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Greetings from your new President-Laurie Brown

Since Chuck has resigned as president, I decided to be the interim president until elections can be held next spring. Here is a little bit about me. I work at WSU at University Communications/WSU Press which is where We Proceeded On is published and printed. I have a varied background as a farmer and a business owner. I have 2 grown daughters' (one of which lives in Boise) who have become delightful adults and I enjoy spending time with them. While I live in Washington State, I live only 12 miles from the Idaho border and I have spent many enjoyable family vacations on horseback riding trips with my family in Idaho. I have had connections with both Idaho and Washington and it seems natural to me to be involved with Lewis and Clark on both sides of the border. Some hobbies that I enjoy are playing the piano, gardening, quilting, exercising, reading and socializing.

I have gone to 2 Annual Meetings, I am on the Friends and Partners committee for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, I help write thank you notes for the LCTHF and I am going to Harper's Ferry this summer. I look forward to meeting you on the Trail.

Laurie Brown

Idaho Chapter Officer Changes-Chuck Raddon

Recently there have been changes in the Officers and Board members of the Idaho Chapter. In late February, Chuck Raddon felt it necessary to resign as Chapter President. Chuck feels strongly that after serving 9 years it is time for new chapter leadership. Chuck will continue to serve on the Idaho Chapter Board as "Past President" and as chair of the annual Lolo Work parties. Rather than conduct a week long work party, there will be 3 separate events conducting minor trail work, surveying the work that needs to be completed next year and a complete tour of the Lolo Motorway to plan for future events at each end of the trail.

The leadership issue and chapter direction been discussed at length in emails between the Chapter Board members and was discussed at the Chapter meeting on April 9 at Spalding. At that meeting Laurie Brown of Oakesdale, was added to the board. The need to have more meetings and events in southern Idaho was a topic as was the need to be more insistence on dues paying by members. Since the by-laws call for election of officers in odd numbered years, the default decision by the end of the meeting was to get through this year and try and develop new leadership

and chapter focus by next spring in time for spring 2017 elections. Pat Rathmann is working with the Secretary of State's office to get the Chapter reinstated as a non-profit corporation in Idaho. Steve Lee has submitted paperwork to the IRS to reinstate the Chapter's tax exempt status. Rathmann is also serving as the chapter representative to the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, which among other duties distributes the money collected for the Idaho L&C License Plates. That is enough duties to provide a full plate for the Vice President. Perhaps we need a southern Idaho VP to focus on meetings and events in the southern part of the state. If you have thoughts or ideas please discuss them with one of the Board members.

Many thanks Chuck!

We are very grateful to Chuck for serving 9 years as our dedicated Chapter President. Chuck will continue serving as an active "Past President" Chapter Board Member and as Chair of the annual Lolo Work parties.



Visit Lewis and Clark Camped Here



*Join the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for a tour of the Lewis and Clark trail and camp sites along the Clearwater River. The group will meet in the parking lot of the National Park Service's Spalding Visitor Center at 9 AM, **Saturday, May 14.***

*The Corps of Discovery spent several nights camped near Arrow Bridge at the mouth of Coulter's Creek (**today's** Potlatch River). Learn the stories of the events there: a canoe wreck and the alibi for it, an argument over a runaway horse which left the crew hungry, traveling war axes, a large lodge of Nez Perce's and the honesty of the Nez Perce in returning cashed canisters of ammunition. All that and more in a nice **Saturday** drive. Bring your lunch and kids and everyone is welcome.*

Check out more about Lewis and Clark on the Clearwater at:

<http://lewis-clark-idaho.org/features/orofino.php>

Lolo Work Week needs Volunteers

WHAT: The Lolo Trail, that route over the Bitterroot Mountains traveled by Lewis and Clark and many other explorers and travelers needs help. Spend 5 days/ 6 nights helping maintain the trail, interpretive signs, and related historic sites. We will set up a camp near Sprit Revival Ridge and spend our days working on a variety of projects, doing a little sightseeing and learning a little history.

WHEN: move in on Sunday, July 31st work the following week and come out of the mountains Saturday, August 6th.



For more information, contact Geoff Billin at loloworkweek@gmail.com

We'll send you a detailed four-page information packet about the project and what to expect before you commit to joining us.

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN: The satisfaction of doing work that needs to be done, visits to many historic sites, some “oh-Wows” at the views of the endless mountains surrounding you, an idea of how the Nez Perce used these mountains, an understanding of the challenge of modern management of a historic resource, a whole lot of local history, lots of Lewis and Clark history, new friends, some sore muscles and perhaps a few blisters.

THE COST: Your week will cost you \$50 plus your travel costs. We'll do our own cooking. We've received a grant to help with rest of the costs.

WHAT ELSE IS NEEDED? Bring a tent, mattress pad and sleeping bag for the often cool nights and hard ground. No pickup-campers or travel trailers as the road is very primitive and you would experience significant damage. We suggest you drive SUVs or empty pickups with heavy duty tires because tire side wall damage is common. To travel to the work sites from camp we will consolidate crews into as few vehicles as possible. In regard to clothing think layers. Mountain weather is extremely variable that time of year and a bright sunny morning with “T” shirt temperatures often leads to an afternoon thunderstorm with heavy rain and hail. Be prepared.

The work project is organized by the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee Report

On Tuesday, April 5, Chairman Bob Russell, convened the meeting of the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee in Boise. Our Business Meeting was held from 9 am to 5 pm at The Cottage at the Idaho Botanical Gardens.

After the meeting was called to order, Jim Fazio shared an historical moment from the Lewis and Clark Journals. Steve Lucas, Clearwater Nez Perce Archaeologist distributed maps and other information from Steve Russell's research on up-dating the trail route. Members were asked to submit comments to Steve Lucas on both the maps he shared and his report: Lolo Trail National Historic Landmark.

Andy Hawes from the Western Pacific Timber Company reported on the potential logging plans on 13 Mile Camp and the stalled Lochsa Land Exchange. He suggested that the Committee draft a letter to both Senator Risch and the Forrest Service in order to promote delay on any logging plans. There is money in the Land and Conservation Fund to purchase that parcel, but WPT feels that an agreement would delay a Land Exchange even further. Bob Russell will draft another letter in behalf of the Governor's Committee.

Dax Chizum from the Idaho Historical Society was introduced and gave a financial report. There was no change from past years. Jan Gallimore congratulated the Committee on the excellent report that the Committee had presented to the Governor's Office and the IHS several years ago. She suggested that the Committee prepare an up-dated report detailing all the Committee's accomplishments. Additional reports were made concerning participation in the Idaho Historical Day, the Sacajawea Center Signage (no progress), and no additional information on the National Forest Management plans or the Nez Perce Clearwater MOU. Pat Rathmann submitted the Idaho Chapter Report. The Committee agreed to invite Allen Pinkham from the Nez Perce Tribe to join the Committee.

The next meeting will be held in Lewiston on October 13, 14 and 15. Pat Rathmann and Anne Shorzman will facilitate the plans.

Field Trips on Wednesday started with a tour of the new downtown JUMP Center and continued in the afternoon with a tour of two Oregon Trail sites led by retired Idaho Historian Larry Jones after which the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Chapter Representative
Pat Rathmann



The Firearms of Lewis and Clark

What a wonderful presentation! Last February at the packed Spalding Visitor Center, the amazing Mr. Fisher and members of the Hog Heaven Muzzleloaders put on a once in a lifetime event about the firearms of the Lewis & Clark Expedition and Nez Perce Tribe in 1805 & 6. Among the guns shown and discussed were 6 period guns as well as fine reproductions, including a replica of the swivel gun!



Upcoming Events

2016 Fall Regional Meeting Twin Cities of Minnesota.

Minneapolis-St. Paul Regional Meeting Set for September 17 to 19, 2016. The Illini Chapter of the LCTHF will host the meeting in the Twin Cities to explore the Lewis and Clark connections in the Upper Midwest. **Part 1** on **Saturday** and **Sunday** will feature tours of several sites of historic and cultural interest and a paddlewheel boat ride on the Mississippi River. **Part 2** on **Monday** will include a drive through St. Paul and down the Mississippi River to Wabasha, MN, where we will visit the National Eagle Center and then make a mystery stop at a special place. **Registration fee** for Part 1 is \$200.00 and includes all entrance fees, bus transportation, lunch, and dinner on both days. The fee for Part 2 is \$75.00 and includes entrance fees, bus transportation and lunch.

A block of rooms has been reserved from **Friday, September 16**, through **Tuesday, September 20**, at the **Best Western Dakota Ridge Hotel**, 3450 Washington Dr, Eagan, MN. The cost is \$89.00 plus tax per room per night (rate expires on **August 26!**) and includes parking, hot breakfast, and 24-hour shuttle service to/from MSP Airport and the Mall of America. Call **651-452-0100** and ask for the Lewis and Clark rate. The staff will provide instructions for the shuttle and directions to the hotel. You will not need a car during the meeting. **Registration is limited to 50 attendees** for each part. Please contact Lou Ritten at lritten01@yahoo.com or **708-354-7778** for more information and to register.

Many Thanks to Robert Heacock of the Washington Chapter for compiling the following list of Lewis and Clark Events:

April 30, Saturday – Washington Chapter Spokane area meeting and field trip as follows:

1:00 PM Dr. Charles Mutschler of Eastern Washington University Archives and Special Collections will provide us the history of the 1916 Cyrus E Dallin statue of Sacajawea (and other interesting things), in the rotunda of Showalter Hall at 610 'F' Street, on the EWU campus, Cheney, Washington. Enter at 5th and College Street, parking at 5th and F St. Chapter meeting to follow under the watchful gaze of Sacajawea.

4:00 PM meet at Greenwood Memorial Terrace – 211 North Government Way to see grave of Ben Brierley, grandson of Sgt Patrick Gass.

6:00 PM – Doors open at Lewis and Clark High School auditorium - 521 West

Fourth Avenue, Spokane

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Program

-John (Chet) Caskey speaking on Ben Brierley, grandson of Sergeant Patrick Gass, buried in Spokane.

-Don Popejoy speaking on Alonzo Victor Lewis –possible Lewis descendant, 1923 Washington Sculptor Laureate, and also the artist of the Captain's large portraits that flank the Lewis and Clark High School auditorium stage

-John Caskey speaking on flags of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

May 1, Sunday

10:00 AM - Meet at Spokane House Interpretative Center – (Washington State Parks Discovery Pass is required) - about 10 miles north of Spokane on Highway 291 The turnoff to the Interpretative Center is ½ mile north of the Riverside State Park headquarters and Nine Mile Falls Dam. (The address for Riverside State Park Headquarters is 9711 West Charles, Nine Mile Falls, Washington). Or alternative trip to Steptoe Butte State Park.

April 30, - Saturday 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM **Columbia Gorge Geology Field Trip - Cascade Locks to The Dalles Dam and return, sponsored by the Columbia Gorge Chapter – Ice Age Flood Institute** Landslides, eddy bars, glacial erratics, kolk ponds, anticlines, synclines, thrust faults, Ohanepecosh to Troutdale formations, lahars, tree casts, petroglyphs, and more. For more information go to <http://www.iafi.org/events.asp> or **Lloyd DeKay 713-542-4359**

To May 1 – Painted Journeys: the Art of John Mix Stanley at the Tacoma Art Museum

May 12- 24, 2016 - Eastern Legacy Tour, see a keelboat load of historic and Lewis and Clark Expedition sites from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then down 900 miles of the Ohio River Valley to St Louis, Missouri. Led by Inland Empire Tours, more information at www.ietours.live.com or call 888-654-8367.

May 14 Saturday – 9:00 AM Idaho Chapter meeting and field trip at Spalding Visitor Center, Nez Perce National Historical Park, for a car tour of Lewis and Clark Campsites along the Clearwater River

May 16, 2016 –Monday - 100th anniversary of Henry J Biddle planting an American flag at the top of Beacon Rock

May 21-Saturday – Wallula Gap hike, Sponsored by REACH and REI. For this and other similar trips <http://visitthereach.org/2016-tours/>. For info on videos of flood features, see <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNS9qfD-DQWvRrjKsIIUzvw>

May 21 - Saturday - Bio-Blitz at Fort Vancouver will be a day of biological surveying to record as many of the living species as possible with National Park Service rangers and community volunteers. Grand Ronde cultural educator Greg Archuleta will lead a tour of the Confluence Land Bridge.

June 4 – Saturday National Trail Day and free entry day at Washington State Parks. For other free entry days go to <http://parks.state.wa.us/167/Discover->

Pass-Fees

June 9, 2016 – Thursday - Centennial of the presentation of the Cyrus Dallin statue of Sacajawea to Cheney Normal School, (now Eastern Washington University).

June 11-12 Saturday- Sunday Living History Fur Trade Encampment and Symposium at Spokane House Interpretative Center, Highway 291, Nine Mile Falls, Washington. More information at

<http://www.friendsofspokanehouse.com/encampment.html>

June 22 -Wednesday – Daily summer Ranger programs begin and continue through September 5, at Fort Clatsop

June 26 – Sunday – Canoe tours begin (by reservation) and continuing through September 4 at Fort Clatsop

July 14 – Thursday Snake River jet boat/bus trip Tri-Cities to Windust Park and Palouse Falls. Sponsored by REACH and REI. For this and other similar trips

<http://visitthereach.org/2016-tours/>

July 24-27, 2016 – Foundation 48th Annual meeting in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

August 20 – Saturday Seaport Celebration at Terminal 4, Port of Portland,(Captain Clarks campsite of April 2, 1806).

September 23-24 Saturday/Sunday – Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park and Interpretative Center

To October 30 - (Re)Presenting Native Americans – at the Tacoma Art Museum

If you have any event items to add to this list, please let me know

Please check the Chapter websites for updated information

Foundation <http://www.lewisandclark.org/>

Idaho <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org>

Oregon <http://www.or-lcthf.org/>

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