



## "Sharing the Legacy of a Transportation Empire"

### **2025 Annual Conference:**

*(Scottsbluff and Gering, Nebraska)*

July 9-12, 2025



The 2025 NSFVA Conference was held in Gering, Nebraska, on July 9–12, at the Legacy of the Plains Museum.

David Wolf, Executive Director of the Legacy of the Plains Museum and a member of the NSFVA, played a significant role in the Conference's professional success. This Museum is located at the foot of the Scotts Bluff National Monument.

We were also blessed with an exceptional job by several NSFVA Members and their families, along with all Members of the NSFVA Board of Directors, who worked together to make this Annual Conference successful.

We appreciate being awarded a grant for the first time by the Scotts Bluff County Tourism Board. This helped defray costs and, through advertising, interest our members and others in Scotts Bluff County's event, "Oregon Trail Days," and the NSFVA Conference. Through our scheduled events, we raised awareness about the trials and tribulations of Wagon travel on the Oregon Trail.

We want to extend a special thank you to Brenda Leisy & The Scotts Bluff County Tourism Board. I also wish to thank John Ewing, Rick Henderson & family, Troy Peterson, David Wolf & his museum staff, Tina at The Gering Civic Center, Gene Marshall, Lee Janssen, Bill Vaughn, Doug Hansen, Rawhide Johnson,



***Doug Hansen speaking on the Oregon Trail  
and the Prairie Schooner Wagon***



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Eric Grunwald, Jerry Lucas, Kevin Sandberg, Julie & Jason Williams, Jerry & Linda Palmer, Frank & Peg Burkdoll, Adam & Jasmine Hanger, Patrick Goodknight & Gigi White, Ricky & Judy Day, Todd Johnson & family, and to all that attended and helped make the total event run smoothly, and to my dear wife, Barb McManus.

~ Jeff McManus





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*Left: Todd Johnson's wife, Laura, and Adam Hanger's wife, Jasmine, make homemade ice cream with an old-style hand-crank ice cream churn on the hot, first evening of our 2025 conference. It was 100+ degrees!*

*Bottom Left: A pot of stew was made for the individuals present for the meal.*

*Bottom Right: Troy Peterson operates a team and sweeps rake while spectators watch.*

