

NEVADA XP NEWS

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News from Ely submitted by Wendy Anderson.....

The Pony Express races were held in Ely in August - the Riders participating included:

Jordan Anderson, Savannah Anderson, Wendy Anderson, Geno Ockert, Calvin Kennedy, Tony Zamora, and Ashley Gillespie.

Here are some pictures from the races



More Pics from Ely - looks a little stormy!!



Here are pictures from Nevada's Annual Dinner & Elections - these were all provided from Carol Hunt from Ely.....



L to R

Tony Zamora, David Kittle, Future Notterman pony rider and Grandpa Steve Notterman



Wendy, Tony & Carol - all from Ely



Members enjoying the hay ride

Our Elections were held at the Annual dinner and here are the results.....

President- David Kittle

First Vice President- Gary Nezos

Second Vice President- Wendy Anderson

Secretary- Mary Kuckenmeister

Tom Sherwood- Member at Large

Tony Zamora- Member at Large

Jill Andrews- Member at Large/Quartermaster

A note from Gary Nezos....

I would like to thank Dawn for the job well done as the Treasurer and serving on the Board of Directors. We wish her well in her new endeavors(a career student).We welcome Vicky Moya as the new Treasurer and wish her well in dealing with the Board.

Congratulations to the new Board members, Tony Zamora, Tom Sherwood and Jill Andrew's reappointment. Wendy Anderson will serve as the Second Vice President for the Whit Pine County (Schellbourne Riders).

The Delegate's meeting was well attended by the Nevada Membership. I would like to thank everyone who made the Trip to Kearney, Nebraska. Attending were Steve and Carolyn Notterman, David and Melody Kittle, Mike and Mary Kuckenmeister, Dale and Bonnie Ryan, Frank and Arline Gomez, Bill Adams who entertained us with his humor during the auction, Kathy Davis who donated a beautiful quilt - it was quite nice I might add. Nancy Hoggard, who donated two area rugs with the Pony Express Riders woven in. Keith Anderson, with his donations and presentation of the 150 year re-ride pistol and Larry McPherson and the cowboy poetry he treated us too and myself.

Hope I didn't leave anyone out!

I look forward to the New Year working with the new Board of Directors and anticipate a fun filled year with a lot of work to pull off the 2010 re-ride. Best to all.

See you on the trail.

Gary Nezos

A note from Bonnie Ryan about her experiences following the XP trail

There are not many NPEA members who have had the privilege to experience the entire Pony Express Trail first hand - especially during the actual re-ride.

Dale & I had the honor three times when Dale was National President. We have wanted to follow the trail again, minus all the rush and hoopla that goes along with the actual re-ride when it takes place in June each year.

In September we are planning to follow the trail to Kearney, Nebraska - this time we will be taking our time!

We are very familiar with the trail in Nevada & Utah. Probably the biggest ****thrill**** in Utah is navigating Salt Lake City traffic during rush hour and construction - gotta give all the riders who have to ride this section - they do a great job.

Wyoming is a totally different picture. The hills of Utah give way to high desert, rock mesas and outcroppings, sagebrush, and antelope - lots of sagebrush & antelope!

Fort Bridger to Granger to Wyoming 28 - just Awesome! There are unique, entertaining wildlife billboards west of Farson. And Farson is a **MUST STOP** place. Farson is a simple crossroads stop. A gas station and a mercantile where the locals shop. But, the Mercantile has an ice cream shop that sells ice cream cones in flavors & sizes you won't believe until you see & taste them!

As you go east we find numerous historical markers and we stop at them all. In the South Pass area as you go east the view is still awesome. Jeffrey City Café - Ten years ago their menu was written on a napkin! The hamburgers are great.

Split Rock, Sun Ranch, and Devils Gap, Independence Rock - all demand a long 'stop and look'. At Casper you will enjoy the BLM interpretive trail center where you will also find the Fairbanks XP statute (the same one that is in Salt Lake City's "This is the Place" park). On to Glenrock and Douglas, each featuring its own tales of Pony Express happenings. Guernsey is the home of wagon train ruts etched in rock by pioneer wagons. Autograph Rock is in the same location. Fort Laramie is a definite must stop also.

From Torrington Wyoming to Scott's Bluff Nebraska, then south to Chimney Rock National Historic site, Courthouse Rock and Jail Rock - all are on the Pony trail and all are 'must stop' places. Sidney, (Cabela's beautiful RV facilities - stop & rest here!), on to Lodgepole, Chappell, and Julesburg Colorado. At this point, the Pony Trail is mainly south of I-80, generally along the Platte River. Gothenburg City Park features a relocated Pony Express station and south of Gothenburg is the 96 Ranch where the owners have preserved another XP station. We are almost there. Another 60 miles to Kearney! At Kearney there is another small Cabela's store & the Morris Publishing where the Pony Express Cookbook was published!

There is much to see & do along the XP Route as we know it today! If you ever get the chance to travel the XP route - take your time - there are many, many 'must stop' and 'see' places.

Don't forget that Christmas is coming - an XP membership is a great gift! You can get the membership form off of the Nevada XP website.

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Please let me know if you have anything to add for the next newsletter - will be working on putting it out just after the New Year - please send article, item or pictures, or horse related classifieds to me @ sadlmup@gmail.com I would love to hear from our membership!



May all the Pony Express riders & their families have a Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.