

Other Weekend Activities

In addition there will be activities during the weekend

20 Mile Museum

hikes

- trainsheds
- Tunnel 6
- Lincoln Highway
- Donner Summit
- Castle Peak
- Donner Peak, Mt. Judah

talks

- wagon trains
- first ski areas
- the coming of modern skiing
- stories of turkeys, Stetsons, spies,
(tales of Donner Summit)
- ice harvesting

tours

- old car tour of Old 40
- to the Lincoln Highway at Big Bend
- to the wagon train clues at Big Bend

evening activities

- Chautauqua
- Lake Mary activity?
- campfire at wagon train venue?

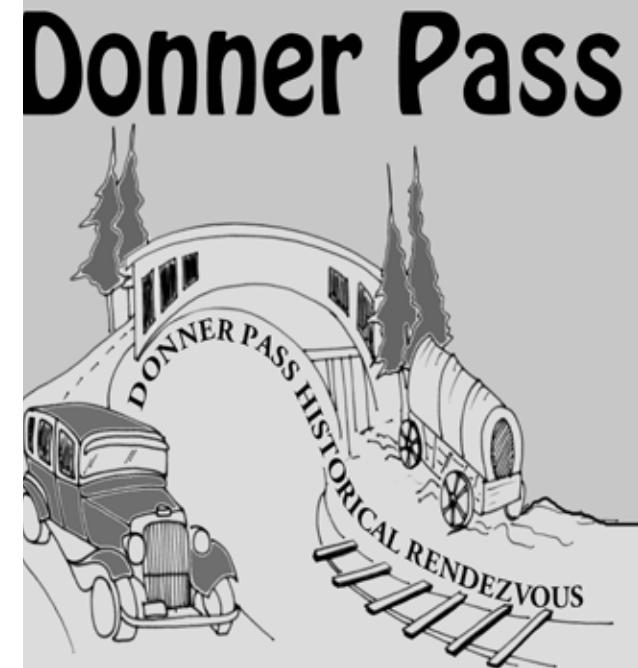
Donner Summit Pioneer Awards

Donner Summit Historical Society

publicity,
provide umbrella insurance,
provide common message/logo,
provide art work for publicity,
overall organization and message,
disseminate information,
Serve as clearinghouse for the event.
volunteer coordination
brochures, maps, t-shirts,
booth guidelines,
collate information of participants,
provide program (printed),
signage,
website

booklets for each venue connecting the venue to Donner Pass History and telling stories

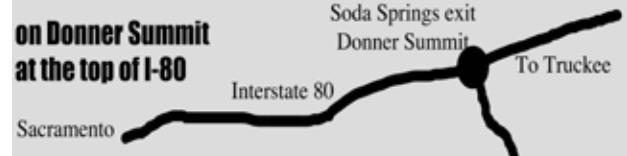
special cover in which families can collect their booklets



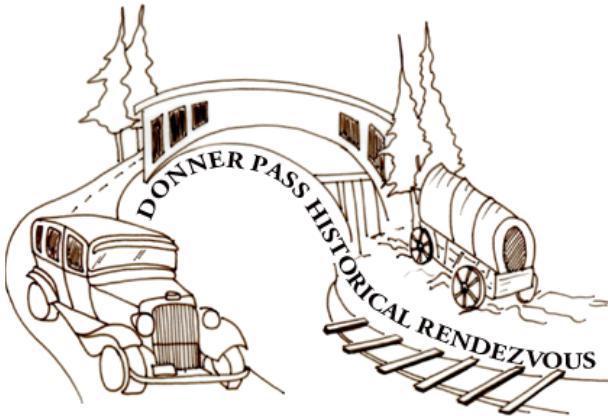
Historical Rendezvous

August 13-14, 2011

on Donner Summit
at the top of I-80



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Donner Pass is perhaps the most important square mile in California. Three major rivers have their sources at Donner Pass: the Yuba, The American, and the Truckee. It is the Sierra Divide. For millions of years only the wind and weather blew and wildlife migrated through the Pass. With the arrival of humans, Native Americans crossed the Pass during their annual migrations leaving behind petroglyphs and grinding rocks. Thousands of years later the first wagon train to come into California crossed Donner Pass in 1844. It was followed by waves of emigrants. The first transcontinental railroad crossed in 1867 and connected California to rest of the country in 1869. The first transcontinental highway crossed in 1913. Today the Interstate, fiber optic cables, and a petroleum pipeline cross.

Many of the people who would form and change the State traveled through Donner Pass. Much of the State's products and gold traveled through the Pass to affect the rest of the United States. The gold had a major role in keeping the country together during the Civil War.

We will celebrate the importance of Donner Pass with the first Donner Pass Historical Rendezvous in 2011.

The Rendezvous will become the signature annual event on Donner Summit.

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Organization

Venues will be scattered all over the Summit where families can see and do. Some venues will be: wagon train re-enactment, old cars (Lincoln Highway and Highway 40 connection), sheepherder encampment and BBQ (Donner Summit was a major sheep shipping center in California), etc. There will be a crafts show and local organizations and businesses can set up booths.

Families will enjoy the displays and activities. Businesses and other participating groups will get publicity, fun will be had, and the local economy will be helped.

Goals

This unique annual event will share Donner Pass with others be an opportunity for local businesses and groups to publicize themselves be a total community event help the local economy

Venues

The two day event will be divided into venues spread across the Summit.

Possible venues:

Railroad

Old Cars

model A, T, MG? concours?

Old Trucks

Sheepherding

Donner Summit was one of the top sheep shipping center in California

Wagon Trains

Donner Party re-enactment?

Native Americans

Lincoln Highway

Craft show

Farmer's market?

Chinese Americans

Development of modern skiing

Auburn Ski Club

Donner State Park

Big Bend Ranger Station Museum

Concept

Each venue will have unique activities tied to the subjects of the venues

Different organizations will take on venues.

Each venue will have a booklet to hand out to paid visitors explaining that facet of the Summit's history. A collection will go into a specially designed folder.

More than history

scattered amongst the venues different businesses, groups, and restaurants may have "booths"

refreshments

highlight products, activities displays