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Saturday February 20th 1pm

**Fire Arms of the Lewis and Clark Expedition
and Nez Perce Tribe in 1805 & 6.
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Lewis and Clark: International Drug Dealers



Last November, Mr. John Fisher gave an outstanding presentation to a packed audience in Lenore on the medicines purchased at an apothecary shop

in Philadelphia. John shared his vast knowledge and many examples of the medicines, including fascinating implements dating back 200 years ago for all to examine. John will also make

this presentation at the National Meeting in July. A big thank you to Pat Rathmann for coordinating and publicizing this amazing event at the Lenore



Musings of a “Clarkie”

I continue to be delighted when blind-sided by encounters of the Lewis and Clark kind. Last August Penny and I trailered our boat to Minneapolis and boated down the Mississippi to St Louis. I knew of L&C sites in St Louis, but that was not the focus of the trip. Never-the-less, viewing the Arch from our boat brought us thoughts of L&C and the expedition’s start in what is today the heartland of our country. We had spent a full day in the museum under the arch a few years ago, so when we had collected our truck we used our boat as home base to do more local Lewis & Clark exploration.



First stop was the replica fort in Wood River where the expedition spent the winter of 1803-4 preparing for the trip west. It is a state park and unfortunately funding has not kept up with the aging of the fort and it needs lots of T.L.C. From there we visited the local Lewis and Clark College in Alton, IL and photographed their statue of Sacagawea. We love it that she seems to be around everywhere, although usually

with her name spelled Sacajawea. We have encountered *Sacajawea* streets, parks and schools in all parts of the country. That dang “uppity” Woman really gets around.

Then we visited Cahokia Court house, which is also a State Park and exceedingly difficult to find. The courthouse is one of the few remaining physical artifacts that played a part in the Expedition. During the winter of 1803-4 Capt. Clark generally was focused on the management of the men and of the physical requirements of the trip to come and so mostly stayed in camp. Meanwhile Capt. Louis dealt with the local political world. In 1803 St Louis was still a Spanish town, and would not become French city and then American until what is now called three Flags Day in March 1804. On March 9 Louisiana was transferred from Spain to France, and on March 10 from France to the US of A. The St Louis residents and especially officialdom were not happy about these changes. So Louis spent a lot of time at the Cahokia Court House and became friends with many prominent people there at the western edge of Untied States.

The Courthouse gets few visitors so the State Park attendant was delighted to see us and gave us a personal tour. When we got our first good view of the old building the guide proudly commented that this that this was a fine example of a period log cabin. Looking at the cabin I about had a seizure. The logs were vertical!

What kind of a log cabin has upright logs?? Not only upright logs, but the space between the logs was filled with mud and stones. It turns out this is the French style of log cabins, brought to parts of Canada and Louisiana by French settlers, largely from the Normandy areas of France. The interior is furnished as it would have been in 1803 and they have done a great job of restoration. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to this hard to find and seldom visited gem.

A few weeks later we were Tennessee boating up the Cumberland River and pulled into the Clarksville, Tennessee marina intending to spend one night. Instead I got sick and we spent a long weekend sitting under cover from the rain and looking at the town around us. One of my thoughts as I contemplated my surroundings was the ironies of life. I'm sure most of us have heard the story of Daniel Boone and how he was cheated out of his land in Kentucky. The reason he

and so many early settlers lost their land was that the land had been bought by a land speculator from the Indians before the Revolutionary War. Later, much later, the US Supreme Court ruled that the private citizen (land speculator) did not have standing to buy land from



another nation (the Indians). Since the land had been abandoned by the Indians (actually they were driven off), it now belonged to the state of Virginia.

So, some well-established families who knew how to work the political system obtained title and Daniel Boone and many like him lost the land they had fought so hard for and had spent years farming and improving. This happened to large chunks of land, to thousands of people and to whole towns including Clarksville, Tennessee. The person who took control (ownership) of Clarksville, TN was William Clark who was managing the affairs of his brother George Rogers Clark. So the name Clark was not always very popular in the west of the late 1700s and early 1800s. Is it any wonder that Capt. Clark didn't bother to visit Daniel Boone when the Expedition passed where Boone was living in Missouri west of St Louis near the Missouri River in 1804?



So the Lewis and Clark story has bushwhacked me again, not just once, but several times. No matter how often it happens I'm still surprised and delighted when a Lewis and Clark thread appears where I least expect it.

Chuck Raddon



The name Lolo

The accepted origin of the name “*Lolo*” is that a trapper named Lawrence lived on the Montana Lolo Creek in the 1840s and was killed in 1850 by a Grizzly Bear. There being no “r” in either the Flathead or Nez Perce languages, the Indians called Lawrence Lou-Lou, Lo Loo, or LoLo because they could not say Lawrence.” (Space, *The Lolo Trail*, 1962). From there the name was applied to streams on both sides of the mountains, the pass, the peak and the town in Montana.

At the December 2015 Travelers Rest Chapter meeting in Lolo, Montana Dr. Joseph Mussulman gave a presentation on the name Lolo. His research looked at two general areas. 1) Languages, the English, French, and the various Indian languages and how words in one language could have been corrupted by another language; and 2) Early 1800s records of the word *Lolo* in journals and maps.

A summary of his linguistic inquiries reports that the connection between “Lawrence” and Lolo is so unlikely that it is humorous, so the common explanation for the use of the word is not correct. Dr. Mussulman then looked at the journals of the trappers, traders and missionaries in the west in the early 1800s when the name was adopted. He found many references to a man named *Lolo*, but never a last name or two names. Lolo must have been a vigorous man to get around a lot as he was recorded as being in southern BC with David Thompson, in the northern Rockies with Father DeSmet, he traveled with Work, and was recorded in Vancouver, WA with the Hudson's Bay post. How did such an individual survive so long, visit so many places and travel with so many groups without becoming more than a side comment in a journal? There is a good explanation.

Chinook Trade Jargon was the common language of the Northwest used by

the Indians between tribes and by travelers, traders, missionaries and trappers of all backgrounds. It was not a complete language but a collection of words from different languages which could be understood by many. It was used for trading among tribes and with the European and Russian traders. In Chinook Jargon there is a word “lolo” which means “carry,” or “to” like in “go to” or “carry to.” For every journal keeper in the early 1800s there were many men of mixed parentage without education who served as burden bearers or workers who helped carry things. They were “*lolo*.” They were considered men of low status, value or stature, and were given little notice. But they were necessary workers needed to carry gear from place to place. When a journal keeper met a traveler the journalist's entry would record the leader, the main important individuals in the group and at the end of the list a note that he had workers carrying his gear, noted as: *lolo*. What that meant is *burden bearer or carrier*, not an individual's name.

So the journal entries are about different men, all working under the title of “*Lolo*.” The “*Lolo*” that was with Thompson, DeSmet, Work and others was not the same individual but a collection of men used to carry the burdens necessary for travel and survival. These were men of such low value they were not named, but referred to as merely burden bearers, an easy short word in a universal language of the time: *lolo*.

I can't help but think of the irony that today we honor those common men by naming the whole travel corridor, two creeks, a major peak and a town for them.

Dr Mussulman has not completed his research, it will be interesting to read his paper when he does complete it.

Chuck Raddon

Upcoming Idaho Chapter Events



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

Feb 20, 2016 Saturday 1 PM, Spalding Visitor Center, Nez Perce National Historical Park.

Fire Arms of the Lewis & Clark Expedition and Nez Perce Tribe in 1805 & 6.

Local members of the Hog Heaven Muzzleloaders will show and discuss the 12 firearms used in this area in 1805-6. There are guns the expedition carried and trade guns the Nez Perce had acquired before the arrival of Lewis and Clark. Among the guns to be shown and discussed are 6 period guns as well as fine reproductions

March 12, 2016

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April 9, 2016, 1 PM, Spalding Visitor Center, Nez Perce National Historical Park.

Lewis and Clark Campsites along the Clearwater River

Three long time members of the Idaho Chapter will discuss the many Lewis and Clark Campsites along the Clearwater river, both those used in 1805 descending the river and in 1806 returning up river. There will be a slide show of the many sites and maps and hint on how to visit many of the sites.

May 14, 2016; 9 am at Spalding Visitor Center Parking lot.

Visit the Lewis and Clark Camp sites along the Clearwater River.

Meet at the NPS visitor center to car pool vehicles. Bring a lunch. We will drive up river visiting sites as we go. Your guides will be long term members of the Idaho Chapter, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

Lolo Work Week

The annual Lolo Work Week will be Sunday, July 31 to Saturday August 6, 2016. During the week the volunteers hike and clear about 30 miles of trails. Camp will again be at NoSeeEm Meadows, a name that does not inspire sweet dreams but after six years has proven to be a good place to camp through a lot of weather conditions.

Volunteers sleep in their own tents but eat at the common kitchen. The kitchen and “KP” work is shared among the volunteers. The groups will move in and set up camp on Sunday, July 31st, work Monday through Friday, and close up camp and move out on Saturday, August 6th. Volunteers need to provide their own high clearance vehicle, tent and camp gear. The cost is \$50 per person for the week. Most of the cost of the food and kitchen gear comes from grants.

In past years returning volunteers have filled the available positions. This year through a combination of circumstances, several people will not be returning, so there are several openings. You can read about the work week on the chapter web site lewis-clark-idaho.org. in two places, the photo site and the fall newsletters in 2013 and 2014 for the news article. If you are interested, email Chuck Raddon at idahoclarkie@gmail.com.

In addition to the trail work, the chapter is also reinstalling the interpretive signs installed for the bicentennial. Funding to buy the needed timbers is coming from the national foundation Stewardship fund and from the Idaho Governor’s Lewis and Clark Trail Committee using Idaho Lewis and Clark License plate funds. If you are interested in helping with this work give Chuck an email or a phone call.



Upcoming Events from Our Regional Friends

Below is a sample of upcoming regional events. For a complete, up-to-date listing, please refer to each website.



<http://www.or-lcthf.org/Events.php>

Oregon: Missoula Floods by Bob Setterberg

7:30 - 9:00 PM

The Oregon Chapter offers to the public Bob Setterberg speaking on the Missoula Floods

When Thu Feb 4, 2016

Where Tualatin Heritage Center, 8700 SW Sweek Dr, Tualatin, OR 97062, United States

Oregon: Horses of the Corps by Doc Wesselius

Oregon Chapter offers to the public, Doc Wesselius on the Horses of the Corps of Discovery
9:30AM

When Sat Mar 26, 2016

Where Tualatin Heritage Center, 8700 SW Sweek Dr, Tualatin, OR 97062, United States ([map](#))



<http://wa-lcthf.org/calendar.php>

January 30, Saturday 7:30 PM 'York' at the Bing Crosby Theatre in Spokane See Lewis and Clark's famous expedition from the eyes of its only black member. In celebration of Black History Month, David Casteal brings us the story of York, Captain Clark's personal manservant during the famed expedition. Additional performances will be held at The Modern Theater Coeur D'Alene on Feb 11-13, as well as at the Spokane Civic Theatre on Feb 27 and 28. Tickets may be purchased at <http://themodernnews.org/2015/12/07/york/#more-3569>.

February 4, Thursday 7:30 – 9:00 PM – Bob Setterberg presenting 'The Missoula Floods: A 5,000-Year Mega-Transformation of the Pacific Northwest', at the Tualatin Heritage Museum 8700 SW Sweek Drive Tualatin, Oregon

February 6, 2016 Saturday – 10:30 AM Washington Chapter meeting at Washington State History Museum at 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma
Speakers will be descendant Karen Willard on expedition member Pvt. Alexander Willard, and descendant Nik Taranik, on Sgt Patrick Gass.

March 17, Thursday 7:00 PM Bill Burgel presenting 'History of the Development of the Continental Drift - Sea Floor Spreading Hypothesis', sponsored by the Lower Columbia Chapter-Ice Age Flood Institute at the Tualatin Heritage Center 8700 SW Sweek Drive Tualatin. For more information <http://www.iafi.org/events.asp> or contact Sylvia Thompson at 503-257-0144

March 20, Sunday 1:00 PM Rex Ziak presenting "Explaining 'Dismal Nitch'; Confirming Lewis & Clark's unknown campsites in the Lower Columbia River" – Netul River room at Fort Clatsop

March 26, Saturday 9:30 AM – Allen 'Doc' Wesselius presenting 'The Horses of the Corps of Discovery' at the Tualatin Heritage Museum 8700 SW Sweek Drive Tualatin Oregon

April 30, Saturday – Washington Chapter Spokane area meeting and field trip:
1:00 PM Eastern Washington University Professor of History and author Dr. Larry Cebula 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, Pacific Northwest sculptor, and also the artist of the Captains'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, and anticlines. For more information go to <http://www.iafi.org/events.asp> or Lloyd DeKay 713-542-4359

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



<http://www.travelersrest.org/events---education.html>

Travelers' Rest Winter Storytelling

Starts at 11:00am

Josiah Pinkham: Nez Perce Creation Stories

\$5 per person; free to members of TRPHA

When Sat Feb 6, 2016

Where Travelers' Rest State Park, 6717 Highway 12 West, Lolo, MT 59847, United States ([map](#))

Travelers' Rest Winter Storytelling

Starts at 11:00am

Mary Jane Bradbury: Kid Gloves & Brass Knuckles: The Life of Mary Cooper Russell

\$5 per person; free to members of TRPHA

When Sat Feb 13, 2016

Where Travelers' Rest State Park, 6717 Highway 12 West, Lolo, MT 59847, United States ([map](#))

Travelers' Rest Winter Storytelling

Starts at 11:00am

Anja Jabour: Montana Women Making History

\$5 per person; free to members of TRPHA

When Sat Feb 27, 2016

Where Travelers' Rest State Park, 6717 Highway 12 West, Lolo, MT 59847, United States ([map](#))



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