

Trail Marker

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2005 ENCAMPMENT WRAP-UP

Three hundred SUP delegates and partners dined sumptuously, were entertained with a stage play and professional vocal and piano artistry, heard stimulating messages from U.S. Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick, William Devlin (past President of the Urban Family Council of Philadelphia) and the Philadelphia Stake Presidency. A highlight was the election of Jay Smith as 2006 President-Elect and several Area Vice Presidents, while the wives enjoyed a meeting with historians Richard and Diane Turley.



Clockwise from top-left: Delegate Horace Snyder stands outside Independence Hall. Reenactment of the first reading of the Declaration of Independence on the anniversary of its first reading - July 8th, 1776. Steve Kruman (President of host Harmony Chapter), Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick, and 2005 President J. Todd Olsen. Encampment-goers on bus tour. Idaho delegate stands in front of Gettysburg Memorialization Wall. Conference organizer, Steve Kruman, addresses members at President's Banquet.



2005 President-Elect Grant E. Barton and his wife Marilyn at the Liberty Bell. Delegates greet and make new friends.



The awards luncheon concluded the conference, with keynote speaker Richard Buschman, professor at Columbia University, who spoke about personal aspects of the Prophet Joseph Smith's life. Plaques and certificates were awarded for outstanding chapter performance.

In addition to the Encampment itself, delegates chose between several tour options, including historic LDS Church sites from Vermont to Ohio, such as Palmyra, Kirtland, Harmony, "Mormon Hollow" and the Susquehanna River. A highlight was to visit Joseph Smith's birthplace on the 200th Anniversary of his birth.

Patriotic sites included the Gettysburg, The Liberty Bell and Constitution Hall. Despite a driving rainstorm, Independence Hall filled with SUP members on July 8th, the exact anniversary of the first public reading of the

Declaration of Independence. It was a lively event as gallery guests included many people in period costume voicing their opinions both for and against independence (guests were encouraged to participate too).

JAY M. SMITH, JR. VOTED 2006 PRESIDENT-ELECT

President-Elect **JAY M. SMITH, JR.** was born in Denver, Colorado, and grew up in Denver, Salt Lake City, and Boise. He attended Boise Jr. College, BYU, and Stanford University, where he received a PhD in Business with an emphasis of Accounting. He married **JENAVEE CORDON** in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1952. After earning his CPA certificate, he worked in public accounting for four years before returning to teach at BYU. In addition to teaching at BYU, he taught at Stanford University, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Hawaii. He retired as Professor of Accounting from BYU in 1995 after 28 years of teaching at BYU.



Jay has served the Church in many capacities including Bishop, Stake President, High Councilor, Family History Specialist, and Stake Young Men's President. He served as Mission President in the Maryland Baltimore Mission from 1997-2000. He with his wife served as the Provo Temple President and Matron from 2001-2004. He and his wife have 11 children, 45 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. The Smiths currently live in the Oak Hills 4th Ward near the Provo Temple. Jay loves the temple and the family history work that supports it. He is currently president of two family associations and is actively involved in research and publishing histories of his ancestors.

NSSUP IN DAYS OF '47 PARADE



This year the Son of Utah Pioneers was well represented in the **KSL DAYS OF '47 PARADE**. Our opening entry was three handcars that were pulled by institute students representing the early pioneers that entered the valley. Our second entry driven by **J. TODD OLSEN** and his wife **SHERRY** was a reproduction of a covered wagon that President J. Todd Olsen's father **NOLAN** drove from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City during the centennial celebration, the oxen were from that original centennial trek (photo to left). Our third entry in the parade was our **PRESIDENT ELECT GRANT BARTON** and his wife **MARYLYN** riding in a convertible waving to the crowd of over a hundred thousand people.

NEW NSSUP MISSION STATEMENT

A revised Sons of Utah Pioneers mission statement was proposed by the **SELF-STUDY COMMISSION** and approved by the National Board:

“The mission of the Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is to preserve memory and heritage of early pioneers of the Utah Territory. We honor the pioneers for their Faith in God; Devotion to Family; Loyalty to Church and Country; Hard work and service to others; Courage in adversity; Personal integrity; and unyielding determination.

“The Society also honors present-day pioneers worldwide in many walks of life, who exemplify these same qualities of character. It is further intended to teach these same qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.”

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

FORMER NSSUP PRESIDENT KARLO MUSTONEN, 77, died Wednesday, August 3, 2005 of pulmonary fibrosis. His funeral was held at in Logan on Monday, August 8th. Karlo, was born in Finland, came to America in 1954, was fluent in nine languages, worked in the Utah State University library until his retirement. Karlo was also active in

the boy scouts receiving the Silver Beaver Award and the Vigil award in the Order of the Arrow. He was always helping those less fortunate and touched many young men's lives.

PRESTON HUNT and the **HOLLADAY CHAPTER** have made up the SUP emblem into the 13 color patch that we wear on our hats (shown on right). Preston is National Director for Name Memorialization and is responsible for the SUP Library located at the SUP National Headquarters Building. In May, Preston was asked to set up an SUP booth at the **BOY SCOUT EXPO** at Provo High School and explain the SUP patch that scouts can earn and display on their uniform. He received hundreds of inquiries and promoted the Sons of Utah Pioneers. **FIVE SCOUT LEADERS ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING SUP!**



Congratulations Preston. To earn the patch, a boy must learn the pioneer history of his area, write a short story about what that history means to him and fill out a pedigree chart. For further information about the official SUP patch, contact Preston at 801-266-8216.

FIRLE WILKINS, a long time member of the **COTTON MISSION CHAPTER** passed away recently. Some of his friends (not members of SUP) desired to contribute to a memorial in his honor. Knowing of his love for the Sons of Utah Pioneers, the chapter officers designated a fund which would be durable and meaningful to his memory. The decision was made to place the contribution of \$235 in the **PIONEER MAGAZINE ENDOWMENT** fund under the name of "**FIRLE WILKINS MEMORIAL.**" The Pioneer Magazine expresses appreciation to the Cotton Mission Chapter for this donation, and recommends this to other chapters as a worthy and fitting way to remember their members.

GREAT CHAPTER PERFORMANCES

We are asking all chapters to send us a list of their four favorite recent speakers. According to **RICHARD BAILEY**, President of **THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY** Chapter (Host to next year's encampment) their favorite speakers this past year were: **DR. RON CARTER**, Author of "Prelude to Glory"; **DUANE & SHARON HIATT**, Sons & Scenes of Mormon Epoch; **KEN KOHLER**, Freemont Indians; **FORREST CUCH**, Director of Indian Affairs, State of Utah. The Chapter has videotaped these presentations.



In conjunction with the 2005 National Encampment, the **OGDEN CHAPTER** placed an \$800 plaque on the **SEMINARY BUILDING AT MORMON HOLLOW** in Pennsylvania where Joseph and Hyrum preached and over 100 joined the Church. (See plaque at left, ceremony at seminary building to right.) The owner of the building was baptized and went on to become the Presiding Bishop of the Church.



The **UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER** has undertaken a major project to photograph all of the tombstones in the six cemeteries in Madison County. The project will be done in conjunction and cooperation with **BYU-IDAHO**, which has already compiled an extensive database of obituaries. As the photographs are produced each one will be married to the appropriate obituary and will then be available on the university website to researchers and genealogists. The project is under the direction of chapter member **JAMES DOWNEY**, who serves as chairman of their family history committee. He is being assisted by **GAIL CAZIER**, a former chapter president, and by many of the chapter members who have signed up to work in a particular cemetery. It is anticipated that the project may take some time to complete, as there are literally thousands of headstones and markers to be recorded.

JOHN DRISCALL of the **GROVE CITY CHAPTER** in Blackfoot, Idaho, submits articles to local newspapers bi-monthly!

The **COTTON MISSION CHAPTER** was well represented at the **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT** with twelve members and their spouses in attendance. The chapter received recognition at the Encampment for the second most points for large chapters and was also recognized as one of the large chapters with the most new members. Following the

Encampment members and their wives continued their tour visiting **VALLEY FORGE, GETTYSBURG, SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, FAYETTE, PALMYRA AND THE HILL CUMORAH PAGEANT, NIAGARA FALLS, AND KIRTLAND, OHIO** prior to returning home. All had a wonderful time and they will bring in *two new members* who were also on the tour and have elected to join the SUP as a result of the trip.

The **HURRICANE VALLEY CHAPTER** had a trek on August 5-6. They traveled from Hurricane to Salt Lake City to tour the **CHURCH MUSEUM** and then traveled to Clarkston to attend the **MARTIN HARRIS PAGEANT**. They stayed in Brigham City Friday night and Saturday morning went to **PROMONTORY POINT**, returning home late Saturday. About 25 members and their wives to participated in this activity.

The **BOUNTIFUL CHAPTER** will ride in the **FREE** horse drawn carriages to visit the 40 pioneer buildings at **THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE STATE PARK** in Salt Lake. They will then dine and have a special program at the **HEBER C. KIMBALL HOME**.

The **PIONEER VILLAGE AT LAGOON** was originally a project of the SUP. It was sold years ago to Lagoon Amusement Park north of Salt Lake. For many years the **CANYON RIM CHAPTER** has held one of their meetings during July or August at Lagoon and has enjoyed free parking by showing their SUP membership cards. If your chapter would like to use the Pioneer Village at Lagoon for activities, contact **DICK ANDREW** of the Lagoon Marketing Office (451-8060).

The **SEVIER CHAPTER** shares information and promotes its activities on **RADIO STATION KSVC** (Richfield), on the forth Friday of each month. The most recent program featured the Chapter's August **TREK TO FISH LAKE**. The



June program promoted the Chapter's **AUCTION**, which was held July 4th at the Richfield City Park. The upcoming calendar of events helps determine who the Chapter participants will be. There have been many favorable comments from the listening audience. We appreciate Radio Station KSVC's cooperation.

*In the photo above, Trek Chairman, **DAVE OGDEN**, interacts with talk show host, **KEVIN KITCHEN** of KSVC. (August 8, 2005, By **SAM WARE**, Picture by **JIM HANSEN**)*

TWIN PEAKS and **SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTERS** joined together for an evening with the **DAYS OF '47 ROYALTY** at the National SUP Headquarters building.

The **BUENA VENTURA CHAPTER** met at the **HERITAGE MUSEUM** in Layton Utah and heard **JERRY JOHNSON**, reporter for the *Deseret News* speak on **"WRITING ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS."**

The **SQUAW PEAK CHAPTER** met in June and July in back yards to hear from **CHAD LEWIS**, All-Pro tight end for the Philadelphia Eagles football team. Because of a mission to Taiwan, Chad was chosen by the NFL to promote football in a tour to China. The chapter also heard General Authority emeritus **DUANE GERRARD**. The chapter also took a trek to the **BOYHOOD HOME OF PRESIDENT MCKAY IN HUNTSVILLE**, and was hosted on a tour by President McKay's son.

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