

# Trail Marker

**PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

“Tis the season to be thankful – ‘Tis the season to be joyful”. As 2008 begins to wind down, we look back on the events of the year. It was our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. You helped make it special with your support of our Diamond Jubilee Fund. With those funds, we were able to do some much needed refurbishing of National Headquarters. The new carpet and paint in the library and offices are the most noticeable of the improvements. Our placing of the Dee Jay Bowden “Eyes Westward” monument in This Is The Place Heritage Park is a lasting legacy of S.U.P. Our very successful National Encampment in Richfield was a significant indicator of the strength and enthusiasm that is still thriving in our membership.



As we train new AVPs and retrain existing ones, we know they will strive to continue the great legacy we have inherited from our ancestors as they direct and encourage our chapters. Through their efforts we have promising prospects of several new chapters. In the “trenches” we know our chapter presidents will continue their efforts to increase their membership and to provide the programs and activities that are the life blood of our organization. Note the examples as reported in the “Chapter News” in this and all issues of the *Trail Marker*.

As this year comes to an end, we can't help but think of critical conditions facing our country and the world and the effect it could have on our lives. It is at times like this that I reflect on the trials and tribulations experienced by our pioneer ancestors, the early members of the Church. I believe we have inherited some of the strengths and qualities that carried them through no fewer tests of faith, stamina and the will to survive. We are so blessed to have those many examples to proudly follow.

Again I want to thank each of you for your support of this great organization. It has been my great privilege to represent you as your National President. I will forever treasure this experience and your friendship. I pledge my continued support forever.

Booth Maycock  
2008 National President

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## **NATIONAL NEWS**

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## **ANNUAL AREA VICE-PRESIDENT TRAINING MEETING HELD**

On December 9 our Area Vice Presidents (AVPs), including five newly elected, were

trained on their overall responsibilities as well as their part in training chapter officers in sessions scheduled for January. Training was conducted by President Elect 2008, Roger Flick, and President Elect 2009, Dil Strasser. At the same time, our National Directors were being instructed on their responsibilities with the

chapter officers January training. This was conducted by National President, Booth Maycock, and Immediate Past President, Jay Smith. The wives who were present were entertained by Guest Speaker, Edna Alba, of the Church Translation Department.

### **2008 NATIONAL TREK TO BE REPEATED IN 2009**

In response to popular demand, we hope to repeat the 2008 National Trek again this year. The American Heritage Sampler Tour is scheduled for May 12-22. The trek will visit many significant sites from early U.S. History, including **Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, Monticello, Mt. Vernon, Washington, D.C., Fort McHenry, where the Star Spangled Banner was written, Philadelphia including Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, Valley Forge, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, Plymouth Plantation and the Mayflower II, Lexington, Concord, and Boston, including a walk along the Freedom Trail**, and all before the heat of summer! (\$2040 per person with 2 per room - lower if 34 or more go.

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*We must know by February 10 if we have enough signed up to make it go.*

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Following the Area Vice-President training, the annual Christmas dinner for AVPs, Directors, Past Presidents, Pioneer Magazine staff, National office staff and wives of all the above was held at National Headquarters. Besides a wonderful meal, awards plaques were given to the retiring

AVPS; two special achievement awards to Marilyn Johnson, Library Director and Jay Smith, Past President. A Modern Pioneer award was given to lady's guest speaker, Edna Alba. The new National officers, including the new AVPs, were sworn in by Immediate Past President, Jay Smith. This included Roger Flick, National President 2009, Dil Strasser, National President Elect 2009 and Booth Maycock, Immediate Past President. President Maycock gave farewell remarks and was presented with a replica statue of the "Eyes Westward" monument placed in This Is the Place Heritage Park this year. After remarks by President Roger Flick, the group was entertained by members of the Mountain Jubilee Chorus singing traditional Christmas carols.

### **CHAPTER OFFICERS TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY**

Training this year will be held as follows:

January 3 – Areas 5 - 8, in Salt Lake City  
January 10 – Areas 2 - 4, in Ogden  
January 17 – Areas 12 - 15, in St. George  
January 24 – Area 9 - 11, meeting in Provo  
January 31 – Area 1, meeting in Idaho Falls

Area Vice-Presidents will advise their chapters of time and place. We encourage all chapter officers to make a special effort to attend these important two hour sessions.

### **3 QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS**

From Angus Belliston

1. Is your chapter giving lots of gift subscriptions to the *PIONEER* magazine?
2. Have you forwarded the last *Trail Marker* to all your chapter members who have e-mail?
3. Have you visited the SUP website lately?  
Go to [www.sonsofutahpioneers.org](http://www.sonsofutahpioneers.org).
  - Click on Community and News for lots of holiday events.
  - Click on Library for some great ancestral stories.

## NEW AREA VICE-PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCED

We welcome new Area Vice-Presidents Lamar Anderson, Area 2; Russ Cannon, Area 6; Lee Stead, Area 7; and Larry Adams, Area 10.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE FUND

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of many of our members, President Maycock announced at the Christmas dinner that the goal of \$75,000 had been reached. This enabled us to place the “Eyes Westward” monument and do some much-needed renovations to the National Headquarters building.

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## CHAPTER NEWS – By Louis Pickett louwill@utahbroadband.com

### BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) **Dr. L.**

**Douglas Smoot** (right) was the featured speaker for the November meeting. His subject was: “**The Energy Crisis and Possible**

**Solutions.** Dr. Smoot has most impressive credentials and accomplishments.

He was born in Provo and graduated from the BYU. He received his PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington. He founded and directed one of the world’s largest academic research centers in combustion at BYU, involving 160 faculty and students focusing on clean and efficient use of fossil fuels. The majority of his professional career has been on staff at the BYU. While there he served as Chair of the Chemical Engineering Dept. and Dean of Engineering and Technology. He has written books and many articles on combustion and related subjects. He is an internationally recognized authority in energy,



combustion and fossil fuels. His church callings include service as Bishop, Stake President and Area Authority Seventy. The subject of his message was very timely and interesting.

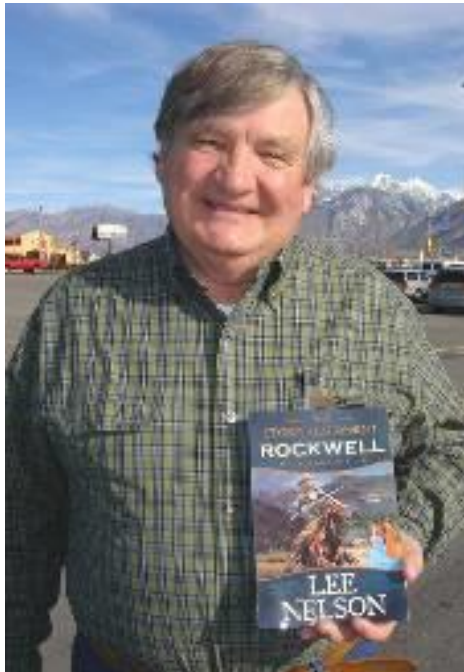
**CANYON RIM – SUGARHOUSE** (Southeast Salt Lake and Sugarhouse, Utah) The November dinner meeting featured **David Horne**, a retiree from Hill Air Force Base. As a chemical and aerospace engineer he had become an expert in the maintenance and performance of the F16 fighter plane. Because of his expertise he was sent to **Germany** where he became acquainted with **Dr. Maas**, a retired **Catholic priest**, a convert to the LDS Church and a close friend of **Pope John Paul**. David told that Dr. Maas was from Poland and had become an office bishop, which was an administrative calling in the Catholic Church and where he worked closely with the future Pope. Included in Dave’s report was the conversion story of Dr. Maas and that the Pope invited his friend to visit him at the **Vatican** where there was an attempt to return him to the church, which if he did not do so he would lose his pension. It was a very interesting talk, which the group truly enjoyed.

**HARMONY** (Harmony, Pennsylvania) The chapter sponsored the “**Son of Utah Pioneers/LDS Night** at the **Trenton Thunder**”. By recruiting area saints and other friends, the chapter sold 121 tickets to individuals to go see the **New York Yankees farm team**. The game selected was the one nearest **Pioneer Day**. On Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> the group was able to watch the game and have several members participate between innings in on-field activities such as “**Dizzy Bats**,” “**Musical Chairs**,” and “**Run the bases**” before the clock run out! Area Vice President, Steve Kruman, whose sidearm pitch was a perfect strike to the Thunder’s catcher, threw an opening ceremonial pitch. To cap things off, at the top of the sixth inning, the name of the group was put up on the electronic scoreboard just as one of the group members caught a fly ball. (It seems that this was a new kind of “pioneering” activity and the chapter is encouraged to keep on innovating and keep us informed.)



**JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE** (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) The program for the November chapter meeting was presented by **Lee Nelson**, (below) the author of “**The Storm Testament**”

series and several other books. His subject was **Porter Rockwell** and he told several little known stories and experiences of this pioneer. Following the delivery of his message Mr. Nelson



fielded many questions from the group, which indicated a keen interest in his subject. The good attendance at the meeting removed some fears by chapter leaders that the greater travel distance to the new meeting location would restrict attendance.

**LEHI** (Lehi, Utah) The chapter conducts a good mix of dinner meetings and treks. A fun and unique trek was held last month as members took a “**train ride**”(below) through part of Lehi and



learned from **Carl Mellor** who the early residents were who built and lived in the oldest homes in the city (shown at top of next column).



Following the educational and fun ride the group went to the **Lehi Historical Hotel** where they had a meal and heard a presentation from **Val and Elaine Tucker** who told of their experiences as he served as mission president in Japan. They served in both Tokyo and Kobe and the presentation included a report of the two very different cities.

**MAPLE MOUNTAIN** (Mapleton, Utah) A wonderful dinner was had by the chapter when 68 participants joined to hear their **Middle Eastern Studies** speaker, **David Galbraith**.



(above) He told about the on-going conflict between the **Israelis and the Palestinians** and the latter-day role **Jerusalem** will play in conjunction with the second coming of the Savior. He also showed how the only solution to the Middle East conflict is a religious one. At the meeting chapter president, **L.L. Adams** presented the **Modern Pioneer Award** to **Jay M. Smith**, past National President for 2008. This presentation was also made at the national convention in Richfield. (See article and picture in last month’s *Trail Marker*.)

**MESA** (Mesa, Arizona) On Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> the chapter held a successful dinner meeting and seemed to get rejuvenated with the presentation of a slate of officers and plans for treks and other activities in the coming year. The program for the evening consisted of singing by the **Arizona Deseret Choir** and patriotic remarks in recognition of **Veterans Day** by **Don Mecham**.

**MILLS** (Southeast Salt Lake City, Utah) The November meeting featured **Stephen Trimble** (right), a well-known writer and photographer of western wild lands and a **Wallace Stegner** Fellow at the University of Utah. In his presentation Stephen concentrated on Wallace Stegner's life and his many books about the West. He said that Mr. Stegner wrote about virtually all of Utah's landscapes and stories in one or another of his books. Stephen's talk was well received as he used photographs and gave excerpts from some of Stegner's books. Musical numbers were enjoyed by the group as they were played on the piano by two young cousins: **Rachael and Paige Heyn**.



**SALT LAKE PIONEER** (Salt Lake City, Utah) The guest speaker for the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was **Dr. Grant Barton**, former National President of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He gave an inspirational report about the **westward movement of the Mormon pioneers**. He has a keen interest in the westward trek of the pioneers. His talk was well received by the chapter. Joining Dr. Barton was **Clive Romney** who played his guitar and sang a program of inspirational songs about the pioneers.

**SETTLEMENT CANYON** (Tooele, Utah) A catered dinner and a musical program were enjoyed by chapter members and guests on November 6<sup>th</sup>. **Richard Droubay**, a composer and singer, entertained the group with some of his original numbers, some making light fun of the community. Two major projects being

conducted by the chapter are the **museum** and the **Mud Wall Monument**. The museum has attracted many visitors during the summer. The monument project has experienced some delays and will likely not be completed this year.

**TAYLORSVILLE – BENNION** (Taylorsville, Utah) In October a presentation was given by **Nancy Anderson**. She shared the story of how church music and hymnals progressed during the early years of church history. It was an interesting and informative report. **Rob Pettit**, who is an operations officer in the military reserves, was the November special guest. He has been to **Afghanistan** a couple of times on assignment and gave a report of experiences while there. He reported that the LDS members of the team he served with were able to hold church services and practice their religion. The Afghan citizens were very friendly with them and they felt well received. The chapter news editor gave a special **Veterans Day** salute to all veterans, past and present that have served our country. He wrote: "We would not be able to enjoy our freedoms today without the sacrifices made by the men and women of our Armed Services."

**TEMPLE FORK** (Logan, Utah) At the November chapter meeting **Lloyd R. Hunsaker** (shown below, at right, with Clair Theurer)







and **Rex S. Spendlove** (above, left) were recognized and received the **Modern Pioneer** awards from chapter president **Clair Theurer** (above, right). Mr. Hunsaker, who is now 100 years old, was a pioneer in converting research findings into practical applications and teaching them to farmers to help them increase production while reducing labor input. Mr. Spendlove pioneered a new method of producing serum for cell culture and opened **HyClone Laboratories** to produce and market the serum. Since 1989 the **Spendlove Research Foundation** has been doing research in plants and soils; developing less polluting vehicles and energy sources and developing specialty cell-culture media and equipment to measure biochemical components in blood, organs, and cells. Mr. Spendlove was the speaker for the evening and gave a history of HyClone, the firm he founded and explained what the firm does.

**UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY** (Rexburg,



Idaho) The program for the chapter consisted of local and family history experiences shared by various members.

**Harvey Jackman** (left) told the story of his ancestor, **Levi Jackman**, of Joseph, Utah. The Jackman



pioneer cabin is still preserved in the town. **Harold Forbush** (left) shared an account of an ancestor named **Mackley**, who participated in the development of the **Sugar Beet industry in Lehi, Utah**. **Max Brown** (left, bottom)



told of **Stephen Hales** who fought in the **Battle of Crooked River** and sculpted the **oxen for the Salt Lake Temple baptismal font**. Harvey Jackman completed the evening by reading **Heidi Pieper's** winning essay from the Pioneer Day competition.

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