



MEMORIAL CHAPEL FUND PICKING UP SPEED!

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The Cowboy/Cowgirl Memorial Chapel Fund Drive kicked-off with a touching ground breaking ceremony at END of TRAIL, 2010. The following Poem by our own Utah Bob was read to the solemn and appreciative audience. Some tears were shed. It's a masterpiece—ENJOY!

The Campfire of the Spirit

By Utah Bob, SASS #35998

**The campfire of the spirit never
burns low in the heart,
The ones we've known who've
left this earth are now a treas-
ured part
of memories that brightly shine
like twinkling well-known stars
who light the way to Heaven's
gates, as cowboys journey far.
The joy we felt in knowing
them!
The friendship in their eyes.
The good times that we shared
with them
as we dreamed of Western skies.
The dear departed we called
friends have left us all too soon.
But life goes on.
It always has.
Beneath this Western moon.
The pain we feel when good
friends go, with time, just might
subside
as we recall a beat up hat, worn
with a cowboy's pride.
The laughter that rang like a
bell, from a pretty cowgirl's
smile.
Can still warm up a winter's
trail, and will for quite a while.
And as we work to raise at last
this place of tears and love
We know our friends
are with us still
In these Western skies above.**

We thank Utah Bob for giving us permission to repeat these copy-righted words above! Greater words



Five sets of these beautiful Lindholm Brothers spurs are the first set of Cowboy Memorial Chapel raffle items. Several END of TRAIL vendors have also stepped forward with desirable merchandise for additional fund-raising efforts.



Following the dedication service lead by Mo and Long Jim, the Wild Bunch participated in a ceremonial groundbreaking for the Cowboy Memorial Chapel.

of encouragement to raise the funds necessary to build this noble edifice could not have been spoken!

FUND-RAISING PROGRESS IS BEING MADE!

The Pine Mountain Posse of Bend, Oregon sold 48 \$10 insurance policies at their recent annual shoot, raising \$240 for local kids and \$240 for the SASS Cowboy Memorial Chapel. At the same Oregon shoot,

Long Jim Hancock sold \$170 worth of raffle tickets for chances on the Lindholm Brothers "Praying Cowboy Spurs," and Mo and the Circle K Regulators up New York way raised \$171 in contributions and raffle ticket sales. Each ticket that Long Jim and Mo sell is good for five chances on the Spurs when "drawing time" rolls around in December at the Las Vegas SASS Convention. Mo also received a whopping pledge of \$1000 from the upcoming NY State Championship Shoot, "Heluva Rukus!"

<http://www.circlekregulators.com/heluvrukus.html>

So Pard, as you can see, the fund drive is picking up speed and heading in the right direction. Perhaps you might suggest your club follow the idea of sharing insurance proceeds with the Chapel fund. It's a clean-cut existing way of raising funds while helping so many good causes, and remember, all contributions are tax deductible.

Estimated cost of construction for the Chapel will be between 40 and 50 thousand dollars. Funds will continue to be raised by raffling items donated by our devoted vendors and through club and membership contributions. The Lindholm Brothers, Wimpy Hank Yoho and Whiney Henry Yoho, have already donated five pairs of specially crafted Spurs with praying Cowboy motif for raffling—estimated value: well over \$1,000. The Lindholm Brothers, both

SASS Regulators and Life Members, are renowned makers of Old West Custom Bronze Spurs. The quality of their products can be viewed at www.lindholm Spurs.com/ — we thank you, Wimpy and Whiney!

In addition to Vendor contributions, each SASS Affiliated Club will be asked for their participation and donation. Individual SASS members will also have the opportunity of contributing, and SASS will keep the membership advised of the amounts collected through occasional notices and ads in The Cowboy Chronicle. Contributions are to be sent to:

SASS Western Heritage Museum
Attn: Cowboy Memorial Chapel
215 Cowboy Way
Edgewood, NM 87015

The Chapel as well as the rest of the "town" at Founders Ranch are all part of the SASS Museum, a 501(c) 3 Corporation; therefore, all contributions are tax deductible. SASS will provide appropriate receipts. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome and solicited. You can either write to SASS Headquarters (use address above), or send an email, subject: Cowboy Memorial Chapel to sass@sassnet.com.

Okay, you got the picture—what we need now are your contributions. Open up your wallets and purses, Pard. You're a Daisy if Ya do. (There were over 100 (!) cowboy/girls at END of TRAIL's Cowboy Church this year and \$600 in the collection plate! Mo and Jim are now lobbying for a 200 capacity church!!) 🐾



Following the ground breaking the Judge rang the bell donated by T-Bone Dooley from his Bar 3 Ranch in Texas.