

## Almost there!

The Southern Trails Chapter's campaign to restore the monument to the establishment of the first Arizona Territorial Government in 1863 is nearing completion.

The restoration of the monument itself has been completed—in Tracy DeVault's garage in Prescott. (*See News From the Plains, summer issue, p. 14*) A dedication ceremony at the Navajo Springs site is being tentatively scheduled the first week of October.

Thanks to contributions by chapter members, and important help from two Prescott-area Questers groups, approximately \$3,000 was raised for the restoration. What remains is the need for another \$1,000 (estimate) for a fence to protect the monument—and the descriptive plaque to be provided by OCTA and mounted on a separate post—from potential damage by roaming cattle. The site is on an Indian ranch.

Tracy plans a trip to the site in August to place the monument on the gravel base, which has been prepared with the help of our Navajo hosts.

Anyone interested in participating in the celebration at Navajo Springs, contact John Krizek at [jkrizek33@gmail.com](mailto:jkrizek33@gmail.com).

Contributions for the construction of the fence can be sent to the Southern Trails Chapter, P.O. Box 92225, Albuquerque, NM 87199.

