



"Sharing The Legacy of a Transportation Empire"

President's Message

Greetings NSFVA Members,

I will start by saying thank you for being a member. Together we can succeed in "Sharing the Legacy of a Transportation Empire" as established by our NSFVA Mission Statement.

Your Board of Directors is looking forward to a pleasant year ahead. We are working on the planning and organizing of at least two separate events in the coming year, and possibly more. Rawhide and I, along with the rest of the Board, have been working toward another "Fun Days," to be held in Bannack, Montana, probably mid-June 2022. More details will come your way in the near future. If someone reading this newsletter has a great idea of hosting a future Fun Days event, please get in touch with a board member. Another event will be our annual NSFVA Conference. The Moreland family (Glenn And Patty) of Ft. Davis, Texas has offered to host our 2022 Conference. Glenn and Patty have wonderful ideas to ensure that our membership will have an enjoyable and educational time. A schedule and registration form will come to you by email and will also be available for you on our home page of the NSFVA website as those details are finalized. Those without an email address will receive a hard copy of the registration form by mail. At this time the Morelands suggest hosting the Conference during the month of September, for us to enjoy the comfortable fall weather and temperatures.

The following is a brief outline of NSFVA activities of 2021 and also a chance to say Thank You to those deserving credit for these activities.

Patrick Goodknight and family of Oronogo, Missouri hosted Fun Days April 30-May 2. Thank You to Patrick, Amy, Charley, and Randall Miller.

The NSFVA Spring Newsletter was published April 2021. Thank You Kathryn McKee, and the spring Newsletter contributors: Patrick Goodknight, Mark Brooks, Eli Anderson. Thank you for the main contents of our newsletter.

The NSFVA worked with the Montana Heritage Commission to perform a professional restoration on an original JR Hill harness poster, which was slowly deteriorating. The NSFVA was fortunate to receive a grant from an anonymous donor to assist in the restoration process. The Montana Heritage Commission gave NSFVA the exclusive rights to make a limited number of copies to sell, allowing NSFVA to recover money for a future restoration. If interested, you will find information and our offer to have your own copy of the JR Hill Harness Poster, within this newsletter. Thank you to the following: The Montana Heritage Commission; Marjorie Antolik, Montana Heritage Commission Assistant Curator; Harland and Joel Olson, NSFVA Members; and the NSFVA Board of Directors.

NSFWA Membership Directory; We will be publishing an updated Membership Directory, scheduled to be finished and mailed out soon. We wish to Thank Frank Burkdoll and Kathryn McKee, Board Members, for the tedious hard work, along with Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Lyn Neel, NSFWA Members for the printing of our Membership Directory.

NSFWA was invited to join the Santa Fe Trails Association (SFTA) to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail at Council Grove, Kansas on September 16-17. The event was named, "Rendezvous at Council Grove." The event was directed by Mr. Mark Brooks, a SFTA 200 Task Member, NSFWA member, and Site Administrator of the Kansas State Historic Sites. We need to thank Mark for allowing our NSFWA Members to help with this event. A thank you also for all NSFWA Members who participated both with wagons & coaches and their part in speaking to the public about all aspects of wagons and harness at this event. Mark has written a nice article for this newsletter, so I will stop here and yield to Mark for a great story he tells.

Your President's final words for this Newsletter: This NSFWA Board wishes for each of you to have the best of holidays. I will leave you with a reminder that this NSFWA Board is working for you, the member. If you have ideas, questions, or concerns your NSFWA Board will be happy to hear from you.

Happy Holidays,

Jeff McManus, NSFWA President

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View of Bannack, MT

Summary of Missouri Fun Days

by Patrick Goodknight

The Fun Days were a great success.

Members and guests started arriving Thursday evening. We all sat around the fire and visited and cooked hot dogs until about 10:00 pm.



Friday morning the group traveled by auto to Randall Miller's for a blacksmith demonstration. Randall demonstrated how to heat and forge a fire poker to be used later in his forge. After we all returned to the Goodknight's on Friday afternoon we loaded up in a 3-seat democrat wagon and drove 5 miles to Miller Implement Co. Dave Miller, the curator, gave us a tour of his wagon, tractor, and implement museum. This collection was started in the 1950's by Dave's father Russel Miller. They have about 15- 20 farm wagons in the collection. Various brands and ages. On our return we went to Jasper, Missouri for pizza.



On Saturday we made a chuckwagon breakfast consisting of eggs, bacon, potatoes, and dutch oven biscuits. After that there were three wagons and teams hitched for the 12-mile round trip to Nashville, Missouri. Along the way, the group observed a section of the old wagon and stagecoach road from Carthage, Missouri to Ft. Scott, Kansas



All of the visitors departed on Sunday morning. All in all a successful Fun Days with 20 or so attendees. It was a good time and great fun.



Rendezvous at Council Grove

by Mark Brooks

The Rendezvous at Council Grove, Kansas was held September 16-18, 2021 to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. Several events were held that weekend. An authentic 1820-1840's Mountain Man encampment was held. The Voices of the Wind People Pageant was held on the evening of the 17th and 18th. The historic pageant is a story of Council Grove's founding, the Kanza (Kaw) Indians, who were placed on a reservation at Council Grove in 1846, and the Santa Fe Trail which runs through the center of Council Grove.

Another event was the Santa Fe Trail 200 Wagons show, which was held in Council Oak Park located right on the Santa Fe Trail. The Park is the location where a treaty was negotiated with the Great and Little Osage for safe passage on the Santa Fe Trail. During the treaty, head U.S. Commissioner George Sibley decided to name the enormous grove of trees Council Grove on August 10, 1825.

The wagon show registered eighteen wagons to be judged. Wagons from Kansas, Missouri, and Texas were displayed for viewing. Several speakers presented throughout the two days. There were programs on wagon parts and makers by David Sneed, Frank Burkdoll, Patrick Goodknight, and Ricky Day. Santa Fe Trail programs were presented by Dr. Leo Oliva, Mark L. Gardner, and Katie Gardner. David Sneed and Mark Gardner were judges for the wagon show. The NSFWS was in attendance. The Santa Fe Trail Association also had a booth.



NSFWA Board Member Frank Burkdoll

The Winners of the Wagon Show

Overall Grand Champion:

Studebaker Mountain Wagon- owner Patrick Goodknight of Oronogo, Missouri

People's Choice Award:

Sheepherders Wagon-owner- Larry Whitham of Agency, Missouri

Farm Category-

1st and \$250.00- Weber wagon - Ricky and Judy Day of Wortham, Texas

2nd and \$150.00 – Springfield One Horse Wagon- Goodknight

3rd and \$100.00 – Werner Wagon – Don and Connie Werner- Horton, Kansas

Freight Category –

1st and \$250.00- Studebaker Mountain Wagon- Goodknight

2nd and \$150.00 – Small Spring Wagon w/ Bell- Greg and Joanne Van Coevern- Salina, Kansas

3rd and \$100.00- Light Express Wagon- Frank and Peg Burkdoll- Lyndon, Kansas

Military Camp; Misc. Category-

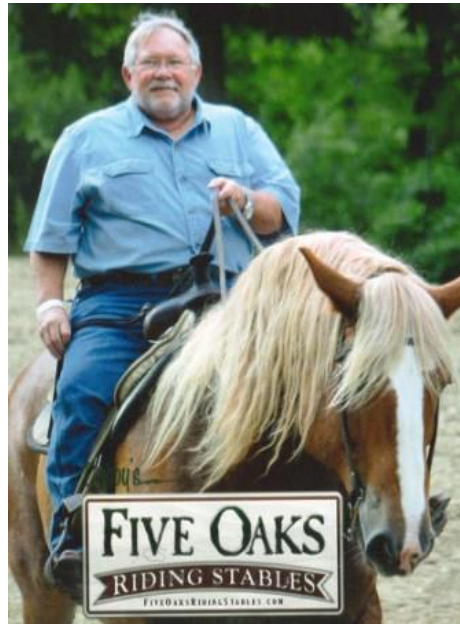
1st and \$250.00- Van Coevern

2nd and \$150.00 – Military Escort Wagon – Jake Bauer- Oakley, Kansas

3rd and \$100.00- Peerless Goat Wagon- Van Coevern



The NSFWA Board of Directors would like to extend our condolences to the Ferrell Family after the death of longtime NSFWA member Lanny "Keith" Ferrell.



Lanny "Keith" Ferrell, 71, of New Castle passed away Monday, September 6, 2021 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born September 21, 1949 in Albany, Kentucky, a son of the late James H. Ferrell and Melba L. Riddle.

A 1968 graduate of Knightstown High School, he was veteran of the United States Army. Keith owned and operated several businesses in the Henry County area throughout the years. He was an excavator and skilled leather craftsman and made a commemorative Roy Rogers gun holster, saddles, bridles and saddle bags. Keith loved restoring old wagons, collecting guns, antiques, Dodge Power Wagons and Willy's Jeeps. An animal lover, he enjoyed horses, mules and anything Cowboy.

Keith was a member of the Eagles Lodge, SASS (Single Action Shooting Society), National Stagecoach & Freight Wagon Association, Knightstown American Legion Post #152, Leather Craft Guild, NRA and National Quarter Horse Association. He loved traveling out west and enjoyed Civil War Reenactments.

Spending time with his family was the most important thing in his life, especially his kids and grandkids. Survivors include his three children, Keithea (Clint) Hollars of Carthage, Lanny Roy Jacob "Jake" Ferrell of New Castle and Melba Cynthia "Leigh" Ferrell of New Castle; grandchildren, Riley and Jacey Hollars; three brothers, James Michael Ferrell, Steven Kent (Kathy) Ferrell and Timothy Fowler all of New Castle; several nieces, nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step father, Max Riddle; sister-in-law, Karen Ferrell.

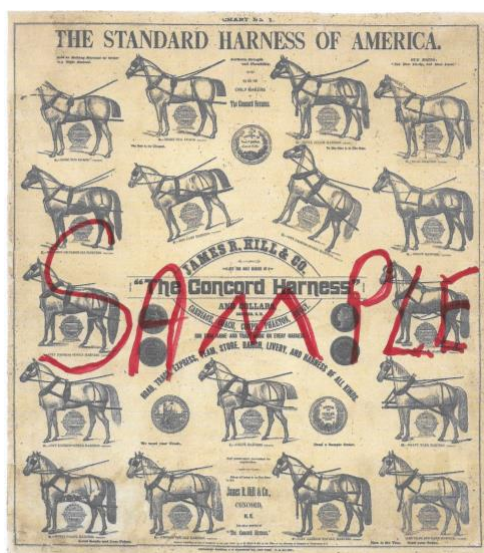
Memorial contributions may be given to the Stagecoach Society.

JR Hill Harness Poster Preservation Project

James R Hill & Co of Concord, New Hampshire produced all of the harness for the stagecoaches produced and sold by The Concord Coach Co. Each stagecoach included a set of harness as part of the coach order. The original poster is dated 1883, and is the only known surviving example of this early advertisement. It was displayed on the wall of the Jos Sullivan Saddlery in Ft. Benton, Montana before moving to its current place in Nevada City, Montana. Joseph Sullivan was in the saddlery business at Fort Benton from 1881 until his death in 1940.

Charles Russell, the famous western artist, spoke of visiting Jos. Sullivan Saddlery numerous times in his writings and books. There are also pictures of him in front of the shop. Charlie Russell moved to Montana from St. Louis Missouri in 1880, so this advertisement was most likely observed by Charlie.

To western collectors and enthusiasts this poster will make a real conversation piece and great addition to any collection. All of the proceeds from your purchase of this poster will support the National Stagecoach & Freight Wagon Association in its efforts to interpret, educate, and preserve the legacy of commercial stagecoaches and freight wagons, which were integral to the development of the western United States in the 19th century.



Poster size: 24" X 27 3/8"

JR HILL HARNESS POSTER ORDER FORM

Please make check to: National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association

_____ poster(s) each at \$130/member or \$150/nonmember Total Included: _____

Mail to: _____

Send Order Form To:
NSFWA Attn: Kathryn McKee
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