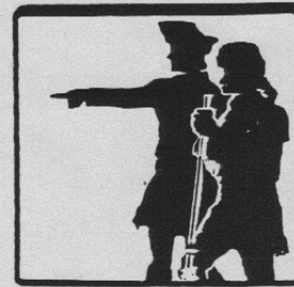




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Material certainly has a way of accumulating in my newsletter file, so time to pass along some of it to you. First, I'd like to publicly thank all the good folks who made our spring meeting such a success in Orofino. It was quite an event from start to finish. We accomplished an important step in planning for the 1990 national meeting, and had a field trip that showed us sites long forgotten in most memories. To top it off, we had the unique privilege of listening to Andy Arvish and Ralph Space both on the field trip and at our dinner meeting. The Forest Service were hosts for our morning meeting and the field trip, and a special thanks goes to Jim Bates, Bob Boston, Duane Annis and Karl Roenke.

Enclosed is a copy of the minutes to provide more detail about the meeting.

TENTATIVE FALL MEETING

Mark your calendar for September 26, tentatively set as the fall meeting of the Idaho Chapter. An attempt will be made to hold a joint meeting with the Travellers' Rest Chapter which is made up largely from the Missoula area. A field trip to the trail as it approaches Lolo Pass from the east is a possibility for the afternoon part of the day. Details of this or an alternate meeting site will be in the next newsletter.

1990 -- THE NEXT STEPS

With Lewiston selected as the headquarters when Idaho hosts the national meeting during our centennial year, a major decision has been made. This will be relayed to the Foundation's board of directors in August at the Billings meeting. At that time, a specific date will also be set. Following that, we will reserve a suitable block of rooms in Lewiston, probably at the new Ramada Inn which is scheduled for completion this December, and at the LCSC Williams Conference Center. After that, specific trip and speaker details will be developed, including an attractive package of pre- and post-meeting activities that will let our out-of-state friends experience the best of Idaho. *If you have ideas, please forward them to any member of the Initial Steering Committee (See minutes).*

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IDAHO MAY JOIN IN LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL RUN

John Barnes of the Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation has received an inquiry about Idaho's interest in joining Washington's long distance running event. It is planned to take runners along the entire length of the L & C Trail through Washington to help celebrate that state's centennial and to call public attention to the trail itself. The event will attract international attention, with inquiries already received from as far away as England! Sponsors are the Olympia Rain Runners Club, Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Washington Lewis & Clark Trail Committee. Barnes was assured of the Idaho Chapter's cooperation and was encouraged to pursue the idea of extending the race/fun run across our state.

LOLO TRAIL CLEAN-UP PROJECT

Forest Service plans to participate in the national "Take Pride in America Campaign" by hosting a weekend clean-up project on the Lolo Trail is taking shape. More than 100 parties have volunteered already and our friends on the Clearwater National Forest are busy working out the complex logistics. See our last newsletter for details, or call Bob Boston at 476-4541.

STILL NO GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE

We have not been forgotten, but a decision is still being made in the governor's office relative to the future of a state Lewis & Clark Trail Committee. Hopefully, the outcome of our correspondence and phone conversations can be included in the next newsletter.

TRAIL SIGN COPY AVAILABLE

Merle Wells kindly provided the text from all state-sponsored road signs in Idaho related to the L & C Trail. There are nine, and if you would like a Xerox copy, let me know.

LOLO PASS VISITOR CENTER IS OPEN

The Lolo Pass Visitor Center, featuring Lewis & Clark history, was opened for the summer season on May 25 and will close September 30. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The center is located just off Highway 12 at the summit. There is no phone at the center.

POWELL RANGER DISTRICT SOUGHT INPUT

The Powell Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest requested opinions for its "Area Level Analysis" of the 15,000-acre Pack Creek area. This is west of the Montana-Idaho border, south of Highway 12 and north and east of Brushy Fork. It is traversed by the L & C trail route. I provided my comments on the importance of doing all that is necessary to protect the trail route from impacts and provide for its interpretation. Although the deadline is passed for official comments, it always helps to let district rangers know that an important segment of their public is interested in historic preservation, tourism, and the recreational use of national forests. The ranger at Powell is Larry D. Keown, Powell Ranger Station, Lolo MT 59847.

1988 LEWIS & CLARK CALENDAR AVAILABLE

You may have noticed in the last issue of WPO that KC Publications, in cooperation with the national Foundation has produced a calendar with monthly scenes photographed along the L & C Trail. I have received a sample copy and it is absolutely beautiful! There is a quote from the Journals beneath each photo, a foreword about the expedition and our Foundation, and plenty of lined space by each day to jot down events, etc.

The calendar will retail at \$7.50, and the Chapter has been offered a 55% discount if we purchase 50 copies or more (in multiples of 50). This would be a good fund-raiser and if anyone would like to volunteer to head up such a project, please let me know. We can then discuss it further at our fall meeting.

SEE YOU IN BILLINGS

I plan to be in Billings for the board of directors meeting August 1 and the national meeting of the Foundation August 2-5. I think Idaho will have a pretty good contingent and I hope to see you too. If you have any items you would like me to take before the board of directors, please phone right away so I can get in on the agenda: 885-6441 or 882-6668.

- - James R. Fazio