

The Old Spanish Trail Part II  
May 12 through May 18, 2024  
Grand Junction, Colorado to  
St. George, Utah.



This tour will be limited to twenty five (25) vehicles and the registration form will be on the VMCCA website later or by contacting the director - Steve Fitzgerald by email at: [studebakersteve@bresnan.net](mailto:studebakersteve@bresnan.net) or calling (970) 209 7814 with your questions.

We will leave from Grand Junction where Part I ended. By a vote of the participants in Part I, we shall travel over the same route taken in 1776 by padres Francisco Dominguez and Silvestre Velez de Escalante. We shall go over the beautiful Douglas pass and pass through Canyon Pintado with its many petroglyphs and pictographs. We will then stop for a catered lunch at the the Bud Striegel car collection museum in Rangely on our way to Dinosaur National Monument before stopping for the night in Vernal, Utah. We then proceed on through Utah on back roads and near Utah Lake where the fathers finally found the bearded Spaniards as part of their mission. With many hardships but with the help of Ute natives, they continued south where weather and a lack of supplies caused them to give up their quest to get to the new mission at Monterrey among the Californios. We will travel through Parowan Gap with its hundreds of historical petroglyphs from several generations. We will also see dinosaur tracks before we arrive in Cedar City and then on to St. George by way of Kolob Canyon, a part of Zion National Park at the end of the week. There will be many amazing sites and sights as well as some great lunch stops along the way. As I drove this route in July, I saw many pronghorns, deer and wild horses - mustangs of the non Ford variety. We end this segment in St. George with its many options of things to see and do before and after our closing banquet. For those who left trailers in Grand Junction, there will be an escorted trip back to Grand Junction with our trouble truck and trailer taking a different beautiful route on one of the eight Old Spanish Trails.

Part III will go from St. George to Santa Fe November 17 - 23, 2024 following the padres' route. There will be a special Part IV tour from Cedar City, Utah to Monterrey, California from May 4 -10 in 2025. It will follow back roads that I had not been on since my days on a Vespa in the sixties. It will cross Death Valley at a better time of year than July 19 when it hit 131 degrees after I crossed in the morning. The fathers had no way to determine longitude and the natives told them they could get to the big water in a week. That would not have happened.