Recipients of the annual Santa Fe Trail Association awards were announced by Dr. Leo Oliva, chair of the Awards Committee, at the Rendezvous Awards Banquet held September 19, 2014 in Larned, Kansas. Those honored include:

**AWARD OF MERIT --** (5 awards this year)

1. La Junta CO Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, more than 100 years protecting the Trail, marking the Trail, and preserving site of Bent's Old Fort (owning that site from 1920-1954)

2. Dodge City/Fort Dodge/Cimarron Chapter SFTA, saving Point of Rocks at Dodge City

3. Santa Fe Trail Center (Fort Larned Historical Society), decades of trail preservation, protection, and promotion, and outstanding trail museum, archives, and education center

5. Wet/Dry Routes Chapter SFTA, Melgares marker and promotion of Hispanic heritage of the Trail

**PAUL F. BENTRUP AMBASSADOR AWARD**

Bill Bunyan, President of the Dodge City/Fort Dodge/Cimarron Chapter

**LOUISE BARRY WRITING AWARD** (2 awards this year)


**RALPH HATHAWAY MEMORIAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARD**

Steve & Jodene Fisher (Owners of the property containing the Fry Ruts)

**MARC SIMMONS WRITING AWARD**


**GREGORY M. FRANZWA MEMORIAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Mike Olsen, pictured at the right, received the Gregory M. Franzwa Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award, as well as an Award of Merit for his e-book, *That Broad and Beckoning Highway: The Santa Fe Trail and the Rush for Gold in California and Colorado*. Mike is currently serving as the SFTA Vice-President and is chair of the Research Committee.