

# Achieving the Goals of the MPNHA



Because of volunteer preservation efforts supported by MPNHA, Main Street in Panguitch looks a lot like it did 100 years ago.

materials and developing a website.

Following are highlights of some of the achievements of the MPNHA's first 10 years in the areas of education and interpretation:

- Sponsorship of a lecture series titled "The Famous and the Infamous." The lectures, presented by educators, were given in all six counties in the Heritage Area, and addressed characters such as Butch Cassidy, John D. Lee and Hyrum Bebee. The series received an award from the Utah Humanities Council. (Though the lecture series predates the official designation of the MPNHA, it is presented here as a precursor, of the MPNHA-sponsored "Discovery Road" television series.

- Production of a television series, "Discovery Road," which explores life, culture and events up and down U.S. "Heritage" Highway 89. There have been about 30 episodes to date. The show, with its re-broadcasts, has aired hundreds of times on Utah's PBS-affiliated educational channel and several local public-access cable channels. Copies of the tapes have been distributed to schools for use in Utah history classes.

The series depicts documentary film maker James Nelson and his co-host Maryda Gallo as they take leisurely drives along U.S. 89 in a 1955 Pontiac they call "Love me Tender." Along the way, they visit sites and talk with local people to capture the history and culture of the MPNHA.

A few of the outstanding episodes include "Stories from Highway 89 and the Boulder Loop," which features inspiring stories about Mormon pioneers, as well segments on Native Americans, outlaws, artists and movie stars who have affected the area; "Mormon Trail: The Black Experience," in which a young African-American, recently returned from his Mormon mission, travels the Mormon trail in search of his roots; and "Mormon Trail: The Forgotten Ones" in which contemporary Mormons search for traces of ancestors who died along the trail to the Salt Lake Valley. (See Appendix A for a complete list and description of episodes.)

- The creation and distribution of vinyl stickers that are placed in the windows of heritage and tourism businesses, identifying them as MPNHA partners or