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Dear Friends,

A number of us, with our wives and other friends of SUP, have recently had the wonderful experience of a ten day American Heritage Tour co-sponsored by Sons of Utah Pioneers and BYU-Idaho. Our tour was under the able direction of our National Trek Director, Dee Risenmay. We visited historical sites from Jamestown, Virginia to Concord, Massachusetts. Visiting those Revolutionary sites stirs up patriotism like nothing I know and begs the question, "How did I forget so much since studying American history in school?" Even a little "moisture" didn't dampen our enthusiasm. How fortunate we are, as members of S.U.P., to have both the heritage of our Patriots and our Pioneers. Each suffered great trials and tribulations that we might have our land of freedom. Our patriots risked life and limb in combat with the enemy, our pioneers against the elements and the terrain. We are forever in their debt.



Back here on the home front, our nominating committee is seriously working to develop candidates for National President-Elect. We sincerely hope that you, who are in areas where your AVP's term will expire at the end of the year, are likewise giving very serious consideration to who could fill those shoes with dedication and enthusiasm. Our AVPs are such an important part of the success of our whole organization.

As the "D" date (dedication of Eyes Westward Monument, July 19) draws near, I note we are still a little short of our Diamond Jubilee Fund goal. To those who haven't been able to contribute by this time, we encourage you to do whatever you can. Remember the "Widow's Mite". And, to those who already have contributed, maybe you could do just a little more. We are very aware and grateful for each of your efforts.

With all of this, I need to encourage you in one more area. Each one of us needs to be dedicated to our chapter's membership efforts. That means both in developing new members as well as maintaining existing members. Our future depends on our joint efforts. Oh, and when you collect those dues, please remit to National immediately.

Thank you so much for your friendship and support.

Booth Maycock
2008 National President

NATIONAL NEWS

SALT LAKE CITY DAYS OF 47. The Sons of Utah Pioneers will again have a prominent role in the Days of 47 activities in the Salt Lake area. On Saturday, July 12, the **Family Fun Day** will

be held at **This is the Pace Heritage Park** rather than the Wheeler Farm. Members from the Salt Lake chapters have been asked to help with activities on that day. The SUP Sponsored Sunrise Service will be held in the **Tabernacle** at

7:00 a.m. on July 24 before the Parade. Elder **Earl J. Tingey** of the Presidency of the Seventy will be the speaker. The **Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter** will again conduct these services. A special **choir** from the Salt Lake stakes will provide the music. We urge all members to come with their **families and friends** and start this historic day off in a memorable fashion. The parade will feature entries from the SUP including an entry with our President, Booth Maycock, and his wife. We have again been asked to **distribute flyers** and folders to the public that describe the many activities that will take place during the month of July. Thanks to the chapters in the Salt Lake area for helping with this distribution. **John Swallow** and **Gene Bond** are coordinating these efforts. We do not have the final date for the dedication of the "Eyes Westward" monument. We will let you Chapter Presidents know as soon as it has been finalized.

DIAMOND JUBILEE FUND UPDATE.

Contributions to the fund have now reached \$45,000. We still have \$30,000 to go. Chapters, please consider making a **\$750 contribution** to the fund to help us complete the monument this summer. Each chapter who makes a contribution of \$750 or more will receive an **attractive patch**



(left) for their banner. Presidents, encourage your members to add their contributions. We want to reach our goal by the end of the year.

ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT FOR 2008 DUES.

Remember that Annual Members who do not renew their membership by June 30 are **removed** from the National database and the Pioneer magazine mailing list. There are still over **370 non-renewals** throughout the chapters. Chapter Presidents, please take a **personal assignment** to review all of those who have not renewed and organize a visiting program to encourage them to remain SUP members. If you have any question about who has not renewed, contact Ron Van Leuven at the National headquarters.

CHAPTER NEWS -- By Louis Pickett
BOUNTIFUL (Bountiful, Utah) **Nathan Leishman**, manager of the Humanitarian Emergency Response for the LDS Church, was the speaker for the May meeting. He spoke of some of the problems in Africa. Three main subjects were covered: A. **Measles Immunization**, B. **World food crises** and the church's response, C. **Emergency Disaster Relief**. As would be expected, Nathan had no difficulty maintaining the attention and interest of the members. Everyone gained information and appreciation for what we have and for the wonderful work being done by the church to alleviate suffering in the world.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah). An exciting two day trip following the **Pony Express Trail** was hosted by the Lehi Chapter on May 30-31. Led by tour guides **Joe Nardone** and **Valden Hadfield** of the Pony Express Association, a caravan of ten cars, SUVs and trucks followed the path of the Pony Express through western Utah. The owners of the right to run the Pony Express mail in **1862-63** placed the stations about 30-40 miles apart. The horse walked or trotted about 8 miles an hour. The entire distance from the East to West coast took 12-13 days. After driving for half a day over areas so desolate that even the weeds didn't grow, the group stayed overnight at a motel in East Wendover Utah. On the way back to Lehi, the trek visited the Hawaiian Utah settlement of **Iosepa** and the Pony Express stop near Camp Floyd. It was an interesting and rigorous pioneer trek.



BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) After many weeks of work to prepare the Pioneer Village for the summer season the opening day was **Memorial Day, May 26th**. The Village will be open until Labor Day and many events will be

held there during the season, such as a Pioneer Craft Fair on June 7th, Living Village demonstrations on July 24th, and a Family Pioneer Dance on August 22nd. University Scholarships and Elementary School Pioneer Essays were awarded on May 15th. Awards Chairmen were **Jerry Bradshaw** and **Elliot Cameron**. Chapter treks are planned for the summer months. No dinner meetings are held during June, July and August.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) Chapter members enjoyed a very special evening in April as they listened to **Bill Taylor** recount some of his experiences as a POW of the Japanese in 1941-1945 and his escape to freedom with the Chinese Army. He helped everyone better understand the meaning of determination, courage, never giving up, faith, devotion and gratitude for the blessing of freedom. **Clarence and Jayne Jones** were the guest speakers at the May meeting of the chapter. They related experiences, challenges and successes from their recent mission in Myanmar (Burma) in Southeast Asia. **Nick Mabey** and his parents were special guests at the meeting where he was awarded a \$1,500 Scholarship. Nick was selected for this award through the efforts of **Rulon Craven**, in association with **Bro. Barlow** of the Viewmont High School Seminary.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) The annual **Heritage Essay** contest night was held in April. With over 65 people in attendance, the evening was considered a great success. Each winner was awarded 20 new Washington “gold” dollars, a bronze medallion and a certificate. The overall winner was also given a plaque.

Wayne Edwards (right) presents Lucas Stout with certificate



The Board of Directors authorized the awarding of a scholarship to a deserving graduating senior from **Hurricane High School**. This represents



the beginning of that program by the chapter. **Glen Bundy and Lyman Hafen** (left) were the featured speakers at the May meeting. Glen is the great grandson of Abraham Bundy, the first of the Bundy's to homestead the **Mount Trumbull** area. Lyman is

a noted author and student of the Arizona Strip history. He has written nine books and discussed his recent book called “Far from Cactus Flat”. It is a story of **Lincoln Bundy** who was shot down over France during WW II. His fate was not known for the next 50 years when research revealed that he survived the plane crash but was later executed along with some British Commandos by Nazis soldiers. He told of the high, wild and lonesome Arizona Strip and family struggles against the harsh elements. Two days after the meeting, the chapter members took a trek to **Mount Trumbull**.

HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) An example of modern day pioneering was reported to the members in April as **Ed and Penny Lunt** told the chapter of their experiences on their mission to Croatia. Many who heard their report were prompted to feel a desire to reach out and help those less fortunate than us and to serve the Lord. It was a great report. For the May meeting **Jay and Janet Todd** provided music and the spoken word. Jay is the former editor of the Improvement Era/Ensign magazine.

TWIN CHAPTERS: CANYON RIM AND SUGARHOUSE (Southeast Salt Lake Valley and Sugarhouse, Utah) On May 24th the chapters held a trek by attending the Hale Theater production of “**Annie Get Your Gun**”. It has been suggested that each month a member submit a short story of a pioneer ancestor to enrich the newsletter. In April **Michael Kennedy, a direct descendant of Joseph Smith, and his wife, Darcy**, were the guest speakers and briefly mentioned that there was a bit of animosity between Emma Smith and her family on the one hand, and Brigham Young and

his family, on the other hand. Last month **Mary Ellgren** told in some detail the history of this rift and the healing that has been effected between these two outstanding families in church history. Mary is a great-great-granddaughter of Brigham Young.

MESA (Mesa, Arizona) Effort is being made to have programs that involve families. Since membership is aging it would be well to introduce the next generation to the organization. Their programs are sharing heritage. The guest speakers for the May meeting were **Logan and Virginia Kunz**. Since Mother's Day was around the time of the meeting there was singing by **Katie Evans** on that theme.

CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, Utah) The Chapter Service Director is **Stan Shakespeare** who arranged for twelve of the members to work a total of 25 hours at the "Happy Factory". (The factory manufactures toys for free distribution to children around the world.) At the May meeting four new members were honored along with four senior students who received scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to attend SUU. **Jess Robb, Ray Bentley, Bud Garfield, Richard Hunter and Al Tait** prepared the food in Dutch ovens, which was enjoyed by all attendees. **Joe Bishop** organized this special event.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) May was a very busy month for the chapter. A very successful trek included a visit to the **Railroad Museum** in Ogden (below) and the



Hill Air Museum. A high percentage of members participated and enjoyed learning more about the construction and history of the railroad and the advance of military aircraft. Scholarships were awarded to a senior student at **West**

Jordan High School and at **Bingham High School**.



Scholarship recipient, Aubrinn Nelson (center), is from West Jordan High School.

Certificates and cash awards were also awarded to three fifth grade students from the **Majestic Elementary School** and three from the **American Heritage Elementary** schools for their participation in the Pioneer Essay contest. The two winning essays were read by their



authors at the May chapter meeting. . The guest speaker for the May dinner meeting was **David Homer** (left), a local historian, who gave a very informative report on the sugar beet industry in the West and particularly the West Jordan Sugar Factory

OGDEN VALLEY (Huntsville, Utah). The May meeting of the Ogden Valley chapter was held in the **Liberty Stake Center**. **Erin Taggart** gave an interesting account of the **La Plata** mine that was discovered and developed between 1891 and 1894. Hundreds of miners flocked to this beautiful valley looking for wealth. The mining camp is long gone, but the remains can be reached by horseback into the nearby mountains. The chapter is planning a trek to the area during the summer. Past chapter **President, Jay Smith**, his wife and son were guests at the meeting.

TAYORSVILL BENNION (Taylorsville, Utah)

The guest speaker at the May chapter meeting was **Michael K. Winder**, the author of “**Presidents and Prophets**”. In this book Mr. Winder presents the story of American presidents and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From **Washington to Bush**, each president and his relationship with the Mormons is explored, and we see the church rising from obscurity to political clout as America’s fastest-growing religion. The chapter awarded two of their annual scholarships to high school seniors during the meeting. Another activity of the chapter was to erect a **monument** to commemorate the first **Welch** settlement in the Utah Territory.



Left to right: Morris Pratt, Donald Frame, Larry Brown, Bruce Wasden, Jerry Frame.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, UT) Guest speaker, **Derry Matheson**, gave a presentation on “**Faith of Our Fathers, a Brief History of Sacred Ordinances**”. His presentation included showing the **Nauvoo Temple** prior to completion and several quotes and photos related to the first endowments. He emphasized that the endowment was received and used in progressive stages just like other aspects of the Restoration. The comparison was made with how we individually must receive knowledge of God and the sealings line upon line. The presentation evoked a number of thoughtful questions with answers coming from quotes from the prophets and other leaders of the church. A practice has begun in which a chapter member gives a short presentation during the meal. **L. LaMar Adams** gave a report on his great grandfather, **William Decatur Kartchner** who lived in Nauvoo and served as night guard of the city for several

weeks in cold rain. As a result of this exposure to the elements he caught a severe case of rheumatism, which caused him great affliction the rest of his life

THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Heber City, UT)

The chapter joined with the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in April to hear discussed the historical development of the Heber Valley irrigation water. **John Hicken**, a native of the valley, discussed the history of the irrigation systems beginning with the settlement of the Valley in 1859. **Dan Matthew**, manager of the Jordanelle Special Service District, joined him. Mr. Mathew explained the distribution and storage of the water in the **Jordanelle Reservoir**. At the beginning of the settlement there were 22,000 acres of land under irrigation. Today it has dwindled to about 7,000 acres. Development has taken over much of the agricultural lands in the valley.

MILLS (Southeast SLC, UT)

Last month chapter members were gratified by a report from **Robert Woodford** (right) on the subject of Joseph Smith’s papers and early church history. In his present work with the Materials



Evaluation Committee for the LDS Church Correlation Committee, Dr. Woodford is helping to review documents that have been stored away and not available until now. He stated that the church policy is to not hold anything back. The work will be completed in two years and the results will be available on DVD. He commented on **Joseph Smith’s writing** as being well done and articulate. According to his wife, Emma Smith, “Joseph was unable to put words together well until he started on the Book of Mormon.”

SALT LAKE CITY. The annual **Scholarship Dinner** hosted by **John Morgan** was held on May 7 at the Salt Lake Sheraton Hotel. Almost **100 high school seniors** from local high schools

were honored and received scholarships to the college of their choice. Funds for the awards came from SUP members, the John Morgan Foundation, and Jon Hunstman, and John and Pauline Fife.

SALT LAKE PIONEER (Salt Lake City)

Richard Oman gave an informative presentation to the group in April. He is the curator for the LDS Museum of Church History and Art. For May **Richard Winters** (a member and former chapter president) shared stories of pioneer adventures. These are the kind of stories that the National officers are requesting.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) **Ray**

Johnson, who had recently visited Israel, was the May dinner meeting presenter. He shared his pictures and story of the **trip**. Everyone enjoyed the program. The opening day for the **Tooele SUP Museum** has arrived. The hours are from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. There are many displays in the museum so if you haven't been there for a while you are encouraged to visit soon. The chapter will award scholarships at the July meeting.

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, Utah) A continuing major project of the chapter is the placement of interpretive signs along the **Sawmill Road on the Monroe Mountain**.



Left to right: Gordon Topham, President; Sam Ware, and Evon Payne).

Several signs are being installed as the road dries so access is possible. This has been an important road in the past. It is **Trail number 65** in the

Piute ATV trail system. It has been a concern that the trail was losing its identity. As this work progresses it requires ATV's to get the materials hauled to the sites. It requires 160 to 240 pounds of cement for each sign. (See picture) The scholarship committee has reviewed the many applications and has selected one student from the **Richfield High School** and one from the **South Sevier High School** to receive \$750 scholarships.

SQUAW PEAK (Orem, Utah) The chapter was pleased to hear from **Hartman Rector Jr.** at the April meeting. He told those present what he had been doing for the past eight or nine years in **Jerusalem and the Holy Land**. Much is happening there in preparation for the Second Coming, etc. **Zane S. Taylor** and **Bob Allred** came as guest speakers to the May meeting and offered a unique opportunity to listen and ask questions of two survivors from the liberation of **Bastogne** and the **Battle of the Bulge**. Zane was with General Patton's Third Army. Bob was also at Bastogne in the 101st Airborne and shared his experiences in that part of the war.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) At the April chapter meeting **Dan Davis** used pictures from the Special Collections division of the **Merrill-Cazier** library at USU and discussed them from a variety of perspectives. Dan joined the Special Collections and Archives Department at USU as the photograph curator. He began his presentation with photographs that have become symbolic representations. For example, "**The Migrant Mother**", was taken in 1936 as one of a series of photographs taken to document life in America at that time, and has become a symbol for the Depression. A photograph of a sailor kissing a nurse in 1945 became a symbol of Victory. Photographs can document history and are especially important about things that are no longer in existence. Dan also spoke of technology changes in the field of photography. The chapter awarded **four** \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding students from high schools in the area.