

# National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Conference

## Schedule - Day 1 - May 8, 2019

- 8:00 am - Meet at Holiday Inn Express conference room, **15 South 1550 West, Brigham City**, for our daily orientation with Jeff McManus / Eli Anderson
- Travel the Bartleson-Bidwell wagon trail in Utah, first wagon train of immigrants heading to California in 1841, visit Corinne, the “Diamond in the Desert,” and Connor Springs
  - Short drive-by visit to Northrop Grumman historic rocket display at Promontory, Utah
  - Restroom stop at the Golden Spike National Historic Park
  - Travel the Bartleson-Bidwell wagon trail to Monument Point
  - Travel the original transcontinental rail grade built in 1869 (150 years old)
  - Visit Kelton, Utah, the point where stagecoaches and wagon trains departed from the railroad and headed to Boise, Idaho, and Oregon
  - Travel the Kelton-Boise Road
- 12:30 pm - Lunch provided at the Park Valley Bowery, **Park Valley, Utah**  
Guest Speakers: Janis and Kent Durfee, historians and authors, “Early Wagon Days of the Raft River Valley”
- Travel the Bartleson-Bidwell wagon trail to 10 Mile Spring
  - Travel the Kelton-Boise Road
  - View the 1849ers Hensley Cutoff of the California Trail tracks in the desert that are still visible today west of Snowville.
  - Travel on the Hensley Cutoff of the California Trail, used by the 1849’ers headed for the California Gold Rush.
  - Dinner on your own

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## Schedule - Day 2 - May 9, 2019

- 8:00 am - Meet at the Holiday Inn Express conference room, **15 South 1550 West, Brigham City**, for our daily orientation with Jeff McManus / Eli Anderson
- Travel the Hensley Cutoff of the California Trail and early stagecoach route
  - Visit Hampton Ford Bear River Stage Stop, still in use as a private home owned by Junior and Sherrie Goring, **3605 Bigler Road, Collinston, UT 84306**
  - Welcome and Introduction: Fred and Laura Selman, historians and friends
  - Attend The Old Barn Theatre's historical production, "The Crossing -- Box Elder's Golden Treasure," about the rich stagecoach and wagon history of the area, **3605 Bigler Road, Collinston, UT 84306**
  - Guest Speaker: Bret Selman, local shepherd, bounty hunter, and teamster, "Discovering the Bear River Ferry and the Malad River Bridge Crossing"
- 12:00 pm - Lunch provided at Bear River City Park, **5900 North 4500 West, Bear River City, Utah**
- Guest Speaker: Preston Checkets, educator and IT director, "The First Wagon Train Pioneers Who Arrived in 1865 and Lived in Dugouts on the Banks of the Bear River"
- 2:00 pm - Meet at Bear River Valley Co-op Conference Room, **2830 North 4800 West, Corinne, Utah**
- Guest Speaker: Marian Danielson, historian, "Corinne, a Unique Little Railroad Town in the West, 1869-2019...150 Years Old," freighting and stagecoach history, book signing of her just-released sesquicentennial book
- 6:30 pm - Dinner provided at The Lodge at Maddox, just south of Brigham City, Utah, **1950 S HWY 89, Perry Utah**
- Guest Speaker: Dr. E. Marlowe Goble, recognized as one of the country's top knee surgeons, "Treacherous Wagon Travel," artwork of the famed and world renown artist Larry Winborg, "A Test of Faith and Ice," will be shared in this presentation.

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## Schedule - Day 3 - May 10, 2019

- 8:00 am - Meet at the Holiday Inn Express Conference Room, **15 South 1550 West, Brigham City**, for our daily briefing with Jeff McManus / Eli Anderson
- Attend the 150-year celebratory reenactment of connecting the transcontinental railroad at the Golden Spike National Historic Site. Through an act of Congress, it will become a National Historic Park on May 10, 2019. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime event you will not want to miss; vendors will be on hand for lunch on your own.

Please Note: *We were recently informed that they are charging \$20.00 a car for parking in a farmer's wheat field. Tickets can be purchased online. The walk to the Golden Spike National Historic Park is close to a half mile from the parking lot. If the weather has been wet and rainy you can expect that you may get stuck. There is no public seating, so you may have to stand for several hours on the uneven ground to view the performance. The crowd is expected to be very large, and it is recommended that you arrive very early.*

PLEASE NOTE: Other arrangements have been made for those who wish to view a live stream from The Golden Spike National Historic Park of the "Spike 150" ceremonies. The live stream will be at the Box Elder County Fairgrounds in a temperature-controlled building with comfortable seating. If you wish not to fight the crowds or worry about a significant amount of walking and standing for a long period of time, I would encourage you to enjoy the festivities at the fairgrounds, home to Utah's oldest rodeo, **342 North 1000 West, Tremonton, Utah**.

- 2:00 pm - Visit Wagon Land Adventure at Eli Anderson's place, **8790 West 11200 North, Tremonton, Utah**. Wagon Land Adventure boasts the largest collection of horse-drawn vehicles in North America. Eli Anderson has been collecting, preserving and restoring horse-drawn vehicles for the past 50+ years.  
Blacksmith demonstration by Lonnie Jensen
- 6:00 pm - Chuck wagon dinner prepared by Rodney Carriker will be provided at Wagon Land Adventure/Eli Anderson's place, **8790 West 11200 North, Tremonton, Utah**  
Entertainment provided by Brian Arnold of Saddlestrings

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## **Schedule - Day 4 - May 11, 2019**

Travel to Tremonton West Stake Center, **345 South 1000 West, Tremonton, Utah**

9:00 am - Welcome with Jeff McManus

9:10 am - Guest Speaker: Lucas Hugie, Park Ranger at Golden Spike National Historic Site, "The Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad"

9:50 am - Break

10:00 am - Guest Speaker: Ken Wheeling, Assistant Editor of the Carriage Association of America publication The Carriage Journal "Staging North of the Santa Fe Trail Prior to 1869 and After 1869"

10:50 am - Break

11:00 am - Guest Speaker: Kirt Rees, Master's of US History, University of Wyoming, "The History of the Freight and Stagecoach Business through the Eyes of Alexander Topponce, Man of the West," Part 1

12:00 pm - Lunch provided

1:00 pm - Guest Speaker: Brad Westwood, senior public historian, "The Crossroads of the West"

1:50 pm - Break

2:00 pm - Guest Speaker: Kirt Rees, Master's of US History, University of Wyoming, "The History of the Freight and Stagecoach Business through the Eyes of Alexander Topponce, Man of the West," Part 2

3:00 pm - National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association open forum

4:00 pm - Adjourn

Thanks for coming!