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Thanks are in order for your attendance at what became the first meeting of the Utah Chapter of the Old Spanish Trail Association. Thanks are in order to Col. Matheson for his historical presentation of the Old Spanish Trail. I am sure he will be instructing us all much more in the future. His wealth of knowledge and ability to dispense a general historical background of the Trail in such a short period of time will be a benefit to many people in the future. If you have the opportunity, thank him.

For your information, the Enoch City Council has, by resolution, designated Midvalley Road as "Old Spanish Trail Historical Byway" and has changed its logo to include "the Old Spanish Trail". We have also begun the process to create the Chapter as a legal, non-profit entity. Bylaws have been created by the Chapter Secretary, Susan Lewis. Articles of Incorporation have been created and official federal tax forms have been filled out. Submission of these documents to state and federal governments will be done soon after an affirming vote of the General Membership. That would be you. For this purpose, and others, a meeting is in order. I propose the General Membership meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Enoch City Offices, beginning September 21st, 2006. The agenda will include any business for the General Membership, instruction about The Old Spanish Trail in our area, etc. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to participate with us.

As you well know, the preservation of The Old Spanish Trail is not just a responsibility we all share; it is also exciting and entertaining. Imagine what influences this trail had on the minds of those who traveled by it with their mules and horses. Having a path to follow to a definitive destination gives peace of mind. Now we have asphalt and rest areas, vehicles and interchanges, fast food and mile markers. And it all began with men of great stamina and faith, sextants and mules, with no maps. Are you grateful? As we further study The Old Spanish Trail, we can all benefit by understanding the values, work ethic, and faith these great people had to have to successfully follow the trail. Maybe we can even be examples to future generations in our actions.

Many good things are going to happen in the future, let's all be a part of them.

Your servant,

Rob Dotson
President, Utah Chapter, Old Spanish Trail Association.