PIONEERING YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SUP Members.

Welcome to Spring! The next 6 months will be busy and full of fun activities in your chapters and at National as well. Be sure to let us know what is going on in your Chapters. We would appreciate your support in these different activities:

- May 22, Chapter President's Council Meeting with your wives. Noon at the National Headquarters
- May 27-29, Scandinavian Trek. Contact National for details
- June 19, SUPPRISE! Watch for information!
- July 13-23, Nauvoo Pageant and Mormon Trail Trek.
- July 14-20, 7 Day option for the Nauvoo Pageant and Mormon Trail Trek.
- July 23, Brother Brigham's Ball at This is the Place Heritage Park
- July 24, Sunrise Service at the Tabernacle on Temple Square
- July 24, Days of '47 Parade, 9am. Handcarts are available for your Chapter to pull in the parade. We are hoping every Chapter will be represented.

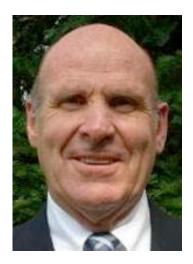
This is the perfect time to invite your family, friends or neighbors to these fun activities and get them acquainted with the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

We need names submitted to become members of our 3 new Chapters: Pocatello, Smithfield and Hyrum. If you have any friends or family living in these areas, please email, call or mail their contact information to National so we can invite them to an informational meeting.

Thank you for all you do.

Happy Pioneering

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NATIONAL NEWS

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CEREMONIAL SIGNING OF HOUSE BILL 132 – PIONEER TRAIL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

The Pioneer Trail Memorial Highways is the last 36 miles of the original pioneer trail from Henefer to Salt Lake Valley. The bill that was originally proposed in 1913, was signed into law by Governor Gary Herbert on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 1:15 PM in the Utah State Capitol Gold Room (below).



Special thanks to: Governor Gary Herbert, Representative Rhonda Menlove, Senator Wayne Niederhauser, The Sons of Utah Pioneers, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, John R. Tanner, Scott D. Ericson, Gerald B. Laycock, and Michael L. Mower.

LITTLE DENMARK/SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL TREK – MAY 27-29, 2010

The first of its kind three day heritage festival celebrating the Scandinavian pioneers who settled in Sanpete County will be hosted by the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area. This can be attended individually, as a chapter, or you can join in a National SUP trek on a bus. Local guides will be provided for each town. Additional information will be sent email to all Area Vice Presidents and Chapter Presidents. This would be a great activity for those of you who have Scandinavian ancestors who settled in Sanpete County.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MEETING will be held May 22, 2010, at the National Headquarters. A BBQ will be provided at noon. Meetings should end around 3 p.m. All chapter presidents are encouraged to attend.

CHAPTER NEWS

By Louis Pickett: louwill@utahbroadband.com

BRIGHAM YOUNG (Provo, Utah) A former Area Counsel for the LDS Church in Eastern Europe, Mr. Michael L. Jensen, spoke to the chapter in March. He reported that there are approximately 600,000 members of the church in the Philippines, and tens of thousands more throughout Asia, including in Indonesia, a country which has the highest number of Muslims in all of Asia. Even though the church is relatively new in Mongolia there are thousands of members in that country. In Ulan Bator, Mongolia a very prominent building is the church headquarters building. There are around 120 fulltime Mongolian missionaries serving all over the world. The church is not officially recognized in China, but by following the rules, a great amount of trust in the Church and it's members exists there. The Church is very well established in Japan and there are very few challenges there. The church is multi-generation in Japan and there are two temples and many stakes in that land. The Church is still developing in Russia and in other Eastern European countries. Mr. Jensen emphasized that the members of the church in both Asia and in Eastern Europe are truly pioneers and because of them the Church has a bright future in many of those countries.

CENTERVILLE (Centerville, Utah) The program for the April dinner meeting for the Centerville chapter will long be remembered as Kitty Bons told her story. It was about the hardships her family went through in the concentration camps during WWII. The attendees were impressed with her mother's strength of character and the miracle of her survival and that of her family as they stood up to their captors on multiple occasions. Her mother showed great dedication and bravery. The veterans in the audience were especially touched by Kitty's reverence for the U.S. military that helped free her family and her special feeling for this nation. At the meeting a life membership was presented to Frank **Tidwell**. Preliminary plans were discussed for

the summer trek and about the scholarship award and the donation to support that program.

COTTON MISSION (St. George, Utah) The chapter enjoyed a great program in April as five high school seniors, each from a different high school in the area, were given scholarship awards of \$500.00 and one was given a \$1,000.00 award through the generosity of an unnamed donor.



Award winners pictured are left to right: Jennifer Merkel, Marlene Cintoro, Mackenzie House, Chandis Jade Paramore, Michael Jake King and Allison Marie Thomas.

In addition to the presentations and acknowledgements from the recipients, Terry Ogborn spoke of her experiences as principle of the Millcreek High School for the past 23 years and as Director for the "At Risk" and "Youth in Custody" programs for Washington County School District. Dean Terry presented a special memorial tribute to the late Robert Horrack. Entertainment for the evening was by Clay Davis, Ann and Nolan Lowe and Abe Young (below).



HOLLADAY (Holladay, Utah) A very large number of members and guests attended the March chapter meeting. Chapter President, **Ted**

Pierce, spoke about the importance of writing histories and then introduced the guest speaker, Sharalyn Howcroft. Sister Howcroft works for the church history department as an archivist and document specialist for the Joseph Smith Papers. She gave an insight into the life and testimony of Lucy Mack Smith including several reasons for her not going west with the saints. She told of the conditions that she would go which included: She wanted her family to go with her, she had bad health and she wanted her remains to be brought back to be buried with Joseph. Sharalyn stated that Lucy "wanted to live with the Saints" and that she was "The greatest Mother in Israel." Jack Marshall was the guest presenter at the April meeting. He is a seasoned religion educator at the University Of Utah Institute Of Religion. His presentation featured the dissemination and discussion of evidences and research regarding Book of Mormon geography and culture within a Mesoamerican context and why Mesoamerica fits Book of Mormon geography. He discussed the Mayan culture and presented a visual tour of many of the ruins in Mesoamerica.

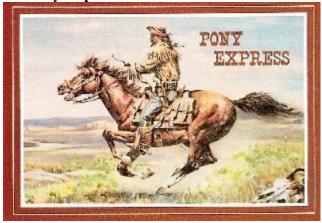
HURRICANE VALLEY (Hurricane, Utah) At the chapter meeting Carl Wadsworth told the story of the construction of the Hurricane Canal



and the challenges of keeping it in good condition. The story had been told before, but Carl put a few new bits of information in the story. His report caused those present at the meeting to think about the struggles of building it. He told that when the water was first put into the canal it was found that it did not hold water

very well. He explained that as the floods came down the river, the muddy water flowed through the canal and plugged the cracks that previously had been leaking. As he told the story of the **Ditch Riders,** it helped all present to appreciate more deeply the struggle of keeping the town of Hurricane supplied with water. His story included reports of the difficulty of repairs to the ditch when there were breaks, especially when rock slides ripped open the sides of the flume.

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE and **TEMPLE QUARRY** (South Salt Lake Valley) April 3, 2010 marked the 150th anniversary of the start of the **Pony Express**.



At the April meeting of the two chapters **Mr. Pat Hearty** (below), the President of the Utah State



Division of the Pony **Express Association** shared the history and some exciting stories of the men who braved the elements and hostile Indians to transport the U.S. mail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento. California. The time required for that mail delivery was just ten days, an accomplishment never

thought possible. The men who did the riding were typically in their early to mid twenties. They rode day and night, summer and winter. Each rider rode approximately 75 to 100 miles and changed horses many times at stations

established for the purpose of providing fresh horses and some to house and feed the rider until time for his ride on the reverse route. The speedy delivery of mail was appreciated by many who were anxious to hear from family and friends in the East. The cost of **postage was \$5.00 per ½** ounce. That was not enough to cover the cost of the program so it was not a financial success. The program ran for 18 ½ months and was discontinued when the **transcontinental** telegraph line was completed on October 24, 1861.

MAPLE MOUNTAIN (Mapleton, Utah) At the March meeting of the chapter Holly Barney gave a brief account from the Johnston army period entitled "First Impressions". The army entered the Great Salt Lake Valley on June 8, 1858. There was no reception for them but a death-like stillness. The doors were all closed and there were no carriages or horses to be seen. Lee Nelson did a wonderful job of presenting a smorgasbord of fascinating pioneer stories. He observed that the U.S. Congress did not like **Brigham Young** being the governor of the Utah Territory so they appointed E.E. Cummings. His was a short term and congress then appointed John Dawson who came out to Utah without his wife. The Deseret News reported that Dawson was well-qualified as "Eunuch in the **King's Court".** He lasted only a few weeks as governor. Lee told several tales from the history of Howard Egan, one of "Brigham's boys" in running the mail from SLC to California. Egan made the trip in 10 days by getting only 3 hours of sleep per night. Joseph F. Smith, as an attorney, successfully defended Egan who had chased down and killed a hired hand after the hired hand had an affair with one of Egan's wives.

MESA (Mesa, Arizona) National President, Dil Strasser, attended and participated in the March chapter meeting. With his encouragement, and that of chapter members, there was a large attendance and two new members joined the SUP. On the 27th the chapter took a trek to the Arizona Railroad Museum in Chandler, AZ. Area Vice President, Bill Snarr is in the locomotive cab in the picture (above, right).



The museum is normally open only on Saturdays and Sundays but they opened on Friday for the group. Work goes on daily at the museum restoring cars. There is one car there that is privately owned and used by the owners for trips and special occasions. (The visit of the SUP group was not a special occasion.)

MILLS (Southeast Salt Lake City) Major wood milling and architectural design projects of the firm named Architectural Wood Working Company were reported by family member, **Paul Fetzer**. Two locally prominent projects were the redesign of the **O.C. Tanner store** in down town Salt Lake City and the L.D.S. **Conference Center.** The Tanner store location was the former Salt Lake City library and later the Hansen Planetarium. Unique features of the renovation were the innovation of a spiral staircase reaching to three floors, and stunning glass display cases used throughout the store. The story of the walnut tree in the Hinckley family yard being transformed into the pulpit in the Conference Center had the audience spell bound. The firm has built many of the nation's performance area centers, such as the Julliard Music Center in New York City. The firm is 100 years old and has clients internationally. Their store designs have taken them to China. France and Russia.

SETTLEMENT CANYON (Tooele, Utah) The talented "Tooele County Coral Society" provided a wonderful musical program for the chapter in March. Chapter members are working to get the **museum** ready to open for the season. The scheduled date for the opening is May 1st.

The chapter also continues to award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a grandchild or great grandchild of a chapter member. Those who compete for the scholarship must write a short history of a family pioneer and describe how this pioneer heritage has impacted their life. The candidate must also describe what he or she will do to preserve pioneer heritage. Another activity that chapter members are considering is to place a monument to commemorate the Clinton Hotel that was located at Lake Point. That hotel had an interesting history.

SEVIER VALLEY (Richfield, Utah) The speaker at the March meeting was Chad Reid, County Extension Agent, USU Extension Service – Iron County. To demonstrate changes in range conditions he showed historic pictures of public land around the state and then in contrast he showed pictures of the same places today. In most cases the conditions today seem to be much healthier than they were around the turn of the last century. Mr. Reid shared some of his observations of how the treatment of the lands by the Native Americans (burning and limited harvest) seems to greatly aid in the health of these public lands

TAYLORSVILLE –BENNION (Taylorsville, Utah) In March the chapter enjoyed a performance by Laurie Tye. She is a lady with many talents and shared some of them with the group. Laurie has written children's books, short stories, poems, songs and performs cowboy poetry. She is a member of Cowboy Poets of Utah, Cowboy Poets of Idaho and the Western Music Association. She is a mother of six, spends a lot of time on the family farm in Hooper and was awarded the title "Mrs. Utah" in 2004 and "Mrs.

Intercontinental" in 2005. At the meeting she performed a number of well known cowboy poems and also included several that she had written. Her performance was especially interesting as she related stories that went along with the poems she had written.

TEMPLE FORK (Logan, Utah) **Mike Ohman,** (right) an organist and organ

builder, was the presenter at the March chapter meeting. He has played many of the great organs of the world and has built, restored and installed many organs. A couple in California has donated an organ that is being installed in the Utah Theater in Logan. The console of the organ has been rebuilt, enlarged and painted white with the ornamentation gilded in gold. The organ (below)



will be stored in the basement of the theater and then raised to theater floor height via an elevator when it is used. Mike talked about the organ being used during **silent movies**. He then played the music to accompany a 20 minute silent **Laurel and Hardy film**. It was a hilarious comedy and the musical accompaniment was superb. Mike said that audience participation was very important. Mike also played the organ to accompany an **audience sing-along**. After

playing the piano with instruction from his mother he started taking official lessons when six years of age. At age eight his parents took him to General Conference in the Tabernacle. He said "it blew me away" hearing the Tabernacle organ. He became the ward organist at age 12. Mike supervised the installation of the organ in the **Conference Center** in Salt Lake City and made some of the pipes.

THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY (Heber City, Utah) The April meeting of the chapter had by far the biggest turnout they have ever had. The increased attendance was attributed to the success of the previous month's open house. At the meeting Mike Witt (below) reenacted the



colorful and eccentric personality of Porter Rockwell. Chapter president, Erik Rowland, stated that "not many people understand Porter's life as well as Mike". He further stated that the presentation got about as close as you can get to knowing what Porter was really like. Orrin Porter Rockwell was born June 28, 1813 in Belchertown, Massachusetts and was baptized on April 6, 1830, making him one of the first members of the church. He was endowed and sealed to his wife, Luana Beebe, in the Nauvoo **Temple.** During his later years he was commonly known as the loyal bodyguard to both Joseph Smith, Jr. and Brigham Young. His long hair was his most striking physical characteristic. The long hair was due to a statement by the prophet that "... so long as ye shall remain loval and true to thy faith ve need fear no enemy. Cut not thy hair and no bullet or blade can harm thee." His reputation of being "un-killable" led to numerous attempts on his life. He was reputed to have killed many men

while defending his life. He has been referred to as the "**Destroying Angel of Mormondom**". Porter became as famous and controversial as **Pat Garrett** or even **Wyatt Earp**.

UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY (Rexburg, Idaho) **Kerry and Diane Denny** (below) gave a



very interesting presentation to the chapter on the life of John Tanner at the April meeting. Along with the oral report there was a video presentation titled "Treasure in Heaven, the John Tanner Story". He was born in 1778 but had a serious disease in his leg and was not expected to live long. He attended a meeting conducted by Mormon missionaries with the intent to show them the error of their ways. He was impressed with what was taught and the feeling of the spirit. He desired to be baptized but believed his handicap would prevent it. He was given a blessing by the missionaries and was immediately able to walk and to be baptized. John was a wealthy man and helped other members in need. In 1834 he dreamed that he was needed in Kirtland, Ohio. He took his family and went there immediately; arriving in time to pay off the loan on the land the Kirtland **Temple** was being built on. In addition to helping members immigrate to Ohio, he put his money in the Kirtland Bank in an attempt to bolster and save it from closing. He lost everything and had to beg for food for his family as he moved to Missouri. Because of his sacrifices the **Prophet**, **Joseph Smith** gave him a promise that he would not go hungry again. He moved to Utah and had an experience along the way with Indians where the Lord intervened and

saved his life along with several women in the group. One of John's descendants was **Nathan Eldon Tanner**.



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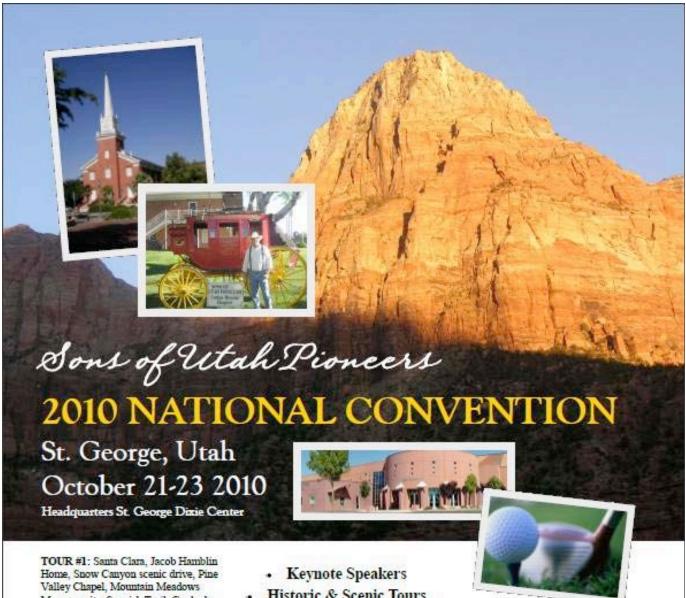


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COTTON MISSION CHAPTER Oct 21-23, 2010 - St. George UT

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Wed, Oct 20

6:00 - 9:00pm Golf Tournament Hospitality Room -Holiday Inn

Thurs, Oct 21

7:30am - 1:00pm SUP Golf Tournament - Sunbrook Golf Course 1:00pm -6:00pm Conv. Check-in & Registration - Dixie Center 2:00pm -5:00pm Nat'l Leadership Training - Holiday Inn

Chapter Presidents Meeting

Ladies' activities sponsored by National 6:00pm -8:00pm Opening Ceremonies & Dinner - Dixie Center

Speaker: Doug Alder

Fri, Oct 22

7:30am - 6:00pm Conv. Check-in & Registration—Dixie Center 8:30am - 5:00pm Historic and Scenic Bus Tours

6:00pm - 9:00pm Dinner & Program at Historic Town Square Heritage Choir at Tabernacle

Sat, Oct 23

9:00am -11:00am National Business Meeting - Dixie Center Ladies' Program featuring artists Julie Rogers &

12:00pm-2:30pm National President's Luncheon - Dixie Center

Roland Lee with author-historian Jolene Allphin

Lodging: Each person is responsible for their own lodging. A list of lodging choices will be sent with your registration confirmation letter. Our Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn with special SUP rates of \$79.00. Register by Sept 15, 2010 and identify yourself as SUP.



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TOUR #1

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TOUR #2

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