

Uinta Wyoming DUP Company
Company Jubilee – June 22, 2019

Uinta Wyoming DUP Company Holds Jubilee in Bridger Valley

On Saturday, June 22, the Uinta Wyoming DUP Company held their Jubilee for 2019. This year's activity was a tour of historical sites in the Bridger Valley. The tour began at the TA exit off I-80. This was the meeting place for approximately 40 people, consisting of Daughters, family, and invited friends and guests, including our speakers and the Sweetwater DUP Company from Green River, Wyoming,

The first stop was at Brigham's Arrow, where guest speaker, Terry Shelton, told the story of this shortcut made by the vanguard company. The trail was marked by rocks in the shape of an arrowhead pointing the way for the later companies of pioneers to follow. The auto convoy then drove on a back-road to the Fort Supply Marker where Daughter Marcia Shelton told the stories of Fort Supply and Supply City, two locations built by the Mormons, about 23 miles southwest of Fort Bridger. Both were burned by the Mormons in 1857 prior to the approach of Johnston's army which was sent by President Buchanan in what is known as "The Utah War."

Every great tour meets with an obstacle that must be overcome and this tour was no exception. The obstacle was finding the road closed which was to be taken Camp Scott. This meant a change to the agenda which meant going back towards the starting point. At that time, those in charge decided to take the lunch break at Fort Bridger Picnic Area. After lunch and paying the State Park fee, it was on to the Fort Grounds to see a piece of the Mormon Wall. Daughter Pat Robbins told the story of the Fort and the wall and talked a bit about the personalities of Brigham Young, Jim Bridger, and Louis Vasquez, three prominent, powerful men in this bit of history.

The last stop was at the location of Camp Scott. After ungraciously displacing the cattle who were peacefully grazing there, Ron Micheli, owner of the property and the guest speaker, told interesting facts and stories of this locality where 1/3 of the United States Military forces on this campaign wintered in 1857-1858. He told of the valuable service of Thomas Kane in bringing a peaceful settlement of the conflict. The army was escorting Gov. Cummings and other newly appointed dignitaries to the Territory of Utah. During the winter of 1857-1858, Camp Scott was officially listed as the territorial capital. Micheli showed artifacts from the pasture where Fort Scott was located that had been collected over the years.

Cheryl Jackson, Captain of Camp Fort Supply, and Camp Members of Camp Fort Supply were the hosts for the Jubilee and furnished the lunch to the attendees. They organized and planned the day which was deemed successful. The only complaint was Wyoming weather – a bit of snow, very windy, and really, really cold.







