



National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association

NEWSLETTER

2014 Recap

2015 Upcoming Event

**June 18-21, 2015-- NSFVA 8th Annual Conference,
West Yellowstone, MT**

Dear Friends,

The National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association is actively searching for fellow owners/managers/curators of vehicles that were used in Yellowstone Park prior to 1915! We will be hosting our 8th Annual Conference in West Yellowstone, MT on June 18-21, 2015. The "theme" of this conference is the 100 year Anniversary of the end of Stagecoaching in Yellowstone Park. We are searching for any and all vehicles that have ties to this area/time period. We are gathering information to publish a book about these historic vehicles; and are specifically looking for serial #s, photographs (old & new), location (general or specific) and ownership (at the discretion of each owner).

If you are interested or have information about vehicles you would be willing to share with us, please contact NSFVA Vice President, Rawhide Johnson (or myself). Rawhide is the director of this event and is the primary contact. However, he is limited to US mail and phone conversation only. Also, you may go to our website and print off the Release Form for this event at your convenience.

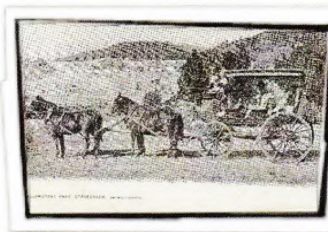
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The agenda and final details are still awaiting approval from multiple boards - so if your main interest is only in attendance, please direct all inquiries to myself. My contact info is below.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to hear from you in the near future.

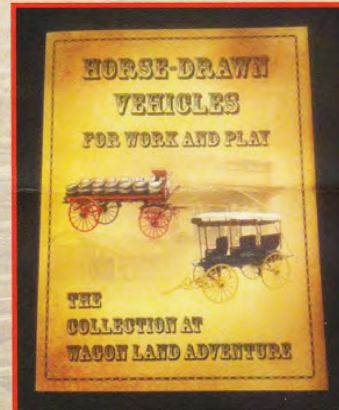
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A special thanks to  
**ELI ANDERSON (FOUNDER OF WAGONLAND ADVENTURE)**  
for the hospitality, tours and sharing of his diverse vehicle collection at a wonderful  
event held at his facility in Tremonton, Utah,  
July 26th, 2014.



**Eli Anderson** has one of the largest and finest compilations of early transportation vehicles that exists today! Eli's dedication to these vehicles is evident in the diversity of the items in his acquisition. Not only is the collection varied in nature, but Eli has personally familiarized himself with each and every one of the vehicles. We strongly encourage people to visit **Wagonland Adventures and Eli Anderson** -- it is an absolute must for anyone interested in history itself!



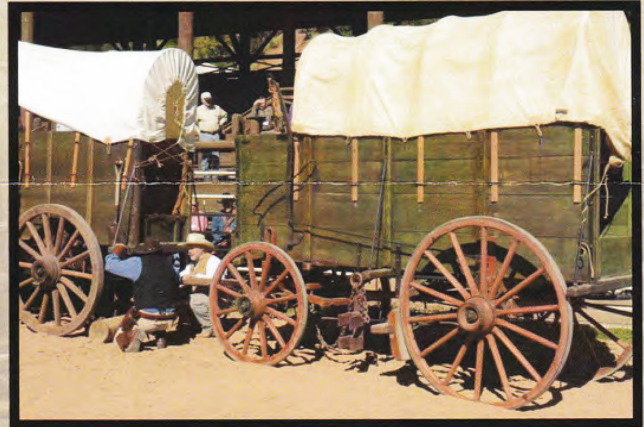


# Deadwood Stagecoach Days

Deadwood History Inc. and the National Stagecoach & Freight Wagon Association (NSFWA) combined efforts to put on Deadwood Stagecoach Days September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The primary goal of Stagecoach Days is to educate the public by bringing to life the history of the stagecoach and freight wagon industries which were so vital to the existence of the remote gold-boom town of Deadwood.

Opening remarks were provided by Deadwood Mayor Charles Turbiville and Deadwood's Historic Preservation Officer Kevin Kuchenbecker. Gerald Groenewold, president of NSFWA, provided a brief overview of the organization, its history, mission, and accomplishments. The weekend activities started with youth education as more than 60 fourth-graders were given stagecoach demonstrations and campfire cooking around the chuck wagon, followed by historical presentations surrounding the discovery of gold and the trails and vehicles that supported Deadwood.

NSFWA member Doug Hansen, owner of Hansen Wheel & Wagon Shop, teamed up with western author Mel Anderson to present a technical demonstration of rigging freight wagons and driving a stagecoach. Wheelwright Tim Hoffman, an employee of Hansen Wheel & Wagon Shop, demonstrated the art of wheelwrighting.



Demonstrations also included the rigging of freight wagons required to pull them in tandem as well as various methods of hitching to mules and horses. On a historical note, there were many freighters working in the Black Hills during the gold rush years. Records show that one outfit alone freighted in 19 million pounds of goods in 1880. Since each wagon carried from 8,000 to 10,000 lbs., at least 1900 wagon loads were required to deliver that amount of freight.

The stagecoach demonstration portrayed delivery of the US Mail, a variety of other cargo, including a strong box for transporting gold bullion, along with numerous passengers. The presenters noted that stagecoach travel took place day and night. The pace was expedited by changing horses at stage stops located every 10 - 15 miles along the trails.

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The journey to Deadwood took two to three days from various locations, including Cheyenne, Sidney, Miles City, Medora, Bismarck, and Ft. Pierre. Wintertime travel sometimes resulted in the stagecoach transferring its cargo and passengers to a bobsled depending on snow conditions. This was required because of the dependency of Deadwood on the stage line and its services.

Several speakers provided exceptional presentations on a variety of topics. These included:

Dr. David A. Wolff, *Getting to the Gold: The Black Hills Gold Rush*;

Tom Lindmier, *The Great Blue Army Wagon*;

Robert Kolbe, *Black Hills Transportation Before 1900*;

Lonis Wendt, *Trails Less Traveled*;

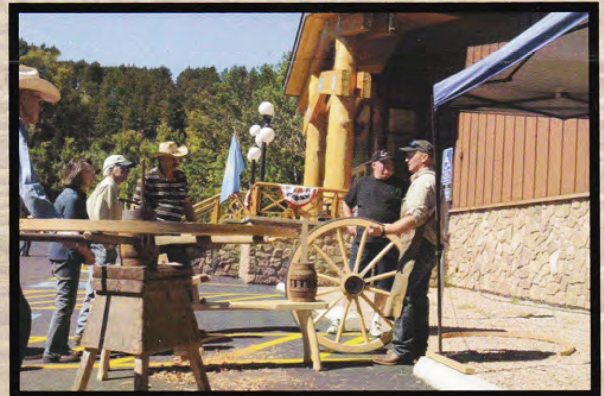
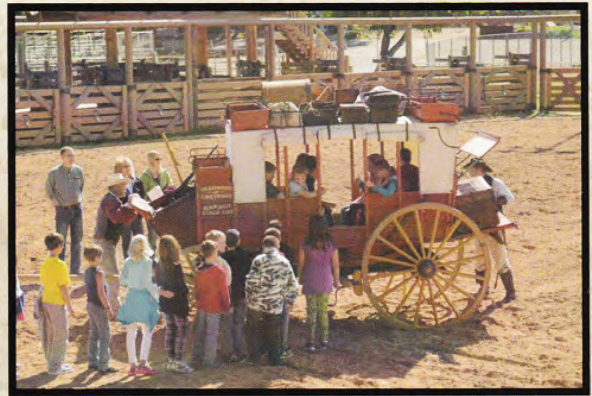
Paul Hedren, *Captain Jack Crawford's Adventures on the Sidney Trail*; and

Elizabeth Watry, *"A Ceaseless Rumble of Wagon Wheels" Recalling the Gilmer and Salisbury Stage Line*.

Other artisan and craftsman exhibits included leatherworking, saddlemaking, blacksmithing, bit and spur making, gun smithing, and horsehair braiding; all vital to life on the frontier. There was also a wagon show exhibiting nearly a dozen vehicles including an Army wagon, a prairie schooner, stagecoach, freight wagon, chuckwagon, and sheepwagon.

Social events included a chuckwagon meal by Rick Kaan and a campfire gathering with a sing-along lead by local musicians. Youth activities during the day included a rodeo clown exhibition which involved the children.

The conference concluded with a roundtable panel discussion moderated by Doug Hansen. This was a marvelous event which we anticipate will become an annual partnership activity between Deadwood History, Inc. and NSFWA.







**ORDER  
YOUR NSFVA VEST  
TODAY !**



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