

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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Dear SUP Associates:



Greetings- School is back in session, abundant crops are being harvested, football games are being played, and SUP chapter meetings are again being held. How wonderful it is to learn of your past activities and future plans. I only wish my wife and I could join each of the chapters as you pursue your exciting agendas.

Time for New Members!! After over 200 annual members did not renew their membership for 2007, our total membership dipped to **2010** as of August 1, 2007. Our total membership goal by December 31 is **2,300**. There is still time to meet this goal if each chapter actively pursues adding new members this Fall. The National Board has made this easier for the chapters by **moving up the date** at which new members receive credit for their \$30 annual dues for the balance of the current year plus all of the subsequent year. The old date was October 1. **The new date is September 1.** We encourage chapters to use this as a selling point. It actually adds another issue of the PIONEER magazine for new members: five issues as opposed to four.

Encourage Annual Members to Upgrade to Life. Each chapter president has recently received a mailing from National that includes a listing of all annual members that need to renew for 2008. We hope you will work hard to make these collections before December 31, 2007 and remit them to National. This is a good time to remind the annual members of the advantages of **upgrading to life membership**, including no future national annual dues, a beautiful lapel pin, and their name on the Life Members Plaques in Heritage Hall of the National Building. Our 2007 goal is to reach **2,800 Life Members** by the end of the year. The last life member number assigned was 2,761. That leaves 39 more life members to obtain, either new or upgrades. You might start the process in your chapter by encouraging **all of your board members to upgrade** to Life if they don't already have this membership.

Nominees for 2008 National President-Elect. I am excited with the two nominees who have agreed to run for 2008 National President-Elect: **Roger Bennett** and **Roger Flick**. Both of these men have served faithfully this past year in their positions as Area Vice President and National Program Director. They both are supportive of the direction the SUP has been moving and are excited about continuing to help strengthen the organization. Bios and pictures of the nominees are included in this issue of the newsletter. Please make this information available to your members, especially your **designated delegates to the Mesa Convention**. The form for submitting delegate names was also included in the mailing earlier this month.

Mesa Convention. We are excited with the plans made by the Mesa Chapter. We look forward to being with you for a beautiful cooler time in Arizona.

HAVE A GREAT FALL!!!

Jay M. Smith 2007 National President

LAST CALL TO MESA!!

When: October 18-20, 2007 **Where:** Marriott Mesa Hotel, 200 North Centennial Way, Mesa

Activities: Membership Dinners, Kenyon Udall speaker, Treks to Salt River pioneer spots, Casa Grande Ruins Nat'l Mnt., Arboretum, Modern Pioneer Awards, Election of President-Elect.

Cost: \$110 per person until September 30, then \$125. Treks extra

How to Register: Send registration form (See PIONEER magazine, Issue #1, 2007) to Sons of Utah Pioneers, Mesa Chapter, P.O. Box 51752, Mesa, Arizona, 85208.

President-Elect Nominees Selected

Two well-qualified and experienced candidates are running for 2008 President-Elect: **Roger Bennett** and **Roger Flick** (Jay Smith indicates it's safe to predict that a Roger will win!) The bios of these great men are included below.

After careful consideration of 18 nominees, the **SUP Nominating Committee** selected these two men, one of whom will be elected at the National Convention in Mesa next month. The Nominating Committee consists of three current chapter presidents (selected by Chapter Presidents at their meeting in April) three past national presidents (selected at the Past President's Council meeting in July), and was chaired by Grant Barton, representing the Executive Council.

ROGER FLICK



Born: Nov. 30, 1939, Los Angeles, CA. Grew up in San Fernando.

Education: BYU (Family History and Math Education)

Family: Wife Susan Hales; 5 children, 17 grandchildren.

Profession: Analytical Chemist and Laboratory Physicist

Graduate Work: Masters of Library & Information Science

Recent Employment: BYU Family History Center Director and Family History Instructor.

Sons of Utah Pioneers: Past president, Squaw Peak Chapter, former chair of SUP Library, currently National Program Director of Pioneer Heritage. Recently awarded

"Pioneer of the Year" award by his chapter.

Achievements: Wrote Family History manuals, helped develop the Church FamilySearch program. Past President, Utah Genealogical Association, Education Week Instructor, Past president of the Utah Racquetball Assn, Former BYU Racquetball Coach (3 National championships), instigated racquetball program at the Huntsman Senior World Games.

ROGER BENNETT



Born: 1939 Grace, Idaho

Education: BYU (Statistics and Mathematics)

Family: Wife Ann Mercer, six children, 7 grandchildren

Profession: Computer analyst & Programmer

Recent Employment: Data base administrator for the Presiding Bishopric.

Sons of Utah Pioneers: Past President, Bountiful Chapter, currently an Area Vice President, member of National Board

Church Service: Formerly High Priest Group Leadership, Ward Clerk,. Currently serving as counselor in a bishopric.

Interests: Gardening, genealogy, pioneer history.

Achievements: Worked his way through college. Attended professional meetings in several U.S. locations. Is a team player: Developed software as a team to client specifications.

PIONEER ORGANIZATION DINNER HOSTED BY SUP

On July 21st, the **Sons of Utah Pioneers** again hosted a dinner for pioneer “Sister” organizations at **This is the Place Heritage Park** in the mouth of Emigration Canyon in Salt Lake. Leaders of the following pioneer organizations were invited to the event:

Daughters of Utah Pioneers
Mormon History Association
This Is The Place Heritage Park
U.S. Mormon Battalion, Inc.
Utah Historic Trails Consortium
Oregon/California Trails Association
Utah State Division of State History
The Ship Brooklyn Association
Mormon Historic Sites Foundation
Mormon Trails Association

Ellis Ivory, Board Chairman and Matt Dahl,



Director of the Heritage Park (shown above in photo by Gerald Haycock), addressed the group, and admonished them to **promote coming to the Pioneer Village** within their organizations. The president or a representative of each organization was given a few minutes to indicate the mission and activities of their organization. [Grant Barton (Past National President) and Frank Madsen



(National Publicity Co-chair) are shown above in photo by Gerald Haycock.] **Greater understanding** and **mutual cooperation** was the

result of the evening. A generous member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers paid for all expenses of the event, which has become a tradition associated with the Days of '47 Pioneer Celebration.

Chapter News

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, UT) The chapter has a **Water Wheel Restoration project** that is proceeding under the direction of **Jack Kyhl** and **Doug Loosle**. Special thanks to **D.P. Curtis Trucking** for moving the Water Wheel to its present location near the **Lime Kiln Monument**. Work on memorializing the **Sawmill Road** on **Monroe Mountain** is proceeding under the direction of Jack Kyhl and **Sam Ware**. Several ATV rides have been conducted to identify the locations where plaques will be placed and how the present ATV trail differs from the original wagon road. The Forest Service is supporting this activity and **Snow College South** will also be involved. Those familiar with the trail can recognize the challenge of bringing a 4,000 pound load of lumber to the valley floor with nothing but a block of wood rubbing against a metal wheel rim for brakes.

The chapter is well along with their plans to host the 2008 National Convention in Richfield.

LITTLE SALT LAKE (Parowan, UT) The August Chapter meeting was held at the Five Mile picnic area on August 28th. It consisted of a pot luck dinner, followed by entertainment by the “**Ukulele Ladies of Parowan**”. The ladies did a great job of entertaining and the chapter members joined in singing many of the old favorite songs. The chapter unanimously voted to be sponsors for a new chapter to be organized in Beaver providing there is enough interest there. Several members of the Little Salt Lake chapter attended a meeting held in Beaver on August 24th for the purpose of determining interest in organizing.

LEHI (Lehi, UT) The chapter held its August meeting at **Bud Lot's Farm** in South Lehi. Over 80 members and friends enjoyed a delicious supper furnished by **Carl Mellor** and then enjoyed perusing old buildings and artifacts that Bud and his wife have gathered through the years. It was a

very productive evening membership-wise as four new members joined and one annual member converted to Life. All proceeds from the dinner will go toward the **erection of a monument recognizing the Lehi Sugar Factory**, one of the oldest sugar factories in Utah.

HARMONY (Pennsylvania) On September 22nd the Harmony Chapter will visit the **Battleship New Jersey**, FF-62 which is now berthed across the river from Philadelphia in Camden, New Jersey. The New Jersey was launched from the Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard on December 7, 1942, one year from the day of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. She is the most decorated of all of the US Navy's battleships, having served in WW II, Korea, Vietnam and Lebanon. Finally decommissioned for the last time in February of 1991 she is now a floating Museum. If there are any members of other SUP chapters who served aboard the New Jersey, the Harmony Chapter would love to have you join them for the tour. Call **Richard Halbom** at (215) 721-4802 and he will help make arrangements for the trip.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, UT) Thirty members of the Maple Mountain chapter, with their spouses met at the Prestwich Farms Restaurant in Spanish Fork to enjoy dinner and listen to **Dr. LaMar Adams**, retired Church History professor from BYU and a charter member of the chapter, share some of his 30 years experiences with BYU and Education Week classes. Using scriptures from the Book of Mormon, LaMar reminded us how we are commanded to remember our ancestors and the covenants they made so we can benefit from the experiences of their lives. We are also commanded to write our life experiences for the benefit of our descendants and others. This is why he joined the SUP and why he is excited about it's mission. The September meeting will feature Brent Ashworth as he discusses his many valuable books and artifacts of church and Utah history.

MILLS (Southeast SLC, UT) The August Trail Marker reported the rededication of the original monument at the site where Brigham Young declared "This is the Right Place". The LDS Church News featured that event as part of it's

Pioneer Day edition on July 28th and gave credit to the Mills Chapter. **Mike Ramsdell** was the speaker at the August chapter meeting. He is the author of the book "**A Train to Potevka**". It is an intriguing story of his experiences as an undercover agent in Siberia and his escape across Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railroad. Mike was born and raised in Bear River, Utah and served an LDS Mission to Germany. His career specialty in Russian-Soviet counterintelligence has taken him on Missions throughout Europe, Russia, Scandinavia and Asia. He has also served in the US and NATO militaries, various US intelligence agencies and the US Dept. of State. The report of his experiences was of great interest to those attending the chapter meeting.

BOUNTIFUL (Bountiful, UT) At the August meeting of the chapter the members enjoyed learning of some of the early church leaders in Southern Utah, particularly the Kanab area. **Robert Little** was the presenter and included information about his great-grandfather who lived and served in that area.

SQUAW PEAK (Orem, UT) In August the chapter was treated to a very informative program presented by the **Orem City Mayor, Jerry Washburn**. Jerry has been mayor since January 2000. He is the chairman of the Mountainland Regional Planning Committee and co-chairs the Utah Joint Highway Committee. He was been president of the Chamber of Commerce and an original founder of the Commission for Economic Development in Orem. With that background he was well prepared to discuss current challenges along with plans to meet the challenges of the future. He gave growth projections for the city and what they mean in terms of need for roads and other infrastructure.

TIMPANOGOS (Northeast Utah County) The chapter's August meeting was the first of what is hoped to be an annual Bar-B-Q. The speaker was **Parley Holliday** whose subject was "**The Nauvoo Restoration**". Mr. Holliday served as manager of the Nauvoo Restoration project for 13 years and was involved in acquisition, planning, excavation, archeological digs and restoration.

The chapter continues to grow and now has 27 members. Beginning with September the chapter dinner meetings will be held at the Alpine Country Club. Students from the **American Fork, Lone Peak and Pleasant Grove High Schools** are being invited by the chapter to participate in a writing contest and an art contest. Ten \$100 awards will be granted plus a \$300 award for the best overall contribution. The best contributions will be selected for publication in a book.

Note to Chapter Presidents

Please email the *Trail Marker* to your board members and others for whom you have email addresses. You may also wish to discuss great ideas and speakers from other chapters in your board meetings.

Thanks for taking full advantage of this valuable tool.

Jay M. Smith
Grant E. Barton
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