

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2012

Dear NSFVA Member,

The NSFVA has had a busy last few months of re-organizing our executive board as well as our board of directors. Since our founding in 2008, Doug Hansen has been our devoted President; his diligent service helped us become who we are today. However, during this last fall he graciously passed the torch on to Gerry Groenewold. Gerry has been the co-vice president of the NSFVA since our founding.

In this Newsletter we would like to share with you a word from our new President, the new members of our executive board and new directors. Also included are: dues notices for 2012, upcoming 2012 membership events and meetings.

~Message from the President~

Dear Friends:

I feel honored to assume the position of President of the National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association (NSFVA). Past President, Doug Hanson, dedicated considerable time and effort to the establishment of the NSFVA in 2008 and served as President ever since. I am most appreciative of Doug's efforts. I intend to work closely with the board, our membership, and complimentary groups, such as the various trails organizations, to build and position the NSFVA as the premier national organization focused on the legacy of America's frontier transportation. The NSFVA fills a largely vacant, but fundamental, space in the history of our nation's early transportation legacy. As a result, we have an enormous list of topics for potential consideration by our organization. As members, it is very important that each of you feel ownership in the NSFVA. Your input is critical to our success. I look forward to working with each of you and wish you a wonderful 2012 .



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Jeff McManus – Greybull, WY
Greg VanCoevern – Salina, KS

Read more about our directors
<http://stagecoachfreightwagon.org/aboutFounders.html>

Upcoming Spring Events:

April 13-15, 2012 – NSFVA Board of Directors Meeting in Cheyenne, WY

The NSFVA board of directors will be meeting all day on Saturday April 14th to conduct our monthly meeting. In addition to our monthly meeting, we will be hosting an **Open House** on Friday April 13th from 6:00-9:00pm at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Museum in Cheyenne, WY. If you would like to come and join us for the evening, please contact Ashlee Ganoung. There is no charge for this event; however, we do need reservations made prior to attendance! There will be no presentations at this gathering; its sole purpose is to visit with the public, our members, potential members and other kindred spirits, while enjoying some hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

May 11-13, 2012 – Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site "Wagons Ho! Transportation Through Time" in La Junta, CO

The NSFVA will be holding our **Annual Meeting** in conjunction with the Wagons Ho! event near La Junta, CO this spring. This gathering will be hosted at the Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site. Friday the 11th will be devoted to set-up, livestock care and association meetings. The Park Service had this to say about the occasion: "The Park will join up with several trail organizations for a two-day look at wagons used along the historic trails of the West. Assorted displays, demonstrations, and presentations will introduce the vehicles on Saturday. On Sunday, the wagons will take to the trail for an excursion along the trace of the Santa Fe Trail. For more information, call (719)383-5023 or check out their website: www.nps.gov/beol. Click on Special Events." The park is inviting people to bring their own wagons for this event! However, you must go through the **registration process and get approved**, prior to bring your vehicle to the celebration.

For more information on either event, please visit our webpage:
www.stagecoachfreightwagon.org

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE:

Enclosed is a membership renewal application. Please take the time to fill it out and return to NSFVA Treasurer, Ashlee Ganoung, for your 2012 Membership! Please return your application and payment at your earliest convenience.

THANK YOU!

NSFVA Board of Directors