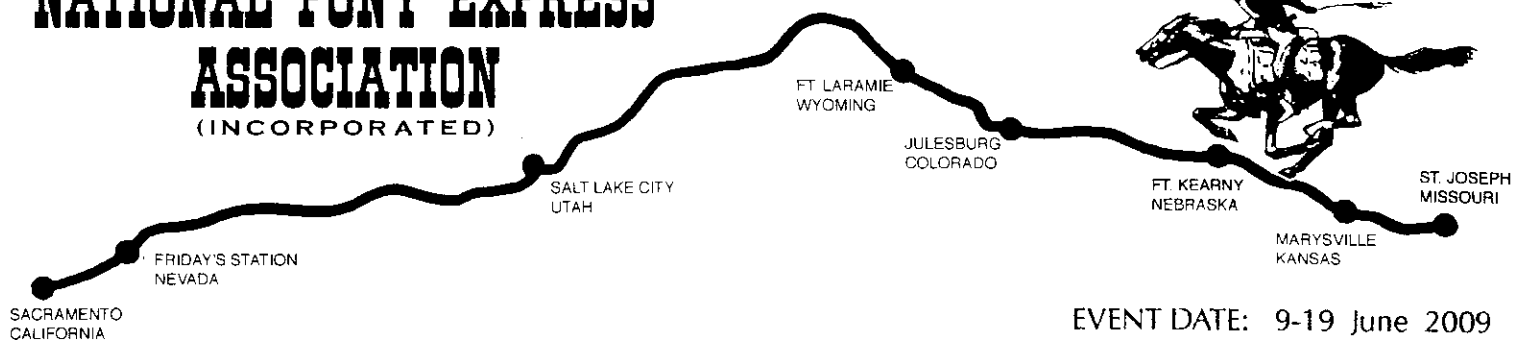


NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)



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NEWS RELEASE #2

2009 PONY EXPRESS RE-RIDE

The National Pony Express Association will carry express mail for the 30th year on the Pony Express Trail. The first rider will leave the Patee House, St. Joseph, Missouri, Tuesday, June 9, at 10:00 AM (CDT). The last rider will gallop into Pony Express Plaza, Old Sacramento, Friday, June 19th, 8:00 AM (PDT).

The route between the two cities will be on the Pony Express National Historic Trail from the Missouri River to the Sacramento River, a distance of some 1,966 miles. The mail will go from Missouri, through Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada to California.

The event will also commemorate the 149th Anniversary of the Pony Express. The mail service founded by the Missouri freighting firm of Russell, Majors, and Waddell, operated between April 1860 and November 1861. It carried letters and telegrams between San Francisco and St. Joseph to prove the route passable and win a federal mail contract. The route is now part of the National Trails System and administered by the National Park Service.

Over 500 riders and horses will be stationed at intervals to relay the personal mail and commemorative letters in a mochilla similar to the original ones. Each rider will take an oath and be issued a Bible in the tradition of Russell, Majors, and Waddell.

The cachets will honor Pony Express history in Nebraska Territory. These can be purchased by the public and NPEA members at 1860 prices - \$5.00.

Community welcome celebrations are planned by local groups. For information on routes, ride schedules, letter applications, etc., contact State Presidents, or the National Pony Express Association, PO Box 236, Pollock Pines, CA 95726, or phone (916) 332-8382. The National Schedule and updates can be found on the Pony Express Home Page, www.xphomestation.com on the web.

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A National Organization to Re-establish, Identify  and Re-ride the Historical Pony Express Trail

PNY EXPRESS RIDE INFORMATION

2009 Pony Express Re-Ride National Schedule

Depart St. Joseph, Missouri
Tuesday, June 9, 10:00 AM (CDT)

Kansas/Nebraska Line (Steele City, NE)
Wednesday, June 10, 8:00 AM

Nebraska/Colorado Line (Julesburg, CO)
Thursday, June 11, 10:30 PM (MDT)

Colorado/Nebraska Line (Chappell, NE)
Friday, June 12, 2:00 AM

Nebraska/Wyoming Line (Henry, NE)
Friday, June 12, 2:00 PM

Wyoming/Utah Line (Evanston, WY)
Sunday, June 14, 8:00 PM

Utah/Nevada Line (Ibapah, UT)
Monday, June 15, 11:30 PM (PDT)

Nevada/California Line (Stateline, NV)
Thursday, June 18, 11:00 AM

Arrive Sacramento, California
Friday, June 19, 8:00 AM

Web Pages

Pony Express Home Station
www.xphomestation.com

National Park Service
(for information on the Pony Express Trail)
www.nps.gov/poex/

(To request Pony Express brochure)
(801) 741-1012
email: ntsl_interpretation@nps.gov

Patee House/ St. Joseph
www.stjoseph.net/ponyexpress

Great Platte River Road Archway
www.archway.org

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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."