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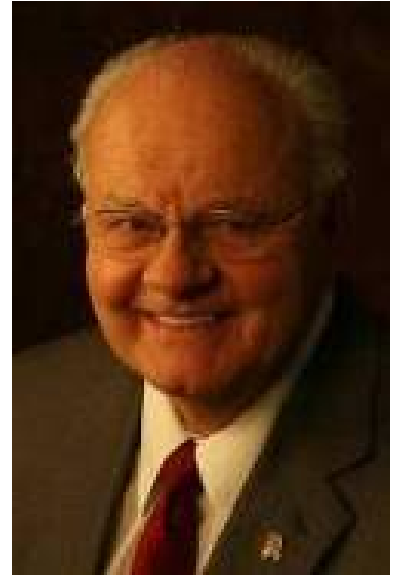
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the July activities approach for celebrating the arrival of the pioneers in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake, let us take stock of the reasons for the celebrations. There were many early pioneer celebrations held paying tribute to the Vanguard Company who arrived in the Valley in 1847.

What might you be doing to pass on the legacy of your pioneer ancestors to your children and generations yet unborn? Our mission is to 'Preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory. We honor the pioneers for their faith in God; devotion to family; loyalty to church and country; hard work and service to others; courage in adversity; personal integrity; and unyielding determination'. We need to teach these same qualities to the youth .How are you doing this? These are some fun activities for teaching our family members and youth about our ancestors:



- Attending the Sunrise Service at the Salt Lake Tabernacle on the morning of July 24th (page 4).
- Attending or participating in a local pioneer parade, followed with family discussions.
- Memorializing one of your ancestors by providing biographies to the SUP Library.
- Writing your life history or writing short biographies of ancestors.
- Submitting short inspirational experiences of ancestors on the SUP website.
- Serving in the SUP library as a volunteer.
- Visiting libraries to do genealogical research.
- Visiting the ancestral home(s) of your pioneer ancestor(s) and holding family reunions.
- Locating and reading pioneer journals; collecting pictures of pioneer ancestors.
- Attending treks and/or field trips with your chapter and family.
- Erecting or visiting monuments and markers of pioneer events.
- Sharing the Pioneer magazine with family and friends.
- Reviewing the Sons of Utah Pioneers website: www.sonsofuthapioneers.org .
- Visiting pioneer museums such as the Pioneer Village at Lagoon, or This is the Place Heritage Park (see First Annual Brother Brigham's Family Ball flier on page 5), Pioneer Village in Provo, the Hole in the Rock site, or the wonderful DUP pioneer museums located throughout the Rocky Mountain area.

It is easy to be 'takers' of the celebrations, but more difficult to be 'doers', i.e., to do things that will help to pass on your pioneer heritage. Many of you have grandparents who were acquainted with their pioneer grandparents who came to the Utah Territory. You may be a grandparent to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and thereby be in a pivotal position to pass on many pioneer stories you remember, such as family traditions and legends regarding the pioneers. Have you taken the time to record as much as you can remember? These are personal activities in which you could be involved.

Also, consider being involved with your local chapter as a board member or on a committee to assist in promoting the mission of SUP among your chapter members, family and friends. Your chapter needs you. Review the planned July celebrations noted in this *Trail Marker*™. Have fun with your family members and talk about your pioneer ancestors.

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NATIONAL NEWS

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NATIONAL TREK – HIGH ADVENTURE

Billed as “Hole-in-the-Rock Adventure Trek”, a group of forty members and wives accompanied by two guides from The Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation, brothers Graig and Grant Taylor (below), departed headquarters in a big red bus



for six days of high adventure reliving the trek of the pioneers on the “San Juan Mission” from Parowan and Cedar City to Bluff, Utah via Hole-in-the-Rock.

Informative stops were made in Cove Fort, Parowan, Cedar City, Pipe Springs, Jacob Lake and Page, Arizona. At Page a slot canyon was explored or the Glen Canyon Dam. The next day there was an interesting air flight (below) over



the Hole-in-the-Rock, Rainbow Bridge, an impressive part of Lake Powell and the rugged area east of the Colorado River that the pioneers had to find their way through. In the afternoon,

there was a beautiful 4 ½ hour float trip down the Colorado River (below) to Lee’s Ferry.



The next day the group was surprised with a tour of Monument Valley in open trucks operated by Navajo Indians (below). Upon arrival at Bluff,



the hosts from the Foundation provided a Dutch oven dinner out in the cedar forest along the pioneer trail.

After a good night’s rest, half of the group was given a tour of the amazing efforts to restore the Bluff Fort with replicas of the original cabins, church, etc. The other half of the group was out to where the pioneers searched for a way to get up and over their last giant obstacle, a high 40 mile long cliff called “The Combs”. This was

explored by ATVs (below) on a five mile long



trail over hill and through dry river bottoms, all of which raised considerable red dust. Their eventual route, called "San Juan Hill", was finally observed and some hardy souls even climbed the tortuous grade.

The final day the group returned home after a sentimental send off by our hosts with homemade cinnamon rolls and juice to last the travelers until they had a real breakfast at Moab.

All participants, although a bit weary, were grateful for the experiences and knew they had gained a much greater appreciation for the efforts of those pioneers who were called to the "San Juan Mission" and the members of The Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation who are working so diligently to perpetuate this history and legacy.

OGDEN HOSTS 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Program details and reservation forms are available on the back page of the current issue of the Pioneer Magazine or on the National Website. We encourage you to make plans and register ASAP. It is a great help to the host committee. Mark your calendars now for September 17, 18 and 19 for this great event.

ANNUAL NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Another important event to plan for is our annual National Symposium, October 10, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at National Headquarters. This year's theme concerns the development and roll of the railroads in Utah. Respected authorities will discuss the effect the railroads had on commerce, politics and the Church. A dinner will be offered following the Symposium. Watch for further details.

COMMEMORATIVE COINS AVAILABLE

The commemorative coins for 2009 are now available at National Headquarters. This year's coins feature the joining of the railroads at Promontory, Utah 140 years ago. Orders may be placed by phone or by mail using the order form found on page 11.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

The National Nominating Committee is looking for suggestions of persons to run for the office of National President Elect. A candidate must have served for one year, prior to assuming the office, as an Area Vice President, National Program Director or Chapter President. Any suggestions would be gladly accepted by any member of the Committee, Past Presidents, Frank Brown, John Anderson, Louis Pickett; Chapter Presidents, Doug Palmer, Porter Rockwell Chapter, Mark Cheney, Bountiful Chapter, David Day, Centerville Chapter, Booth Maycock, Chairman.

FAMILY DAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

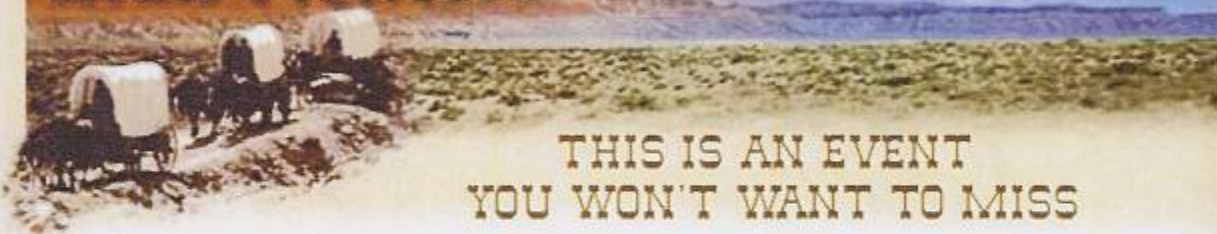
S.U.P. has promised volunteers for Family Day at This Is The Place Heritage Park on July 10th. There are two shifts, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.. Volunteers work at tables helping youngsters with various crafts. We look for the great support we showed last year at this fun activity.

NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF REPRESENTED SUP IN SOUTH JORDAN PARADE



Left to right: **Kay Blackner**, custodian; parade attendant; **Pat Cook**, office assistant; **Drad Lundskog**, custodian; parade attendant; **Andrea Flandro**, office secretary.

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You are cordually invited to the

First Annual Brother Brigham's Family Ball

Event Location: **Bowery** at This is the Place State Park

Event Date **July 25, 2009**

Event Time: **7:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

Event Cost: \$ 6.00 per adult (age 12 and over)
\$ 4.00 per child
\$10.00 per couple
\$25.00 per family

Music: **Blue Sage Group**
Pioneer Entertainment between music sets.



Come One, Come All
join in the fun



CHAPTER NEWS

By Louis Pickett: louwill@utahbroadband.com

BOX ELDER (Brigham City, Utah) In May the chapter awarded a **\$1,000.00 Scholarship** to a high school graduating student from each of the two schools in the county. The winners of these scholarships were **Markie Rogers** from **Bear River High** and **Felix Vivanco** from **Box Elder High**. Markie was born with a hi-lateral cleft lip. From birth until age eight she underwent surgery every year. Extensive dental work and oral surgery continued for years after that. She has been an outstanding student and was a **varsity cheerleader** this year. Felix was born in a suburb of **Santiago, Chile**. At age seven his family moved to the United States, “The land of opportunity”. There were many hard times for the family as they made the difficult adjustment to their new country. Felix learned English and played on his high school football team. He served as **Diversity President in Student Government**.



Pictured left to right are: **Bob Folkman**, Chapter President, **Roger Flick**, SUP National President, **Felix Vivanco**, **Markie Rogers** and **Dee Pace**, Awards Selection Committee Chairman.

Progress is moving well on the construction of the replica of the log cabin for the city’s **Christmas Village**. It is anticipated that the cabin will be used for any display where it may be a symbol of the pioneer heritage enjoyed by residence of Brigham City.



Pictured left to right are: **Chuck Kellog**, **Richard Pett**, **Quinn Parkinson** (Construction Consultant from Lyman, Wyoming), **Duane Phippen** and **Reese Beeton**, who is the project manager.

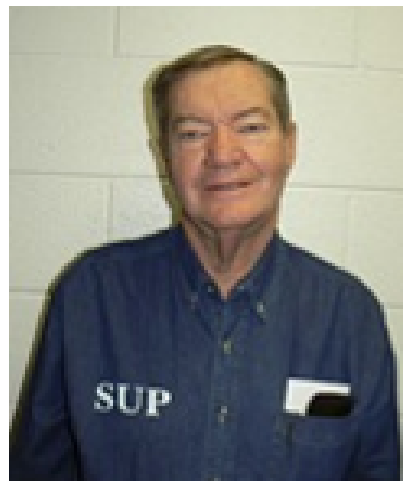
CEDAR CITY Cedar City, Utah) This year the annual **Essay Contest** was a huge undertaking. The chapter committee members worked with the elementary school teachers to read and select the winners. Seven elementary schools participated. The overall winner received \$50.00 prize and a certificate. Each of the other schools had a school winner who received \$20.00 and a certificate and the many class winners received certificates. The winners from each school will be honored during the July 24th program at the **Rock Church**. The chapter participated in a trek on June 12th. A special tour had been arranged at the **Old Main building** on the **SUU campus**. The tour guide was **Dorian Page** and the group learned much of the history of the school and the “Old Main” building.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) On May 16th the chapter participated in a trek to **Parowan Historical sites**. Parowan was settled on 13 January 1851 by a company led by **Elder George A. Smith** and is considered the “**Mother Town**” because many other towns were settled in Southern and Southeast Utah and in Arizona, Southern Nevada and California by pioneers originating from Parowan. Over 40 members, spouses and guests participated in the event.

They visited the **Historical Parowan Cemetery** that is the burial site of the earliest settlers. **Loa Ann Jones and Frankie Bentley**, local **Daughters of Utah Pioneers**, led the group on a tour of the cemetery. The group next visited the **Historic Old Rock Church**. The building was completed in the 1860's and served many years as the meeting place for all church and community gatherings. The DUP now maintains the building as a museum. **Marlene Burton and Loa Ann Jones** of the DUP hosted the group on the museum tour. After lunch the group visited the **Parowan Heritage Park**. The park is on the location of the original **Parley P. Pratt** 1849 winter encampment. The park includes monuments commemorating the arrival of the initial pioneer company in 1851. The trek also included a visit to the **Parowan Gap**. The Gap is a nationally recognized extravaganza of **petroglyphs** – a superb gallery of Native American rock art. **Nancy Dalton**, a member of the **Parowan Heritage Society**, hosted the group at the park and at the gap, describing the sites.

HOLLADAY, (Holladay, Utah) On June 20th an enthusiastic group from the chapter participated in a trek to the **Golden Spike Park** where they witnessed the re-enactment of the joining of the rails. The experience included seeing the steam locomotives and the driving of the golden spike. There was also a special program in the theater. From there the group went to the **Rocket Garden of Alliant Techsystems** that is nearby. Due to inclement weather this was a short stop where the park was observed from inside the cars. A stop at the Maddox Café for a meal put a nice finish on the day and the trek. At the June dinner meeting **Mr. Ellis Ivory** was the guest speaker and spoke about the “**This is the Place Heritage Park**”. He included in his discussion what is happening at the park and plans for further development.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) At the May meeting of the chapter **Alan and Ann Nelson** gave a power point tour of **Poland and Auschwitz**. The beauty of the country is fabulous but the remains of evidence of the atrocities of the **Holocaust** during **W.W. II** is in stark contrast to the beauty. The presentation



was both educational and interesting. In June the chapter enjoyed a trek to **Cedar City** then on to **Iron Town, Pinto and Mountain Meadow**. **Dr. Wayne Hinton** (left) was the guide. At Iron

Town there was a presentation and a chance to view the ruins. At Pinto the group had lunch and a presentation on the history of that settlement. The next stop was Mountain Meadow where the group viewed the grounds and heard Dr. Hinton tell of the events that happened there. The information given during the trek was most interesting, especially since it was given on the sites being discussed.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE (Southwest Salt Lake Valley) The Jordan River Temple Chapter and the Temple Quarry Chapter have joined for most of their dinner meetings. The June meeting was the first combined one and the TQ chapter arranged for the guest performer. Following the meal **Trynt Harris** (right) performed a magic show. It was entertaining to see what would appear and what would disappear.



LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) The program for the May chapter meeting was very interesting as **Frankie Lou Bentley** discussed

the history of businesses in Parowan. Mrs. Bentley took the group on a tour down the east side of main street and back up the west side naming past businesses that are now gone. Some of them were clothing stores, blacksmith shops, a cheese factory and dairy, roller mills, pool halls, dance halls, a skating rink and the Parowan Mercantile (a store where you could find most anything). It was evident that in earlier days people had to be more self reliant. There were many more services available than there are today. The June chapter news letter has an interesting article about the life style of the residents of **Parowan in the 1920s and 1930s**. The citizens raised their own cattle, chickens, gardens, etc. and they traded (or bartered) to get items they did not produce. The article contains some samples of costs for such things as movie tickets, popcorn, hamburgers and soft drinks.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) At the May 28th dinner meeting of the chapter **Art Johnson** showed a DVD during the meal time on which he had compiled and organized home movies and photos. It was well received. Following the meal **Lee Nelson** introduced **Gail Halverson** as the guest speaker. Mr. Halverson was a pilot who participated in the **Berlin Air Lift following WW II**. He spoke about his inspired contact with the German people, the candy drop that he started, and his life in the service as a Latter-day Saint. (He was referred to as **“The Candy Bomber”**.) His message was of gratitude and hope. His is a most interesting story. With 53 in attendance it was one of the chapter’s best attended meetings.

MOUNT NEBO (Spanish Fork, Utah) The chapter dinner meeting was held at the **home of George Brinkerhoff** at **Spring Lake** in southern Utah County. The setting in the foothills was absolutely stunning and enjoyed by all who attended. The food was cooked **Dutch oven** style and featured foods that the pioneers would have eaten on the trek west and during the pioneering in the early years they were getting settled in their homes and communities. There were choices of several varieties of game –deer, bear, moose, elk and pig. There was also stew which included herbs, carrots, potatoes, and a variety of

beans. The discussion for the evening was on the **1857-58 Utah War**. This was in preparation for the trek planned for July which will involve a visit to the **Fairfield and Camp Floyd** area. The chapter also participated in the dedication of the **DUP cabin in Santaquin**. The project had included the heavy work of taking down the cabin and restoring it on a new site. This work was done by the SUP chapter members with **Wes Morgan and Ted Peacock** especially putting in a great amount of time.

PORTER ROCKWELL (Draper, Utah)
President Bruce Woodruff and his wife Elaine
(below) were the guest speakers at the chapter’s



May dinner meeting. Bruce is a great grandson of **President Wilford Woodruff** and is the president of the **Wilford Woodruff Family Association**. Elaine is a direct descendant of **John Benbow**, a prominent convert who joined the church in England. Bruce shared some fascinating stories from the life of President Woodruff. These included missionary experiences, personal life experiences, church leadership experiences, his testimony of the Restored Gospel and others. Sister Elaine Woodruff spoke of her fore bearer, John Benbow. He was a wealthy farmer with a nice home and substantial financial means which he used to finance the passage of many less prosperous members of the church from England to Zion. He also financed the first **printing of the Book of Mormon in England**. John was unwavering in his testimony and gave everything he had for the Kingdom of God.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) On the 27th of May chapter members participated in

a trek that was hosted by **Envirocare**. That organization provided bus transportation (above) to their facility several miles west of Tooele, a nice lunch and a tour of the property with an explanation of what the company does with the low level waste that is handled there. It was an interesting tour. The program for the June 4th dinner meeting was presented by **John and Carol Cluff**. They told of their recent LDS mission experiences and of their pioneer heritage. The SUP Museum is open Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during the summer season. There has been a lot of interest with a good number of visitors, some who have come from all over the state and the country.



Sampling of items housed in the museum.

SQUAW PEAK (Provo, Utah) In June, the Squaw Peak Chapter members listened to Dr. Gary L. Browning present some of his experiences while serving as a Patriarch in Russia. Gary reviewed his early interest in Russian language and history. He also related some of his teaching experiences while teaching Russian at BYU. He was called to open up several areas for missionary work in Russia and became a traveling Patriarch over large geographic areas of Russia. He has given patriarchal blessings in Russian to as many as seven members a day as part of his daily, weekly and monthly assignments. It was inspiring to hear what the LDS Church is doing in Russia.



Pictured left to right are: Chapter President, **Lynn Thomson**, **Dr. Gary L. Browning**, and **DeLynn Heaps**, Program Chair.

TAYLORSVILLE – BENNION (Taylorsville, Utah) Guest speakers for the June chapter meeting were **Paul and Ann Bambrough** they recently returned from a mission to Indiana. In addition to their interesting and successful service assisting the young missionaries they reported their experiences with weather conditions different from what they enjoy in Utah. They were impressed with, and showed pictures of ice storms where the trees and everything else is covered with ice. As with other recent years, the chapter entered their **handcart and S.U.P. banner** in the **Taylorsville Dayzz** parade.



Pictured left to right are: **Daniel** and his parents, **Natalie and Mark Ethington**, who pulled the cart.

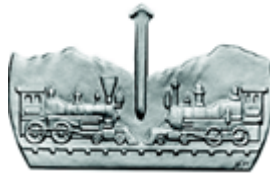
TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) The chapter was pleased to have **Craig Jessop** speak at their recent meeting. Craig was born and raised in Millville and received his B.S. from the Utah State University in music. He received an M.S. from BYU and his PhD from Stanford University. He served as **director of the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants, the U.S. Air Force Band and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir**. He told the group that music has always been important in the Church. When the wagon trains were organized to come to Utah, Brigham Young felt it was necessary for each train to have a cooper to fix the wagon wheels and a musician to provide music in the evenings. He said that in the early days there was a **Logan Tabernacle Choir**. Many cities throughout the state had choirs. Craig reviewed some of the experiences he had, especially while serving as director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and working with **President Hinckley**. He mentioned that coming back to Cache Valley was special. He is currently the head of the **USU Music and Theater Departments**.

THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Heber City, Utah) The Sons and Daughters of Utah Pioneers held their annual awards banquet on May 28th. **Dick Bailey**, Chairman of TMV Chapter Awards Committee and **Judy Milliner**, President of the Heber Valley Camps of the DUP organized the program to honor some of the valley pioneers. The 2009 SUP Past Pioneer honored in memoriam was **Russell "Russ" McDonald**, presented by **Dick Bailey**. Russ was a pilot and

was largely responsible for building and maintaining the **Heber Valley Airport** from 1948 - 1952. He also helped establish the **Heber Valley Air Museum** and participated in local air shows. (A brother and sister of Russ accepted the award) The 2009 Modern Pioneer honored was **Peter Fillerup**, presented by **Jim Smedley**. Peter had a love for history and his frontier heritage is reflected in his art. He apprenticed with sculptor, **Avard Fairbanks**, to learn marble carving and foundry techniques. His monuments and statues are found in the Heber Valley and at various locations across the nation. The Future pioneer honored was **Cory Nielson**, presented by **Mike Johnston**. Cory was highly recommended by his high school principle for consistently demonstrating maturity well beyond his age, receiving high scholastic marks and involvement in various sports activities.



Pictured left to right are: **Olena and Wayne** (sister and brother of **Russ**), **Lethe Tatge**, an honored DUP member, **Cory Nielson** and **Peter Fillerup**.



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		Bronze	\$5		\$	\$2.75	\$5.25		\$
Golden Spike	2009	Gold	\$35		\$	\$10.75	\$16.25		\$
		Silver, Gold Spike	\$40		\$	\$7.75	\$11.25		\$
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