

SFTA Symposium 2017
“The Santa Fe Trail: *America’s First Highway of International Commerce*”

Program Schedule & Highlights
Hosted by the Douglas County & MRO Chapters of SFTA
And joined by the National Stagecoach & Freight Wagon Association

Schedule of Activities, Tours, Events, and Exhibits

Wednesday, September 27

9:00 am—3:00 pm SFTA Board of Directors Meeting
5:00 pm—7:00 pm Opening Night Reception
Hors d’oeuvres and drinks provided
Dinner on your own
Registration check in

Thursday, September 28

Olathe Community Center

- **8:30 am** **Opening remarks and introductions**
- **9:00 to 9:55** **Steve Schmidt “The Sibley Survey”**
- **10:00 to 10:55** **Mike Dickey “American Indians & the Santa Fe Trail”**
- **11:00 to 11:15** **Morning break**
- **11:15 to 12:10** **David Sneed “Wagons of the Santa Fe Trail”**
- **12:30 pm – 5 pm** **Guided Bus Tours (Box lunch included: Sandwich, chips, whole fruit, cookie, & water. Vegetarian lunch available on request)**

West Tour -- The Western Route will start from the Community Center and go south to Lone Elm Campground for a brief stop. Then we will travel west towards Garden Junction on US 56. Next location will be the town site of Black Jack and a stop at the Ivan Boyd Prairie and the impressive ruts located there. Then west into Baldwin to visit Palmyra Well, Trail Park, and through the Narrows to Willow Springs. Further west we will see another DAR marker just north of Globe. Continuing further west we will see several other ruts and traces from a distance and return back on US 56 past the ruins of Simmons Stage Coach Stop. There will be a brief rest stop at the Baker University Union on the return trip.

East Tour -- This tour will follow the Santa Fe Trail and all the new Original Route and Local Tour Route signage from the Independence, MO area through Kansas City and into Johnson County, KS to the Olathe Convention Center. Specific attractions will be the newly dedicated Salem Park Project, the Upper Independence (Wayne City) Landing, McCoy Park Kiosk, Independence Square, National Frontier Trails Museum, the new Wieduwilt Swales Park, Hickman Mills Park, the new Powder Mill Bridge, the new Red Bridge, Minor Park and many other trail sites.

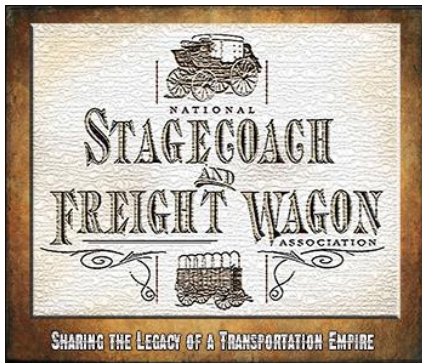
Lexington Tour -- **Trace of the Blues: Following the Original Routes of the Santa Fe Trail. (Limited to first 50)**
Return time is 6 pm for this tour only. This special onetime tour will be led by noted trail historian Craig Crease. The tour will follow the very earliest routes of the Santa Fe Trail in Lafayette and Jackson Counties, Missouri. The tour will follow, in full or in part, the seminal route of William Becknell and his group as they forged the Santa Fe Trail in 1821 to and from Fort Osage; the route of the first federal survey of the trail in 1825, the Sibley Survey; and the first official road created by the nascent Jackson County government in 1827 to sustain Santa Fe traders. Highlights include: The Old Lexington Road, The Osage Trace, Fort Osage, The Six Mile District, The Little Blue River, The Blue Mills, The Blue Ridge, The Big Blue River, and Nine Mile Point.

Thursday evening dinner on your own

Friday, September 29
A Day at the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm
9 am to 4 pm



Today you will experience life on a farm that served as a stagecoach stop along the Santa Fe Trail. Activities will include stagecoach rides, working team of oxen, cooking in the historic home, farming in the mid-19th century.



During the day at Mahaffie, National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association members Doug Hansen, Rawhide Johnson, David Sneed, and Greg VanCoevern will share their knowledge about various vehicles used on the Santa Fe Trail.

Admission and buffet lunch is included with a full registration.
(Menu: Mediterranean Chicken or Meatloaf, Glazed Carrots, Cheesy Corn Bake, Roll & Butter, Pie and Iced Tea or Coffee)

Visit the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm website at: www.mahaffie.org

Friday Evening 4:45 pm-10 pm
A Night at the Arabia Steamboat Museum
Featuring a tour of the museum and a fabulous KC BBQ buffet from Jack Stack BBQ
Limited to first 150 registrants.

When the mighty Steamboat Arabia sank near Kansas City on September 5, 1856, she carried 200 tons of mystery cargo. Lost for 132 years, its recovery in 1988 was like finding the King Tut's Tomb of the Missouri River.

Remarkably preserved clothes, tools, guns, dishware and more. The discovery was truly a modern day treasure-hunting story at its best. These were items that would have been also found on the many wagons heading to Santa Fe.

The guided route to the Arabia will follow the Westport Route of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. Included will also be a drive-through of the downtown Power & Light entertainment district, the World War I Liberty National Memorial, Union Station, and the new Kaufman Performing Arts Center.

Visit the Arabia Steamboat Museum website at: www.1856.com

Saturday, September 30

Olathe Community Center

- **8:00 am** SFTA Membership Meeting
- **9:00 to 9:55** Leo Oliva “Soldiers on the Santa Fe Trail”
- **10:00 to 10:55** Greg Hunt “Harness & Tack of the Santa Fe Trail”
- **11:00 to 11:15** Morning Break
- **11:15 to 12:10** Craig Crease “The Rivers, The Rocks, and The Roads”

12:30- 5:00 pm Guided Bus Tours

West Tour

East Tour

(See Description for Thursday Bus Tours)

6 pm—10 pm Banquet & Awards Ceremony

Olathe Community Center

Entertainment: Period Music by *The SchoolHouse String Band*

**Menu: Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu, Hashbrown Casserole,
Green Beans Almandine, Layered Salads, Caesar Salad,
Roll & Butter, Marble Cake with Butter Cream Frosting, and Beverages**

Venue Addresses:

Olathe Community Center

1205 E. Kansas City Road

Olathe, KS 66061

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Information about a self-guided tour to the Frontier Army Museum at Fort Leavenworth, featuring an extensive horse-drawn vehicle exhibit, will be available upon request at the registration desk. The Fort is located 35 miles north of Olathe.

For questions or additional information contact:

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**No Refunds for cancellation after September 1, 2017. Online registration deadline
September 15, 2017**