

CORAZON de los CAMINOS CHAPTER
HEART OF THE TRAIL CHAPTER
SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2013

YEAR'S FIRST MEETING MARCH 9

Corazon will have their first meeting of 2013 March 9 in Cimarron. We will meet in the meeting room of the St. James Hotel at 10 a.m. for a program by Gene Lamm. He will talk about "New Mexico's Road to Statehood". Gene needs to be in Taos in the afternoon so his program will be first followed by lunch and the business meeting.

SCHEDULE FOR 2013

The Board of Directors set the second Saturday of the month as Corazon's regular meeting day. The change was made because both Bent's Fort and End of the Trail chapters meet on the third weekend. Several of our members also belong to these chapters.

MARCH 9..."New Mexico's Road to Statehood" by Gene Lamm, 10 a.m., St. James Hotel, Cimarron, followed by lunch and business meeting

APRIL 13...Program "The Old Spanish Trail" by Dennis Ditmanson, president of OSTA, in Las Vegas TBA

MAY 11..."Jicarilla Apaches in Northeast New Mexico" Nancy Robertson coordinator

JUNE 8...Joint tour with Bent's Fort Chapter

JULY 13..."Stephen Dorsey and his Star Route Post Offices", tour, Faye Gaines and Martha Sauble coordinators

AUGUST 10...Joint tour with End of Trail Chapter TBA

SEPTEMBER 14...Osha Pass tour, Dennis Schneider coordinator

OCTOBER 12... Granada Military Freight Trail in Colorado, Lolly Ming of Bent's Fort Chapter, tour guide

NOVEMBER 9...Program by Jesus Lopez, Las Vegas historian and attorney, in Las Vegas, TBA, also business meeting and election of officers

NRA WAYSIDE DISPLAY UNIT AND SHELTER

At the board meeting, the display unit and shelter Corazon is planning for the NRA wayside exhibit was discussed. A unit facsimile of a covered wagon and made of metal is being discussed. Zachery Blackburn, metal artist of Springer, has been consulted. Diagrams are being made and I hope to include them in future Newsletters. The group emphasized that any unit should look as authentic as possible. If these plans come to fruition, the cost will be substantial and may require donations from supporters. Please attend the March business meeting as we need your input!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Corazon family,

I would like to bring you up to date on what has transpired since our business meeting on 1-19-13.

First of all, our attendees put together an exciting schedule for this year, which Dixie has placed in the Newsletter. Please understand that this list may have events amended, deleted or added as our group may dictate.

Our first scheduled meeting has been arranged for Saturday, March 9 in Cimarron, NM. Gene Lamm has consented to be our speaker on the topic of New Mexico statehood. He will also present his latest book on this area's history. Gene may need to be in Taos later in the day so we have reserved the meeting room in the St. James Hotel at 10 a.m. We shall have him speak first, followed by our business meeting and meal.

I have been in contact with Joann VanCoevern, SFTA manager. The Spring Retreat and Board of Directors Meeting of the association will be held in our area on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20, 2013. Any of the Corazon Chapter members and their spouses are invited to the workshops on Friday and the board meetings on Saturday. The home base of the event will be the NRA Whittington Center.

They are planning on the board members checking in on Thursday evening (supper on your own) April 18 when they may have some committee meetings/workshops during that evening. On Friday at 7:30a.m., they have breakfast at the NRA Whittington Center Cafeteria and depart for the Express UU Bar Ranch (you may wish to meet them at the lodge twelve miles south of Cimarron) at 8:30. They will meet at The Express UU Bar Lodge at 9:00 a.m., be presented with information about the ranch, the Santa Fe Trail on the ranch, and have break—out workshop sessions. At noon, lunch will be served at the lodge, and they may have a working tour of trail ruts on the ranch. At 2:30 they move to Philmont at Rayado and David Werhane (Philmont curator) will give a history of Rayado, program on walking trails, etc. They plan to depart Rayado at 5:00 p.m. and visit the wagon display at Philmont Museum and meet at the St. James Hotel at 5:30 p.m. I have been asked to give a history of the Cimarron area as it relates to the Trail, and period music will be performed by two members of the Association. Dinner will also be served at the Hotel.

Saturday will begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the NRA cafeteria, followed by a board of directors meeting and lunch again at the NRA. The high light of the day may be the ribbon cutting at the newly installed way-side exhibit at the NRA. One exhibit details the Santa Fe Trail in the area, and the other discusses firearms used on the Trail. Our Chapter has been given credit for taking a leading role in this project. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. in the NRA cafeteria. This promises to be a great week-end (weather permitting).

NOW READ THIS CAREFULLY! The Association has provided free meals in the past, but they must have an accurate head count for all meals and/or housing (housing is not paid for ordinary members). Please count your spouse, too. We must have a solid conformation as soon as possible. Maybe the quickest way is for you to e-mail me at: <schneidermusic@gmail.com> or telephone me at 575-376-2527. I will then forward this information to Joanne. Or you may wish to send her an e-mail: jvancoevern@juno.com

Nancy mailed me some great pictures of all the different wagons used on the Trail. I have also consulted Zach again. Tom and Peggy are also gathering information for the wagon shelter we are planning at the NRA way-side exhibit.

This is a long report, but we have a lot on our plate. Please plan to attend the March 9 meeting and we can work out many details and share further information. Right now, please give me a head-count for the retreat in April as soon as possible.

Dennis

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Charles Strickfaden has been named the superintendent of Fort Union National Monument. He succeeds Marie Sauter who was transferred to White Sands National Monument. Strickfaden comes from a position as chief of visitor services and resource protection for the NPS's Flagstaff Area National Monuments. We look forward to meeting Mr. Strickfaden and joining in some of Fort Union's activities.

The SFTA committee on Trail Preservation continues its work of protecting the trail. Faye Gaines, committee chairman, reports that one of the latest projects is working with a proposed pipeline from Colorado through the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Phyllis Morgan, Corazon member, has been awarded the Modern Language Association prize for a distinguished biography. Her book *N. Scott Momaday: Remembering Ancestors, Earth, and Traditions: An Annotated Biography* was praised as "a solid, fine and innovative work." Among Momaday's many works is *House Made of Dawn*, credited with leading the way in Native American literature.

Gene Lamm, our speaker in March has together with Randall M. and Sarah E. MacDonald authored the book *Images of America: Cimarron and Philmont*. Perhaps he will give us a brief review of his book. Reviews praise the pictures.

CCHP of Las Vegas is working with the Santa Fe Trail Scenic Byways and the New Mexico Department of Transportation to develop a plan for goals in the coming years. Doyle Daves is coordinator.

CS Ranch of Cimarron is celebrating its 140 Anniversary. Frank Springer started the ranch February 22, 1873. Seven generations of the family have been/are associated with the operation. Congratulations to the Davis family!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2013 symposium "Surviving the Plains", September 26-29 in Ulysses, Kansas.

It is time to pay Corazon dues for 2013. I am attaching membership forms for the convenience of those who have not paid.

Dixie