

# Trail Marker

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*Dear SUP Associates:*

**Six 2007 Area Training Meetings** have now been held and over **250** chapter officers and their boards have received **instructions and training** for the new year. The Area Vice Presidents and National Program Directors conducted **outstanding** training meetings. One or more members of the Executive Council attended each meeting. We were impressed with the **quality of leadership** existing within our organization.



Several **2007 National Goals** were presented at the training meetings:

- ✓ **Increase SUP membership to 750 LIFE and 1,550 Annual or 2,300 TOTAL.** Especially add members to smaller chapters that are struggling to keep the chapter viable.
- ✓ **Add five new chapters.**
- ✓ **Memorialize at least 120 Pioneer ancestors.**
- ✓ Each chapter has at least one **Tomorrow's Pioneer program** (Scholarship, Pioneer Biography, Frontier Essay)
- ✓ Each chapter has a **trek specialist** who conducts at least **one trek** each year. Three national treks to Mesa and an attendance over **300** at the **Convention October 18-20.**
- ✓ Each chapter has a **monument or plaque project.** **Five** new monuments completed during 2007. Complete evaluation and description of existing monuments.
- ✓ Each chapter honors at least one **Today's Pioneer.** National honors **five** Today's Pioneers at National events.

Each chapter board is encouraged to consider these national goals in establishing their specific **chapter goals** for the year.

I hope all SUP members who have access to the Internet either themselves or through their children will periodically access the **SUP Website** ([sonsofutahpioneers.org](http://sonsofutahpioneers.org)). The pages on this website contain much valuable and interesting information, including the current issue of this National newsletter. Please send your comments and input for the *Trail Marker* to our publisher, **Past President Grant Barton**, [nssup@hotmail.com](mailto:nssup@hotmail.com).

*Jay M. Smith*  
2007 National President



Scenes from a few of the six area leadership training sessions held this past month.

Above: luncheon in St. George.



Above: Areas 9-11 Chapter Presidents Leadership training session.



Left: St. George Leadership Meeting.

Right: Jim Richie leading breakout session in Provo



## OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PERFORMANCES

Several chapters have compiled noteworthy recruitment and renewal records. (Note that **Morgan and Squaw Peak** made all three lists).

### Hurricane Valley has Growth Spurt

In the last 7 months, the Hurricane Valley chapter has added 10 new members! Sevier Valley is close behind with 7. Other top-recruiting chapters are:

Hurricane Valley	10
Sevier Valley	7
Morgan	6
Brigham Young	6
Ogden Pioneer	5
Squaw Peak	5
Eagle Rock	4
Centerville	4
Cedar Cit	4

### Four Chapters Renew 100% of Members

Several chapters have renewed ALL or most of their members for 2007 in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Special thanks to the following chapters for sending in the dues:

Beehive	100%
Settlement Canyon	100%
Temple Quarry	100%
George Albert Smith	100%
Squaw Peak	89%
Jordan River Temple	80%
Morgan	76%
Ogden Valley	76%
Mills	72%
Cotton Mission	70%

*ALL NATIONAL DUES ARE DUE IN THE NATIONAL OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>.*

### Conversion from Annual to Life

Seven chapters have seen 29 of their

members convert their membership from annual to life: They are:

Sevier Valley	6
Brigham Young	5
Morgan	4
Jordan River Temple	4
Squaw Peak	4
Salt Lake City	3
Upper Snake River	3

### Three New Chapters in Three Months!

- **Timpanogos** (Utah) Serving Alpine, Highland, Cedar Hills, American Fork & Pleasant Grove. Organized January 18<sup>th</sup> by Area Vice President Keith Black and Past National President Grant Barton. Ten men and their wives met at the home of Keith Black and elected **Wes Burr** (801-768-4727) as Chapter President. Wes is former BYU Professor & Stake President. Their first dinner meeting will be held on February 22.
- **Las Vegas** (Nevada). Organized February 3<sup>rd</sup> by Area Vice President Keyne Thorne and National President Jay Smith. Eight men and wives met in the home of at-large member Owen Roundy and elected **Robert Cordner** as Chapter President. Their first dinner meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Maple Mountain** (Utah), serving the Mapleton area. The chapter's most recent meeting saw over 60 in attendance! Not bad for a brand new chapter. At that meeting, Bruce Mendenhall was honored for his role in organizing the Mapleton Museum and Library. His grandson, Erik Brinkerhoff spoke on his new book of historic folk stories of the Mapleton area. The large Mapleton Choir provided music.

Welcome these new chapter members into the SUP family of 45 chapters! Please invite friends or family in these areas to inform of these new chapters and encourage their affiliation. Also inform Stephanie at SUP headquarters, who will ask the new chapter presidents to contact them.

### **SUP Website Tallies 19,000 hits!**

During January, 5,123 people visited [sonsofusahpioneers.org](http://sonsofusahpioneers.org), the official SUP website. They visited 19,141 places within the website, ranging between 400 to 850 per day! (“Visits” are the number of times someone went to the website; “Hits are the number of places visited within the website.) In January, the most popular pages were:

Monuments	452
Pioneer Histories	313
About SUP	276
Library	225
Today’s Pioneers	210

The SUP website is fast becoming *the* Premiere place to obtain pioneer information.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Chapter President’s Council** Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1-4 pm National Building  
**Life Member Banquet** Saturday Evening, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 5 pm National Building  
**Fathers & Sons Banquet** (Salt Lake Valley) Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm National Building

2007 Medallions commemorating the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Salt Lake Tabernacle will be available by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **OUTSTANDING CHAPTER NEWS**

**SALT LAKE CITY** Chapter and the Twin Peaks Chapter merged. They now have large turn-outs. In January, **President Monson**, a member of the Chapter, spoke in

honor of two Chapter members who are now centurions: **Patriarch Eldred G. Smith** and **Stacy Garn**. The Chapter meets in the historic 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, where President Monson said his future wife was blessed as a baby. In February, **Elder Erin Call**, Emeritus Seventy, spoke to another large turn-out about the Mormon Colonies in Mexico. He asked: “Were the eight Mexican Mormon Colonies successful?” “From that **one stake**”, he replied, “came **125** mission presidents, **20** temple presidents and **9** General Authorities leading to **1.3 million Mexican members** and **14 temples!**”

**PIONEER HERITAGE** installed **Guy Chamberlain**, retired bank examiner, as chapter president. Guy’s ancestor, John, walked to the Salt Lake Valley as a 9 year-old and later composed “We Are Marching On To Glory”, Hymn 225 in the LDS Hymnal. At a catered meal, **Paul Fetzer** spoke on “**Building the Tabernacle Organ**”.

**LEHI** put a paid ad in the local newspaper advertising that Jay Smith, 2007 National President, would speak to the chapter. The Cost of the sumptuous dinner meeting, held at the historic Lehi Hotel was **only \$7!** New officers were installed by Keith Black. Lehi is already planning a **trek to Rock Creek Hollow/ Martin’s Cove** and their annual Summer **dinner on Antelope Island** (State Park).

**SETTLEMENT CANYON’S** speaker was **Lace Burrows** on the **History of Rush Valley** (Copies available @ \$26). Program arranged by **Vernal & Nina Anderson** and **Jim & Sharen Perkins**.

**TEMPLE FORK** members were delighted in December by **Harry and Susan Ames** portraying with guitar and narration the story of the Savior’s birth.



**CEDAR CITY (Pres. Joe Bishop)** has an Annual Calendar with events every month ranging from a Sweetheart dinner to a Scholarship Fund Raiser, to a Service Activity to a Mountain Breakfast. Hosts for these events are **Cal Hair, Haymer Morris, Jesse Rob and Al Tait**. Chairman of the SUP July 24<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Day Hamburger Stand is **Steve Heath**.

**BUENA VENTURA'S** February speaker, **Al Cordon**, told of his ancestor, Charles Shumway, who was in both the first wagon that left Nauvoo on February 4, 1846 and the first wagon train with Brigham Young in July 1847. National President Jay Smith and his wife JenaVee attended the meeting. JenaVee is also a descendant of Charles Shumway.

**COTTON MISSION** has scheduled **three treks** in 2007: 1) Old Fort Pearce 2) Jacob Hamblin's Home and 3) Pipe Springs! Their January meeting featured St. George mayor, **Dan McArthur**. The chapter features a chapter member each month in their excellent newsletter. For example, chapter member **Roland Lee** is a young art designer who has served clients such as SkyWest Airlines and founded the St. George Magazine.

**CANYON RIM AND SUGAR HOUSE** Chapters hosted former National Commander **Paul Madson** speaking on the Mormon Battalion. On an experimental basis, these two chapters, who have been sharing dinner meetings for two years, **include a copy of the Trail Marker** when they send their combined newsletter to their chapter members!

### **IN HONOR**

**DELL MADSEN** was transferred to Chapter Eternal on January 20<sup>th</sup>. He served as

Chapter President for **seven terms!** He was honored by his **Salt Lake City Chapter** last year with a "Today's Pioneer" Award. He and Marie were married for 65 years (so far).

**FRANK MATHESON**, Life Member and former SUP National Board member, recently passed to chapter eternal. He held leadership positions in his **Pioneer Heritage Chapter**. Frank was a distinguished Salt Lake attorney and Juvenile Judge.

### **IN THE NEWS**

The Davis County Clipper ran a front page article and picture of **Roger Bennett** being newly-elected as SUP Vice President of Area Four, incorporating Salt Lake Pioneer, Bountiful, Centerville and Salt Lake Chapters. Also in the article was the SUP Mission: Preserving Pioneer Heritage, Honoring Today's Pioneers, and Teaching Tomorrow's Pioneers.

### **TIME TO REGISTER FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MESA, ARIZONA**

The registration form for the Mesa Convention (at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa, shown below) is part of this issue of the



*Trail Marker*. We encourage you to sign up for the Convention **now**. There are also three national treks being offered in conjunction with the Convention and can be reserved separately (See the next *Pioneer Magazine* for Trek details). We look forward to seeing you there!

**MESA CHAPTER**  
**Sons of Utah Pioneers**  
**National Convention 2007, October 18, 19 & 20**

**Theme: Pioneer Heritage in the Desert**  
**Convention Chairman: Harvey Zilm**

**Location: Mesa, Arizona**  
**Convention Headquarters: Phoenix Marriott Mesa**  
**200 North Centennial Way**  
**Mesa, Arizona 85201**

**Thursday, October 18**  
 2:00-5:00 Check In & Registration  
 5:30-8:30 Opening Ceremonies  
 Dinner. **Elder Gene R. Cook, keynote speaker**

**Friday, October 19**  
 7:30-9:00 National Board Breakfast Meeting  
 7:30-9:00 Check In & Registration  
 9:30-4:00 Tours  
 6:00-8:30 Dinner & Program-  
**Rocking R Ranch**

**Saturday, October 20**  
 7:30-9:00 Chapter Presidents Meeting  
 7:30-9:00 Check In & Registration  
 Breakfast on your own  
 9:30-11:30 National Business Meeting & Ladies Program  
 1:30-3:30 National President's Luncheon  
 Speaker, **Otto Shill, Jr.**  
 Music- Michile Baer

**All Tours include a sack lunch**

- Tour A** Picturesque wagon train tour along the Salt River to pioneer historic spots **\$12.00**
- Tour B** Bus tour south to McFarland Museum and Courthouse in Florence and then to Casa Grande Ruins National Monument (Bring Golden Pass Card) **\$17.00**
- Tour C** Bus tour east to The Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Learn about the plants of the desert and of the Bible lands from Bill Benson, ASU. Learn about the Lost Dutchman Mine and Superstition Mountain on the way. **\$20.00**

**Registration Fees (Per Person)**

Early Registration by September 30. All banquets, programs & activities except tours & housing.....\$110.00  
 Late Registration after September 30. All banquets, programs & activities except tours & housing.....\$125.00  
 Saturday activities only. National business meeting, ladies program, national president's luncheon.....\$ 55.00  
 (Each person is responsible for securing own housing. A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Marriott** at a cost of **\$89** per couple per night plus taxes. Reservations must be made by September 18, 2007.  
 Phone numbers: (888)236-2427 or (480) 898-8300. Other motels are nearby)

**Registration Form**  
**2007 SUP National Convention in Mesa, Arizona**  
**October 18, 19, 20, 2007**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ SUP Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Tours: Circle and indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd preference**

**Tour A.** Wagon train tour      **Tour B** Bus tour to Museum & Ruins      **Tour C** Bus tour to Arboretum

		Member	Spouse	Total
Early registration	\$110.00 each	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Late registration	\$125.00 each	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Saturday only	\$ 55.00 each	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Tours as above (1st Preference)		\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Mail checks and Registration form to:  
 Sons of Utah Pioneers, Mesa Chapter  
 P. O. Box 51752  
 Mesa, AZ 85208

**Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make checks payable to: SUP Mesa Chapter