

Trail Marker

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Welcome!

We invite **all** our members to the 2006 Sons of Utah Pioneers Convention/Encampment. We're profoundly grateful to you for your consistent and energetic support of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the ideals for which we stand. Thanks to you, we celebrate a year of solid progress toward accomplishing our mission:

Preserving PIONEER HERITAGE
Honoring TODAY'S PIONEERS
Teaching TOMORROW'S PIONEERS

Beautiful Heber Valley, rich in heritage and natural splendor, is the setting for our Convention. We look forward to assembling in Midway to recapture the Vision, hear inspiring speakers, review progress, set goals, conduct important business, choose a President-Elect and enjoy the warmth of friendship we always feel when we come together.

May this convention inspire us to increasingly participate in the three-part mission of our great organization, The Sons of Utah Pioneers!

Warmest Personal Regards,

Grant E. Barton

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National President

P.S. If you haven't registered yet, please send \$125 per person today to THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY, SUP Box 441; Heber City UT 84032.

SUP HONORS THE HANDCART COMPANIES

Three significant commemorative events will be sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers in September, October and November. Chapter Presidents, please notify your members so they can participate in one or more of these events as we come to the end of the 150th year handcart commemorations.

Re-enactment Trek, September 26, 9 a.m., “This is the Place Heritage Park.” Under the direction of the Sugar House Chapter, a re-enactment of the entry into the Valley by the first of the five 1856 handcart companies will be held on **Tuesday, September 26.** Anyone is invited to come dressed in pioneer dress, with or without a handcart, and walk from “This is the Place Heritage Park” to the downtown Conference Center. There the handcarts will be greeted by a band, speakers, and hundreds of townspeople. We invite **SUP members and their families** to join in this historic event. For more information, see the *Telegraph* sent by email late last month or contact mormonrailnews@hotmail.com.

Historical Symposium, October 14, 12:30 - 8:00 p.m., National Society Headquarters Building. The topic for this year’s symposium is *The Rescues of the Handcart Companies*. The afternoon



speakers will be **Dr. James B. Allen**, (left) *BYU Professor Emeritus of History*, **DeVerl and Joan Byington**, (shown in old west attire) former missionaries at Martin’s Cove and descendant of **Ephraim Hanks**,



one of the rescuers, and **President Scott B. Lorimer**, former Stake President of the Riverton Wyoming Stake whose vision and inspiration preserved the historic handcart sites in Wyoming and sparked the Second Rescue temple work for the handcart pioneers. The evening dinner meeting will feature **Elder Robert F. Orton, 2nd Quorum of Seventy** (above) who will put



into perspective the impact of youth handcart treks on teaching pioneer values to our youth and building lasting testimonies. Several musical numbers will be presented during the day that relate to the theme. Tickets for the Symposium are available through the SUP National Headquarters, 801-484-4441. Costs are \$20 for the Symposium and Dinner, \$10 for the Symposium alone or \$15 for the dinner alone. Seating is limited, so we encourage early registration. Please notify your members.

Premier Musical Production, *Fresh Courage Take*, by Dr. Marden Pond, UVSC, Friday, November 3, 7:00 p.m., Bountiful Regional Center (835 N. 400 E, North Salt Lake). A 100 voice choir with orchestra will present a newly written suite commemorating the handcart pioneers that was written by distinguished composer Dr. Marden Pond. This **free** concert will be held at the spacious Bountiful Regional Center, (address). Descendants of the handcart pioneers and their rescuers are especially invited to participate and be recognized in this event sponsored by the National Sons of the Utah Pioneers. SUP President, **Grant Barton**, descendant of **Captain George D. Grant** of the Rescuers, will conduct the concert festivities. All SUP members, their families and friends are invited to this concert which will be held just six days before the 150th anniversary of the Willie Handcart Company arriving in the Valley.

“BUY A CHAIR” for the SUP headquarters lower hall. You who have sat on the unpadded metal folding chairs on the lower floor of the Headquarters Building know how uncomfortable they can become after just a few minutes of sitting. A three hour symposium is almost unbearable. We are acquiring **200 padded seat and back Samsomite** folding chairs in time for the



2006 Symposium, but because this items was not on our 2006 budget, we need to have a special drive to raise the necessary funds. Each chair costs **\$20**. We invite members, chapters, companies, and friends to buy one

or more chairs. Donations are tax deductible, and may be sent to the SUP National Headquarters marked “Buy a Chair” fund. **Appropriate recognition of donors is being planned.**

CHAPTER NEWS

Cotton Mission Chapter Trek to Lake Powell. Late in the afternoon of July 14, **25 Cotton Mission Chapter members and their wives** met in St. George and car pooled to the Wahweep Marina on Lake Powell. They boarded a ship that was a downsized replica of a Mississippi Paddlewheel River Boat, and there enjoyed a three-hour dinner cruise enjoying the incomparable scenery of Lake Powell. The



next day they toured the **Upper Antelope Slot Canyon** (above) led by Chief Tsosie, a

Navajo Indian guide. The canyon was carved out of red and yellow sandstone by flash floods over many years. The next day was a float trip (below) down the Colorado



River from Glen Canyon Dam to **Lee's Ferry**. The view of the Glen Canyon Dam from the bottom was breathtaking. The canyon scenery was unsurpassed. Midway through the float, the five rafts paused and the members were entertained with **guitar and harmonica** by the guides singing songs of the Colorado River, explorers and pioneers. What a wonderful trek for a very active chapter.

Early Lime Kiln Dedicated in Richfield.

On September 7, 2006, the **Sevier** Chapter conducted Dedicatory Services for a newly constructed monument identifying one of the several early Pioneer lime kilns built by the citizens of Richfield. The dedicatory prayer was offered by **Steve Ogden**, businessman from Salt Lake City and native of Richfield. Both **Grant E. Barton**, 2006 National President and **Jay M. Smith**, 2006 National President-Elect of the SUP were present at the event and participated in the dedication. Many hours of donated labor led by AVP Douglas **Loosle** were donated to this project.

Sevier Chapter Publishes Quarterly "Memories" booklet. Under the direction of **Paul Turner**, chapter members are encouraged to contribute personal and ancestor stories on a regular basis. These stories are reproduced in a booklet entitled

"Memories" and distributed to chapter members. Paul is relentless in his pursuit of these excellent stories that capture the history of the people and surroundings of Sevier Valley. Volume 5, with **22 stories of ½ page or longer**, was issued in the spring of 2006. A copy has been placed in the **SUP Legacy Library**.

Cotton Mission Chapter Dedicates Pine Valley Monument.

On July 24, scores of SUP members and community friends assembled to dedicate a beautiful granite monument (below) commemorating the



logging of wood in 1866 and 1867 to build both the **chapel in Pine Valley, Utah** and the **organ in the Salt Lake City Tabernacle**. Elder **Lee Ence** of the Quorum of Seventy gave the dedicatory prayer after giving a powerful discourse on the "sacrifice, endeavors, struggles, hardships and contributions of the early pioneers" as well as today's "labor of love" by the SUP in establishing the monument. **Clifford Spendlove**, a member of the Cotton Mission chapter, was the project director and received great support from the Community of Pine Valley. The chapel in Pine Valley has been noted as an historical landmark with its architecture reminding one of a ship's bow.

Squaw Peak Chapter Travels to Martins Cove.

On June 23-24, 27 people representing the **Squaw Peak Chapter** traveled to Wyoming to visit, among other

sites, **Martin's Cove**. Everyone hiked to the Cove, and were touched spiritually by the surroundings and the stories told by a couple serving as missionaries at the Center. In conclusion, **Sherm Cloward**, Chapter President said "Every one of the 833 miles we traveled was well worth it. The socialization we enjoyed with each other was incomparable to any other experience we have shared through our activity in SUP." We encourage all chapters to hold such life-changing treks.

Box Elder Chapter Dedicates Marker in Mantua (Sardine Canyon). On July 22, 2006 a beautiful monument was dedicated under the direction of the **SUP Box Elder Chapter** recognizing the **Old Indian Trail** and the **Logan to Brigham City Pioneer Pony Express Mail Trail**. Beginning in 1859, Samuel **Whitney** was called to carry the mail by horseback from new settlements in Cache Valley to Brigham City and return through the canyon. Samuel was a friend to the Indians, and was easily recognized by them because of a missing arm. Samuel continued this service until a stage coach was selected to replace the horse delivery. The mail express route passed near a trail known as the Indian Trail. **Shoshone Indians** used this trail to travel between valleys. The idea for the monument came from **Duane Phippen** of the Box Elder Chapter. The City of **Mantua**, a town located in the canyon, was selected as the spot for the monument. The Mantua City Council overwhelmingly supported the project which took just under six months to complete, from the time of Mantua city approval to the dedication. Many SUP members and city and state officials devoted **scores of hours** to the project. Periodic news notices highlighted the contributions being made. Over 200 attended the dedication ceremony. The **Shoshone Indians** were represented by **Patty**

Timbimboo Madsen and Bruce Parry, both members of the **Northwestern Band** of the Shoshone Nation. The dedicatory prayer was offered by **Bryce Jeppsen** of Mantua.



Kneeling, left to right: Elwin Merritt, Michael Cardon, Richard Crawford. Standing, left to right: Richard Pett, Chapter President, Denton Beecher, Duane Phippen, Vern Hunter and Charles Kellogg, engineer of monument. The back of Mantua monument is shown below.



The Mountain Valley Chapter (Heber Valley) Gets Great Press from the Local Newspaper. The Mountain Valley Chapter has been getting excellent press coverage in the **Wasatch Wave**, with pictures and almost full page articles, the monthly meetings held in the Heber City Senior Citizens Center receive great coverage. In June, Heber City Mayor, **David Phillips**, and his wife spoke. On the same program, two "Modern Pioneers" were honored, **Dr. Raymond Green** and **Don LeRoy Hicken**. In July it was returning LDS missionaries to Greece,

Chapter President **George Zoolakis** and his wife who provided great insights into Greek history and culture. Accompanying each article was an announcement about the

upcoming SUP National Convention and an invitation to join the SUP. This has resulted in several new memberships during the past year.

Eagle Rock Chapter Members Trek to Paris, Idaho. Twenty members of the Eagle Rock chapter traveled from Idaho Falls to Paris, Idaho in July to visit the historic Paris Tabernacle that had just received a face-lifting. Afterwards, the group traveled to Montpelier for lunch and an informative talk about the geological history and development of the area by Alton Wilde. Some members ended the trek with a visit to the local Oregon Trail Center.



Eagle Rock Chapter tour group in front of Paris Tabernacle

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