

# Trail Marker

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**Heber Valley Convention/Encampment a Success.** Over 340 SUP members and their spouses enjoyed the beauty of Heber Valley and the luxury of the Zermatt Hotel in Midway as the 2006 SUP National



Convention was held September 14-16. Even the rain and cooler weather didn't dampen the spirit of the attendees as they dined at Soldier Hollow and enjoyed Native American dances and songs, cowboy poetry, and country music on Thursday night. Friday activities

included a three hour train ride on the Heber Creeper from Heber City to Vivien Park in Provo Canyon and return. We enjoyed time to visit, sing songs, and enjoy the Fall colors. Over 50% of the attendees participated in a bus tour of the Valley with a stop at the



beautiful USVC Heber Valley campus. In the evening, we listened and danced to an outstanding high school jazz band as they entertained us with music of the 40s, 50s,

and 60s. The spring dance floor literally bounced as many members and their partners showed they hadn't forgotten how to "cut the rug". The final banquet was held in the spacious Exhibit/Sports Center where chapter awards were given, four Today's



Pioneers were honored, and **Elder Marlin K. Jensen** (below) reminded us of the great sacrifice and devotion of the handcart pioneers.



The Convention adjourned with the reminder that the 2007 Convention will be held in **Mesa, Arizona October 18-20, 2007.**

**Booth Maycock elected as 2007 National President-Elect.** In a close election at the Convention, Booth Maycock (below) was



elected as next year's President-Elect. He will be replaced as Area 6 Vice President by **Eugene Bond, Jr.**, current President of the Jordan River Temple Chapter. Because of a vacancy in the National Executive Council, Booth has immediately become a member of that Council and will continue next year in that position as 2007 National President-Elect. Each member of the Executive Council is the **first contact** for Vice Presidents and chapters in the following areas:

- **Areas 1-5 (Northern Utah, Idaho, part of Salt Lake) Booth Maycock**
- **Areas 6-10 (Utah & Tooele Counties, most of Salt Lake) Grant E. Barton**
- **Areas 11-15 (Central & Southern Utah and Other States) Jay M. Smith**

**Four "Today's Pioneers" Honored at Convention.** One couple and two men were honored at the National Convention in Midway Utah. The following received "Today's Pioneers" Awards:

- **Elliot and Maxine Cameron** for



pioneering the **Indian Placement Program** and for **cultivating relations with China** through student exchanges.

- **Robert Cundick**, former Tabernacle Organist, for his pioneering work in upgrading the organs **and organ recitals on**

**Temple Square**, for creating musical compositions, including **the Mormon Pioneer Saga DVD**, and for instigating a weekly concert series at the **Jerusalem Center**.

- **Frank Madsen** for obtaining official **recognition of the Church in Hungary**, and for obtaining the support of congressmen, instrumental in the **construction of the Jerusalem Center**.

We encourage all chapters to honor such individuals as **Today's Pioneers** during the coming months. Engraved "Today's Pioneer" awards can be obtained through the National SUP office for \$20 (\$27 if shipped). Please include the recipient's full name and the name of his chapter (if he is a member).

**Chapter President's Council Approves Two New Policies.** All was not play at this year's Convention. Two meetings of the chapter presidents were held. The formal announcement of the **change in Life Membership Policy** was made by Jay M. Smith, 2006 National President-Elect. Beginning with the 2007 dues year, **no** annual National dues will be charged to Life Members. The Pioneer magazine **will continue** to be sent to all Life Members as long as they live. Annual members were encouraged to become Life Members this Fall as they renew their memberships. In return for \$300, they will receive a beautiful ruby centered Life Membership pin, their name engraved on the wall of the Legacy Hall in the Headquarters Building, a copy of the PIONEER magazine throughout their life, and a copy of the Pioneer Saga produced by Robert Cundick. A goal was set by the Executive Council to increase the life members by **120** between now and December 31, 2007.

Another welcomed proposal was **presented**

**and approved relating to the Chapter Award program.** The current program that gives awards by size of chapter and overall points earned will be replaced by awards in seven categories with distinct criteria for each category. The award year was changed from a **fiscal year to a calendar year**, with the first year being 18 months long, **June 30, 2006-December 31, 2007**. National Program Directors and the Executive Manager will be in charge of the categories. Additional information will be provided the chapters. The January Area Council Training meetings will focus on the new program.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Call for a Few Good Men (or Women)**

The Heber Valley Convention/Encampment was **terrific**. Congratulations to **The Mountain Valley Chapter** for such a well organized and enjoyable event. The major announcement at the convention was that **Life Members** no longer must pay annual National dues (chapter dues must still be paid) and that they will receive the PIONEER magazine for the rest of their lives. **Seven** new Life Members were signed up at the Convention. We hope that many others follow.

We have an urgent need for a few good men and or a women to **assist** us in the following areas.

1. Writing *Trail Marker* articles and taking photographs
2. Cataloging *Pioneer Magazine* articles for Website entry.
3. Assisting with media relations including electronic media
4. Providing accounting assistance in the review of the National records

These volunteers would be part of National Committees that are being formed. Please email names and contact information to me



at [grantebarton@yahoo.com](mailto:grantebarton@yahoo.com) or call Stephanie at the National Office, 801-484-4441.

Thanks so much for your efforts in honoring the stalwart pioneers of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Grant

**Fall Membership Drive.** Many chapters have put off their annual membership drives to the first part of the new year. The National Board has strongly urged chapters to start their membership drive in the Fall with the goal to have the annual dues collected by **December 31** of each year. Remember, new annual members who enroll between October 1 and December 31 receive up to **15 months** coverage, until December 31 of the subsequent year. Chapter Presidents, don't forget to encourage your annual members to become **Life Members** by completing the new Life Member Application including a Personal History following the new guidelines. The one-time fee is \$300. A two payment alternative is also available.

**GIVE THE PIONEER FOR CHRISTMAS -- SPECIAL ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITY (Until 1 January 2007) -- TWO YEARS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE FOR GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS!** This is a perfect chance to give our fine PIONEER MAGAZINE as a Christmas gift for your married children, your brothers and sisters and your special friends. Don't miss the chance. Send names and addresses, together with \$15.00 for each two-year subscription, to **SPECIAL OFFER -- PIONEER MAGAZINE**, 3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City 84109.

**NEW Bronze 2006 Medallions Available.** The 2006 "Remember Martin's Cove" medallions, both silver and gold, are **sold out**. Since the die and design costs have

been recovered through the sale of the precious metal medallions, we have minted another **200 bronze medallions** at a **reduced price of \$5.00 per medallion (\$4.00 per medallion in lots of 5 or more)**. **Chapters are encouraged to purchase them in quantity from the National Office and make them available to members. They are an ideal gift to prospective SUP and family members.** The bronze metal shows the design very sharply and they make very attractive yet inexpensive gifts. We may continue to have bronze as an alternative to the precious metal medallions in the future. We welcome your input to this proposal as we continue to honor the handcart pioneers this year.

**Symphonic Premiere in Salt Lake Sponsored by the SUP & DUP** A new symphonic work "Fresh Courage Take" will premier in Salt Lake November 3, 2006, at 7 p.m., in the Bountiful Regional Conference Center. It is a **FREE concert** honoring the handcart pioneers. **PLEASE BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER TO THIS OUTSTANDING EVENT.**

This premiere is being co-sponsored by the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Dr. Pond, distinguished Professor of Music at UVSC, has written the **symphonic suite** for orchestra, chorus, and narrators commemorating the Willie and Martin Handcart Companies. The suite consists of eight movements: (1) Overture: to Zion, (2) The Trek, (3) Bring Them In!, (4) Early Snow, Cold, Diminishing Supplies, (5) Across the Frozen Sweetwater, (6) The Cove, the Ridge: Becoming Acquainted with Him in Our Extremities. (7) The Rescue and (8) Embraced in Welcoming Arms. **Descendants** of the Willie and Martin Handcart Companies and their Rescuers will be recognized at this special event that comes within six days of the 150<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the arrival of the Willie Handcart Company into the Valley. Narrators will include Marvin Payne, Carol Mekita, and National SUP President Grant Barton and his wife Marilyn. We suggest a minimum age of 8 years for children.

**October Chapter Officer Elections.** The chapter elections for 2007 Officers and Area Vice Presidents, where necessary, should be held in October. Chapter Presidents, please forward election results to Ron VanLeuven, the National SUP Executive Manager, so he can prepare new address lists for the January Training Meetings.

#### CHAPTER NEWS

**Sugar House Chapter hosts Exciting Pioneer Handcart Re-enactment.** On September 26, 150 years since the first handcarts rolled into Salt Lake Valley, a re-enactment of the event was held. Over **100**



**handcarts and hundreds of walkers** walked from This is the Place Monument to the downtown Convention Center, with a stop at the Salt Lake 10<sup>th</sup> Ward historic building. The **Nauvoo Band** led the way. The celebration concluded with remarks



from **Elder Marlin K. Jensen** (above, with

NSSUP President, Grant Barton, and two participants dressed as Brigham Young, and one of Brigham's wives), church historian The spirit was high as participants waved their white handkerchiefs to those who came to the street to watch the parade. The Sugar House chapter sponsored the event. Several officers and other chapter members rallied to the call and came dressed in their pioneer costume to carry the United States flag or just "pull and push."

**Salt Lake City and Twin Peaks Chapters Trek to Ibapah, Utah** On September 7, 2006, 44 members of the Salt Lake City and Twin Peaks Chapters took an eleven hour trek to the remote Tooele County town of **Ibapah**. The tour was conducted by **Lavon Day**, President of the Salt Lake City Chapter. He and his wife spent 18 months in this town in 1970 helping members of the **Goshute Indian** tribe develop a welding business that made cattle guards, pickup racks, water tanks, and other similar items. This business continued to operate until the mid 1990's. The tour left Salt Lake early Thursday morning. Tour members learned about the Kennecott Copper Mines, Saltair Resort, Salt Flats and its automobile racing events, and the military area where preliminary tests were made in 1945 leading up to the atomic bombs that were dropped over Japan. The group continued through Wendover and finally into Nevada and back into Utah and the town of Ibapah.

This area was traversed by the Pony Express in 1860, the telegraph in 1861, stage coaches and mail routes. In the 1850's and 1860's, livestock was grazed in the area and ranches established. This was followed by Mormon missionaries **in 1874** who gathered the Goshute's together, purchased land, deeded it to the Indians and taught them modern methods of farming. The settlement was originally called "Deep Creek" for the name of the local creek. It was changed to Ibapah,

an anglicized version of the Goshute word that means “white clay water”, descriptive of the river water heavy with fine white clay particles. The area boomed for a certain period of time, particularly during the mining activities at Gold Hill and even supported a newspaper called the “Deep Creek Critic”. The area currently is inhabited by descendents of the early settlers and the Goshute Indians who live on a reservation of approximately 110,000 acres. Lavon was able to add much color to the tour because of his personal connection to the area. The group enjoyed a dinner in Wendover before they headed home on I-80. A special thanks is given to Ray Baumgartner of the Twin Peaks Chapter for his contributions, and to Phyllis and Kyle Bateman, long time residents of Ibapah who hosted us during our tour and discussed the history of the area with us.

**Brigham Young Chapter Speaker, Brent Ashworth.** On September 21, over 110 members and spouses of the Brigham Young Chapter were treated to a look into artifacts dating to the Revolutionary War and the Founding Fathers and of the early LDS Church leaders owned by Brent Ashworth, noted historian and collector. Brent brought many examples of letters, books, and pictures that have significant history attached to them. He shared the contents of several original letters with the group that added insight into people who are part of our history.

**Squaw Peak Chapter Speaker, Jay M. Smith, National President-Elect 2006.** On September 20, over 60 members of the Squaw Peak Chapter enjoyed a dinner at the Noni International Building in the Provo River Bottoms and listened to our 2006 President-Elect share information about important changes occurring in the Sons of Utah Pioneer organization and how the SUP

Mission Statement can be implemented in each chapter. He shared personal stories of men and women who demonstrated pioneer values in their lives as Today’s Pioneers, and how he and his wife try to creatively teach these values to his eleven children and 46 grandchildren, and growing numbers of great grandchildren. Jay hopes to attend many chapter meetings during his year as SUP National President to give encouragement to chapter leaders and members.

**Sevier Valley Chapter Dedicates Lime Kiln Monument** Last month we told you about the Sevier Valley Chapter project to build a monument for the Old Lime Kiln. Below are photos of the dedication ceremony and the monument itself.

