



"Sharing The Legacy of a Transportation Empire"

NSFWA Newsletter

President's Message

Greetings NSFWA Members!

I hope that each of you are enjoying the Spring season and looking ahead to a nice Summer.

Your organization is gearing up to hold several events during 2022 that will address learning more about the use of Stagecoaches and Freight Wagons to support travel and trade along the trails of early America.

A **Fun Days Event** will be held at Dillon/Bannack & Virginia City, Montana on June 10-11, 2022. This will be a small but free get-together event, studying the historic aspects concerning an area of the United States which was once rich with gold. The stage and freight travel in this area will be thoroughly discussed during this weekend's Fun Days Event. We will tour Virginia City and Nevada City. If interested in additional information, please contact Jeff @ 307-272-1838.

Our annual **NSFWA Conference Fundraiser** will be held in Fort Davis, Texas on September 21-24, 2022. Glenn and Patty Moreland, this year's hosts, are working hard to provide us with an exceptionally great event. For more information, **please visit our website** at www.stagecoachfreightwagon.org **AND** look on the last page of this newsletter for a registration form.

Thank you each for being a member of the National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association and hope to see you at one or both events! Happy Trails!!

-Jeff McManus, NSFWA President

The NSFWA and American Chuck Wagon Association (ACWA) have agreed to share mutual advertising space in upcoming newsletters in support of both organizations. Visit www.americanchuckwagon.org to see their mission, history, and upcoming events.

American Chuck Wagon Association
www.americanchuckwagon.org Email: acwa@chuckwagon.org

New Board Member- Jerry Palmer

Born and raised in southeast Kansas in Coffeyville, home of the semi famous Dalton gang bank robbery. Worked for Farmland Industries, 35 years, in several capacities. Grew up driving motorcycles and fast cars. After several years of foaling and raising babies from a couple of Quarter horse mares, my wife of 20 years, Linda, and I now see the countryside at 4 mph behind a team of stout little half-linger geldings. We are now retired and live in Southwest Missouri. We have an original Springfield farm wagon. We also have a couple of Studebaker buggies that we enjoy driving to church occasionally. I enjoy learning about the mechanics of the old wagons and their transition to automobiles. I look forward to continuing my education of wagon history while serving the members of the NSFVA.

Call for Facebook Administrator

The NSFVA is in need of a Facebook Administrator. If you, or someone you know, is interested in managing the NSFVA Facebook page, please contact the Board of Directors by phone or email at info@stagecoachfreightwagon.org. The Administrator will vet incoming content and correspondence as well as generate posts supporting the NSFVA mission, interests, and activities.

Conversations on Collecting Yellowstone Conference

NSFVA Vice-President Rawhide Johnson will be speaking June 5-8th at the *Conversations on Collecting Yellowstone Conference* in Bozeman, MT.

The conference will allow scholars, researchers, private collectors, librarians, and archivists to explore collections, scholarship, and research related to Yellowstone National Park and its greater ecosystem while looking to the future of collecting and curating these materials. Rawhide will speak about the stagecoach era of transportation in the park, specifically about the Monida & Yellowstone Stage Company and Yellowstone-Western Stage Company.

For more information about the conference, please visit its website

<https://collectingyellowstone.com/>

Board of Directors March Meeting

The NSFVA Board of Directors met in March 2022 to discuss strategic planning for the future of NSFVA in addition to its regular meeting. Discussion points included:

- Potential of partnership with museum in West Yellowstone, MT
- A physical office home for NSFVA
- Raffle fundraiser in 2023
- Strategies to grow NSFVA membership
- Entertainment vs. Education

Upcoming Events

Spring Fun Days June 10-11 at Dillon and Bannack, Montana

June 10 (Friday)

Bring a Cooler with a Picnic lunch/drink

(Dillon to Bannack- a 35 minute drive / 23 miles.)

10:00am-Gather in Bannack at the Information Center, where we will meet Mr. John Phillips, who has offered to give us a "Guided Tour," of Bannack, including interesting stories about the beginning of a gold town then growing to earn the title of Montana's first Territorial Capitol and eventually a ghost town. Note: You will be welcome to roam around on your own after the Guided Tour ends.

12:30-1pm- Enjoy lunch together at the covered pavilion in the Camp Ground at Bannack. Immediately Following Lunch: Remain at your Picnic Table and listen to our Guest Speaker, Mr. Michael Hanley, speaking to us about the Trials & Tribulations of The Stagecoaching and Freighting Business of the mid to late 1800's.

2:30 pm- Done at Bannack. You have free time to travel back to Dillon and visit with each other or site-see or relax until dinner. You might want to visit the "Big Hole Battle Field" by going back to Hwy 278, from Bannack, then turn left or west and travel to Wisdom, 46 miles then turn left on Hwy 43 then approx. 11 miles to the Battle Site.

5:30 to 6:30 pm- A \$7 Barbeque dinner at the Elks Club, 27 E Center Street, Dillon

7:30pm- Entertainment at The Beaverhead Co. Museum 15 South Montana St, Dillon \$10 cover Fee going to the Beaverhead Museum. 1800's Cowboy tunes Well liked in the Montana area.

June 11 (Saturday)

After breakfast with friends and family:

Option 1: head to the Virginia City/Nevada City area, where we can roam around and see the sites or enjoy a guided tour of the 2 towns by Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Olson. There you will see wagons & stagecoaches, working Blacksmith and pioneer event demos.

Option 2: With good roads & weather we can enjoy, by auto tour, the old Stage Freight road that connects together this rugged & scenic area. (weather dependent)

2:30pm- Please meet at the west city limits @ The McFarland Curatorial Center, located at 700 W. Hwy 287. There we will view the original J.R. Hill Harness Poster that was found at the Jos. Sullivan Saddle Shop. Your NSFWS took the lead to conserve this rare Harness Poster and protect it from the elements.

5pm- Done for the day & Enjoy Dinner and roam around the two old towns. Spring Fun Days events are Complete We hope each of you have enjoyed your weekend and had fun & informative time.

A Special Thanks to: Bannack State Park along with Mr. John Phillips and all Employees of BSP - The Town of Dillon Montana - The Elks Club of Dillon – Beaverhead County Commissioners – Montana Heritage Commission & Mrs. Marjorie Antolik, Assistant Curator – Mr. Harlan Olson and Mrs. Joel Olson, Both Virginia and Nevada City Historians and NSFWS Members. - "Living History Blacksmith" NSFWS member Jem Blueher

2022 Conference Fundraiser September 21-24, 2022 at Fort Davis, Texas



Wed, Sept 21:

- 2-6 pm: Registration at Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
200 S. Front Street, Fort Davis, TX (location may change)
- 6:30 pm: Dinner at our "Get Together" at Glenn Moreland's Home.
Chance to visit and tour Glenn's wagon shop.
206 S. Madrone Street, Fort Davis, TX

Thursday, Sept 22:

- 9:00 am: First speaker (location TBA)
- 10:30 am: Second speaker
- Lunch break we will provide
- 1:30 pm: Half of the group will Tour Overland Museum in Fort Davis, the other half to tour the Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine; visit their premier map collection.
Free time to visit Tri-county area
- Dinner: On your own--chance to dine in some excellent restaurants in the Tri- county area. Reservations would be a good idea.

Friday, Sept 23:

- 9:30 am 1/2 group will Tour Overland Museum in Fort Davis, the other 1/2 to tour Tour the Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine; visit their premier map collection. Those in fort Davis will meet the rest of the group in Alpine for lunch and afternoon speakers
- Noon Lunch(provided) at Spicewood Restaurant in Alpine. We will remain at the restaurant for afternoon speakers.
- 1:00 pm Guest Speaker – Larry Francell – Historian on Fort Davis
- 2:00 pm Guest speaker – Victoria Scism – researcher on the Chihuahua Trail

3:30- 6:00pm Travel back to Fort Davis –Freetime

6:00 pm Dinner (provided) Meet at the Cow Camp, 410 Fort Street, Fort Davis Enjoy an evening meal, visiting, and trading stories. Those who sign up to attend the “Star Party” at McDonald Observatory will have time to eat before departing for an evening of viewing the stars. (Reservations will need to be made by individual attendees through the Observatory website)

Saturday, September 24:

9:00 am Meet at the Fort Davis Historical Site for a tour of the Fort.
11:30 am Return to the Methodist Fellowship Hall
12:00 am Lunch provided at the Hall.
1:00 pm Guest Speaker – Larry Francell – Historian on Fort Davis
2:00 pm Guest Speaker – TBA
3:00 pm Optional tours of original Overland Trail sites. (tentative)
7:00 pm Gather in the mountains at the H.E. Sproul Ranch and Harvard Lodge for dinner, a little entertainment and a lot of visiting.

Sunday, September 25:

Departure for home. We will be happy to list suggested sites to visit on your way home or before you arrive.

Guest Speakers:

1. Matt Walter – Curator Museum of the Big Bend; Professor of Texas History at Sul Ross and the curator of the Marty Davis Map collection, specializing in southwest history.
2. Dan Judkins – Jack Ass Mail and Overland Trail reseacher (tentative)
3. Jack King – researcher on Army escort wagons
4. Larry Francell – Museum Curator, researcher on Trails of the southwest
5. Victoria Scism - Crew Leader of The Chihuahua Trail Project in Texas
6. Glenn Moreland - Wainwright

Call for Info

Thank you to Bill and Lyn Neel for printing and mailing the updated 2022 Directory. If you still need one, contact Kathryn McKee and we will ship one to you.

Do you have a story to share? Please send your story and pictures to info@stagecoachfreightwagon.org for inclusion in the next newsletter.



September 21-24, 2022
Fort Davis, Texas
Hosted by Glenn and Patty Moreland

REGISTRATION FORM:

(Please list the name of Attendees for name tags)

Conference Fee:

Individual \$150 X _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Mailing address

Make checks payable to **NSFWA**

City/State/Zip

Mail to: Kathryn McKee
237 East Corbin St.
Hillsborough NC 27278

Phone

More information plus lodging info:
www.stagecoachfreightwagon.org

Email

Please send Registration Before September 1, 2022

Any questions call: Jeff McManus - (307) 272-1838

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