good jumping off point in all directions—north, south, east and west—for wildflower viewing (again depending on the winter rains).

Have fun and drive safely. Hope to see you in Bakersfield!

**REGISTER EARLY!**