

Trail Marker

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2005 Historical Symposium to Honor Joseph Smith, Orrin Hatch, Others

This year's Historical Symposium, Joseph Smith: Pioneer, will be held **Saturday, November 5, 2005** at the SUP National Headquarters (3301 East 2920 South, SLC). This free event will **begin at 1:00 p.m.** Descendants of Joseph Smith are receiving special invitations to attend.

Speakers include **Robert J. Matthews** (former Dean, BYU Religion Dept.) speaking on "World Events Leading to the Birth of the Prophet", **John A. Peterson** (Instructor at the U of U Institute of Religion and director of on-board activities of the SeaTrek 2001 re-enactment of the LDS Emigration from Europe to Utah.) speaking on "Joseph's Doctrine of 'Kingdom' and Colonization of the West", and **Ronald K. Esplin** (Managing Editor, 10 volume set on Joseph Smith) speaking on "The Most Significant Church History Project of the Century".



Following the free symposium, a tender pork and succulent chicken **dinner** with vegetables, garden salad, and apple cobbler á la mode, catered by Dutch Oven Specialties will be provided at **5:00 p.m.** During the dinner, Senator **Orrin Hatch** and other modern day pioneers will be honored, **Elder M. Russell Ballard** will speak, and **Steven Kapp Perry** (Playwright & Host: Soft Sunday Sounds on FM100) and **Johanne Perry** (Performed throughout US in musical skit "Pulling My Husband up Rocky Ridge in a Handcart") will provide the entertainment. **Reservations for the dinner must be made by October 31** by calling 801-484-4441 or sending checks (\$12.00 per person) to 3301 East 2920 South, SLC, UT 84117. **Dinner seating is limited to the first 150 registrants.**



Chapter Presidents Meeting November 5

All **Chapter Presidents**, and **President Elects**, as well as the entire **National Board**, are invited to a Chapter Presidents meeting to be held November 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the National Headquarters. At this time you will receive a full report from the Self Study Commission on what changes to the bylaws are being considered, and the reasoning behind these recommendations. There will be sufficient time during and after the presentation for any input or thoughts on these proposals. Immediately following the Chapter Presidents meeting you are all invited to attend our annual Historical Symposium beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Pioneer Magazine Gift-Subscriptions at 20% Off

The National Board has approved a special one-time-only rate for gift subscriptions to the Pioneer Magazine. The subscription rate for the magazine, which is issued quarterly, is \$15 per year. From now until Christmas the special gift rate will be \$12 per year. This will make a wonderful gift for your special friends and relatives. This is a one time offer. After December the normal rate of \$15 per year for gift subscriptions will apply. This offer does not apply to renewal of existing subscriptions, and when the special offer gift subscription expires in one year, the normal rate of \$15 will apply.

Speaking of gifts – SUP Medallions make wonderful Christmas gifts!



Cotton Mission Chapter Pushes the ‘Pioneer’
Robert Horrocks, 2006 President Elect, **Lynn Niederhauser**, 2005 President, **Don Forshee**, Secretary and an ardent booster of the Pioneer Magazine, **Orr Hill**, Treasure and a member who sends gift subscriptions of the Magazine to relatives and doctors and friends. The Cotton Mission chapter has solicited and obtained 27 new subscriptions to the Pioneer magazine.

The **special edition of the Pioneer Magazine on Joseph Smith** (Issue No. 3, 2005) has been very well received and many have asked how they can get additional copies of this issue. This can be purchased for \$4 per copy and can be ordered from National Headquarters. Send orders for gift subscriptions and orders for extra copies of the Joseph Smith issue to:

Pioneer Magazine, NSSUP
 3301 East 2920 South
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

Be sure to include names and mailing addresses or all recipients, and your own contact information in case of questions.

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Brigham Young Chapter hosts BYU-Idaho President -- Over 100 members, spouses and guests of the Brigham Young Chapter were treated to a night of Hawaiian music and an inspiring message from Eric Shumway, President of BYU-Hawaii. President Shumway brought an Aloha greeting from the school’s 50th year anniversary. He told the story of the school’s beginnings and the pioneer vision of



President McKay as he dedicated a vacant swampy area for the school in 1955 and shared with us many inspiring instances of how this vision is being realized in the lives of students from Asian countries such as Japan, China and Korea.

From left: Carol and Maughn Lee, Brigham Young Chapter President and wife, Marilyn and Grant Barton, National President-Elect and wife, President Eric Shumway, Angus Belliston, Past National President and Introducer of speaker.

Hurricane Valley Chapter -- The chapter is working on a documentary on the building and maintenance of the **Hurricane Canal**. This canal has been an essential resource for many years in the development of the Hurricane Valley area. The goal is to prepare a professional video of the canal’s beginning up to the present. Members are gathering pictures and stories for this project

Buena Ventura Chapter -- Darold Francis spoke on “Broom Making and Cooperage” in the October meeting. He and his wife sell their brooms from the Pioneer Broom Shoppe which is actually their greenhouse, yard and garage. This was a fascinating story of a very different type of business.

Ogden Pioneer -- A goal of **twenty new members** for 2005 was established at the first of the year. Eleven have joined and members were urged to bring the remaining nine in before the end of the year. The chapter held a trek to the **Church History Museum** to tour the new exhibit of the Commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith. 38 people including partners traveled by bus to Salt Lake City to view the impressive exhibits in the museum.

Hurricane Valley Chapter Packs Six Sites into Two-day Trek -- David Hinton, President of the Hurricane Valley Chapter, reports that after lunch and a tour at the National SUP Building in Salt Lake, their chapter visited the Church Museum next to the Family History Center just south of Temple Square. Dinner in Clarkston gave them a rest and nourishment before attending the Martin Harris, "The Man Who Knew" pageant. A good night's rest at the Crystal Inn in Brigham City, prepared them for an early departure the next day to the Golden Spike State Park. On the way home they still had time and energy to stop at Thanksgiving Point to go through the dinosaur museum there. Nearing home, the bus stopped at Cove Fort for a tour and snack providing a fitting ending to this wonderful and educational trek.



Pictured counter clock-wise from top left: Ron and Colleen Simkins of the Hurricane Valley Chapter at The Golden Spike Park, The Martin Harris Monument, Martin Harris's cane, Dinosaur Museum at Thanksgiving Point, The Jupiter at Golden Spike Park, and "Man Who Knew" pageant.



Mills Chapter -- Reverend France Davis of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church was the September dinner speaker. He addressed History of Afro-Americans in Utah up to the present. The members were reminded that the Mormons were not the only pioneers to come to Utah.

Cotton Mission Chapter -- Robbert Horrocks, President Elect for 2006 and his wife Rhea (pictured at right) as they appeared in the Washington County Parade representing and promoting the Cotton Mission Chapter Sons of Utah Pioneers.



Sevier Valley Chapter -- Thanks to Sevier Valley Chapter for \$1,000 contribution to the Pioneer Magazine trust fund. They also had a fund-raiser to help hurricane victims, took a trek to St. George, and are restoring a pioneer brick kiln.

Eagle Rock Chapter -- Eagle Rock Chapter restored a covered wagon and donated it to a pioneer village in a park in Shelley Idaho. They also had a sheep camp donated to them and have started restoring it.

Twenty Wells Chapter – Never heard of it? There’s a reason – It’s brand new. They’s already had two board meetings and 36 new members have joined!

Box Elder Chapter -- Box Elder Chapter has put together an impressive comprehensive listing and description of monuments, markers, trails and sites in Box Elder County. They donated a copy to the national library.

Members in the News

President Bush Honors SUP Life-Member Willie Hunsaker

Sons of Utah Pioneers Box Elder Chapter's very own Willie Hunsaker was the center of attention on August 22nd during President Bush's visit to Salt Lake City. President Bush presented the President's Volunteer Service Award to Brother Hunsaker during a brief ceremony where he was accompanied by his wife and all five of his daughters.



Brother Hunsaker, 78, has constructed hundreds of metal crosses to adorn the graves of veterans in Box Elder County, has presented countless USA flags to Eagle Scout recipients, and is a life member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

New Top Recruiter Award

We have some great recruiters in our organization! One top recruiter, who has brought in twenty new members said: “IT’S EASY TO BRING IN NEW MEMBERS!! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SAY, ‘WE WANT TO TAKE YOU AND YOUR WIFE TO DINNER.’ THEY COME. THEY JOIN!!”

Any SUP member who recruits SIX OR MORE MEMBERS BETWEEN OCTOBER 2005 AND APRIL 15, 2006 will receive a handsome engraved Top Recruiter Award, a 7” Acrylic Crystal Desk remembrance.

- **Bringing in a new Life Member during the same period counts double.**
- **If at least three of the new recruits are under 50 years of age, only five new members are needed to receive the award.**

Wendell Christensen (National Membership Director) has recruited several people into his chapter (Box Elder in Northern Utah). Let’s do the same...
concentrating on those under 50 years of age.

Some chapters are making it easy. The **Box Elder** and **Brigham Young** chapters pay for the first dinner of a couple who becomes a new member, so the host couple isn’t out any money for bringing them.

To recruit a new member, send \$30 national annual dues (or \$300 life membership) to the National Office along with the following information: Name, address, phone number, date of birth and chapter name.

Get up to 15 months membership for the price of 12.

Remember, anyone who signs up on or after October 1 gets the remainder of the current year and all of the following year for the price of a single year’s membership.

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