

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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Dear SUP Associates:

Pioneer Days. One hundred sixty years ago this month the first Pioneer wagon trains arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. Again we celebrate this event in cities and towns throughout the old Utah Territory. We hope that each SUP chapter is somehow involved in a Pioneer celebration and that you will identify yourself as being a Son of the Utah Pioneers. We remind you again of the **Days of 47 Sunrise Service to be held at the refurbished Salt Lake Tabernacle at 7 a.m. on July 24** Elder Ronald Rasband will be the speaker and a 300 voice choir will provide the music. For chapters along the Wasatch Front, help us get the word out and bring your family and friends to this special event.

Mesa Convention. As the summer begins to wind down, we hope the Chapter Boards are making their plans for their Fall chapter meetings. If your chapter regularly meets the latter part of the third week each month, try to reschedule so you do not interfere with the timing of the **Mesa Convention** October 18-20. Chapter Presidents, please encourage your members to send their registrations to Mesa. **Delegate** information for elections in Mesa will be sent to you in August.

Life Memberships. The 2008 national dues should be collected during the Fall. Annual members should again be reminded that a **conversion** to a **Life Membership** will avoid the annual collection of national dues. New members should be reminded that they can belong either as annual or life members. We need 45 new life members before December 31 to meet our goal.

Chapter Award Reports. Thanks to the many chapters who are regularly sending us your quarterly award reports. The **report for the 2nd quarter of 2007** is now due. (See attached report form). Please sign the report, send the original to the National office and a copy to your Area Vice President.

Thank you for the **meaningful** things you are doing in your chapters. I enjoy attending as many chapter events as I can.

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Help Promote the Sunrise Service!

This year, the Sons of Utah Pioneers and its chapters play an integral part of Salt Lake's Days of '47 activities: It has one of the first Parade entries, is providing volunteers for the Family Fun Day, is distributing 20,000 brochures, and is sponsoring the Tabernacle Sunrise Service. This early-morning Service is sponsored by the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter, with assistance and support from the National office.

For those members in the greater Salt Lake area, **please ask local bishops if they would include the attached flyer promoting the 7 a.m. July 24th Tabernacle Sunrise Service in ward bulletins.** Elder Rasband said we could make this request of bishops, the same as was done last year. Please also plan to **attend and bring family and friends to the Sunrise Service.** It will be most memorable.

The Telegraph is on the Move!

With the massive City Creek renovation in Salt Lake, a prominent (right) monument must be moved, that celebrates the **last pole that brought together the nation-wide telegraph line.** The monument, located near 1st South and Main Street, is one of over **200 monuments** sponsored and erected by Chapters of the Sons of Utah Pioneers to commemorate events or places of historical significance. Gerald Haycock, who works with Trails and Markers, is working with City officials on how to move and store the monument. It was originally placed amidst great fanfare and with high-ranking local officials in 1955, ninety-four years after the **first messages** were sent coast to coast by **Brigham Young** and **Abraham Lincoln** in 1861.



Memorializations are picking up!

In the last 10 months, 109 pioneers have been memorialized by 17 members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. 19 pioneer ancestors were memorialized by **Sheldon Chappell** of the Pioneer Heritage Chapter, 10 by **Jack Goodwin** of the Mills Chapter, 13 by **Hayle Buchanan** of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter, 25 by **Jay Smith**, and 15 by his wife **JenaVee Smith, in honor of both his and her ancestors.** Four names were also added to the new "In Memoriam" Board, remembering those who have passed to Chapter Eternal. For forms to submit names, see the sons Utahpioneers.org website or call **801.484.4441.**

Tax-Free Gifting Act Scheduled to Expire

The government has made it possible for members to make a tax-free donation to tax-exempt institutions such as the Sons of Utah Pioneers. However, time is running out. The act, known as the Pension Protection Act, allows a charitable rollover from any IRA **only through the last day of 2007.**

Question: What is the advantage to me in making a gift to the SUP from my IRA?

Answer: Two advantages: First, There is **no tax** for now on the amount you transfer. Second, your estate will similarly **avoid tax** on money gifted. (In addition to strengthening the Sons of Utah Pioneers)

Question: What are the **qualifications** to make such a gift to the Sons of Utah Pioneers?

Answer: 1) A donor must be age 70 ½ or older. 2) The transfer must be made from an IRA custodian. 3) The gift cannot exceed \$100,000 (\$200,000 husband and wife).

Question: From whom may I obtain additional information?

Answer: Steve Kruman 1-800-992-2778. (There is **no charge** for this service)

Chapter News

Salt Lake City (SLC, UT). July program honored and heard from the **new Days of 47 Royalty**. First-time guests were **free!** In August the Chapter will have their annual picnic at Sugarhouse park and later trek to the Fairview Museum (containing Dr. Avard Fairbank's sculptures and a wooly mammoth skeleton) and then to the **Castle Valley Pageant**. In June, Dr. Lorimer Christensen spoke on the **LDS Church Humanitarian Medical Program**.

Squaw Peak (Orem, UT). Kerry Christensen, a **world-renowned Alpine yodeler** will entertain members and guests in the garden made available **without cost** by the Noni Corporation. Mr. Christensen was hired by **Disney** to entertain at the Epcot Center in Orlando. The Chapter trekked to the historic sites in the **Parley's Hollow** below the National Building.

Grove City (Blackfoot, ID). President Dean Hill presented a "**Modern Pioneer**" Award to Dr. Preston Packer, a giant in the community who enhanced the quality of life with his service on the **school board**, the Industrial Improvement Committee of the **Chamber of Commerce**, as the District **Scout** Chairman and as Stake Patriarch. As a doctor, he has brought over **half of Blackfoot into the world!** In June, the chapter trekked to the Idaho National Laboratory to view **pre-pioneer and pioneer sites**.

Taylorville-Bennion (South Salt Lake, UT). \$1,000 was awarded Francois Atkin. Music was by female singing group "Just Friends". June's dinner speaker was Kent Powell, **State Historian** with the Division of State History. The chapter entered their banner and handcart in the **Taylorville Parade**. Their **Summer Dutch oven outing** will be at Millrace Park and will include great entertainment.

Bountiful (Bountiful, UT). ElDean Holliday, director of the **Mormon Handcart sites** in Wyoming and Chief **Caretaker of Martin Cove** was June's guest speaker. Brother Holliday is serving his **seventh mission** for the LDS Church. Music was by Laura Larsen; biographical/historical sketch was by Gary

Trunbull. **\$500 Pioneer Heritage Essay Winner** was 4th grader Bailee Jones, who was also given a memento **plaque**. She read her essay on Archibald McThail – a Willey Handcart pioneer from Renfro, Scotland.

Cotton Mission (St. George, UT). In July, the Chapter will trek the Spanish Trail and Parowan Gap. In August, Dixie Leavitt will speak at Dean Terry's Ranch.

Lehi (Northern Utah County, UT). On June 30th, members of the Lehi Chapter rode in the air conditioned Thanksgiving Point Trolley as part of the Lehi Grand Parade (Picture above right is of the 2006 Grand Parade).



Temple Quarry (Southwest SLC, UT). Gerald Haycock was presented the "Modern Pioneer" Award for his work in the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Utah Historic Trails Consortium. The June program was an illustrated lecture by Virginia Schmidt Baird, Howard Schmidt and Jenny Schmidt, who worked in the "Habitat for Humanity" in Rumania. The Chapter meets at the Golden Corral.

Mills (Southeast SLC, UT). Speaker at the July 16th picnic at Murray City Park will be **Craig Jessop, conductor of the Tabernacle Choir**. Brother Jessop was Director of the Air Force Singing Sergeants and the Air Combat Command Heartland of America Band. As a baritone vocalist, he **won the Metropolitan and San**

Francisco Opera auditions and was soloist with the Tabernacle Choir. In June, **Ellis Ivory, CEO of This is the Place Heritage Park**, spoke about the progress of the Park, including the new **bus** to take visitors in shaded comfort to the many historic stops in the Park. The Chapter has refurbished the **original site and marker where Brigham Young entered the valley**, and will rededicate it on July 21st. All are invited! In August, the chapter will trek to the Castle Valley Pageant.

Hurricane Valley (Hurricane, UT). Members trekked the Escalante National **Grand Staircase** in 4-wheel drive vehicles. June's speaker was American Legion Commander Don Tait, also an SUP member, who gave a brief history of the Legion in Hurricane. The Chapter also had a **Dutch oven outing**. On July 20th, the Chapter will host a **fund-raising pioneer dinner-concert** featuring the **BarGWranglers** and story-telling, pioneer games and concessions. Tickets are **\$50/family** and will **benefit the Chapter**. On July 24th, the Chapter will again offer a **pancake breakfast**. In August, guest speaker **Blaine Yorgason**, popular writer.

Timpanogos (Northeast Utah County, UT). June's meeting was a Hawaiian Luau in Carl and Gene Ingersoll's back yard in American Fork. The speaker was William Ahquin on the history of Laie and the Hawaiian Temple. May's meeting was at the Alpine Country Club for a Church-produced DVD presentation by John VanWagner on John Robert McBride, 13 year-old survivor of the Martin Handcart Company. The Chapter added four members in May. Veteran tour director Joel Richards has listed dozens of half-day, day and weekend treks for Chapter members to choose from.

Maple Mountain Chapter (Mapleton, UT). Members of the Maple Mountain Chapter spent an informative two hours at the **National Headquarters Building** on June 28. **Florence Youngberg**, SUP Librarian, took the fifteen attendees on a tour of the building and shared many historical stories with them. This was the first visit for many members. Several commitments were received from members for

new **pioneer memorializations**. The tour was preceded with a dinner at Marie Calendar's in Salt Lake City.

Multi-Chapter Event features Jon M. Huntsman Sr.

The Sugarhouse and Canyon Rim Chapters joined together and invited several other chapters to their May dinner program featuring SUP member Elder Jon Huntsman (shown at right being greeted by Area Vice President Eugene Bond) as guest speaker. The event was attended by **150 SUP members & spouses**.



Elder Huntsman, recipient of *twelve* honorary **doctorates**, is Chairman of the Board of the Wharton School, America's highest-rated business school. He worked in the **White House as a Special Assistant to the President** and as White



House Staff Secretary. He has petrochemical operations in over 50 countries. With his wife Karen, they have donated **\$245 million to cancer research**. Grant E. Barton (at left, with Elder Huntsman), representing the National Executive

Council, presented Elder Huntsman with a "Modern Pioneer" Award for his work in cancer research.

Entertainment was by the **Utah Pioneer Heritage Arts**

(shown at right) under the direction of Clive Romney.



This Is The Place Heritage Park

The Sons of Utah Pioneers were invited to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Mormon Battalion Visitor's Center and Museum at This Is The Place Heritage Park. The Park is located in the mouth of emigration Canyon and boasts replicas of over 40 hotels, businesses (including a ZCMI), public buildings (e.g. the Social Hall), and several homes (e.g. the Brigham Young Summer home). Costumed volunteers greet you and explain what happened in that part of the pioneer village.



Newly added is a comfortable tram (on soft tires) that

Shown here is the new tram at the Brigham Young home. From the left is Jay Smith, Grant Barton, a costumed Mormon Battalion member and Matt Dahl, Executive Director of This Is The Place Heritage Park.



Shown is Elder M. Russell Ballard and Grant E. Barton assisting children to help break ground for the Mormon Battalion Visitor's Center and Museum

takes you to the many historic sites at the Park, including the original site where Brigham Young made the prophetic pronouncement "This is the right place" (this original site has been recently refurbished by the Mills Chapter and will be re-dedicated on Saturday, July 21st.



Grandparent passes to the Park let you make as many repeated visits as you desire, each time bringing up to six grandchildren. Call (801) 582-1847 for further information.



Activity	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Total
TODAY'S PIONEERS				
Chapter meeting held (Indicate with "1")				
Number at chapter meeting				
Board meeting held (Indicate with a "1")				
Chapter newsletter issued "				
Number of trek days by chapter				
Total number of trek participants				
Number of member hours- monuments				
Number of member hours-sponsored community				
Number of member hours- other (parades,talks)				
Number of Today's Pioneers Awards given				
Number of member personal histories submitted				
YESTERDAY'S PIONEERS				
Number of Name Memorializations submitted				
Number of ancestral biographies submitted				
TOMORROW'S PIONEERS				
(Report separately by Program S = Scholarship E = Essay, B =Biography)				
Number of student participants by program				
Total funds awarded by program				
Number of students awarded funds by program				
Number of pages submitted by students by program				
INSTRUCTIONS: Chapter Secretary should keep this report based upon reports at Chapter Board meetings. It is due at National on the 15th of the month following the quarter A copy should be sent to your Area Vice President Report may be submitted electronically to SUP@networld.com This report is for all quarters. Insert month names and Quarter				
Signature _____ (Chapter President)				

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