

Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation  
President's Annual Report 2016

**Our Mission: “to preserve, restore, protect, and maintain the historic structure in Waynesville, Missouri known as the ‘Old Stagecoach Stop’ in order to permit its educational value to be appreciated by future generations; to engage in educational and charitable activities related to the ‘Old Stagecoach Stop’.”**

2016 has been an amazing year for the Old Stagecoach Stop Museum in Waynesville, MO. Our goal, as stated above, is certainly being accomplished. We were deeply honored to be named the Best of the Best Tourist Destination by the Daily Guide this year! With over 1,800 visitors throughout the year, we feel extremely privileged to share this most historic place with people from around the country, even around the world. This year we have had visitors from many countries, including Germany, Japan, England, Kosovo, Tunisia, Jordan, Egypt, Philippines, Portugal, Bosnia, Georgia, Ghana, Korea, Canada, Slovak Republic, and Austria - truly remarkable for our little town. We are blessed to have community events throughout the year in downtown Waynesville which bring many visitors, such as St. Patty's Fest in March, Freedom Fest in June, Old Settler's Day in July, Frogtoberfest and Oktoberfest in October, and Christmas on the Square in December.

Old Settlers Day brought some special excitement this year with visits from President Abraham Lincoln and General Ulysses S. Grant. Civil War Reenactors provided demonstrations with soldiers marching down from the Waynesville Fort site on the hill, through town past the Old Stagecoach Stop, and into the city park. Cavalry soldiers camped in the Roubidoux Park, and then rode under the bridge to the city park where they all staged several battles throughout the day. These activities in addition to the regular vendors and booths brought many visitors to the Old Stagecoach Stop. Quilters from the Gone to Pieces Quilt Guild, Civil War medicine demonstrated by David Chuber, and a special shuttle provided by the Bell Motel also increased the number of visitors that day.

Christmas on the Square provided the most visitors to the Old Stagecoach Stop. Counting the cups used as people stream through the Stop for the Christmas cookies, breads, sandwiches, hot coffee, hot chocolate, and hot apple cider provided by Board members, we had over 600 visitors during that one evening alone. The warm fireplaces and the dulcimer music by one of our Board members and her friends helped to make it a memorable evening.

Our Old Stagecoach Stop Museum is open every Saturday from April through September, but we also host special tours throughout the year for special groups, such as the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Pulaski County Class, the Missouri History Museum Tours, the Missouri Outdoor Communicator Spouses, the Military Writers group, the Ozark Folklore and Culture class, the Missouri State Welcome Centers' staff, the Corvette Cruisers, the 547<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, the Cave State Cruisers, an International Student group from Fort Leonard Wood, and a special tour group from St. James, MO. In addition we had ten - 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes for special tours for a total of 286 students and teachers.

The Ozark Quilt Trail blessed us with an outdoor quilt frame located to the north of the Stop featuring a Missouri Big Star pattern. The red, white, and blue colors remind us of the Civil War era when the Old Stagecoach Stop was commandeered by Union forces and used as a hospital during the War between the States. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Gone to Pieces Quilt Guild who contributed the funds to cover the expenses of the quilt block installation at the Old Stagecoach Stop. The objective of the Ozark Quilt Trail is to piece together vibrant history and heritage, one quilt block at a time. Future plans for quilts include other historic sites, points of interest, and barns throughout the area. We are proud to be one of the first sites chosen for this project.

We were honored to be able to display a dress, shoes, and gloves worn to the Eisenhower inaugural ball by Louise Rollins McDougald. She grew up in the Waynesville area and graduated from the Waynesville High School. It was loaned to us by her niece, Jinnie Alexander. It was a nice addition to our 50's room next to the picture of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Due to the age of the Old Stagecoach Stop building, various maintenance issues always need attention. A screen needed to be put around the exhaust pipe to keep the birds out (after a dead bird was found in the exhaust system!) Other items included winterizing, securing loose flashing on the roof, tree trimming, and mowing.

Spring brought out the hardy ad sales team (aka OSS Board members) for the *Old Settlers Gazette*, our annual historical edition of past and present news of Pulaski County. After months of intensive writing and editing by Terry and Jan Primas, the free Gazettes are delivered to advertisers and locations around the county and patrons throughout the U.S. The entire profit from this project goes to the continued restoration and maintenance of our historic building. A special thank-you to all of the other volunteers who make this and all of the Stagecoach Stop activities an on-going preservation of history for this community.

The Old Stagecoach Stop website, [oldstagecoachstop.org](http://oldstagecoachstop.org) continues our mission of preserving the history of the Stop and surrounding area. It includes historic pictures, archives of all the *Old Settlers Gazettes*, and a rich source for research of our county.

As we look back on 2016, we reflect on the great privilege of continuing the goals established by the Founders of this most historic Old Stagecoach Stop. We are proud to be situated along Route 66 which is bringing many travelers who are touring the "Mother Road" from Chicago to Los Angeles to revisit this era of American history. We are thankful that so many people from our area, from around the country, and from around the world have visited and enjoyed this history preserved for us and for future generations.

**Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation**  
Income Statement  
November 1, 2015 - October 31, 2016

<b>Income</b>	
Memberships	\$ 990.00
Donations	1,987.38
Museum Store Sales	1,084.85
Old Settlers Gazette Ad Sales	10,500.00
Special Tours	308.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14870.23</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Exhibits/Building Improvements	\$ 26.99
Maintenance (Mowing, Repairs)	1,625.41
Utilities	1,649.84
Operating Expenses (Insurance, Fees, Mailing)	1,177.54
Community Events (Supplies, Entertainment, Sponsorships)	344.33
Old Settlers Gazette (Printing cost and supplies)	2,796.00
Museum Store (Cost of items for resale)	456.12
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>- <u>\$8,076.23</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$6,794.00</b>
<b>Balance from FY 2014</b>	<b>+ <u>\$35,131.20</u></b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$42,000.32</b>

The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation is a nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.