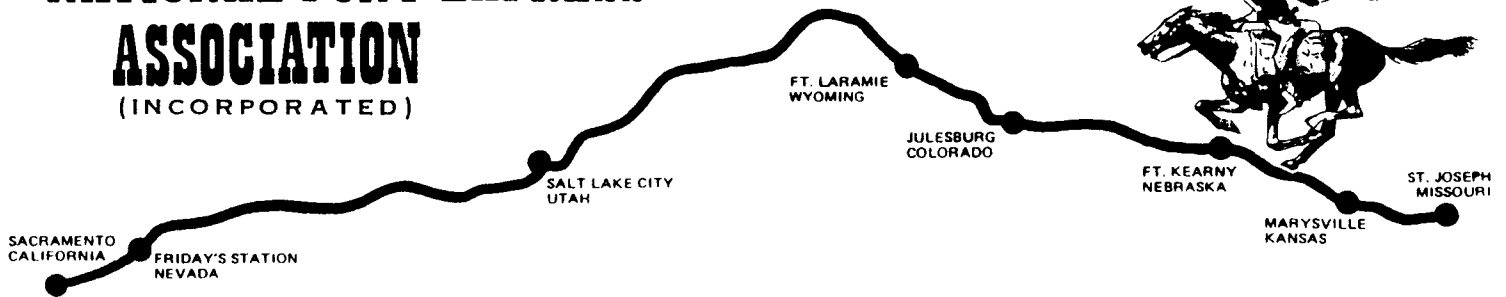


NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)



EVENT DATE: 18-28 June 2008
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NEWS RELEASE #2

2008 PONY EXPRESS RE-RIDE

Pony Express riders and fast horses will carry mail again from the Sacramento River to the Missouri River, June 18 to June 28. The National Pony Express Association will conduct the 1,966 mile event to celebrate the 148th Anniversary of the founding of the Pony Express.

The first Express rider will depart Pony Express Plaza, 2nd & J Street, Old Sacramento, California, Wednesday, June 18 at 9:00 AM, and the last rider will arrive at the Patee House, 1860 headquarters of the Pony Express in St. Joseph, on June 28, at 11:00 AM. The route between the two cities will be on the Pony Express Trail from Northern California, across Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas to Missouri.

The Pony Express, founded by Missouri freighting firm of Russell, Majors, and Waddell, operated between 1860 and November 1861 between San Francisco and St. Joseph. It carried letters and telegrams by horse relay to prove the route passable and win a federal mail contract.

The company was not awarded the contract, but it did prove the route passable year-round. It also pioneered a route later used by the Overland Mail, the Overland Telegraph, and nearby, the Transcontinental Railroad. Today, the Pony Express Trail is a component of the National Trail System and managed and interpreted by the National Park Service. Its route and historical sites are a tourist destination and its history retold in books, videos, and re-enactments like the Re-Ride.

The riders will carry personal mail and commemorative cachets in a mochila similar in design to the original ones. The cachets honoring Pony Express history in Nevada Territory will be purchased in advance by the public and NPEA members at 1860 prices - \$5.00. Over 550 riders and horses will be posted at intervals to take turns carrying the mail. Each rider will take an oath similar to that of 1860-1861 and be issued a Bible in the tradition of Russell, Majors and Waddell.

Community welcome celebrations will be hosted by local groups. For information regarding routes, ride schedules, letter applications, etc, contact the State President, or the National Pony Express Association, PO Box 236, Pollock Pines, CA 95726. The national schedule and updates can be found at the Pony Express Homepage, www.xphomestation.com on the Web. For additional information call (916) 332-8382.

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pony Express Ride Information

2008 Pony Express Re-Ride National Schedule

Depart Old Town Sacramento, California
Wednesday, June 18, 9:00 AM (PDT)

California / Nevada Line (Woodfords)
Thursday, June 19, 6:00 AM

Nevada / Utah Line (Ibapah)
Saturday, June 21, 6:30 PM (MDT)

Utah / Wyoming Line (Evanston)
Sunday, June 22, 11:00 PM

Wyoming / Nebraska Line (Henry)
Wednesday, June 25, 5:00 AM

Nebraska / Colorado Line (Chappell)
Wednesday, June 25, 5:00 PM

Colorado / Nebraska Line (Julesburg)
Wednesday, June 25, 9:30 PM (CDT)

Nebraska / Kansas Line (Steele City)
Friday, June 27, 1:00 PM

Arrive St. Joseph, Missouri
Saturday, June 28, 11:00 AM

WEB PAGES

pony Express Home Station
www.xphomestation.com

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
(for information on the Pony Express Trail)
www.nps.gov/poex/poex.htm

PATEE HOUSE / ST JOSEPH
www.stjoseph.net/ponyexpress

XP MAP and GUIDE (Free)

National Trail System Office, NPS
324 South State St, Ste 200
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 741-1012

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NPEA OATH

Riders will take this Oath:

"I, _____, do hereby swear, before the great and living God, that during my engagement as a member of the National Pony Express Association Re-Ride, I will under no circumstances use profane language, that I will drink no intoxicating liquors, that I will not quarrel or fight with any other member of the Association, and that in every respect, I will conduct myself honestly, be faithful to my duties and so direct my acts as to win the confidence of my associates. So help me God."