



**Overland Mail 150th Anniversary 1857-2007**

**Events Celebrate the First Transcontinental Mail Route Linking the United States with the California Frontier**

Celebrate this important milestone in American History with lectures, auto tours, equestrian reenactments, and historic celebrations scheduled throughout San Diego and Riverside Counties

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**May 4 - 6: RE-ENACTMENT MULE AND HORSE RIDE**

Ride will follow the historic Overland Mail Route from Box Canyon to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, concluding with a BBQ dinner, traditional Dutch Oven cooking, and interpretive talks on the Overland Mail and mules—the “Heroes of the West.” Ride will cover an estimated 12 miles with an elevation gain of 2,000 feet. Ride includes overnight at Los Vaqueros Equestrian Camp with reservations. Public viewing opportunities at 5 pm Saturday at Pedro Fages Trail Historical Marker on Sunrise Highway approximately one mile south of intersection with SR79.

**Fee:** \$35 for ride, \$25 dinner only and camping options

*For more information contact Terry Hamilton at (760)789-5185 or tlh9749@yahoo.com*

**June 2: NATIONAL TRAILS DAY AT LOS PEÑASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE**

Join Los Peñasquitos Canyon staff and volunteers as they celebrate “150 years of Trails in San Diego County” and National Trails Day. Event includes reenactment of mail delivery along the historic San Diego and San Antonio Mail line, trail construction demonstrations, equestrian rides, children’s activities, trails fair with vendors and exhibitors, and live music.

**Time:** 10 am - 3 pm

**Location:** Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House

**Fee:** Free parking and admission

*For more information call (858) 484-7504 or visit [www.sdparks.org](http://www.sdparks.org)*

**June 9: DRIVING TOUR TO STAGE STATION SITES - WARNER’S RANCH TO TEMECULA**

Participants will drive their own cars an estimated 50 miles along this historic stage route in north San Diego and Riverside County with noted Overland Mail Route historians Phil Brigandi and Steve Van Wormer. Learn about the link that was the first regular communication and transportation for the continental United States. Pre-registration required.

**Time:** 10 am - 4 pm

**Location:** Meet at Warner Ranch on S-2

**Fee:** Donations to Temecula Valley Museum appreciated

*For more information contact Anza-Borrego Foundation & Institute at (760)767-4063 or [www.theabf.org](http://www.theabf.org)*

**June 15, 16, and 17, 2007:  
RE-ENACTMENT OF OVERLAND MAIL  
THROUGH  
CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK**

Celebration includes three days of activities, including a two-night campout at Merigan Ranch in Descanso and an 11-mile horseback ride carrying the mail pouch from Cuyamaca Lake area through Cuyamaca Rancho State Park to Descanso. Music and entertainment includes local cowboy poet John Sedberry and local master storyteller Garry McClintock. Enjoy a night of dinner and dancing at Descanso Hay and Feed's barn and a Sunday morning breakfast.

**Time:** The event will begin at 2 pm. on Friday June 15, when campers will start arriving. Join us for a potluck dinner and music Friday night. The ride begins 10 am Saturday morning from Sunrise Day Use area. Dinner will be offered on Saturday night, followed by live band and dancing. Sunday morning, a catered breakfast will be available at 7:30 a.m.

**Location:** Ride begins at Sunrise Day Use area through Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and will end with camping at Merigan Ranch in Descanso, CA.

**Fee:** \$55 per person for 2-nights, 3 days camping. \$35 for dinner and dancing Saturday night only.

*For more information contact James O'Keefe, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Interpretive Association at (858) 679-2772 ext. 109*

**August 31 & September 1:  
CELEBRATING THE WEST ON THE MOVE:  
150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE OVERLAND MAIL**

Telephone, email, text message – what was life like before instant communication? Can you imagine the thrill of the people in San Diego when the Overland Mail first arrived on August 31, 1857? Come join us on August 31 - September 1 when Old Town San Diego State Historic Park celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first delivery of mail to come overland from San Antonio, Texas. Old Town San Diego residents will kick off the two-day event with a Friday evening fundraiser that will feature a BBQ reminiscent of the days of the ranchos, with entertainment and a guided tour of the newly renovated exhibits in the Seeley Stable.

Saturday, September 1, 2007, begins at high noon with the historic re-enactment of the Overland Mail arriving in Old Town San Diego as part of a grand parade. Stay the day and enjoy activities that celebrate transportation and life in San Diego during the 1800s. You will be able to cheer on the trick ropers, be amazed by equestrian demonstrations, see historic wagons, and participate in games for the young and old that were popular 150 years ago. The whole family will enjoy the music and activities of times past in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park celebrating the West on the Move. More details to come! *For more information contact Old Town San Diego State Historic Park at (619) 952-4033*

**September 15: DRIVING TOUR TO STAGE  
STATION SITES – WARNER'S RANCH TO  
OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO**

Participants will drive an estimated 70 miles along the historic stage route covering the stretch from Warner Ranch to Old Town San Diego. Join noted Overland Mail Historians Steve Van Wormer and Chris Wray as they discuss life on the Overland Mail route. Registration is required.

**Location:** Participants will meet at Warner's Ranch on San Felipe Road (County S-2) at 10:00 am. Tour will end at 4:00 pm in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

**Fee:** Donations to Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute appreciated.

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