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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



July is one of my favorite months, packed full of celebrations and family activities. Independence Day on July 4th holds a special place in every Americans heart. The signers of the Declaration of Independence sacrificed more than any of us can imagine, driven by the unquenchable desire for freedom and being led by a Supreme power to establish the United States of America. One my favorite lines from the Declaration of Independence is: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are

empowered by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

July 24th holds a special place in the heart of every Latter Day Saint. Pioneer Day is of particular significance to each of us as members of The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. Each of us can gain strength and courage from our pioneer heritage and the legacy they left us. It is our duty as members of the SUP to keep their stories alive and prevent them from fading into a distant memory. Every chance you get tell a short pioneer story. This could be in Family Home Evening, a talk or lesson at church or sitting on the back porch with a grand child. Make sure their legacy never dies.

There are many local, state and national activities plans to celebrate Independence Day and Pioneer Day over the next 24 days. Make plans to attend as many as you can. The SUP has many activities planned as well. On July 19th is our annual SUPER/DUPER Day at Heritage State Park. President Dallin H. Oaks will be speaking at the devotional. On July 20th we will have the Bear Flag



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dedication at the SUP Headquarters building at 6pm. Then on July 23rd, yes the 23rd, will be the Sunrise Service at 7am in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. Following the Sunrise Service at 9am we as the SUP will be pulling handcarts in the Pioneer Day Parade. Meet on South Temple between Main and State Street's and join us in the parade.

Recently Pioneer Magazine's Volumes 2-3 2020 editions on "The Settlement of Utah County," won a 2020 Clarence Dixon Taylor Historical Research Award for scholarly work. A special dinner (pictured here) for the editorial board was hosted by our publisher Bill Tanner. I cannot thank Bill and his team enough for the quality publication that the Pioneer is. Great job to you all.

July is a great month as we celebrate our Nations Independence and our Pioneer ancestors. Have a great month, share a pioneer story and be Pioneer Strong.

Brad Clayton
Brad Clayton
2021 National President



COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP IN THE DAYS OF '47 PARADE

FRIDAY, JULY 23

8:30AM - 11:00AM

RSVP AT 801.484.4441

(MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS OLD)



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NATIONAL NEWS

2021 NATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

WALLY BREITENSTEIN



I am extremely honored to be nominated as a candidate for the position of President-Elect in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. In last month's Trail Marker I gave an introduction of myself. In this article I wish

to give an overview of experiences that will contribute to my possible position on the national board.

Immediately after graduating from high school in 1963, I joined the USAF. As an intelligence analyst, I learned to make timely and critical decisions related to the security of our world during the Cold War. Four years later, while attending the University of Washington, I became a member of the Church. A mission soon followed. Military, college, and mission taught me many things concerning what is important in life. Above all, I learned to joyfully serve and to help make the world a better place.

After my mission, I completed my university studies at BYU and then went on to work for the DoD as a linguist. After some years in that employment, my wife (Sonja; now deceased) and I decided to continue our education. Concurrent with my computer career, I was a member of the UANG where I was in leadership and teaching positions. Being involved with the military over the years taught me not only leadership skills, but also taught me discipline and service to our country. I spent a total of 34 years associated with the military, full-time and/or part-time, with both the Air Force and the Army.

My church assignments over time include full-time missionary (to Taiwan), Stake missionary to the Maryland State Prison, Sunday School teacher, High Priest Group Leader, bishopric member, high councilman, scout master, and part-time service missionary at a church distribution center and at church history sites. I also served as a Servicemen Group Leader in Iraq while deployed there. My wife (Judy) and I served two years together as MLS missionaries (Spanish speaking) and an additional two years (until COVID-19 struck) as hosts at the JSMB in SLC.

I served as president of a Kiwanis Club for four consecutive years. During that time, I was also president of the Brigham Young Chapter of SUP. I also directed the National SUP Encampment in 2012. I am presently vice president of an HOA board in our community of 117 homes. I also currently

serve on the planning committee for the Provo Freedom Festival Grand Parade (since 2007), and, I am involved in doing editing and research for Book of Mormon Central, whose commentaries and study resources appear on social media in conjunction with our "Come, Follow Me" church curriculum.

Please feel free to contact me personally with any questions, at w_breitenstein@yahoo.com.

JOHN CLAYTON

I am humbled by the nomination to serve as President-Elect of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. It is an exciting opportunity and responsibility to serve the SUP at the national level. I look forward to working with the local chapters to continue the tradition of preserving the memories and heritage of the early pioneers and to pass those qualities on to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers.



We have all spent the last year distancing ourselves from our loved ones, friends and our fellow SUP members. As holidays, birthdays and our traditional SUP events came and went with little to no fanfare I was constantly reminded of what I was missing the most, the people. It has been a difficult year by not having those connections and associations with one another. During these difficult times I thought of my ancestors who lived through the Spanish Flu pandemic and all that they had to endure. Their lasting legacy of faith, sacrifice, hope and strength helped lift me and my family during our times of struggle this past year. I have contemplated what I have learned and what I can pass on to my children and grandchildren, but I also wonder what they have learned and what they can pass on to me. If we take the time to listen and learn from our younger generations and continue to share our stories and the stories of our pioneer ancestors, we can continue to link the generations before us with the generations to come.

I am excited to get back to our normal SUP activities and I look forward to meeting many of you and learning of your pioneer heritage and legacy. I pledge to continue to build upon the foundation of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and will do everything I can to continue to preserve the faith and traditions of our pioneer ancestors.

Everyone has stories of pioneer ancestors that have and moved and motivated our lives that can benefit us all.

Please enjoy reading and submitting at: suponline.org/pioneer-stories.



PIONEER STORIES

FOLLOWING THE PIONEERS

Dallin H. Oaks, October 1997 General Conference

For many months we have studied the lives and accomplishments of our pioneers, early and modern. We have thrilled to some modern reenactments, in which many have been blessed to participate. . . . Now after all these studies and activities, it is appropriate to ask ourselves, “Therefore, what?” Are these pioneer celebrations academic, merely increasing our fund of experiences and knowledge? Or will they have a profound impact on how we live our lives?

This question applies to all of us. As President Hinckley reminded us last April, “Whether you are among the posterity of the pioneers or whether you were baptized only yesterday, each is the beneficiary of their great undertaking.” All of us enjoy the blessings of their efforts, and all of us have the responsibilities which go with that heritage. . . .

The foremost quality of our pioneers was faith. With faith in God, they did what every pioneer does—they stepped forward into the unknown: a new religion, a new land, a new way of doing things. With faith in their leaders and in one another, they stood fast against formidable opposition. When their leader said, “This is the right place,” they trusted, and they stayed. When other leaders said, “Do it this way,” they followed in faith.

Two companion qualities evident in the lives of our pioneers, early and modern, are unselfishness and sacrifice. . . . We praise what the pioneers’ unselfishness and sacrifice have done for us, but that is not enough. We should also assure that these same qualities are guiding principles for each of us as we have opportunities to sacrifice for our nations, our families, our quorums, our members, and our Church. This is especially important in societies that have exalted personal interest and individual rights to the point where these values seem to erase the principles of individual responsibility and sacrifice.

Other great qualities in our early pioneers were obedience, unity, and cooperation. We have all thrilled at the example of the Saints who responded to President Brigham Young’s call to rescue the stranded handcart companies, or to pull up roots in settled communities and apply their talents and lives to colonizing new areas.

Our people have always been characterized by their loyalty and obedience to the direction of their leaders, by their unity, and by their extraordinary capacity to cooperate in a common venture. We see the modern manifestations of these pioneer qualities in the great contributions our brothers and sisters make in a wide variety of private projects and common efforts that require unity and cooperation. Another modern manifestation of Mormon obedience, unity, and cooperation is our unique missionary program, from the preparation and service of young missionaries to the remarkably diverse activities of mature couples throughout the world. . . .

In a day when our prophet has challenged us to reach out to welcome and fellowship new members and to reawaken the faith and fellowship of those who have strayed, we can gain strength from the example of the pioneers. The pioneer legacy is a legacy of inclusion. . . .

Another great pioneer virtue was their commitment to one another, to their leaders, and to their faith. . . .

What does it mean to be true to the faith? That word true implies commitment, integrity, endurance, and courage. . . .

As President Hinckley reminded us last April, “We honor best those who have gone before when we serve well in the cause of truth.” That cause of truth is the cause of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose servants they were, and whose servants we should strive to be. I testify of this and pray that we, too, may be “true to the faith that our parents have cherished,” in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY
19
JULY

SUPER DUPER DAY

THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK • 9:30AM - 5PM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT 10AM: PRESIDENT DALLIN H. OAKS
\$8.95 ADULTS | \$4.95 CHILDREN | \$7.95 SENIORS (62 & OVER)
[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)



TUESDAY
20
JULY

BEAR FLAG DEDICATION


SUP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS BUILDING • 6PM
EVERYONE IS INVITED



FRIDAY
23
JULY

DAYS OF '47


SUNRISE SERVICE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT TEMPLE SQUARE • 7AM
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELDER DAVID F. EVANS OF THE SEVENTY
PARADE 9AM • COME PULL HANDCARTS WITH THE SUP



THURS - SATURDAY
16-18
SEPTEMBER

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

HOSTED BY THE UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER
REXBURG, ID
[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)



2022 FALL FOLLIAGE TREK

CHURCH HISTORY TOUR

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Monument Trek

Camp Giveout

A LESSON IN FAITH

by Ron Anderson



About five years after Apostle Charles C. Rich was called to establish a settlement in Bear Lake Valley in 1868, he began looking northward at western Wyoming as a possible expansion for the Saints. By 1879 the Bear Lake Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints extended 90 miles beyond Bear Lake to encompass the "Salt River Valley", renamed "Star Valley" by visiting Apostle Moses Thatcher in 1878.

By 1882 the railroad reached Montpelier, Idaho. This provided the closest freight point to Star Valley some 50 miles over the Beaver Divide summit with an elevation of 7,500 feet at the pass. Star Valley, a vast and beautiful wilderness, clung to its existence by virtue of the limited supplies hauled in by freighters over that rugged trail called "Crow Creek Road". By 1889 the population in Star Valley had swollen to more than 200 families. The winter of '89-90 exposed those families to the most severe winter in a decade. Starving animals suffered the most for lack of feed, and most families also were in critically short supply of food.

As the relentless winter progressed, men on snowshoes began hauling 100 pound sacks of flour on their backs one at a time over the Beaver Divide, bringing precious food to their starving families. The round trip through the deep snow from Star Valley to Montpelier generally took 8 days, a round trip of 100 miles in the worst possible conditions imaginable. In spite of their best efforts, these men could not ferry enough food to keep everyone alive. By March of 1890 the unprepared snowbound Saints sought help from their Stake President, William Budge in Paris, Idaho.

Two experienced snowshoers left to seek help from family and friends in the Bear Lake region. They had not been heard from in more than two weeks. A road must be opened through deep and drifted snow in order that



Charles C. Rich

provisions and grain might be secured or many would perish.

On 17 March 1890 a company of 29 men with 11 teams of horses set out for Montpelier from Star Valley, wending their way up Crow Creek Canyon. They halted the first night 6 miles from its mouth. They made 9 miles the second day and camped below White Dugway. The following 4 days they summited the Beaver divide and then traversed Preuss Canyon. They made less than 3 miles each day. After one week they finally landed at what they called "Camp Giveout". The men and horses were totally

exhausted. They could go no further. After shoveling and wallowing through snow in their starving condition, the fatigued men and animals finally gave out.

Unbeknownst to them, the two snowshoers had successfully alerted the Bear Lakers who also set out with 18 men to open the south road from Montpelier. On the afternoon of March 24, the two parties joyously met and their rescue was secured. They camped that night just below Snowslide Canyon, one of the most dangerous points along the trail. They easily traveled out to Montpelier the next day over the road previously cleared by their rescuers.

That night, the road breakers assembled at Kimball's Hall at the request of the people of the area and held a social dance and hailed the men from Star Valley with happy hearts and friendly hands. Early the next morning the revived men started the return journey with 13 teams and sleighs laden with provisions gathered from as far away as Preston, Idaho. Though many animals starved to death, no human lives were lost because of the monumental rescue effort.

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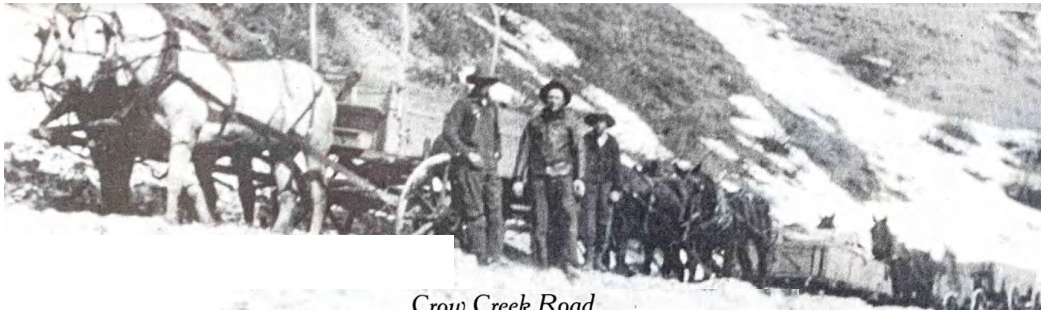
The name "Camp Giveout" stuck, and lives on to this day. By 1903, Giveout Station was developed to its largest size by George Mower and Charles Harris of Montpelier. The camp became a full scale transfer point used primarily in late fall and early spring when freighters shifted their loads from sleighs to wagons as snow depths increased or decreased. The low sheds and corrals could accommodate 35 teams. There was a fine cabin and cookhouse that offered shelter and food for freighters.

The station lasted for only a short period of time. In 1908 a brush fire swept down from the east and burned the entire post to the ground. It was never rebuilt. By 1920 all that remained was a large watering barrel and the memories of how the area got its name along with tales of the rescue of 1890.

The Apostle Paul said, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). The hope that Paul describes in this instance was more than a wish that food could somehow arrive in time to save the starving families. The early Wyoming pioneers of Star Valley proved their faith to be more than mere hope, by pressing forward under the most dire of circumstances until their strength finally "gave out".

Today we must do nothing less than did those pioneers of old. We must press forward and do all we can do with faith until we give out. As King Benjamin said, "I would that ye should be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works, that Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent, may seal you his." (Mosiah 5:15)

Monument funded by Mormon Historic Site Foundation, carved by Cal Price. Historical photos courtesy of Star Valley Historical Society 2012 Calendar.



*Crow Creek Road
Freight loaded from wagon to sleigh at Camp Give-Out
then sleigh to wagon at Books Ranch - spring and fall*



*Winter at Halfway - halfway between Star Valley and Montpelier
in the days of freighting by team and wagon*

T H R I B U T E R N E W S

Compiled by Roland Lee

If you would like to have your chapter news printed in the Trail Marker please do the following:

1. Write up a short (one paragraph) article in MS Word (or send as the text of an email)
2. Attach 1 quality jpeg photograph as an attachment to your email. Poor quality photos cannot be used.
3. Email to: rolandleefamily@gmail.com
4. News must be received by the 25th of each month

We cannot use PDF files nor can we extract and re-write information from your own chapter newsletters. Please have your secretaries or publicity chairmen take a few minutes and provide the information we need in the manner requested above. Thank you.

Note: Some of the chapters have canceled their chapter meetings due to the Corona Virus situation. Others have reported on other events and service projects, while some have kept meeting monthly via "Zoom" technology.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

NAMECHAPTER

CHAPTER ETERNAL MEMBERS

Ross Allen Temple Fork
 Glen Shields Holladay
 David Tanner, Jr. Grove City

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

T. C. Erkelens Ogden Pioneer
 Stephen Morgan..... Temple Quarry

NAMECHAPTER

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

CONVERTED FROM FRIENDS & FAMILY

Jeffrey L Krummenacher. Cotton Mission

NEW FRIENDS & FAMILY

K Kimball Fisher..... Mills
 Jeff Thorpe..... "Bountiful"

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Nancy Quarez..... Upper Snake River Valley

BOX ELDER CHAPTER - Brigham City, Utah



Scholarship Recipients

The Box Elder Chapter in Brigham City awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors at the chapter's monthly meeting on June 9. Shown in the photo, left to right, are Isaac Wilson of Perry and Libby Harris of Brigham City, both graduates of Box Elder High School; and Jenna Haws of Bear River City, a graduate of Bear River High School. Chapter scholarship chairman Michael Cardon is on the right. The sixty-four attendees at the dinner meeting were impressed by these young people's optimism and enthusiasm after this year that included personal loss as well as educational

challenges. One of the student's mothers present at our meeting let us know that she had also been a recipient of a Box Elder SUP scholarship after her high school graduation. Jenna Haws shared her musical talent by performing a lovely and brave vocal solo that we greatly enjoyed. Earlier in the meeting, chapter member Troy Braegger related interesting stories about his pioneer ancestors who settled in Brigham City. It was the third well-attended in-person dinner meeting for the chapter this year and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER - Provo, Utah



Alan and Kim Malan

Lynn Smith conducted our Zoom Meeting, Wally Breitenstein offered the prayer and Owen Jacobsen led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kirk Evans, who had previously served as the director of the BYU China Teachers Program, introduced Alan. We had 21 members attend the live zoom session. Alan and Kim Malan served as the directors of the BYU China Teachers Program for five years and reported on this wonderful service. He pointed out, with 1.4 billion people, China is very important to world affairs and contains a very large number of God's precious children. China has selected yellow and red as colors for their nation because they represent sacred and

lucky colors in their culture. Alan showed us pictures of the beautiful country and its wonderful people. BYU is currently teaching in eight universities throughout China. His students were serious and excellent. One surprised him by being able to recite the Gettysburg Address and another was willing to sing our National Anthem, all four verses. He showed us many pictures of twins as they are a great blessing with the one child policy. Chinese teachers universally loved their service and many hoped to come back. He would be happy to help any of us apply who may have interest. Brant Redd has uploaded this meeting to YouTube and it can be found [HERE](#).

CEDAR CITY CHAPTER - Cedar City, Utah



Royce Nelson Receiving Chapter in Excellence award from AVP Harold Shirley

The Cedar City Chapter had another busy month in May/June with an ATV trek over Grafton Summit and Lost Spring Mountain to "The Edge of the World" on Saturday, May 22. These are old routes that early pioneers used to move mail and communicate with far flung settlements. The area is also rich in petroglyphs and beautiful views of Zion National Park.

the comfort of their own homes. We plan to continue to sponsor one or two of these virtual tours each month.

On June 14th we also held our second potluck fireside of the year. In addition to good food, we were enlightened by a presentation by Terry Blodgett who used his linguistic education in German and Hebrew to track the "Four Migrations of the House of Israel" to Europe and other parts of the world.

Our next trek will be a family oriented picnic to Big Rock Canyon and some of the unique landscapes in the area.



Terry Blodgett

We were also treated to a virtual tour of the Sacred Grove and the Joseph Smith Farm in Palmyra, New York. Many of our members have expressed their gratitude to be able to tour church history sites from

HURRICANE CHAPTER - Hurricane, Utah



Shirley Buckner

There were 62 people gathered at the Legion Hall to have a splendid dinner, and listen to the history of the Henry and Joseph Gubler family as they settled on the LaVerkin Bench, the first families to live permanently there. The struggles they had in the beginning until water was brought through the canal instead of being brought from the river in barrels on wagons. The story of the canal was most interesting. We want to thank Shirley Buckner for her

wonderful presentation. She also showed a video with a song about the early history of LaVerkin, and her son, Rick also entertained us with a song about "Grandpa". All in all, it was a wonderful evening.

July's Events: No Dinner Meeting, but we would like to have a presence in the July 23 parade. There will not be an SUP Breakfast.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE CHAPTER - South Jordan, Utah



Dr. Lawrence Astle

One of our own Chapter members, Dr. Lawrence Astle, gave a marvelous presentation on members of his extended family who were with the Martin and Willie Handcart Companies. His relatives, Elizabeth Simpson Bradshaw and her children, had many miraculous experiences en route to the Salt Lake Valley. She was blessed when she left England that she and her children would all arrive safely to their destination. Dr. Astle gave many interesting side issues regarding their trek along with some heroic deeds that saved

her life and her children's lives. And when the rescue party from Salt Lake arrived, her joy was expressed abundantly within the journals she kept. Thank you Dr. Astle for this wonderful presentation on this portion of the life of your great great grandmother, Elizabeth Simpson Bradshaw. The documentation you had on her life and as she walked across the plains pushing and pulling a handcart provided some details many of us were not aware of as they relate to the history of our pioneers who crossed the plains in this manner.

LEHI CHAPTER - Lehi, Utah

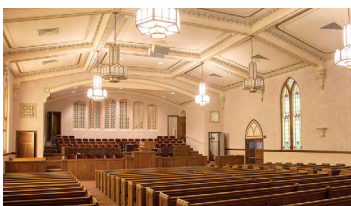
On June 12, 2021, 24 members and spouses of our chapter took a bus trek to Delta, Utah to visit the Topaz Museum and the site of the Topaz Internment Camp. This was one site where Japanese American communities from the West Coast were forced to evacuate to during WWII. Our tour was so interesting and educational. We also visited Van Dance Hall which was one of the best dance halls in the U.S. during

the 30's and 40's. Afterward we had a delicious sack lunch catered by the Ranch Cafe at the city park. After we left Delta, we went to Eureka, Utah where the mayor, Nick Castelton, met with us and told us about some exciting developments happening in their community. We then visited the Tintic Mining Museum, the old city hall and Porter Rockwell's cabin from Rush Valley. We had a very enjoyable trip.



Porter Rockwell Cabin - Eureka, Utah

OGDEN PIONEER CHAPTER - Ogden, Utah



Historic 4th Ward Meetinghouse

The Ogden Pioneer Chapter held its first live (face-to-face) chapter meeting on 14 June 2021. We gathered at the Historic Ogden 4th Ward Building, now the Ogden Utah Stake Center. After the business portion of the meeting, box lunches were enjoyed by all. After lunch the chapter gathered in the chapel where Tim Eck (former Bishop of the Ogden 4th Ward) gave a presentation on the history of the building and some of the stories associated with its construction which began in 1929 and wasn't finished and dedicated until 1937. It is a gorgeous edifice with beautiful stained-glass windows, vaulted ceilings, ornate wall sconces, and a

grand staircase leading up from the entrance of the building into the chapel. Lynn Paulson, retired CES instructor, gave a presentation on Thomas B. Marsh, who is buried in the Ogden City Cemetery. The cemetery is just one block from the Stake Center. John and Frank Browning gave a presentation on their great-great grandfather, Jonathan Browning, early pioneer, and famous gun maker, who is also buried in the Ogden City Cemetery. After the presentations, several members went to the cemetery to see the gravesites of these two early church members and historic figures.

PORTNEUF CHAPTER - Pocatello, Idaho



Star Valley Tour

The Portneuf Pioneers of Southeast Idaho trekked to beautiful Star Valley, Wyoming on Friday June 25th, 2021. The trek began in the shadows of the new Pocatello, ID Temple construction site, and convoyed to Montpelier, Idaho, rendezvousing with SUP members from Utah along the way. The Star Valley tour started just outside of Montpelier, Idaho, at the southern end of the historic Crow Creek Road, where hosts from the Star Valley Historic Society met them and told historic vignettes of the famed road along the 40-route to Fairview Wyoming. After a brief rest stop at Fairview's beautiful community park, the trek continued to the Star Valley Temple. President Mikal Allred, Star Valley Temple's first president, met the group and shared inspiring stories

of the building and dedication of this sacred site. The trek members were treated to lunch at Afton, WY iconic Rocky Mountain Seafood Company by Wyoming President Pro Tempore Dan Dockstader, who also owns the Star Valley Independent newspaper and media company. The trek's next stop was the Lincoln County Museum Complex consisting of four museums: Call Air Museum, Lander Trail Museum, Star Valley Historical Society Museum, and Star Valley Ag Museum. After a refreshing treat of cold watermelon, the trek continue to Thanye, WY with a final stop at historic Freedom, WY and Freedom Idaho.

Special thanks to the Trek's Star Valley hosts: Dan Dockstader, Lane Allred, Ron Anderson, and Tom Blankenship.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER - Salt Lake City, Utah



Days of '47 Royalty

A huge thank you to Dr. David Kitterman for being with us on June 10th. We are grateful for his presentation, Pioneers in Every Land. He shared a video produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, That We Might Be One. David assisted in that production by gathering oral histories regarding the topic. The video depicted the potato project by Church members in the Netherlands that grew potatoes and were then asked by the Church to send them to members in Germany. In another story,

Hermann Mossner was a prisoner of war (1945-48) and still preached the Gospel and converted four soldiers.

The Days of '47 Royalty will be our guests for the July meeting, in person, at the Tenth Ward Chapel, July 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM. They were chosen during a scholarship competition on March 26, 2021 at the Pioneer Memorial Museum, sponsored by The International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers in partnership with Days of '47, Inc.

SALT LAKE PIONEER CHAPTER - Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah



David F. Evans

Val Parrish of the SUP Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter invites you to attend the Days of '47 Sunrise Service that the chapter co-sponsors annually as a gift to the community. In 1967 the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter began organizing the annual July 24th Sunrise Service and we are honored to continue this tradition. The date is Friday July 23 at 7:00am and the location is the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. This year the Sunrise Service will include guest speaker Elder David F. Evans, Of the Seventy, with music

from the Salt Lake Valley Combined Institute Choir. The Days of '47 Royalty will also be presented and the flag ceremony will be led by the Mormon Battalion Association. This will be an outstanding event and will truly forward the pioneer values of: faith in God; devotion to family, loyalty to church and country; hard work and service to others; courage in adversity, personal integrity; unyielding determination. Please invite your family and friends to attend. See you there!

SETTLEMENT CANYON CHAPTER - Toole, Utah

On Thursday May 6th, 2021, The Settlement Canyon Chapter was fascinated to learn why Joseph Smith the Prophet campaigned for President of the United States in 1844. In a virtual presentation by noted historian, researcher, author and Abraham Lincoln specialist, Ron L. Andersen laid out an impressive theory of how the Prophet's campaign could well have become reality. It had a lot to do with Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation that ended in the Civil War costing almost one million lives. By opening up Doctrine Covenants sections 87 and 101, and combining them with records of both Joseph Smith and Abraham Lincoln, members

were led to understand the fatal flaws of the Constitution that prompted the Prophet to run for the Presidency after exhausting all other means of redress to church members in the Missouri conflicts. Because of his early martyrdom, Joseph was unable to complete the tasks assigned by the Lord. It was then left for Abraham Lincoln to finish this heavenly decree. Along with historical papers, Brother Andersen has written at least three books dealing with this topic. For more information, Andersen can be contacted at discoverlincoln@gmail.com.

TIMPANOGOS CHAPTER - American Fork, Utah



Mary Jane Woodgar

The Timpanogos held their last Zoom Chapter Meeting on June 17, 2021 as they will meet face to face in July. The special guest speaker was Dr. Mary Jane Woodgar. Sister Woodgar is a professor of Church History and Doctrine at Brigham Young University. Dr. Woodgar is a prolific author of 16 books for Deseret Book Company. She is considered a specialist on President David O McKay.

The topic of Dr. Woodgar's talk was "Mission President or Spy". Sister Woodgar gave a PowerPoint presentation about unique missionary experience for President Wallace Toronto. In 1936 President Toronto became

the second president of the Czechoslovak Mission and remain a president for 36 years, a record for LDS mission presidents. During Pres. Toronto's service Germany invaded Czechoslovakia. Missionaries were arrested by the Gestapo and Pres. Toronto negotiated their release. All missionaries were evacuated. Then in 1946 Pres. Toronto and two missionaries returned to establish the missionary work. In 1950 the mission was closed again as missionaries were arrested and held contingent on the mission closure. Missionaries returned to Czechoslovakia in 1990. The first LDS Stake was created in the Czech Republic in 2016.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER - Rexburg, Idaho



Daniel Kerr

Our June meeting had an unexpected twist when our scheduled speaker, Ross Barron, called 40 minutes before our start time to sadly announce that he was very sick with a fever and chills. He was going to share his experiences teaching in the BYU-Jerusalem Center last year and other thoughts about Israel. We gave him a "rain check" and will invite him to come to January's meeting in 2022.

The evening was rescued by a great supper of "ham and bean" soup, tossed salad, homemade bread, and cookies and a musical number performed by Daniel Kerr, BYU-Idaho Professor of Music who played a piano medley of songs that centered on the Holy Land.

Obviously, the attendees to our meeting, when they heard that Brother Barron would not be speaking, felt like the young man who had been promised a blind date with the Cheer Queen from the neighboring high school. On the big night, he slid into the back seat only to discover his sister at this side! Oh Well!

Doug Ladle, who had also taught at the BYU-Jerusalem Center 25 years earlier, shared some of his teaching experiences in the Holy Land in place of Brother Barron. Even though his experiences were back in 1993 and 1996, many things in the Holy Land do not change over the ages. But Doug left plenty of ground for Brother Barron to cover when he can come in January.