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Roy Tea

Roy Tea receives top honor of OCTA

Merrell Mattis award for
Best writing in 2006

Roy Tea – there are few adjectives left to describe this grand old man of Utah Crossroads. He is a charter member of our OCTA chapter. He has guided the majority of our field trips. Not only as a guide, but he has written most of the guidebooks we

have used on our field trips.

A few years ago Roy was able to guide a field trip to Mountain Meadow from American Fork to Beaver without ever getting on I-15.

He was honored at last year's OCTA convention in Salt Lake City as the outstanding OCTA volunteer for 2005.

He has written a number of articles for OCTA's *Overland Journal* as well as our newsletter.

He has led the marking of the historic trails in Utah with the specialized rail-markers – all 83 of them.

The list could on for another page or more.

But the retired Utah Department of Transportation engineer has received another cov-

Crossroads to host OCTA training session on trail Preservation — would you like to join the October meet?

OCTA's preservation training program covers three aspects of trail preservation: mapping, marking and monitoring (the 3Ms). The program is presented over one to three days depending upon the requirements of a given audience. It includes lectures and classroom discussions and field problem solving when possible.

OCTA's Mapping

Emigrant Trails (MET) Guide is the basis for the mapping portion of the program. The MET guide describes techniques for identifying, classifying and documenting emigrant trails.

The meet is Oct. 20 and 21 in Salt Lake.

The mapping program also includes instruction on the use of USGS

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You have received a ballot for OCTA board of directors — vote and return it —NOW!

Minutes of the September Crossroads board meeting

Utah Crossroads Chapter, Oregon-California Trails Association. Board Meeting Minutes for 5 September 2006, held in the Board Room, Utah State Historical Society, 300 South Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

President: Brent Reber, Secretary: Craig Fuller, board members present: John Eldridge, Roy Tea, Marie Irvine (vice-president), Jerry Dunton, Charles Burkhalter.

Brent Reber welcomed all who were in attendance.

Since Craig did not have a set of the previous board meeting minutes,

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Signup for OCTA's October training session

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maps for documenting trails both in paper and computer-based formats. Instruction also includes use of Global Positioning System (GPS) units for documenting the trail location on maps.

Monitoring is the process whereby volunteers keep track of what is happening to the trails by periodic visits and photo documentation. The training program includes information on laws and regulations that protect historic resources and how they are applied. Interactions with

both public and private land-owners are examined. Chapter-based groups to conduct trail monitoring are defined.

In the field session, the lessons learned in the classroom are tested in the field. Students map and classify a trail segment applying MET techniques and monitoring plans.

The preservation training program is intended to provide a basis for chapter mapping, marking and monitoring activities. The final aspect of the program is to develop an action plan to guide the chapter program that follows.

Preservation training is open to OCTA members who are seriously considering involvement in one of the three Ms. Participation can range from home-based computer research to field installation of markers. **It is designed to offer something for members of all capabilities and interests.**

If you are interested and would like to attend please contact: Brent Reber at 446-0450 Cell: 631-1135 Email: b_reber@msn.com or Vern Gorzitze at 484-9623 Email: vergor@viawest.net

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The grand old man of Crossroads, Roy Tea, wins top OCTA award

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eted award.

Roy was given the Merrill Mattis award for outstanding writing in the *Overland Journal* for 2006.

The Mattes Award for Excellence in Writing is awarded annually "for the *Overland Journal* article best representing the goals, objectives and interests of OCTA and its members." Articles are judged on the basis of excellence in writing and research, timeliness, readability and topic. As in the past, weight was given to text over illustration, original research

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The 25th Anniversary Convention

over review of secondary sources, and full-length article over essay. The winner receives a plaque and recognition at the Annual Convention.

This year's articles from Volume 23 of the *Overland Journal* were:

Spring 2005

"Luke and John, Where Are You? A Search for the Burial Sites of Luke Halloran and John Hargrave," by Al Mulder
"The Limitless Plain: The Great Salt Lake Desert – The Trail Location and the Trials and Tribulations of the Emigrants While Crossing This Desert on the Hastings Cutoff" (Part 1) – by Roy Tea
"Relics of a Historic Tragedy," by Jim McClain

Summer 2005

"Hasting Cutoff: Bryant's Trail to Skull Valley," by Rush Spedden
"The Limitless Plain: The Great Salt Lake Desert" (Part 2), by Roy Tea

Fall 2005

"Kansas Trails, Tall Grass and Trials, as Experienced in the California Gold Rush Letters and Diary of James and David Lee Campbell," by David W. Jackson
"Out to Sea on a Prairie Schooner," by Margaret F. Walker

Winter 2005

"The Abbot, Downing & Company's Famous Thirty Stagecoaches: The Wells Fargo & Company Order, October 8, 1867," by Ken Wheeling
"Wyoming's Rivers and the Overland Trails," by Keith H. Meldahl
"The Covered Wagon Babies' Club," by Ellen Osborn

Roy was unable to attend the 2006 convention in St. Joseph. The award was accepted by Vern Gorzitze and presented to Roy by Crossroads President Brent Reber at the annual bar-b-que on Sept. 16th.

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there was no review of them.

As George Ivory was unable to attend, Brent Reber provided an update of membership of the chapter. Four or five new members have joined Utah Crossroads.

Robert and Lyndia Carter were absence; Jerry Dunton and Brent Reber provided an update for the September 16th barbeque and program at Benson's Mill in Tooele County. Jerry indicated that two checks of \$50.00 each have been sent to reserve the mill for the chapter. One check will be refunded if the chapter cleans up after the barbeque and meeting. There was some concern about mosquitoes at the mill and it was suggested that people attending the barbeque prepare accordingly. The dinner will begin promptly at 5:45 pm. followed by a lecture on the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail. A screen will be needed for the presentation.

The October field trip was discussed. Brent asked for possibilities. One was to visit the "east" end of the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail. Jerry indicated that

this was not a good trip now as it will require some extensive planning, especially the need for the use of 4-wheel drive vehicles. A second possibility would be a day-trip visiting Emigration Canyon. Jeff Carlstrom would be the tour guide. Brent volunteered to contact Jeff to make arrangements. Other suggestions for future field trips included Fort Bridger to Provo Canyon, Nine Mile Canyon and the Dominguez-Escalante Trail in eastern Utah.

Jerry Dunton reported on the newsletter. The upcoming newsletter, which will be e-mailed the week of September 18, will contain six or eight pages. Jerry indicated that he is now mailing only forty or less newsletters. E-mailing the newsletter is saving the chapter a great deal of money.

New business: Brent reported that David Welch, preservation officer of OCTA will be holding a two day training sessions (October 20 and 21) on trail preservation. The sessions will be held in the Zephyr room of the Utah State Historical Society. One and half days will be

spent in class and a half-day in the field. Brent encouraged all board members and officers of the chapter to attend.

Brent indicated that election for president and vice-president, and the selection of a newsletter editor to replace Jerry Dunton need to be held and a nominating committee chosen. Brent reported that Lyndia Carter has agreed to chair the nominating committee.

Roy Tea said that the chapter and preservation officer needs some more carsonite posts to place on the various trails. He indicated that fifty would be needed. Several posts need to be replaced as they have been destroyed. Brent said he would find out where the posts can be purchased and the cost. It is believed that a cost-share grant from the National Park Service may help in the purchase of the posts.

Roy Tea and Charles Burkhalter discussed the idea of publishing a "Kiosk and Rail Post Markers: Marking Emigrant Trails in Utah and feeder trails from Idaho & Wyoming" book. It is a

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collection of all semi-permanent trail markers, placed by the Crossroads Chapter of OCTA in and about Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. The book does not include carsonite markers nor how to drive to information. It does include GPS coordinates of the markers and a record of them. According to Charlie, the OCTA placed markers fall under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979. This resulted in a lengthy discussion about whether such a book should be published as some sites are on private property and the BLM Office is not particularly warm to the idea. Craig raised the question about the philosophy of conservation vs. use (education) of historic trails by Utah Crossroads and OCTA.

Marking the trail and publishing maps, description, and location of sites can draw attention to trails, yet it also draws attention to those who shoot up markers and destroy other items associated with historic trails. Roy and Charles were concerned that the detailed informa-

tion they and others have gathered over many years of work on historic trails should not be lost. Such information should be made available, perhaps placing the information, photographs, and other data in research facilities such as special collection libraries and state historical societies.

Charlie also said the Kaysville Kiosk had been moved..

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

OCTA, Elderhostel offering 2 trail adventures in 2007

OCTA is once again partnering with Elderhostel to offer 15-day tours along the Oregon Trail from the trail's head in Independence, Missouri to the trail's end in Oregon City, Oregon, a total trip of about 2,000 miles.

Elderhostel handles all of your travel, hotel, and meal arrangements. The tour bus you travel on has tour guides who will take you to dozens of historic sites and explain the

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history along the way.

Two treks set next summer, one beginning on 13 June and the other on 15 August. Elderhostel can be contacted directly for more information by emailing Bill Breshears at william.breshears@elderhostel.org and you can visit their website at www.elderhostel.org.

A one-year free membership to Oregon-California Trails Association is part of the package. More information on membership is available on our website at http://www.octa-trails.org/join_octa.html.

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Of directors and
Return you ballot
NOW!



Kiosk was to left of truck, off the side of road in the trees

Photos by Charles Burkhalter

Carsonite markers Placed, replaced Across Skull Valley

On June 3rd with our work party -- consisting of Maurice Johnson, Reed Wahlquist, Charlie Burkhalter, Allen Heaps, Victor Heath and myself -- met at 8 a.m. at 300 West and 2100 South. We climbed into two trucks and proceeded to Hope Wells.

We followed the trail and placed the 'Hasting Cutoff National Trail' Carsonite markers at various one mile and half mile intervals and in places where it was hard to find the trail because of the large sagebrush. We placed nine markers before we came to the section line fence the drove around the



fence and placed another marker southeast of the marker near the bend in the road leading to Redlum Spring. We placed one in the ruts on the north side of road part way to the spring and replaced a missing marker by the road as the trail starts up the hogs back to the summit.

We drove over

Kaysville kiosk moved

A Salt Lake Cutoff marker was place on a thru street in Kaysville. Later the street was closed making difficult to find the kiosk. Now it has been moved 220 feet to the westside of Sunset Drive allowing it to be seen by passersby.

Hastings' Pass, which is now a Wilderness Area, to the west side of the Cedar Mountains. And place another marker in the ruts on the south side of the road east of the burn plant. After placing 13 carsonite markers, work was complete and we headed home. — Roy Tea

***Need hotel reservations?
Try OCTA, save money***

A hotel registration system can be used by OCTA members and others to receive substantial discounts and at the same time helping out OCTA.

OCTA has received their first check for hosting the online hotel registration system. Be sure to remember to book your rooms online at www.octa-trails.org and save yourself up to 15% per booking. The link is on the homepage and in the "links" section. OCTA receives 6% of each booking plus a \$3 booking fee. It does have a positive impact on OCTA's revenues and does save you money.

***Committee opens search
For Board Candidates***

In December there will be an election for new officers and members of the board of directors for Utah Crossroads Chapter. The need is critical and we urge every member to offer their talents and time.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Lyndia and Robert Carter expressing your interest. Lyndia and Robert can be reached by phone 801-489-8256.



James Clyman's grave

James Clyman, mountain man, guide is buried in Tulocay Cemetery in Napa, Calif. Clyman guided Lansford W. Hastings eastward in 1846 that led the way to the opening of the Hastings Cutoff. Later at Fort Laramie he met James Frazer Reed who he had served with in the Blackhawk War in Illinois. Clyman warned Reed not to take Hastings route, but, of course, Reed ignored the warning. Clyman was born in 1792 and died in 1881.

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August 16, 2006

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Dear OCTA President,

Many thanks to you and the other members of the Oregon-California Trails Association, who worked on our "Oregon Trail in the Blues" Passport in Time volunteer project during the week of June 24-30, 2006. Your contributions and commitment to scientifically identifying and document the trail through the Wallowa-Whittman National Forest in the Hilgard and Pelican Creek areas is truly appreciated. This work has added immeasurably to our knowledge and data base of cultural resources associated with the Trail on our Forest, and will be utilized in planning future projects such as logging, road building, or other projects with the Trail corridor.

In these times of sporadic support for heritage projects, you enthusiastic and knowledge based volunteerism is even more appreciated as it provides for the ongoing preservation of our shared national heritage related to the story of western expansion. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,
s/Steven A. Ellis
Steven A. Ellis
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa-Whittman National Forest



Brent Reber , standing, welcomes Crossroads members and guets to a sunny, but cold afternoon to chapter's fall bamquest at Benson's Mill

The group lined up for a great dinner provided by Meiers's Chicken. The weatcher was cold and everyone was dressed for the event, and the food was hot and delicious.



A. Oscar Olson educated the group with talk and slides on the Hole-in-the-Rock Expedition of 1879 and '80 in Southern Utah.



Benson's Mill in Tooele offered and great setting the outing even with cold weather.

