



December 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The Executive Board of the NSFVA is anticipating a year of growth for our organization. As you know, we are currently focusing on the development of a comprehensive membership roster which will be available exclusively to all members. The roster will allow for enhanced networking and connectivity between members.

Subsequently, we will expand that roster to incorporate, at the discretion of each member, a listing of vehicles owned and associated interests. Resultant information-sharing and relationship-building are critical to the long term growth and sustainability of the NSFVA. One of our primary goals is for each member to feel a sense of ownership in the NSFVA.

Our annual meeting and associated events are scheduled for July 13 - 16, 2016, in Sheridan, Wyoming. Additional information on that exciting event is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

Wishing each of you a happy and successful New Year!!

Gerry Groenewold, President, NSFVA

2015 EVENTS

In 2015 the NSFVA sponsored and participated in two events. First was our annual conference in West Yellowstone. Members of the NSFVA displayed 17 original Yellowstone Coaches and Mountain Wagons on the lawn of West Yellowstone Museum during their 8th Annual Conference on Saturday, June 20, 2015. Each of these horse-drawn vehicles has a history that can be traced back through years of use transporting "tourists" within Yellowstone Park. This is likely the most Yellowstone Coaches ever to be in one location in nearly a century. This historic event, "1915: The Twilight of Stagecoaches in Yellowstone", commemorated the hundredth anniversary of the last year that coaches were used in Yellowstone National Park. In 1916, motorized transportation replaced the Yellowstone Coaches. The occasion offered horse-drawn vehicle enthusiasts an opportunity to investigate, photograph and compare side-by-side examples of original and restored Yellowstone Coaches, some valued at over \$75,000. Historical presentations were made during the event describing the use of these rare vehicles and the history of their operation in transporting early visitors to see the wonders of Yellowstone Park. The event was well attended with nearly 100 NSFVA members taking part, along with members of the public who enjoyed the Yellowstone Coach display.

Secondly, on July 10 the NSFWA co-sponsored the 2nd annual Deadwood Stagecoach Days. The event included discussions on stagecoach travel, western art, early photography and the railroad. Saturday featured wagon and stagecoach demonstrations, wheelwright demonstration, fast draw exhibition, gold panning, old-fashioned children's games, musical entertainment and a chuck wagon meal. Doug Hansen demonstrated the riggings of the freight wagon hitch as well as discussion and an exhibition of the Deadwood stagecoach. The demonstrations were performed in the rodeo arena with Scott Porterfield assisting with his team. Enthusiasm was high, and attendees were eager to learn about the historic vehicles that made gold mining boom towns a reality.

2016 EVENTS



The NSFWA 9th Annual Conference will be held in Sheridan Wyoming – July 13-16, 2016

Come join us in Sheridan WY! The National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association and Sheridan, WYO Rodeo are working together to offer you many planned events: See displays of stagecoaches, Conestoga wagons, specialty wooden-wheeled vehicles, cavalry cannons, chuck wagons, and this year we are specializing in freight wagons. The Sheridan WYO Rodeo is organizing to show us a 20 mule team, pulling heavy freight wagons loaded with wool. Listen to professional guest speakers share history of the Bozeman Trail of long ago.

This year we offer, to our members, free tickets to a spectacular PRCA rodeo, plus an elegant free barbeque for all members. Enjoy a historic parade down the Old Sheridan Main Street: one of the largest horse and horse-drawn vehicle parades in Wyoming. Sheridan is the epicenter of the end of the Indian wars and is located very close to Emigrant Trails, Fort Phil Kearney State Historic Site, and the Custer Battlefield Site/Museum. Sheridan hosts the Don King Museum and the Brinton Museum. With the many sites to see, we promise fun-filled days! Please check our website for the Registration Form and more information. www.stagecoachfreightwagon.org

Listed below is local Wyoming hotel/motel information for your use:

MOTELS/HOTEL/CAMPER PARKS

Holiday Inn – (307) 672-8931 (mention block code: NSF)

Mill Inn – (307) 672-6401 (“National Register of Historic Places”)

Quality Inn – (307) 672-5098

Motel 6 – (307) 673-9500

Hampton Inn – (877) 424-6423 or (800) 466-8356

Peters D RV Park – (307) 673-0597

Best Western Sheridan Center – (877) 437-4326 or (307) 674-7421

Super 8 – (800) 800-8000 or (307) 672-9725

Days Inn - (800) 329-7466 or (307) 672-2888

Sheridan Inn – (307) 674-2178 (“Buffalo Bill’s old Inn”)

*** Note- Lots of activity in Sheridan, so get reservations early**

Sheridan Chamber of Commerce – (307) 672-2485 (www.sheridanwyoingchamber.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

We would like to thank Ashlee Ganoung for her dedication and hard work over the years, she has been our secretary/treasurer since the beginning and has recently resigned. Therefore, we are in need of a new secretary/treasurer, anyone interested in taking over either of these positions should contact Gerry Groenewold at (701) 736-1327 or 29cord@gmail.com. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

We recently distributed a membership directory that provided contact information, and as mentioned in the “President’s Message”, we would like to include a listing of vehicles owned and associated interests. If you filled out that portion on your membership form, we will use that information. If you didn’t include that information but have something you would like to list, please send or e-mail the details to Tom Henrich, 1418 Chardonnay Dr., Richland, WA 99352 or highhood@yahoo.com.

In future Newsletters we would like to encourage members to share past, current or upcoming information of interest. If you have something to share and include in the Newsletter, please submit a write-up to Tom Henrich.

Just a reminder, yearly \$30 dues should now be submitted to Jeff McManus, PO Box 45, Greybull, WY 82426 – hope to see you in Sheridan in July.

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