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President's Message

By Rob Dotson

Greetings!!! Summer is marching in....finally. With good weather comes the desire to be outside and our area provides many opportunities for adventure. We invite all of you to join us on our fieldtrips. Not only in enjoying the activities, but also in the planning. We thank all of you who already make great efforts to support the organization.

Plans for a museum are still in the works. When the design work is completed, we will be working hard towards funding. Special thanks to New Horizons Engineering for their work in surveying and preparing a site map for the proposed location in Enoch.

Old Spanish Trail Days will be an exciting opportunity to inform others about the great heritage left to us in this area. We invite all to volunteer for the numerous activities that will take place. Much planning has to be done.

We ask that those who took assignments for the upcoming Old Spanish Trail Days come to the August chapter meeting prepared to report their plans.

Please feel free to join us and invite all your interested friends and family.

Your servant,
Rob Dotson

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are generally held at 7PM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Enoch City Office Building, 900 East Midvalley Road, Enoch, UT. Old Spanish Trail. The next

chapter meeting will be August 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Those who took assignments for the upcoming Old Spanish Trail Days will report their plans at this month's chapter meeting.

In addition, the chapter plans regular field trips to Old Spanish Trail sites. These field trips will be announced at the chapter meetings, local newspapers, and this website. See the chapter website for dates and times.

Special Reprint Book Offer

by Lorraine Carpenter (Forwarded by Leon Matheson)

By now you have all received your issue of Spanish Traces and noted the insert advertising the reprinting of the Crampton/Madsen classic, *In Search of the Spanish Trail*. We [OSTA] have worked for about a month with Gibbs Smith Publishing to convince them to reprint this out-of-print book. It will be reprinted with only one addition, that being a "Preface to the Reprint" by Steve Madsen. Also, the cover now looks more like the Trail days.

On behalf of OSTA, we have agreed to be part of the process of obtaining "pre-orders" for copies of this reprint among our partners and contacts, other than bookstores. Gibbs Smith Publishing will handle the usual book store contacts and orders. In order to justify the cost of a reprint, Gibbs Smith wishes to get promises for approximately 6,000 orders in total before going to press. Our share of this number is half - 3,000.

What do we get out of this? A lot! If we can get enough promises for orders from our museums, libraries, visitors centers, members,

national parks and monuments, etc. to get the reprint to press, Gibbs Smith will handle this arrangement as a fund raiser for OSTA. We will receive 40% of the proceeds from the sale of our 3,000 copies. That could amount up to about \$34,000 to OSTA for our efforts on behalf of this OST classic!

We would like to enlist the help of all of you in reaching this goal. Step 1 is to identify the museums, libraries, visitor centers, etc. locations/partners for your state that should be contacted. In other words, make and email me a list. Don't worry about duplicating what someone else puts on their list; the database will eliminate duplicates. We know you will rise to the challenge. We thank you in advance.

Information on pre-ordering your copy is available at
<http://www.oldspanishtrail.org/news.php>

Mountain Meadows Anniversary Commemoration

Forwarded by AL Matheson

As a part of their commemoration activities for the 150th anniversary of the Mountain Meadows Massacre on September 11, 1857, the Mountain Meadows Association will be having their annual dinner program at 5:30 PM, Sept. 8 at the Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Drive, St. George, Utah.

The Mountain Meadows Association's theme for their Sesquicentennial Commemoration activities is fellowship and reconciliation.

Area residents are invited to attend. Following music and a buffet dinner, the keynote speaker will be David L. Bigler, award-winning author and historian. He will discuss who the victims were, the route they took from Arkansas to Mountain Meadows, and apply the lessons learned from the tragedy to our own lives today.

Colonel A.L. Matheson, Utah Director of the Old Spanish Trails Association will speak about the historic trail that the victims followed through Southern Utah to Mountain Meadows.

The cost of the dinner program is \$35 per person (\$30 for members of the Mountain meadows Association). Contact Leroy Lee at (801) 816-0682 for reservations and payment information.

Spanish Gold in Southern Utah

Forwarded by AL Matheson

Leon Matheson submitted a newspaper article about Spanish gold hidden in Southern Utah. Here is a link to that article: <http://www.three-peaks.net/SpanishGold01.pdf>