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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While reflecting on the recent activities of the Days of '47, several thoughts come to mind; attending the Sunrise Service before the parade is very inspiring, riding in a convertible in the parade representing S.U.P. is fun and participating in the First Annual Brigham's Family Ball was an enjoyable experience. These activities are a significant development since the first 24th of July celebration but all are the result of the efforts of S.U.P.

Brigham Young originated the idea of an annual celebration commemorating the arrival of the Pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley. He and a large group of the Saints were celebrating the day at Silver Lake, near Brighton, when a rider brought the word that Johnson's army was on the way. This brought short the festivities of that year. We should always remember that the 24th is really all about the Pioneers and what they accomplished on the 24th, 1847 and all the Pioneers that came after them.



It is our responsibility, as members, to perpetuate the legacy they gave us. I suggest, at your next chapter meeting, each President read, to those in attendance, the mission of S.U.P. as found at the beginning of our constitution and by-laws. This will help us keep focused on our responsibilities as members of S.U.P.

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NATIONAL NEWS

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JULY 24TH SUNRISE SERVICE

The annual Sunrise Service held in the tabernacle and sponsored by our Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter, seems



to be getting better every year. The choir was outstanding; the Royalty even more attractive; the talk by Elder Jay E. Jensen (left) very inspiring and the acknowledgement of renowned composer Crawford Gates was a special added treat. It is felt that the several thousand who attended were adequately rewarded for their early morning efforts.



JULY 24TH ANNUAL PARADE

The annual parade is the highlight of the Days of '47 celebration. S.U.P. was represented by our



banners (above) preceding several handcars, one being pulled by our President Elect Dil Strasser and his wife, Diane (below). Later on came our



National President, Roger Flick and his wife, Sue, riding in a handsome convertible being recognized by the thousands along the parade route (below).



The S.U.P. theme-winning float, voted on by our Past Presidents, depicted the Pioneer widow who planted the valuable pea seeds only to have her rooster eating up the seeds right behind her. She solved the problem by killing the rooster, retrieving the seeds which she replanted and rewarding herself with a nice chicken dinner. This story was in our recent Pioneer Magazine.



Days of '47 Clive and Band still going strong at the end of the Days of 47 Parade

BRIGHAM'S FAMILY BALL

A new tradition for the Days of '47 was introduced on Saturday evening, the 25th. The idea came from one of our Past Presidents, Angus Belliston. It was presented to the Days of '47 Committee who gave warm support. The This Is the Place Heritage Park was contacted and they added their support and their willingness to provide the Bowery at the Park. Next, the Brigham Young Family Organization got on board with their enthusiastic support. The event was considered a great success with over 250 adults and children in attendance. The majority was in Pioneer dress (see article in Church News, 8/1). Everyone enjoyed doing the Pioneer era dances with aid of a professional "dance caller" and the lively music of the Blue Sage Group. During dance intermission, special musical numbers and poetry recitations entertained the appreciative crowd. Light refreshments were available throughout the evening. If you missed it, look forward to next year.

FAMILY FUN DAY

This traditional activity, as part of Days of '47, was in its 2nd year at This is the Place Heritage Park on July 10. This Is the Place Heritage Park opens its doors free to the public on this day. S.U.P. supplies volunteers to man the numerous tables offering Pioneer crafts to the children. We appreciate all those who volunteered as it gives us the opportunity to repay the many kindnesses that Heritage Park continues to give S.U.P.

COMING EVENTS

We hope you have marked your calendars and are making preparations to attend our **Annual Convention in Ogden, September 17, 18 and 19**. Reservation forms are on the back of The Pioneer Magazine. Early registration would be appreciated by the Planning Committee. If you are making hotel reservations at The Marriott we suggest you use this number, 1-888-236-2426.

Our Annual Symposium will be held at **National Headquarters, October 10, 2 to 5 p.m.** There will be a dinner following. The theme this year concerns the railroads and the part they played in developing the state and the involvement of Brigham Young. We encourage you to attend.



Past National President Jay Smith and his wife JenaVee on their mission. It would appear that it is not all work.

CHAPTER NEWS

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CEDAR CITY (Cedar City, Utah) As is tradition, the **DUP, local LDS stakes and the chapter** co-sponsor the **Pioneer Day events**. These begin with a special program at the **Rock Church** where participants were reminded of their pioneer heritage. **Charles Blackburn** was the keynote speaker. Outstanding chapter members **Haymer Morris and Clemont Adams** received special recognition and **Clemont was Grand Marshall** in the parade. Games and food at the park followed these events.

This year the chapter awarded \$1,000 scholarships to **Bryan Taylor and Shaylee Berry** from the Canyon View High School and to **Amee Peterson** from Cedar High School. These awards were presented in the respective schools. These students will enroll at SUU to continue their education this fall.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) The chapter is encouraging all members to attend the National convention in Ogden on September 17, 18 and 19. That will be their September trek and will be in lieu of a monthly dinner meeting. An effort is being initiated to get to know each other better by publishing a new section in the newsletter with the title: **“What are people doing?”** The July newsletter contained three short notes about activities of members. It also included a bio on long time member: **Orr L. Hill**.

HARMONY (Harmony, Pennsylvania) The chapter sponsored an **“LDS Night at the Trenton Thunder”**. This event was held at the Trenton Thunder Park on Saturday, July 18th. **The group name was displayed on the electrical scoreboard** and some from the group were drawn to join an “on-field” activity. Family facilities such as picnic tables and gym equipment for children were included. **Fireworks** were enjoyed after the game. The chapter provides bi-monthly activities open to all adults who would like to socialize and also learn more about pioneers, both past and present.

HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) On June 20th the chapter went on a trek to the **Golden Spike National Historical site** and watched the re-enactment of the events of May 10, 1869. They were pleased with the acting of the parts and the costuming of the ceremony to make the event so realistic. It was a thrill to see the **Union Pacific engine # 119** come up the track blowing its whistle and meet the “**Juniper**” from the **Central Pacific**. That was followed by the driving of the golden spike. A lecture and a film in the museum provided interesting history of the time and events. The trek had a delicious conclusion at the **Maddox restaurant** on the way home.

HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) The June newsletter contains greater details of the great trek the chapter took to **Iron Town, Pinto and Mountain Meadow**. **Dr. Hinton**, mentioned in the **July Trail Marker**, was the guide and was very knowledgeable about the area and what went on there in the past. He reported that at one time there were more people living in Iron Town than in Cedar City. One of the most interesting sites was the ovens (below)



that were used to make the charcoal from the nearby wood forests. When the iron ore was discovered it was believed that it was one of the

largest deposits in America. It was reported that several companies still have an interest in the iron ore.

On the morning of July 24 the chapter served **breakfast at the Hurricane City Park**. The meal consisted of delicious pancakes, sausage and orange juice (below).

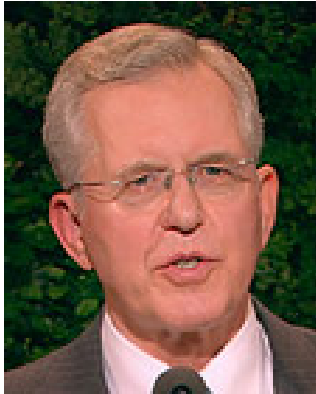


This was the 3rd or 4th year for this activity. A charge of \$5.00 per plate was charged, which is a good fund raiser.

LEHI (Lehi, Utah) A decision was made to create a monument to honor the early pioneer **Russon, Peck and Christofferson families**. Members of these families were approached and asked to help with fund raising. Because of the support of the families the July dinner meeting had 248 people in attendance and \$6,665.00 was raised. **Stan Russon**, a chapter member spoke about the **Lot Russon Sr. family**. **Paul Christopherson** talked of the **Peter J. Christofferson family**. Peter built the first brickyard in Lehi. He answered a call to go to Arizona and his family lived the **United Order**. He was held in a penitentiary for two years because of polygamy. **Elwyn Peck** talked about the **Elisha Peck Jr. family**. Elwyn wore his grandfather's suit which fit him well. **Elder Gene R. Cook** (above) of the



Seventy was born in Lehi and was the keynote speaker. He spoke of his family life in Lehi and of his favorite ancestor, **Hannah Durfey Fife** who went through Kirtland, Missouri and



Nauvoo persecutions. Since there was limited time for him to speak he will return and speak at the chapter's October meeting. **Elder D. Todd Christofferson** (left) of the Quorum of the Twelve was also present at the meeting.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, Utah) In June the chapter participated in a trek to the “**Davenport Digs**” where archeologists from **Michigan State University** are studying the site of the old **Davenport pottery shop**. Each summer in recent years several students and their leader from the university come to Parowan and continue their study of the site. At the end of their short season they must re-cover the site and wait for the next year to continue their work. The team has some good data on the evolution of pot making by someone who started out knowing little about the art and the materials needed to make and glaze good pottery. (Samples of the Davenport pottery can be seen at the **Iron Mission Museum**.) Following the presentation by the archeologists the group went to a ward cultural hall for a pot luck dinner. It was an enjoyable and interesting evening.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) **Lee Nelson** gave an ancestral brief during the meal time of the June dinner meeting. SUP National



President, **Roger Flick** was present and gave a few remarks about the SUP. The guest speaker for the evening was **Garth Norman**, (left) who gave a very interesting PowerPoint presentation about the **Parowan Gap**. Garth has a **Ph.D. in**

archaeology. His information on the “Gap” included historical events that are little known by the average Utahan. Dr. Norman has authored books on the Parowan-Gap which contain many diagrams and photos of ancient aboriginal connections.

MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City) The guest speaker for the June dinner meeting was **Dr.**



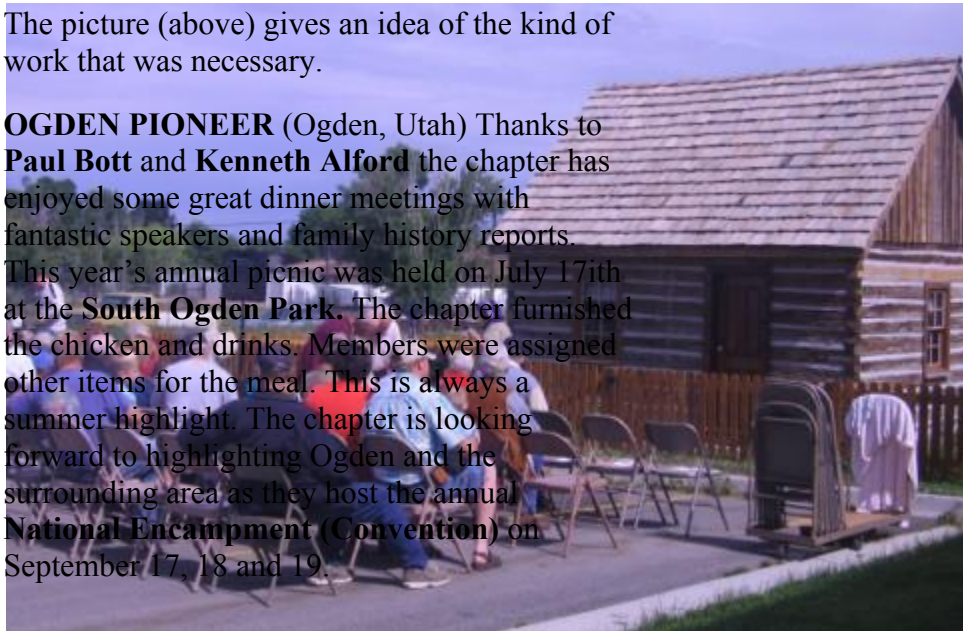
Stephen Packham (left), a toxicologist with the **Utah Division of Air Quality** and an **Adjunct Associate Professor** at the University of Utah. He explained why victims of fire fail to rescue themselves, and why more deaths

occur from smoke than by fire. Dr. Parkham said “You can never go off the record” because toxicology is the study of how things harm the body and is always being recorded. He gave the **example that as a child he sneaked a few marshmallows from a bag contrary to instructions from his mother. A mirror convicted him when she showed how white residue was left on his face.** He has studied the smoke that comes from materials burned in house fires and identified them with the idea of having manufacturers avoid these harmful substances in their products. He has studied why people don’t get out of fires. He wanted to know what occurs when breathing in smoke. His was one of the earliest works on the subject and it built his reputation. He said that everything we do creates a record that the toxicologists can read. It is recorded in our bodies. This includes spiritual experiences, motivations, and actions.

MOUNT NEBO (Payson, Utah) The July issue of the Trail Marker included a report of the involvement of members in the dedication of the DUP sponsored cabin reconstruction. The picture was not available at that time but is included here. The cabin was not merely restored on site. It was dismantled and then put back together on a new site in Santaquin.

The picture (above) gives an idea of the kind of work that was necessary.

OGDEN PIONEER (Ogden, Utah) Thanks to **Paul Bott** and **Kenneth Alford** the chapter has enjoyed some great dinner meetings with fantastic speakers and family history reports. This year's annual picnic was held on July 17th at the **South Ogden Park**. The chapter furnished the chicken and drinks. Members were assigned other items for the meal. This is always a summer highlight. The chapter is looking forward to highlighting Ogden and the surrounding area as they host the annual **National Encampment (Convention)** on September 17, 18 and 19.



combined this year with a museum tour. It was held at the **Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center**.

(below) Tours of the museum were

PORTER ROCKWELL (Draper, Utah) The speaker for the June 24, 2009 dinner meeting was **Booth Maycock**, the immediate past national president of S.U.P. He shared the story of his great-grandfather, **Charles Heber Bird**, who was born in England in 1854 and who came to Utah with a pioneer wagon train in 1864. Charles became one of the **early dentists in Utah**, originally training himself from a dentistry manual that someone had given him. He became a fully certified dentist in 1894 after receiving more training. He set up his practice in **Manti, Utah**. Charles had lost his leg by amputation because of a disease caused by an injury suffered as a youth in a game. He received an **artificial leg** to attach to his upper leg stump just below the hip with a large leather sling attached to his shoulder. He would stand on his artificial leg and pump his dental drill treadle with his good leg. Booth was Charles' first great-grandchild. **Booth and his wife, Eddie (below)**, also shared

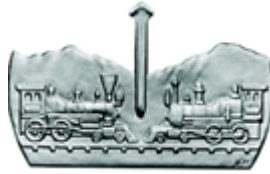


conducted from 5:30 to 6:30 and after the dinner. Members had the opportunity to view the history preservation efforts of Taylorsville City and results of the efforts of the Historic Preservation Committee. The meal was a **Dutch oven dinner** prepared by **chapter president, Jim Taney**. As is the tradition, the group was able to enjoy the famous "**Bruce Wasden**" root beer. The combination of the museum tour and the special meal made it an enjoyable evening.



their excitement about the National S.U.P. adventurous "**Hole-in-the-Rock**" trek which was reported in the July Trail Marker.

TAYLORSVILLE – BENNION (Taylorsville, Utah) The annual summer Barbeque was



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