



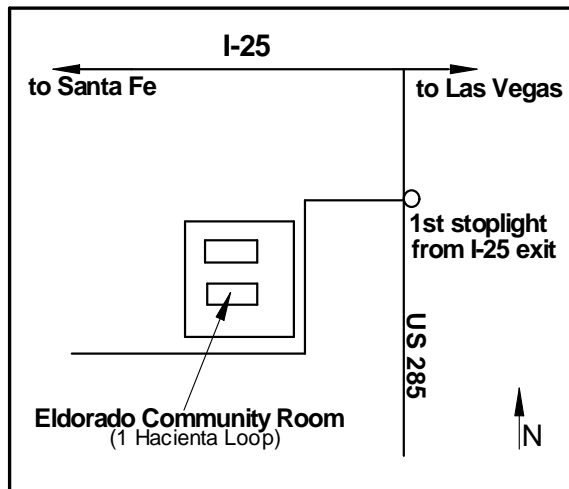
END OF THE TRAIL CHAPTER

DECEMBER 2009

Joy Poole, La Alcaidesa (01/10), 125 W. Lupita Rd., Santa Fe, 87505, 820-7828; Allan Wheeler, El Alcalde Segundo (01/10), 13 Ravens Ridge Trail, Santa Fe, 87505, 984-8656 and 984-8657; Mary Lundell, La Escribana (01/11), 691 Callecita Jicarilla, Santa Fe, 87505, 986-1124; Helen Geer, La Tesorera (01/11), 125 W. Lupita Rd., Santa Fe 87505, 820-7828; Gail Bryant, Board Member (01/11), PO Box 202, Glorieta, 87535, 757-6654; Mike Najdowski, Board Member (01/11), 1810 Conquistadora, Santa Fe, 87501, 982-1172; Mike Najdowski, Newsletter Editor.

Our **next meeting** will be on **January 9, 2010 at 1:30 PM** at the Eldorado Community Center. Henrietta Christmas will give a talk "Presidio Soldier in Old Santa Fe." Henrietta is a NM/ CO genealogy researcher, and will speak about one of her ancestors.

This is our annual meeting, with the election of two Chapter officer positions. President and Vice President positions will be open, and need to be filled. George Bayless (983-6300) and Pam Najdowski (982-1172) make up the nominating committee. If you would like to submit your name for consideration for one of these positions, please contact George or Pam.



Carson and Maxwell

On Sept. 12, the EoT Chapter was privileged to have **Stephen Zimmer**, author and former director of the Museum at the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch. Stephen, clearly a well-versed story teller, first gave us some background information on Kit Carson and the lesser known Lucien Maxwell, both of whom were trappers in the West by the mid 1830's. They quickly became friends in Taos where Maxwell married Luz Beaubien, heir to the Beaubien land grant, in 1842 which was the same year that Carson was baptized in the Mexican frontier town. A chance

meeting with John C. Frémont on a Missouri River steamboat brought Carson into the 1st Frémont Expedition as a guide. Maxwell signed on as a hunter.



Stephen Zimmer, History Raconteur

Both were essential parts of Frémont's 3rd Expedition to California which found them in the midst of the Mexican war. Maxwell accompanied Carson when he was heading east by mule with official dispatches for the US president. In 1848 Maxwell was attempting to settle the rich pasture lands along the Rayado River in the Beaubien-Miranda Land Grant. By the next spring Maxwell invited Carson and his wife Josepha to join him in the settlement which had its share of Indian attacks. The settlement was still struggling in 1853 when Maxwell, Carson, and fellow mountain man John L. Hatcher decided to take 6,000 sheep to California to sell for a good profit. Their friendship had endured for years.

Bernard Ewell's Neighborhood

On Saturday October 10, about a dozen members took a field trip out to Canoncito. We met at Bernard and Melinda Ewell's house, adjacent to the Pecos National Historical Park property.

Bernard led us on a short walk out his front door to where two significant Trail events occurred. In 1846, New Mexico Gov. Manuel Armijo set up a defense line to repel the advancing Army of the West led by Gen. Stephen Watts Kearney. Though the Mexicans abandoned the defenses without a fight, the defensive mounds of dirt still exist – quite impressively. From the Ewell’s property, one is in view of the infamous 1862 site where Union troops attacked the Confederate supply wagons, ending the Gray foray in the West during the Civil War. Many thanks to Chapter member Bernard for his hospitality.



Bernard Ewell discusses Armijo’s Defenses

I’ve added the term expiration dates to the officers listed in the Newsletter header.

Caminos a Santa Fe

The project for future joint programs of the 3 Santa Fe area trail groups and Scenic Byways and Rte. 66 groups has faded into history, due to a lack of interest.

Dues

Don’t forget to renew your membership – great programs are planned for you in 2010. Enclosed is a membership renewal form. Please submit it to Helen Geer. Helen reports that the Chapter treasury balance is \$3668.87 as of 11/17/09.

New Mexico History Museum

On November 14, 2009, 31 members/ guests visited the newly opened (by historical standards!) state museum. Rene Harris gave a general introduction to the facilities, and then

took us to the SFT section. The centerpiece is a large model wagon, on which SFT history videos were projected onto the white wagon cover. After viewing the Trail artifacts and displays, the group broke up to explore the rest of the museum. We were pleased to have SFTA president Joanne VanCoevern and her husband accompany us.



Rene and Trail fans

Diaries Project

A grant has been awarded to Joy Poole (and others) by the State Records Center and Archives to transcribe some SFT and Camino Real diaries. She has collected these diaries over the years. Eventually some help will be needed with typing and proofreading. The Board granted Joy approval to accept this grant.

Calendar

January 9, 2010, 1:30 PM, Eldorado Community Center. Henrietta Christmas: “Presidio Soldier,” annual meeting with election of officers.

March 20, 2010, 1:30 PM, Eldorado Community Center. Harry Myers, The 1840’s “Texan Invasions.”

May 15, 2010, (time TBA). Glorieta Battlefield, PecosNHP. Don Alberts will guide us on the new interpretive trail just S. of old Pigeon’s Ranch. A two hour interpretive walk on a graded and graveled trail.

June 19, 2010, 10:00 AM. SF Trail wagon ruts at the Carmelite Monastery (near Old Santa Fe Trail and Camino del Monte Sol.) Also possible, a stop at “End of the Trail” sculpture near Museum Hill and Amelia White Park.

September 18, 2010, a tentative program on Mountain Men.

November 20, 2010, Saturday, 1:30 PM, Eldorado Community Center. Program talk by Harry Myers, subject TBA.