

Trail Marker

PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings on a beautiful, sunny and bright day, with several inches of snow on the ground. And welcome to this issue of the *Trail Marker*. When one sees and reads the name ***Trail Marker*** it should come to the mind's perception that it is *intended to be a trail of help and guidance*. We want it to be just that, a help to



all who read it. There are many hands that are involved in the success of this helper. First is a CHAPTER PRESIDENT. That is you, the primary recipient of the publication. You are a real key person in the evolution and use of the “Marker”. If you do not turn it around and distribute it to your chapter members it can become a waste of time and resources. Lost to your chapter would be the notices of things to happen in the organization, like the symposium, treks, meetings, etc. Lost to you and your leaders would be the ideas and information on potential speakers. This brings us to a problem of distributing information about programs in areas close to chapters. That is, Northern Idaho needs information about speakers within their areas, not on the other side of the state. (WE’LL WORK ON THIS!)

Others who have much to do about making the “Marker“ a useful tool, is the one assigned the responsibility of sending news to the Marker about the programs (speakers, musicians, etc.) held in your chapter, for the benefit and help to other chapters.

The *Trail Marker* is a means of establishing and enhancing communication. And we need to make it as effective as possible. Without effective communication we flounder, make mistakes and neglect to do our job. We need it in the headquarters, so that you know what is happening, what is the best way to do something, and what we can all do to affect progress in improved administration. I know this sounds like it is coming from a soap box, but communication is important to all of us, in every aspect of this magnificent organization.

Trail Marker: Let’s use it effectively and carefully, so that it enhances understanding and communication. You chapter presidents and officers and chapter members, let me know personally how we can make improvements in the use of this gift so that you feel good about it. I express my thanks to those brethren charged with the task of sending us information, gathering it together, formatting it and dispatching it in email so that it reaches you in the Marker to complete the important chain of communication. What great jobs you all do. Thanks to all.

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2012 National SUP President
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NATIONAL CALENDAR

May 12 **Church History Symposium** at NSSUP National Headquarters. See details below.
May 14-19 **2012 Hole-In-The-Rock Adventure Trek**. Register online at the SUP Website.

NATIONAL NEWS

Send National News submissions to Ron VanLeuven at
sup-exmgr@comcast.net

CHURCH HISTORY SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The following speakers have been announced for the annual NSSUP Church History Symposium scheduled to take place at the National Headquarters on Saturday, May 12, 2012:

- **Ronald O. Barney** -- *Joseph Smith, Then and Now.*
- **Karen Lynn Davidson** - *How a Renegade Historian can Help us Appreciate Joseph Smith*
- **Ronald K. Esplin** - *How Joseph Learned and Fulfilled His Mission*
- **Jeffrey N. Walker** - *Joseph Smith and the Law or Joseph Smith as a Business Man*
- **Elder Marlin K. Jensen**, Church Historian, will be the keynote speaker at dinner

Mark your calendars now, and watch for more details in future editions of the *Trail Marker*.

CONVERTED LIFE MEMBERS

Donald L Eastman-Jordan River Temple
Earl W Gates-Jordan River Temple

NEW MEMBERS

Rick Smith-At Large
Jack C Thorpe-Cotton Mission
Ashby D Boyle II-Mills
Roland K Smith-Pocatello
Gary R Carlson-Sanpete
Gary N Ray-Sanpete
Adam C Roberts-At Large
Kent C Parke-Cotton Mission
Klar Robinson-Sevier Valley
Kenneth L Bickmore-Bountiful
Nelson Knight-Salt Lake City
Jay M Todd-Holladay

MEMBER DEATHS

William M Wright-Sugarhouse
Nathan T Chappell-Box Elder
Wayne Johnson-Box Elder
Joseph W Gunn-Sugarhouse
Stan Smoot-Centerville Chapter

CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled By Bob Folkman

Reminder to Chapter Leaders:

One of the key purposes of the *Trail Marker* is to let all of the chapter leaders and members in the S.U.P. organization see what activities, events and speakers have taken place in other chapters. In order to include your chapter's information, we need reports of treks, monuments, awards, meetings and so on, and we love to include pictures, as well. If the pictures can be sent as e-mail attachments in .jpg or other common formats, that is very helpful. Emailing or mailing copies of your chapter newsletters is helpful, as well, but getting the pictures out of .pdf or printed newsletters is more difficult, so separate attachments of pictures is requested when possible. Please send us all you can and we will include them in the Chapter News in the monthly *Trail Marker*.

Please send chapter newsletters and other chapter news, awards, information, pictures and upcoming events to Bob Folkman at bfolkman@hotmail.com, or 1485 N 675 W, Brigham City, UT 84302, as soon as they happen. Our deadline is ONE WEEK before the end of each month.

BRIGHAM YOUNG CHAPTER (Provo, Utah) On January 19, the chapter heard from **L. Douglas Smoot** (left, below), a great grandson



of Abraham O. Smoot (right, above), who was sent to Provo in 1868 by Brigham Young, and who had an impact on Provo that lasts to this day.

Doug's subject for the evening was a biographical sketch of his famous ancestor. Doug Smoot has had a distinguished career in engineering, and has also served in many LDS Church leadership positions, and five years as an Area Seventy. Doug was a leader of the effort to preserve the Brigham Young Academy Building now known as Academy Square in Provo that houses the Provo City Library. Bro. Smoot says of the eight year restoration project, that the "Hand of Providence" was involved in its accomplishment.

COTTON MISSION CHAPTER (St. George, Utah) The dinner meeting of the Cotton Mission Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers was held at Staheli's in Washington on January 17, 2012.

At the meeting, modern day pioneer awards were issued to **Dr. G. Paul Doxey, MD** (left), and **Deanne Staheli, CNFP** (center), for their work in establishing and operating the Doctor's Volunteer Clinic in St. George to provide medical care for the needy in our community.

Dr. Doxey and Deanne Staheli spoke to those in attendance outlining the formation of the clinic in 1999 and its growth.

Dr. Doxey, originally from Ogden, explained that he was practicing in the Salt Lake area and got the feeling that his family needed to move to St. George. They have now been in St. George for 17 years. He found that there are twice as many uninsured people in the St. George area as on the Wasatch front. Recognizing the need, he compiled a list of retired doctors in the area and the clinic was started in 1999 in a room at Dixie Care & Share. In 2002 the current facility was built on Cox land at 1036 E. Riverside Drive. The original facility, 3000 sq. ft. was built at a cost of \$300,000 of which \$220,000 was donated. In 2011 the facility was expanded to 5000 sq. ft. with most of the money being donated or from grants. Care provided includes dental care.

Deanne Staheli volunteered as the clinic director in 1999, a position she still holds today.

DeAnne then outlined a few of their current operations. They receive approximately \$40,000 in donations each year and operate with 40 volunteers and see 60 – 70 patients per day with the suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 per visit. She then told of some experiences with patients.

As additional information I found the following statement from Tony Young of the National Free Clinic Association. "It is a rare community who demonstrates responsibility for the improvement of their community's health in such a manner as The Doctors' Volunteer Clinic of St. George, without seeking government funding,"



HOLLADAY CHAPTER (Holladay, Utah) The speaker at the December meeting was **General Robert C. Oaks**, who retired as a four-star general in 1994 after 34 years in the United States Air Force. He subsequently served in the Second Quorum of the Seventy until 2009, including several years as one of the seven presidents of the Seventy.

Elder Oaks related his pioneer heritage, with three families coming by handcart and one family prior to the handcarts, and the hardships they faced and their sustaining faith. He noted that while the first Utah pioneers were driven by mobs and persecution to travel west, most of the later pioneers were driven solely by their faith and testimonies. True pioneers today are those first generation converts who have the courage to go on missions and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.

MESA CHAPTER (Mesa, Arizona)

At the January chapter meeting, members heard from **David K. Udall**, former Asuncion Paraguay Temple President, with a musical program by **Holly Roberts**, violinist.

The Chapter's newsletter highlighted "The Big Snow" of 1937 in the Phoenix area, when four inches of snow fell, and school was cancelled. There was enough snow to build a handsome snowman, which lingered intact for four days before it "dropped the broom and lost his head."

POCATELLO CHAPTER (Pocatello, Idaho)

At the January 26 meeting of this new chapter, **Dean Davies** (below), managing director of the



Temple and Special Projects Division of the LDS Church spoke to 32 attendees at their monthly meeting. In attendance was a reporter from the *Idaho State Journal*, who wrote an article on Davies' subject for the front page of the *Journal* the next day.

The newspaper article, written by **Michael Farnworth**, included the following summary statements from Bro. Davies' talk at the SUP meeting: The land for an LDS temple exists in Pocatello even if the LDS Church chooses not to build it at the present time. Davies could not disclose the exact location. "If and when that temple will be built is not up to me," Davies said. "President and church Prophet Thomas Spencer Monson says when and where a new temple will be placed."

Davies also talked about the criteria for selecting locations for temples, and gave a few insights into the new site for the Rome, Italy temple. Br. Davies also presented a slideshow about the restoration of the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

Whether or not this much attention was intended, the Pocatello Chapter of the SUP is on its way to becoming well known in the area.

SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER (Salt Lake City, Utah). 2012 started with an outstanding

January dinner program presented by **Jay Burrup** (right), an archivist and information specialist at the LDS Church History Library since 1985. His presentation provided an introduction to the purpose of the LDS Church History Library and focused on research sources available there for documenting and enhancing LDS ancestral biographies and local histories.



He not only showed the resources that are available, but talked about the extensive missionary force that is working at the library to digitize the diaries and records to make them available for everyday use. When documents have been "digitized" they can be posted on-line or sent electronically through e-mail and other media.

Bro. Burrup emphasized the important work being carried on to identify the many individuals who arrived in Utah as Pioneers through the ***Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel Project***, which covers the years of 1847 to 1868. The results of this project are currently available on-line at this address: www.mormontrail.lds.org

Other project websites include the LDS Church Periodical Index (chperiodicals.lds.org), which indexes LDS magazines for more than 100 years. This project is not yet complete.

Also Mormons and Their Neighbors at this site: www.lib.byu.edu/Ancestry. More than 100,000 life sketches have been indexed from 236 local and regional history books relating to Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, southern California, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, northern Mexico, and southwest Canada. The coverage of the index spans people who lived primarily between 1820 and 1981.

The success of the program presented by Br. Burrup was evidenced by the extended question and answer period which followed his talk.

SEVIER VALLEY CHAPTER (Richfield, Utah) On January 18, the Chapter heard from **Cindy Micheli**, the education outreach specialist at Capitol Reef National Park. She met with Chapter members in the lower level of the Tabernacle in Richfield. She discussed the history and interesting features of the Park. In April she will guide the Chapter on a Trek to Capitol Reef, as well.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) The Chapter presented two Modern Day Pioneer Awards in their December meeting. One award was presented to **James Downey** for his contribution in initiating the photographing of the headstones in cemeteries in Madison and Jefferson Counties, Idaho, including the Suttan (Archer) Cemetery and the Rigby Cemetery.

MEDALLIONS The only medallions left for sale are the 2010 PONY EXPRESS (limited assortment) & 2011 TELEGRAPH.



Pictured above is Modern Day Pioneer award winner **James Downey** and his wife **Carolyn**.

The second award was given to **Roger Harris** for his work towards updating the Romance Theatre, and working around the clock on the upgrading and preservation of the Rexburg Tabernacle.



Pictured above are chapter leader **Harvey Jackman**, left, with Modern Day Pioneer Award winner **Roger Harris**, right.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you are able to give a few hours anytime on Wednesday's and Thursday's when Marilyn is available, it would be a great load off of her back. Please call the office to schedule some time!

THE HQ BUILDING CAN BE RENTED OUT for dinners, weddings, receptions, birthdays, family events, etc. For details and pricing, please call Tess @ 801-484-4441 or 1-800-724-1847.

SUP 2012 HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK ADVENTURE TREK

(This trek is planned with the cooperation of the Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation.)

- Day 1 We will meet the bus at the National Headquarters Building in Salt Lake City, where we may
Mon. leave vehicles if desired. We will make a stop at historical **Cove Fort**, then travel to Parowan
May 14 and visit the **Parowan Meeting House/Museum**. We will also be treated to a **dutch oven dinner** there. Overnight in Cedar City.
- Day 2 Our first stop this morning will be a visit to the **Iron Mission Museum**, then we will drive
Tue. through northern Arizona and southern Utah on our way to Page, AZ. On the way we will
May 15 stop at **Pipe Spring National Monument**. As we travel we will learn more of the history of this area, and of the Hole-In-The-Rock expedition so we can be prepared for our visit there. **After arriving in Page you will have the option of making an excursion into one of the fascinating slot canyons, (extra cost - @\$30) or you may choose to go to the visitor center at Glen Canyon Dam and make the short hike to the spectacular overlook at Horseshoe Bend.** (If the weather and roads allow, we will have another option. That is to skip the museum and slot canyons and make a trip the the North Rim of the Grand Canyon on our way to Page.) Overnight in Page.
- Day 3 An early morning **flight** in smaller planes, where everyone will have a window seat, will
Wed. take us over the Lake Powell area to **Rainbow Bridge** and the **Hole-in-the-Rock**. We should
May 16 be able to see not only these two impressive sites, but also much of the trail leading to and from the Hole-in-the-Rock so we have a good perspective of the country these hardy pioneers traversed in filling their mission to the San Juan. After returning to Page, and getting some lunch, we will have a relaxing afternoon taking a **float trip** (smooth water!) from just below the dam to Lee's Ferry. This will take us through breathtaking scenery. We will return to Page for the night.
- Day 4 This will be a another enjoyable day, as we drive from Page to Bluff, Utah, looping down
Thur. through some of the Navajo Reservation. On the way we will visit **Monument Valley**, where
May 17 we will visit a historical museum and enjoy a Navajo Taco **lunch**. We will also see and learn about some of the historical landmarks and history of Monument Valley. We will then drive through Bluff and on to **Salvation Knoll**, which was significant in the Hole-in-the-Rock experience. Those who desire to may climb the bluff and see what some of those early pioneers saw as they searched for the goal they were seeking. We will also enjoy another **Dutch Oven Dinner** while in the area. We will then return to Bluff, and spend two nights there.
- Day 5 Our group will be divided today, with half the group visiting **San Juan Hill** and **River House**
Fri. **Ruin**, while the other half tours the **Bluff Fort**, historic homes, and the cemetery. In the
May 18 afternoon the groups will switch. **Those visiting San Juan Hill, etc. will be riding in SUV's and on ATV's. (Four Wheelers.) We will need to have at least three couples in each group who feel comfortable driving and riding a four-wheeler!** In the evening we will be treated to a **group meal** and fireside in the Bluff log meetinghouse, then return to our motel for the night.

Day 6 Our trip home will take us through Moab, Green River, and Price as we make our way back
Sat. to Salt Lake City, and on to our own individual destinations. We will have a new under-
May 19 standing and deeper appreciation of the price paid by these early pioneers to settle this part
of Utah, as they filled their mission calls.

Cost (Based on two people per room.) **These are 2011 costs. 2012 cost may vary some, but should not be very far from this price. We will not be able to determine final costs until we get information later in the year.**

If 40 go = \$910 per person.

**If you choose to not go on the flight
\$250 will be deducted from your cost.**

If 50 go = \$870 per person.

Cost includes motor coach, including tip for the driver, motel rooms, breakfast at each motel (excepting Bluff), sightseeing flight, float trip, outfitter fees, and any entrance fees. It also includes two dutch oven dinners, lunch at Monument Valley, and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Friday at Fort Bluff. The only other costs for the tour will be the balance of meals, the slot canyon excursion, if you choose that option, and any personal items you wish to purchase.

Brigham Young Chapter
SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

will host

**2012 NATIONAL
ENCAMPMENT**

“Today’s Pioneers on New Frontiers”

August 23 – 25, 2012

PROVO MARRIOTT HOTEL

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

Downtown Provo

Outstanding Speakers and Activities:

- Provo Pioneer Village
- Guided history and scenic tours
- Captivating women’s programs
- Elder Marlin K. Jensen, 1st Quorum of Seventy and Church Historian
- Dr. Ronald W. Walker, Biographer of Brigham Young
- Terry Oakes, Managing Director, Church Welfare and Humanitarian Services
- Dr. Sandra Rogers, BYU International Vice President (See tour #2)
- Other outstanding speakers, music and meals

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

Bus Tour- 1

Nine Mile Canyon

Lee Nelson, leading expert on Nine Mile Canyon will lead you through “the worlds most spectacular art gallery” with many thousands of pictographs and petroglyphs left by ancient Native Americans. It will be a spectacular show.

Bus Tour – 2

Brigham Young University

Join us as we explore outstanding attractions on the BYU Campus, including the new broadcast center, BYU Museum of Art, athletic facilities and lunch on campus with lecture on BYU International Outreach.

Bus Tour – 3

West Desert Historic Sites

John M. Beck, a local historian, will share insights as we visit Camp Floyd, Clover, Johnson Springs, Skull Valley, Iosepa, Pony Express stations and other fascinating but forgotten historical sites with local guides interpreting for us.

You are welcome to stay in downtown Provo and enjoy:

- A symposium of outstanding speakers sharing important historical insights
- Historic museums including: Crandall Printing Museum, DUP Museum, Mexican Mormon History Museum, Provo Pioneer Village and historic homes and buildings
- Provo LDS Temple

“Faith in Every Footstep” Grave Markers

In 1997, a Church committee created a marker to be attached to the graves of Pioneers who arrived in the valley prior to the coming of the railroad. These were sold to anyone who wanted to attach one to the grave of his or her ancestor, in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the arrival of the Pioneers in 1847.

For some time the markers have not been available, and we (the SUP) have had frequent requests as to how to get them. The National office of the SUP has made arrangements to have a number of them manufactured and are making them available to members or others who wish to honor their ancestors by attaching one to his or her grave marker.

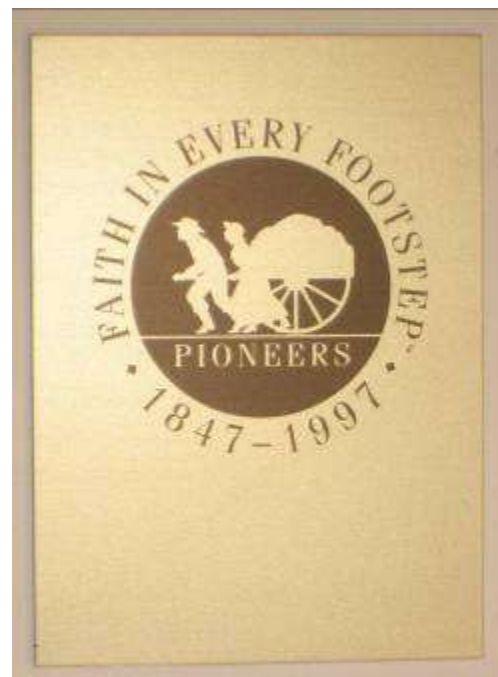
The markers are 2 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches of very durable metal. Those who attached them in 1997 say they have not deteriorated from weather.

The prices are as follows and includes the means of attaching them to a grave marker:

In quantities of 1 to 5, the cost is \$15.00 each, plus shipping (if needed). 6 or more would be \$12.00 each, plus shipping

Order blank is below to reserve yours.

Actual size >



Order Blank for “Faith in Every Footstep” Grave Markers

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

E-mail (optional) _____

Quantity ordered _____

Need shipping? Yes No (circle one) (shipping cost estimated to be \$2.50 each)

Amount Paid \$ _____ Cash, check or credit card (or debit) (Circle one) Include credit card information below.

Card Company and number _____

Expiration _____

Medallions

As of 26 April 2010



| Design | Year | Metal | Cost Each | Qty | Total Med Cost | Shipping Cost** | | Shipping Cost | Total Cost |
|-------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|------------|
| | | | | | | 1-3 Med. | 4-6 Med. | | |
| Telegraph | 2011 | Gold | \$60 | | | \$18.00 | \$20.00 | | |
| | | Silver, Gold telegraph Key | \$70 | | | \$18.00 | \$20.00 | | |
| | | Silver | \$50 | | | \$18.00 | \$20.00 | | |
| | | Bronze | \$5 | | | \$2.25 | \$2.75 | | |
| Pony Express | 2010 | Gold | \$40 | | | \$18.00 | \$20.00 | | |
| | | Bronze | \$5 | | | \$2.25 | \$2.75 | | |
| Tabernacle | 2007 | Bronze | \$3 | | | \$2.25 | \$2.75 | | |
| Display Case | | | \$5 | | | | | | |
| Headquarters Set* | | | \$45 | | | Qty of 1 | \$20.00 | | |
| Gold Spike Set* | | | \$100 | | | Qty of 1 | \$20.00 | | |
| Pony Express Set* | | | \$110 | | | Qty of 1 | | | |
| Telegraph Set* | | | Call | | | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | | | | | | |

*Sets or multiple sets come in a display holder.

** Call 801-484-4441 for shipping costs for other quantities.

Payment

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Cash \$ _____

Discover Card MasterCard Visa Billing Zip Code _____

Card Number: _____ Exp _____ / _____

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