



National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association

NEWSLETTER

Spring, 2013

Dear NSFVA Member,

The NSFVA is proud to announce the upcoming locations of our Annual Conferences for 2013, 2014 and 2015. We are taking the time to recognize some very important people and organizations in this newsletter, and we sincerely hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

~Message from the President~

Dear Friends:

2012 was a very good year for our organization. Our April 13-15 NSFVA Board of Directors meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming, provided an excellent opportunity to visit with the public, our members, and potential members. We added several new members, toured the extensive Cheyenne Frontier Days collections, and focused our discussions on organizational strategies for the next several years. May 11-13 we participated in Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site's "Wagons Ho! Transportation Through Time" event in LaJunta, Colorado. Several of our board members displayed historic vehicles and gave presentations. This was a great event in an incredible setting! Once again, we gained visibility, developed new relationships, and added new members. Many years ago, a very wise friend and mentor said to me "Relationships are the currency of life." 2012 was a year of relationship-building for the NSFVA, as evidenced by the list of Honorary Member organizations and individuals whom we recognized this past year. That list is included in this newsletter.

2013 promises to be another exciting year for our organization. Our July 10-14 Annual Meeting in Virginia City, Montana, promises to be an unforgettable experience. Once again, as members, your input is critical to the success of this organization. I look forward to hearing from you and wish you an exciting 2013.

Gerry Groenewold
15 North 23rd Street Stop 9018
Grand Forks, ND 58202-9018
Work Phone: (701) 777-5131
Home Phone: (701) 772-8009
E-Mail: ghg@undeerc.org

DIRECTOR LIST

Board of Directors

Gerry Groenewold – *President*, Grand Forks, ND
Rawhide Johnson – *Vice President*, Cody, WY
Ashlee Ganoung – *Executive Director/Secretary/Treasurer*, Lovell, WY
Doug Hansen – Letcher, SD
Ken Wheeling – North Ferrisburg, VT
Art Lacerte – Santa Ynez, CA
Jeff McManus – Greybull, WY
Greg VanCoevern – Salina, KS

Read more about our directors

<http://stagecoachfreightwagon.org/aboutFounders.html>

Honorary Members:

-  **Yellowstone Historic Center**, West Yellowstone, MT
-  **Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum & Carriage House**, Santa Ynez, CA
-  **Buffalo Bill Historical Center**, Cody, WY
-  **Old Trail Town**, Cody, WY
-  **Cheyenne Frontier Day's Museum**, Cheyenne, WY
-  **Bent's Old Fort**, LaJunta, CO
-  **Oregon California Trail Association (OCTA)**
-  **Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA)**
-  **Brian Lebel** - AZ
-  **Addie Stiles** - MT
-  **Paul Fees** - WY
-  **Bob McCubbin** – NM

Honorary Directors:

- *David Sneed – AR
- *Michael Sanborn - CA



Upcoming Events:

6th Annual Conference – “Hanging Out in Virginia City, MT” July 10-14, 2013

Held in conjunction with Virginia City’s 150th Anniversary Celebration, this event is sure to immerse our attendees in the local history and culture while we explore the bygone era of staging and freighting and enjoy the rustic beauty of southwest Montana. We will see how stage coaches, freight wagons and many other wooden-wheeled vehicles pulled by horses and mules made it possible to develop the area and discover gold.

Our gathering kicks off on Wednesday, July 10th, with a Welcome Picnic and early registration at the Brewery Park in Virginia City from 3pm until 7pm. Thursday morning will find us in Nevada City with a continuation of registration followed by a walking tour of the town, a gold panning demonstration, and ending with the tour of a vehicle collection (coaches, wagons, etc.) Friday will be devoted to presentations and speakers. Topics covered will include local roads, wagon routes, conservation and preservation of wooden-wheeled vehicles and the history related to area gold mining, the people, and the animals. The day will conclude with a public display of privately owned vehicles and a Chuckwagon Pitchfork Steak dinner in Nevada City.

Saturday will bring a tour of a local ranch where we will see a historical stage-stop and one of the original freighting routes to the area, followed by a presentation by the Montana Heritage Commission. The day will finish up with a dinner and dance hosted by the Ruby Dell Ranch in Alder, MT. Sunday allows a choice of two morning options: 1) 10am Cowboy Church Services with local pastor Tom Luksha or 2) Auto tour of Alder Gulch. The afternoon will be set aside for self-promotion and project/knowledge-sharing at the Virginia City Gymnasium. Please note that Saturday and Sunday tours require early sign up.

This event promises to be an action-packed adventure, with a little bit for everyone! For more information on attending our conference, please refer to the informational packet which accompanies this newsletter.

Locations have been set for the 7th Annual NSFVA Conference in Ogden, UT and the 8th Annual Conference in West Yellowstone, MT

Additional details will be coming soon!

The Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum and Carriage House invites you to attend “Spirit of the WEST” – A Symposium on the Stagecoach and Horse-Drawn Vehicles of the West to be held at the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum and Parks-Janeway Carriage House in Santa Ynez, California April 10-13, 2013.

This event will include presentations and demonstrations by leading conservators, historians, carriage builders, teamsters and carriage drivers, and several of our directors will be attending and speaking! Travel the old stage routes and enjoy stagecoach and carriage rides. This is a unique event for every horse-drawn enthusiast!

For more information on any of our events, please visit our website:

www.stagecoachfreightwagon.org

2013 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 2013 Membership! Please return your application and payment at your earliest convenience. THANK YOU!

NSFVA Board of Directors