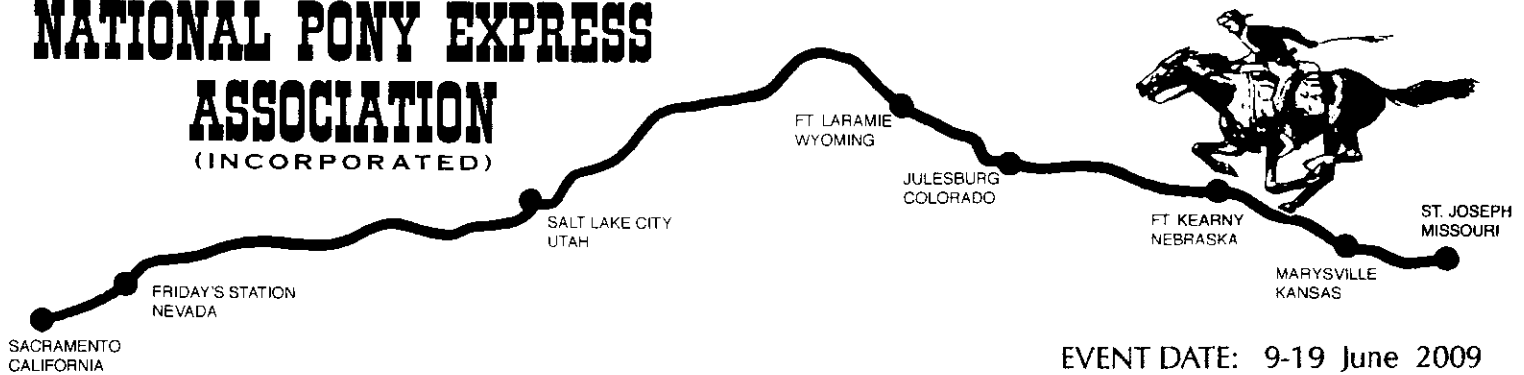


# NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)



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## NEWS RELEASE #3

### 2009 PONY EXPRESS RE-RIDE

Fast horses and skilled horsemen of the National Pony Express Association will carry mail over the Pony Express Trail for the 30th year in June 2009. The first rider leaves the Patee House, in St. Joseph, Missouri, June 9th, at 10:00 AM (CDT). The last rider will deliver the mail to Pony Express Plaza, Old Sacramento, California, Friday June 19th, at 8:00 AM (PDT).

The route between the Missouri and Sacramento Rivers will be over the Pony Express National Historic Trail, a distance of some 1,966 miles. The trail crosses 8 states - Missouri, through Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada to California's central valley.

The 10-day, 24 hour a day event will commemorate the 149th anniversary year of the founding of the Pony Express. Started by Russell, Majors, and Waddell, a Missouri freighting firm, it carried letters and telegrams from 1860-1861, on the Central Route, to prove it passable and win a proposed federal mail contract. The route from San Francisco to St. Joseph 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 a mochila filled with personal mail and commemorative letters. The mochila, a leather square with four cantinas (pockets) sewn in each corner, is of similar design to the ones used by the Pony Express. The Cachets honoring Pony Express history in Nebraska have been purchased by NPEA members and the public for 1860 prices - \$5.00.

Information and updates on the Re-Ride will be available from several sources. The Pony Express Home Page, [www.xphomestation.com](http://www.xphomestation.com), will have real time coverage including reports and pictures. The Sierra Intermountain Emergency Radio Association will host a hotline (775-246-3756) June 15-18, from reports by mobile radio teams in Nevada. A GPS unit in the mochila will transmit the location of the rider 24 hours a day during the entire event. The rider location can be found at [www.ponyexpressnationaltracking.com](http://www.ponyexpressnationaltracking.com) on the web.

Community welcome celebrations are planned by local groups. For state ride schedules 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](http://www.xphomestation.com) on the web.

# PONY 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](http://www.xphomestation.com)

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

(To request Pony Express Map & Guide)  
(801) 741-1012  
email: [ntsl\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:ntsl_interpretation@nps.gov)

Patee House/ St. Joseph  
[www.stjoseph.net/ponyexpress](http://www.stjoseph.net/ponyexpress)

Great Platte River Road Archway  
[www.archway.org](http://www.archway.org)

## State Presidents

Contact for State Schedules  
and Local Information

California	Rich Tatman (916) 362-1902
Colorado	Gary Lancaster (308) 889-3397
Kansas	Lyle Ladner (785) 353-2432
Missouri	Gary Chilcote (816) 232-8206
Nebraska	Lyle Gronewold (308) 529-0804
Nevada	Steven Notterman (775) 425-3296
Utah	Pat Hearty (801) 280-1150
Wyoming	Carl Schultz (307) 875-2974
National President	Les Bennington (307) 436-2233

## 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."