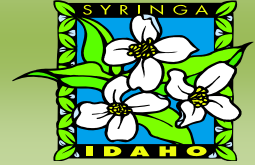


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MEETING MINUTES FOR IDAHO CHAPTER, LCTHF JUNE 6, 2009

The spring meeting of the Idaho Chapter, LCTHF, was called to order following the ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the riverfront trail at the Sacajawea Center in Salmon, Idaho, by Chapter President, Chuck Raddon, at 11:00 a.m. in the picnic area of the Center office. Members introduced themselves and described their involvement in the Lewis and Clark adventure.

Chapter business:

- ❖ Dues were then discussed. Treasurer Holly Crawley reported the current bank balance of \$1200 and the acceptance of about 10 dues payments. Members discussed the need for funds for the upcoming National Meeting and decided to increase the dues to \$10 per year. \$5 for students, and \$15 for a family (a bargain). Janie Gottschalk, Secretary, had prepared an "enlistment" form to be sent out in the newsletter for members to use to reenlist or new members to sign up. Janie and Holly will work on reviewing the current membership list and reconciling this list with the current mailing list for newsletter.
- ❖ Election of officers—all officers have agreed to another 2 year term. Chuck Raddon announced that this would be his last term and we need to be actively seeking his replacement. The group voted to elect the current officers.
- ❖ 2010 National Meeting—Chuck and Penny discussed the work that has been done in coordination with the Nez Perce Tribal Tourism Division to set up the meeting at the Nez Perce Event Center. The hotel next to the Casino has booked all rooms for the event. Many concerns that the Raddons' had about being at the Casino were the same as discussed by the group but security, smoking etc. all have been answered by the tribal point person. The tie in to the tribe and the theme of the meeting will be increased

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by the use of tribal chosen speakers and joint tour guides of Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce guides. Most of the preparations are going well and funding will be shared by National, including promotional flyers to be given out at this year's national meeting in Tennessee. The tribe is also not charging for meeting rooms and AV equipment which is a big savings. The meeting will have a similar format to the 1990 meeting held in Lewiston. See article on page 2.

- ❖ The National Foundation President called the individual chapter presidents, including our own, to discuss declining chapter membership issues following the Bicentennial. As suggested by National, Chuck and Holly will call lapsed national members to encourage enrollment.
- ❖ Meetings planned to include southern Idaho members have not worked out for various reasons. The group discussed another meeting in Salmon to serve as the southern Idaho meeting, as this meeting was so enjoyable. Hopefully, more southern Idaho members can attend next time.
- ❖ Another business item is the website for Lewis and Clark locations and activities. The Department of Tourism, which hosts the site, <http://www.lewisandclarkidaho.org> has not had many L & C items since the Bicentennial. Chuck is working on a prototype of one item to include which is Arrow Beach campsite. This site may be more attractive to the average auto traveler who is interested in the less developed sites.
- ❖ The Lolo trail project as described in the newsletter was then discussed. Chuck gave a history of the planning and funding. So far 12 volunteers have signed on. Minutes respectively submitted, Janie Gottschalk

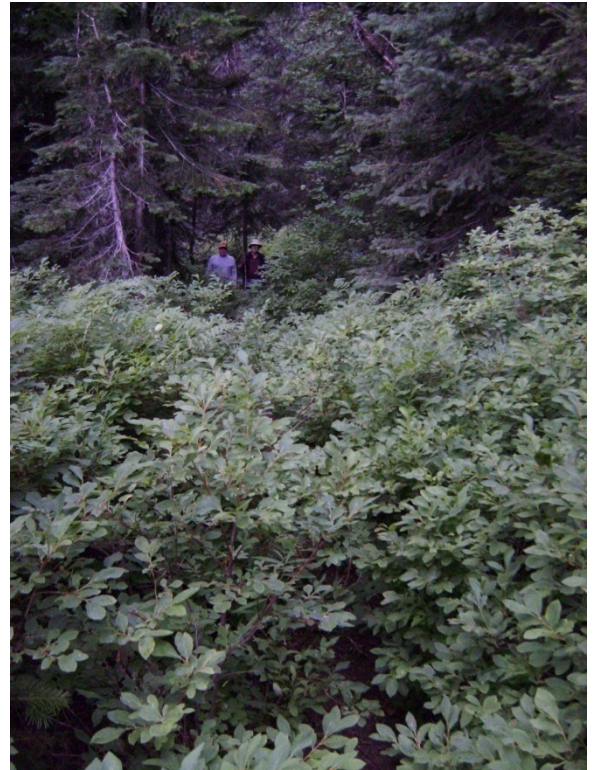
Idaho's Lewis and Clark License Plates at work



Pay to work. The Lewiston Tribune called it a "Workation." Regardless, it was a lot of work and a lot of fun. The Idaho Chapter sponsored a full week work session on the Lolo Trail and most of the 18 volunteers came from Idaho or eastern Washington, but one came from Atlanta, Georgia, one from Las Vegas, Nevada, and four from California. For five days the volunteers cut brush on trails, painted signs and repaired backcountry toilets and toured sites along the trail.

Lolo Trail "before" the volunteer trail crew cleared the brush growing over the old trail tread. Although the trail tread could be followed, travelers were continually

"whacked" by brush as they pushed through on the trail. When it rained hikers were quickly soaked through.



Trail after clearing. Now a hiker can make a painless and dry passage. There were many thousands of

stems to be cut each mile. In addition water bars were cleaned and low hanging limbs removed.



The volunteers camped at NoSeeEm Meadows and traveled the Lolo Motorway to work assignments. Much of the "old" Lolo Trail was cleared in the late 1980s & '90s in more than a dozen large one-day volunteer projects. Forest Service funding to support those one day events has dwindled, but the brush continues to grow. With the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial fading into memory it was

time to step forward to help preserve our history. The Clearwater National Forest agreed and a grant from Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail committee to support a week long work team completed the financing. The funds came from Idaho's Lewis and Clark License Plate fund. Each volunteer paid \$50 for the privilege of working for a week in the high country. The volunteers were responsible for their own gear - tent, sleeping bag, rain & work gear, transportation to the mountain and they shared the camp cooking and cleanup chores.



Dinner Time. An evening thunderstorm made dinner cooking and eating "different". There was a fashion show of rain gear and finding a dry place to eat under the canopies was an art form.

Before and after sign maintenance. The actual work was not difficult, but accesses to the signs and the logistics getting everything to the location required lots of hours riding on a very bumpy road.



The crew didn't spend all their time working. A few spent part of an afternoon picking huckleberries and somehow more than a gallon of the delicious fruit ended up in the breakfast pancake mix. There were several historians in the crew and lots of stories about Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce use of the mountains. Some took hikes and trips to old Forest Service lookouts and places with great views of the "sea of mountains."

Today the Lolo Trail corridor includes two National Historic Trails; the Lewis and Clark and the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. The trails generally follow

the east-west ridge line north of the Lochsa River within Clearwater National Forest. Early travelers following the ridge line stopped in meadows and near water sources and portions of their old trails can still be found. A white man's trail was built in 1866 and was maintained by the Forest Service until the 1930s when a "motorway" or truck trail was built.



Today most visitors follow the Lolo Trail driving on that old truck trail. Its design speed was 5 miles per hour, meaning you should not have to go slower than 5 mph. Not much has changed: it's still rocky, bumpy and difficult. Today, the old pack trail can still be found along the ridgeline usually above the road and traces of the Indian trails followed by Lewis and Clark can also be found.

Chapter President Chuck Raddon led the work part of the project and his wife Penny headed up the food service. Both were amazed at the high level of energy the volunteers displayed. "There must be something about paying to work", he said. "People really came to work. Another thing that surprised Raddon

was the age of the volunteers. "We were not a young group" he said. "Most were in their 60s & 70s with just 5 younger ." The weather did not always cooperate. One day was very hot, another night the wind driven rain was intense and several tents leaked. The group took it all with a smile. Many have promised to return next year so planning for 2010 has already started.

Next year's work party will be the week after the annual convention, specifically, Sunday Aug 8 to 14. The January newsletter will give information about how to apply to join the pay to work group.



DID YOU KNOW? Riverside Cemetery in Spokane is the final resting place of Benjamin Brierley, a grandson of Patrick Gass. See the Spokane Review archives for full story.

TRAVELERS REST CHAPTER WELCOMES IDAHO COMPANIONS

Here is open invitation for Idaho Chapter members to attend our neighboring Chapter at Travelers Rest to attend their meetings. On Sept.11-13, 2009 there will be a three day Brigade encampment at Travelers' Rest State Park. Also, the chapter expects to have such speakers as Stephen Gough (New Book - Colter's Run) for Oct 1st and possibly Carol Lynn MacGregor (Gass Journals) for Nov 5th. See www.travelersrestchapter.org website or contact Scott Sproull, President at hideandsole@montana.com



SNAKE RIVER TRIP TO COUGAR BAR

On a searing hot July day, I enjoyed a jet boat trip up the Snake River. The rugged, awesome hills seen from the majestic river are inviting enough without the lure of a possible Lewis and Clark connection. Last October at our Chapter meeting in Boise, the state archeologist described a small "dig" at Cougar Bar of a long house, long occupied by the Nez Perce tribe. Using modern, highly technological devices, the study determined that the site was most likely the site of a visit by Ordway, Fraiser and Weiser to procure salmon for the rest of the Corp waiting at Camp Choppinish.

The above picture shows the beauty of that site from a short trail up from the small, sandy beach at Cougar Bar. Due to the high grass and heat in this rattlesnake country, this Clarkie did not get to really explore the site. Future plans of the Forest Service, the state of Idaho and the Nez Perce tribe hope to make this site a place for further explorations and study. For any Lewis and Clark enthusiasts, a boat trip to this site is well worth it. Janie Gottschalk

WASHINGTON STATE FALL FIELD TRIP

Oregon and Idaho members are also invited to attend this event Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27, 2009 at Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center, outside Pasco Washington. This event is in conjunction with Heritage Days, sponsored by the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association. More Information is available at this link:

<http://www.sacajaweaheritagedays.org/> Planned events include Native American presentations, mountain man camps, Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery re-enactors, antique cars, birds of prey, Dutch Oven Cooking, traditional arts demonstrations, dugout canoe demonstration and of course lots of music including the Canote Brothers Chapter activities:

SATURDAY

10:00 AM Chapter Board Meeting and then meet with Idaho Chapter to assist in planning Foundation Annual Meeting being held in Lewiston, Idaho August 2010
 11:00 AM Chapter general gathering and viewing displays
 1:45 PM presentation of dugout canoe donated by the Washington Chapter to Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center
 3:00 PM Meet at Two Rivers Park in Kennewick/Finley for trip to Les Blair Road Overlook to see Overland Trail Route and also the October 18, 1805 campsite and a view of the Columbia River from the 800 foot bluffs of Wallula Gap.
 5:00 PM return to Sacajawea for potluck dinner
 Optional trip to Yellepit and view the mouth of the Walla Walla River, or Ice Harbor Dam and Indian Memorial Petroglyph and also Charbonneau Park
 7:00 PM evening campfire with music and mountain man tales.

SUNDAY

9:00 met at Sacajawea SP for presentation by Rebecca Hughes, Interpretive Specialist with Sacajawea State Park
 9:30 Depart for Lewis' Lookout, likely site of Capt Lewis' reconnoiter trip along the Snake River on October 15, 1806 which resulted in Capt Clark's note 'a high point to the west'. Walking distance is one forth mile or one mile.
 11:00 Depart for home, or optional one mile walk along Snake River to view October 14, 1805 campsite.



Roy, Chuck and Penny at Salmon meeting

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

I write this while "recovering" from our 1st annual Lolo Trail Work Project. This work project was highly successful from almost any measurement. We had 18 willing workers attend, about half from other parts of the country (Calif, Nevada, Georgia) and half local Northwest residences attracted by the article in the Lewiston Tribune. It was mostly an older group, with just one in his 30s, 1 in 40s, 4 in their 50s, 9 in their 60s, and 4 in their 70s. There were 13 men and 5 women. Several are already planning next year's event, which will be the August 8 to 14 which is the week following the National meeting in Lewiston. Group size will be limited to just 20 people, so if you are interested in joining us next year get your bid in early.

One thing that struck me was the energy and fresh eyes as we looked at Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce history along the Lolo Trail. With the payment of the \$50 fee they not only bought a week in the mountains, but they also gained membership to the Chapter. As I visit with members from around the state it appears that the Bicentennial has "finished off" many older members. To keep interest in L&C alive we need to attract new members. The Lolo Work Project is just one way to bring fresh blood to Lewis and Clark history.

As we go to press with this newsletter I've not heard from our southern Idaho members that they have organized a meeting in the southern part of the state this year, so our next meeting will be on Saturday April 10 in Lewiston.

The Idaho Governor's Committee will meet the day before. The objective of our meeting is to finalize plans for the Foundations Annual meeting which we are hosting. We need volunteers to help with many details: registration, a sale table, bus guides, mid-morning & mid afternoon breaks and many other tasks.

2010 ANNUAL MEETING LEWISTON IDAHO

DATE: Sunday, August 1st through
Wednesday, August 4th.

LOCATION: Nez Perce Tribal Event Center

PROPOSED AGENDA: It will open on the first Sunday in August 2010. Monday morning will be business and presentation. In mid afternoon, we will again have buses for transportation to Dayton, WA., visiting "the metal encampment" as well as other L and C sites, followed by a dinner. Tuesday will be a long day up the Clearwater River to Kamiah, to visit the L and C grove on the western edge of the Lolo Trail with dinner in Weippe, returning to Lewiston in late evening. Wednesday will be spent visiting the Spaulding area and returning for the banquet a LCSC. Pre and Post trips are being discussed with a Hells Canyon trip to Cougar bar (Ordway trip site) receiving a lot of interest. Other suggestions are to Pomp's burial site which could be arranged by a southern Idaho member. Planning committee members include Chapter President Chuck Raddon, budget and fiscal chair Steve Lee, L&C speaker coordinator Jim Fazio, and bus master Norm Steadman. They are working with Nez Perce Tribal Tourism coordinator Farren Penny-Wilkerson.

Needed: Volunteers for bus guides, caterer for lunches for excursions, workers at registration and numerous other jobs. If interested, please let chuck know. Planning meetings will be scheduled prior in the near future.

Contact Chuck if interested in helping with this project.

The following are "Enlistment Papers to be used when joining or renewing membership in the Idaho Chapter of LCTRF

Idaho Chapter Of Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

The Idaho Chapter, first chartered on October 19, 1985, has had a strong history of involvement in Idaho teacher education workshops as well as the study of and work on the Lewis and Clark Trail. It is one of 35 chapters affiliated with the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and has hosted an Annual Foundation meeting in 1990 and will again host in 2010. Each Chapter charges a membership fee, which generally includes a local Chapter newsletter (*membership to the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is usually not included in a Chapter membership*).

The Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, headquartered in Great Falls, Montana, was formed in 1969 as a result of a US Congressional Commission recommendation to form a non-profit organization to preserve the story of the Lewis & Clark Expedition and the route it traveled. As our parent organization, the Foundation oversees the general operation of the local Chapters & Regional Meetings, helps coordinate preservation of the Lewis & Clark Trail, and sponsors the annual meetings that are held in various historical locations throughout the US. The LCTHF charges a separate membership fee, which includes two quarterly publications: —"The Orderly Report" newsletter, and —"We Proceeded On" magazine. You must be a member of the LCTHF to receive these two wonderful publications.

Benefits of Idaho Chapter membership include the following:

- *Receive the quarterly newsletter which brings you news of Lewis and Clark related activities in and around Idaho,*
- *The opportunity to debate and vote on subjects important to chapter members,*
- *The opportunity to vote for and become an officer of the chapter.*
- *A reserve to draw upon when we want to help make some L&C thing happen. Recent examples include supplies for Pomp's grave site and monuments at Lolo Pass.*
- *Opportunity to network with fellow "Clarkies" from Idaho, Eastern Washington, and Oregon*

Idaho LCTHF Chapter Enlistment Papers

Be a part of the discovery. Together, we proceed on. Join the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. No physicals required. Make check payable to Idaho Chapter LCTHF -- send this membership form, along with your check to: *Holly Crawley, 7325 S. 5th, St. Idaho Falls, ID 83404*

_____ New Recruit _____ Re-Enlistment _____

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Fees for one year membership: Scout (Student) \$5 _____ Private 1st Class (Individual) \$10

_____ Platoon (Family) \$15 _____

SAVE THESE DATES:

SEPT.11-13, 2009 TRAVELORS REST THREE DAY BRIGADE ENCAMPMENT
SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2009 WASHINGTON CHAPTER FALL MEETING, PASCO
OCTOBER 2009 NATIONAL MEETING IN MEMPHIS
APRIL 10, 2010 LEWISTON MEETING
AUGUST 1-4, 2010 ANNUAL MEETING LEWISTON IDAHO

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