

# Trail Marker

**PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW**  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As we lay plans for spring/summer activities for family and friends, consider incorporating a flavor of pioneer treks, tours, parks and monuments. If you are visiting monuments and markers, consider taking pictures of the monuments/plaques, etc. and forwarding them to the national office. If they need repair, let us know so we can pass on the information to the chapters who would be interested in renovating and repairing them. I would recommend that you take time with your family and/or with your chapter to visit the Pioneer Heritage Park at 'This is the Place' monument in Salt Lake City. While there, be sure to examine the beautiful "Eyes Westward" monument placed there last spring by the Sons of Utah Pioneers. The park is ranked one of the highest visited historical sites in the west.

Another place to visit is the Pioneer village in Provo Utah, located on State St. (500 West, 550 North) in North Park. The Brigham Young Chapter, under the direction of Steve Nelson and his task force are revitalizing and renovating the village. Although much smaller than the Pioneer Heritage Park, it is a great location for an informative trek stop. It makes for a great family activity and picnic in the adjacent park and water slide.

Our SUP website, [www.sonsofutahpioneers.org](http://www.sonsofutahpioneers.org), is one of the best sources for finding out about the SUP. It gives the:

1. Mission, purposes and goals of the SUP
2. Officers and Staff, including Chapter Presidents and new members
3. SUP Bylaws, Applications for Membership and Life Membership
4. Lists of Pioneers noted in the Memorial Gallery with accompanying biographies
5. Lists of Monuments, Markers and Pioneer Trails
6. Information on the SUP Library and Internet links
7. Pioneer stories online – those you submit.
8. Medallions and memorabilia
9. Pioneer Magazine
10. *Trail Marker*©.



You are strongly encouraged to use the SUP website. I would encourage chapter presidents and president-elect's to review the website in preparation for making suggestions at our upcoming President's Meeting. Your comments will be appreciated. The president's meeting will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 2-5pm. A dinner follows. Your wife is invited. You should have received an invitation, if not, contact the SUP Headquarters.

Thanks for all your service to Sons of Utah Pioneers! Your ancestors would be grateful that they are remembered by you. Let us do what we can to 'preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers.'

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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### CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING

The annual Chapter Presidents meeting will be held at National Headquarters Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dinner (\$10 per person) will be served at 5:30 p.m. All Chapter Presidents, President Elects, AVPs and National Directors should attend. These meetings are conducted as workshops to address problems and encourage appropriate actions to help strengthen chapters. Wives are encouraged to attend as there is a special program for them. Because of this meeting the normally scheduled second Tuesday meetings of the Directors and AVPs is cancelled until May.

### FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The recently created Financial Committee, as noted in the last *Trail Marker*, has “hit the road running.” Considerable concern was expressed over our current investments in light of the national economic downturn. One of our three accounts is invested in “laddered” CDs. It was felt we should leave this as sound investment policy. The other two accounts were invested in stocks and have suffered accordingly. It was decided to sell these stocks off at the most appropriate time. This opportunity occurred with a recent “bubble” of the market. The committee has decided to utilize the services of a top rated financial adviser firm to help us invest these funds to assure the best return on our money. You are invited to inquire about any and all of the activities of your Financial Committee.

### NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The annual National Symposium will be held at National Headquarters, Saturday, October 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. with dinner following at 5:30 p.m. The theme this year will be announced soon. Over the years our symposiums have gained wide acclaim for the quality of the presenters as well as the educational value of the theme. We know you will want to mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

## NATIONAL TREKS

The cutoff date, April 15, is fast approaching for the unique **Hole In-the Rock Adventure** trek. This will be a “one of a kind” educational adventure involving small aircraft viewing of the area, river rafting and four-wheeling pioneer routes. Your chapter president should have full details and registration forms or you can go to our website [www.sonsofutahpioneers.org](http://www.sonsofutahpioneers.org) or contact **Dee Risenmay**, National Trek Director. While you are on the site, check the other National Treks being offered this summer.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Our National Encampment is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Our host chapter, Ogden Pioneer, has worked diligently for months to insure one of the most memorable of all Encampments. Details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Pioneer Magazine. We trust you will mark your calendars now. This year there will be a special session on Thursday afternoon for all chapter officers and their **boards**. President-elects, you need to start planning now to have your boards selected and at that meeting even if they cannot register for the entire Encampment. This meeting will take the place of the Chapter Officer’s Training meeting formerly held in January.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Pat Taylor**, the wife of National Director **LaRon Taylor**, passed away on March 30<sup>th</sup> as a result of a stroke she suffered a week earlier. Our deepest sympathy goes to LaRon and his family.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

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**BOX ELDER** (Brigham City, Utah) As previously reported in the “Trail Marker”, the chapter received a donation of logs from **Yellowstone Log Homes** for the purpose of building the new **SUP Pioneer Cabin for the Brigham City Christmas Village**. On March 13<sup>th</sup> **Reese Beeton** (pictured at top of next page) and **Denny Beecher** went to Rigby, Idaho and



brought the logs to Brigham City where **Stock Building Supply** furnished a forklift and manpower free of charge to unload the logs. **Quinn Parkinson** helped make the arrangements to get the valuable donation of logs. The assembly and construction of the cabin will likely be accomplished in May or June.

**BRIGHAM YOUNG** (Provo, Utah) **Today's Pioneers Awards** were presented to **Reed M. Izatt** (below-left) and **Jerald S. Bradshaw** (below-right) at the March chapter meeting.



These two scientists then combined their talents to present the program for the evening. They are joint recipients of the **National American Chemical Society Award in Separations Science and Technology**. Each of these scientists has received much recognition for their contributions as teachers and researchers. They have trained many graduate students as they

earned their M.S. and PhD degrees. Much of the chemical research they have done has been centered on the selective separation of certain metal salts from mixtures of salts in solution. These processes have made it possible to separate precious metals from mixtures that would otherwise be lost. Many products that benefit our society have come about because of their research.

**CANYON RIM** (Southeast Salt Lake City, Utah) Chapter members enjoyed a special evening in March as they participated in honoring a fellow member, **Richard Jackson**. Richard was given the **Modern Pioneer Award**. He is now 93 years of age and has been a member of the SUP since 1945. As chairman of the committee he has been instrumental in placing ten monuments, doing the research, obtaining locations and approvals, financing, etc. Richard has served the church and the community in so many special ways. He is truly a "Modern Pioneer". Richard's son, **Roger Jackson**, was the "point man" on the renovation and reconstruction of the **Salt Lake Tabernacle**. He gave a presentation using slide pictures and his personal report of steps taken to reinforce the foundation, secure the roof to the pillars, which required placing a metal belt all the way around the building, and the other work necessary to make the building secure and up to required standards. The information was revealing and interesting.

**CENTERVILLE** (Centerville, Utah) Eileen Hallet Stone was the well informed and interesting speaker at the March meeting. She is a prominent historian and author with the Utah Humanitarian Council. Her presentation included stories from Utah's Jewish pioneers and families. These early settlers worked in professions as politicians, merchants, soldiers, farmers, etc. and left a rich heritage and contribution for the state.

**HOLLADAY**, (Holladay, Utah) At the March meeting of the chapter **George Quist** gave a history of the establishment of the city of Holladay and of the early settlers. The featured speaker for the evening was **Mike Madsen** who served as president of the **Washington D.C.**

**Mission.** He had with him **Adi Hicar**, who was introduced as a **Jew, a citizen of Israel and a student at BYU**. He gave an inspiring talk about his conversion and the problems he had to overcome because of accepting the LDS religion. As would be expected his family was not accepting of his conversion. Adi was one of the missionaries who served with President Madsen.

**HURRICANE** (Hurricane, Utah) The March program consisted of a panel of experts who discussed the “Supersonic Military Air Research Track”, or “Project SMART”. The facility for the project was constructed at what is known as Hurricane Mesa. It was constructed in the 1950’s and was used to test and evaluate ejection systems of high-speed aircraft. The panel (below) consisted of: Clayton Beatty, field



operations; Kelly Spendlove, construction, data reduction & electronics; Del Mont Wallace, photography; Antone Bringhurst, data reduction and moderator. The meeting was on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Ten days later the chapter went on a trek to the SMART site (below) where they saw and learned



more of the project. During the Air Force Era a total of 334 tests were conducted between 1955 and December of 1961. During the operational phase workers were required to have “secret” security clearance.

**JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE** (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) At the March dinner meeting the



chapter heard from two of their own rather than bringing in a program from the outside. The two presenters told pioneer stories of their ancestors and personal histories.

**Grant Ivie**, (left) a past president of the chapter, related experiences of some

of his ancestors in the **Blackhawk War**.

**John Adamanczyk**, (left) the newest member of the chapter, told of the conversion of his forbearers and how they emigrated from the far parts of **Russia**. The reports were interesting and well received.



**LITTLE SALT LAKE** (Parowan, Utah)

Following a great potluck dinner chapter members enjoyed hearing a very interesting report about the **sheep business** in the area given by **Glenn Halterman**. Methods of sheep raising in the past were compared with today. In earlier days sheep were raised mainly for their wool. The main purpose of raising sheep today is for the production of lambs for meat. While it is still required to shear the sheep each spring, the income from the wool is not much more than the cost of sheering. Another change today is the increase in trucking the sheep to more distant ranges for grazing.

**MAPLE MOUNTAIN** (Mapleton, Utah) **Paul Whiting** gave an ancestral presentation and spiritual experiences and ideas from his family reunion, which was very interesting and encouraging to others to work on their ancestral histories. The main event of the meeting was a message from **Dee Jay Bowden**, telling and showing his sculpture works for the LDS Church. Most attendees at the meeting had no idea of how closely the spirit works to guide him to “Get it right”. It was reported that his wife, **Deana**, supported him and helped him understand that it had not yet been right She favored the group with the song: “**In the Sacred Grove**”.

**MILLS** (Southeast Salt Lake City) **Dr. Fred Gowans** was the guest speaker for March. He is a retired professor of history from the BYU, where he taught for 33 years with a focus on **Western American History**. For 30 years he ran the **Native American Studies Program**. He had a very interesting title for his remarks: “**America’s First SUV: Role of Horses in the Birth of the Plains Indian Culture**”. He gave information on the importance of horses and how they came to be available to the different Indian tribes. He then expanded his subject to speak about the **settlement of the Mormons** in the various communities and their **relationship with the Native Americans**.

**SALT LAKE PIONEER** (Salt Lake City, Utah) **Elder Robert K. Dellenbach**, an emeritus General Authority for the church addressed the group in March. His subject was “Pioneer Values and Lessons for Our Era and Difficult Times.” In addition to his service in the quorums of the Seventy from 1990 to 2007 he has served as a Bishop, Stake President, Regional Representative and twice as mission president. He told stories of individuals who are Modern Day pioneers in many counties of the world where they have developed skills and relationships that the Lord could use to make possible the opening of new lands for missionary work and where the church can now have a positive influence.

**SETTLEMENT CANYON** (Tooele, Utah) At the March meeting the chapter enjoyed wonderful entertainment by the talented **Skelton family**. They played several instruments and the program was very enjoyable. The chapter held a very successful trek to the **Utah State Capital building** (below). Eighteen chapter members



participated and were shown a movie that showed the extensive work accomplished during the reconstruction on the building. Following the movie **David Hart** conducted a tour of the building. He is the “**Architect of the Capital**” and was in charge of all the restoration work done on the building. The group came away with a good appreciation of what was accomplished in the reconstruction. During the summer season the chapter’s **museum** (below) will be open on



Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Chapter members are being encouraged to serve as docents. The picture represents one display and there are many others to see and enjoy.

**TAYLORSVILLE-BENNION** Taylorsville, Utah) The guest speaker for the March meeting was **David Horne** who told of the conversion of **Dr. Maas, a Catholic Bishop**. Mr. Horne has been in Germany and interviewed Dr. Horne and has a good knowledge of the events leading to the conversion. He feels that the church members who Dr. Maas met prior to joining the church were where they were supposed to be and doing their duties. Thus the Lord could work through them and bring about this miracle.

**TEMPLE FORK** (Logan, Utah) **Stuart W. Howell** (below) gave a historical report of the



**Lewis and Clark Expedition** at the February meeting of the chapter. Mr. Howell taught history to high school students for many years and was well prepared to make his story come to life. **Captain**

**Meriwether Lewis and William Clark** led the **Corp of Discovery** on the famous expedition leaving St. Louis on May 18, 1804 with four-dozen men. They went by boat up the **Missouri River**. These men experienced hard work rowing the boats, the presence of gnats and mosquitoes, concern over the reception of Indians, mountains to cross with their load, etc. They were the first white Americans to see the Great Plains, the Rocky Mountains, the continental divide, and to reach the Pacific Ocean by land. Their contribution was maps, which they made, identification of 128 new animals and 170 new plants. The first winter on the trip was spent at a Mandan Indian village. The second winter was spent at Fort Clapsop, near the mouth of the Columbian River in Oregon. It was a most interesting report of a famous historical adventure.

**THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY** (Heber City, Utah) **The Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers** were privileged to hear **Dawn Roberts** speak as she shared with the group a stationary

tour of **historic sites of Washington County**. Dawn is an active participant in both a local camp, where she is the captain, and a company of the DUP. She became interested in LDS Pioneer history during the sesquicentennial celebration. Some of the sites she shared with the group included the **Homestead Crater, Memorial Hill and Wasatch Mountain State Park**, the largest state park in Utah. Some other sites included various homes, monuments and buildings once occupied by many of the earliest founders of **Heber Valley**. At the March meeting the chapter members heard from **Elder David and Sister Lena Frandsen** (below). They are



currently serving as **Clean Water Specialist Humanitarian Missionaries**. They showed a video on the water projects in the **D.R. Congo**. Because of lack of clean water the mortality rate in the Congo for children under the age of five was 50%. Local village members are helping with the projects and have dug trenches by hand that reached for miles in order to lay pipe for clean water. Due to the clean water projects disease epidemics are being reduced and lives are being spared. (Below – African crafts displayed at meeting by Frandsens).



**UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY** (Rexburg, Idaho) A report was presented to the members regarding some **area historical markers** for which the chapter has responsibility including two at the **Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center** and one to be placed at **Porter Park**. **Harvey Jackman** introduced **Mark Ricks** (below) who



gave a presentation on the history of the Arnold family in the Rexburg area. His wife, **Carla**, assisted him. Most of the presentation focused on **George Stephen Arnold** who married **Mary Ann Powell** in 1885. They had eleven children. From this family are descended many current and past prominent citizens of the **Upper Snake River Valley**. Included in the list are the **Ricks, Powell, Hackett, Moulton, Bowen, Beck, Peterson, Rowe and Smith families**.

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