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William Clark

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Journal entries reflect the adventures of Pvt. George Shannon while on the Expedition.

September 11, 1804, Gregory County, South Dakota, Clark: "...the man who left us (George Shannon) with the horses 16 days ago and has been ahead ever since, joined us nearly starved to death. He had been 12 days without anything to eat but grapes and one Rabbit, which he killed by shooting a piece of hard stick in place of a ball. This man, supposing the boat to be ahead, pushed on as long as he could, when he became weak and feeble; determined to lay by and wait for a trading boat...thus a man had like to have starved to death in a land of plenty for the want of bullets or something to kill his meat..."

August 9, 1805, near Beaver Head Rock, Madison County, Montana, Lewis: "...While we halted here, Shannon arrived and informed us that having missed the party the day on which he set out (August 6th) he had returned the next morning to the place from whence he had set out or first left them and not finding them, he had supposed that they were above him; that he then set out and marched one day up Wisdom River, by which time he was convinced that they were not above him...he then returned to the forks and had pursued us up this river..."

August 8, 1806, McKenzie County, North Dakota, Clark: "...At 9 AM Sgt. Pryor, Shannon, Hall and Windsor came down the river in two canoes made of buffalo skins. Sgt. Pryor informed me that the second night after he parted with me on the Yellowstone River he arrived on the banks of a large creek...here he determined to continue all night, there being good food for the horses. In the morning he could see no horses...They packed up their baggage on their backs and steered a N.E. course to the Yellowstone River which they struck at Pompy's Tower. There Shannon killed a buffalo and made a canoe in the form and shape of the Mandan and Arikara (bull boats)...The night after the horses had been stolen, a wolf bit Sgt. Pryor through his hand when asleep and this animal was so vicious as to make an attempt to seize Windsor, when Shannon, fortunately, Shot him..."

Sacagawea & Charbonneau Visit Wisconsin



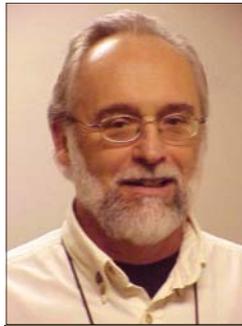
**Cathy & Don Wagner, Badger State Chapter members,
presenting as Sacagawea & Charbonneau at our
Chapter Meeting in Menomonee Falls, October 15, 2011**

Badger State Chapter President's Message

October 2011

By: **Jim Rosenberger**

Well, it has been a busy and interesting couple of months since our July issue of "Field Notes" and my education continues. The Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska was held along the banks of the flooded mighty Missouri River. In spite of the high water, the Mouth of the Platte Chapter did an excellent job and had a very good meeting.



Jim Rosenberger

You will recall that in my message to you in July, I discussed some of the changes the Foundation board of directors was working on and that not all directors were in agreement. These issues were discussed in an open forum at the Foundation business meeting and there were strong opinions and emotions both for and against change. As a result, it was decided that a survey would be sent to Foundation members to gather opinions and comments to help guide the board of directors. This survey has been mailed and you should have received it by now. I urge you to study the survey and respond to it. Your responses will help the board in making its decisions.

Unfortunately, and as you probably know by now, on September 30, 2011 Foundation President, Stephenie Ambrose-Tubbs, President-Elect, Bryant Boswell; Vice President Richard Prestholdt and Past President, James Mallory resigned their positions on the board effective October 1, 2011. At almost the same time, the Administrative Assistant at the Foundation Headquarters in Great Falls, Montana resigned for a new job in Washington. Needless to say, this has given the remaining members of the board of directors some immediate challenges and I believe we have responded well.

We have held teleconferences and have succeeded in having staff available in the Great Falls office to continue daily business operations. We have hired an editor for our quarterly magazine, "We Proceeded On". We are in the process of filling vacant positions on the board and anticipate we will have this completed by our October 15th board meeting in Clarksville, IN or shortly thereafter. While the change in board directors has slowed us down, we will soon be back up to speed.

While all this is taking place your Foundation and your Chapter need your continued support. Both Foundation and Chapter membership renewals notices have been sent out. Many of you have already renewed your memberships and we thank you for that. For those who have not renewed as yet, please do so as soon as you can. For all of you who are Foundation members, if you can, please make an additional contribution to support the Foundation's programs and efforts. As I mentioned in July, memberships are down so revenues are down and your help financially is needed and appreciated. Also, as mentioned above, please complete the membership survey and return it to the Foundation. The Foundation is a member driven organization and your opinions on the Foundation and its future direction are important input to the directors and will help us in guiding us through the years ahead. Together we can insure a successful march of Lewis & Clark history into its third century.

(See letter from Foundation Directors on page 6)

Trudgin' Badgers are First

By: **Jim Rosenberger**

For the last few years members of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation have been able to participate in the Lewis & Clark Wellness Challenge. This is an exercise program for Foundation members to form teams of four who can then run, walk, bike, swim and etc. to earn points to accumulate miles of exercise. The program runs from September 1 to June 30 of each year and awards are handed out at the Foundation's annual meeting. For the past two years the Badger State Chapter has entered a team comprised of Mary Jo and Tim Myer and Mary and Jim Rosenberger and named "The Trudgin' Badgers". Last year the team took third place.

This year the team set its sights higher but it looked doubtful for awhile when Mary Jo had to go through rotator cuff surgery and an intense rehabilitation program. Then Mary Jo healed and the team was able to put together a couple of strong final months which built up a good total of miles. At this years annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska the Trudgin' Badgers were awarded first place in the competition. Team members received a certificate and a pin but the pride and team camaraderie is what counted the most. The Trudgin' Badgers are back competing this year and will give it their best to repeat their first place finish.

L&C trip to Mackinaw City, MI May 13 – 15, 2011

Submitted by Mary Strauss, Badger Chapter Member

In the July issue, Mary told us:

“When the Ohio Chapter offered an excursion for anyone in nearby states to join them at the Straits of Mackinac for their Northern Michigan meeting, we decided it was time to visit that area. The meeting’s goal was to investigate the fur trade, Northwest Passage, and influence of the French in the early years of our country.”

The first part of the story in July ended with:

“After lunching on the traditional Upper Peninsula miner’s “pasties”, we gathered at the Mackinaw City shoreline location of Colonial Fort Michilimackinac (with the parking lot actually under the east end of the Mackinac Bridge). We viewed the Commander’s Quarters, the Guard House, store, and enjoyed the re-enactor Regiment group, The King’s Eighth, who were living in the guard house for a few weeks. They answered our many questions and demonstrated shooting the muskets, even enduring the backfiring due to the rain. We took a group photo after they fired the cannon. Back at the entry we shook off the raindrops and mayflies that gathered on our outerwear, and returned to our hotel.”

(Conclusion)

Dinner that night was at a family restaurant, Audie’s, and we tried the delectable whitefish caught in the area. Our evening offering was an old 1950’s movie of the Corps of Discovery and our challenge was to discover all the inaccuracies. We watched the lights twinkle on Mackinac Island as we nodded off to sleep.

Sunday was a free-choice day before Monday when some Ohio Chapter members would be visiting cottages of nearby members. We chose to hop on



one of the three ferries that whisk you over to Mackinac Island after a trip through the Straits. The harbor is shielded from the winds, and the views are magnificent! In the chilly sunshine we climbed the hill to British Fort Mackinac, moved there in 1780 from the site we visited the day before. When ice covered the straits, soldiers moved timbers, cannons and all that was possible. The Americans took control in 1796, and lost it in the War of 1812 to the British, who returned it to America after the war. It remained active until 1895 when the island was changing from a center of fur trade to a major summer resort. Build-



ings have been restored to how they looked during the final years of occupation, with interpreters depicting US Army soldiers from that same period, dressed in distinctive Prussian-inspired uniforms.

We took a horse and carriage ride afterwards to the Grand Hotel and warmed ourselves on the magnificent



long sunny porch. After several rounds of dominoes in the hotel’s “game room” we toured the gift and floral shops downstairs and greeted senior travelers from

California who were there for the grand Sunday buffet. We ate at a pub on main street and learned from a shopkeeper how he managed to live there year-round for 25 yrs. Several times a year he takes the ferry to shop in the cities of Cheboygan or Petoskey and bring back banana boxes full of groceries which will be delivered to their doorstep by wagon for a \$1 a box.

Our wonderful trip ended with another night at the resort before the seven-hour drive home along the Upper Peninsula shoreline. We enjoyed every minute and made new friends among Lewis and Clark Foundation members.

Badger State Chapter Picnic Report

Picnic success is often shaped by the weather. Towering clouds alternated with bright sunshine as members of the Badger State Chapter gathered in the rolling hills of south central Wisconsin for our annual summer picnic.



Jack Schroeder

Our hosts Mark and Cheryl had once again provided the use of their bison ranch as the perfect location for the occasion. In an ongoing act of generosity, they have told the chapter that they are willing to host us into the foreseeable future. Other chapters can only be envious of our good fortune.

The guesthouse kitchen counter and table quickly filled with food items contributed by those in attendance. Several attractive salads were prideful examples of the bounty of our member's home gardens. Pasta and potato salads threatened to tip our already-crowded plates.

The dessert table demonstrated that chocolate brownies are always in season, as several varieties competed for our attention. Cakes, cookies, and other treats made a welcomed alternative.

A brief business meeting was held under the shade trees. Then we filled our plates and returned to the shade to share our meal. What had been the merest hint of a shower then began to thicken, and by general agreement we adjourned to the guesthouse for more conversation and the free raffle.

It was widely agreed that the occasion was a success, and everyone committed to returning next summer.

Several members requested that I provide the recipes for the bison items that were served. Since no precise recipes exist, I will suggest the methods and ingredients

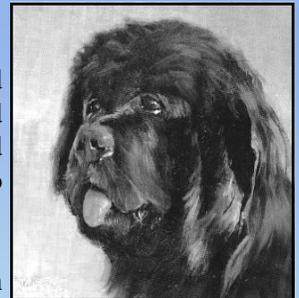


that were used to make the bison stew. The bison burger recipe will appear in "Field Notes," January 2012.

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Seaman Says – July 2011

August 8, 1806; Among the men who rejoined the Party today was my good friend and student, Pvt. George Shannon. I say student because I am proud to say I have helped school him in the art of wilderness survival and he has learned a great deal and learned it well. Early in the expedition Shannon became lost for 16 days and nearly starved to death. Today he is well schooled in wilderness skills.



During the days of the expedition after he was lost, I spent a lot of time traveling with Shannon, guiding and teaching him, making sure he paid attention to my habits and actions in the field as well as those of any Native peoples we were traveling with or visiting because their survival skills are at the highest level.

Shannon learned not only to improve the use of his eyesight in analyzing his surroundings but also the use of his other senses. He now listens to the sounds of the world around him, hears the movement of the wind, vegetation, and of the birds and animals. From this he can determine if these movements are normal or present any element of danger. He smells the air to see if it is fresh or sour, damp or dry. He has learned the aromas of men, plants and animals and again has learned what is safe and what is not. He watches people, animals and birds who have better senses than he does and picks up clues as to what he should be looking for in his surroundings.

My skills in the wild were learned prior to the expedition and I am pleased to pass them on to Pvt. Shannon as well as other members of the expedition. Shannon has been an excellent student; he is now well prepared to live in the natural world which surrounds us. I believe these skills will continue to serve him well in the future.



Stew is an imperfect term, since **Cont'd from page 4** the dish was based on red wine and tomatoes, and included corn, beans, and squash. If you want to call it bison chili, that's okay too.

- 1 - 5 lb. Bison chuck or shoulder roast
- 2 Chopped onions
- 3 Stalks celery
- 1 – 28 oz. Can crushed tomatoes
- 2 – T. chili powder
- 2 – T. Black pepper
- 3 – Ears boiled corn, cut off the cob
- 1 Bottle red wine
- 2 Cloves crushed garlic
- Beef stock as needed
- 4 – Squirts Tabasco sauce
- 2 – Cups diced and cooked squash
- 2 - 15 oz Cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- Salt to taste

The 1st step is the most important – preparing the meat. The roast must be cut into 1” cubes after it has been cleaned. The cleaning process is the removal of all bone and connective tissues, or gristle. This is tedious, but essential. It took me 20 min. to do correctly.

The meat cubes are then browned in a single layer in vegetable oil. More browning adds more flavor. Do not crowd the cubes in the pan, or they will boil in their own juices and not get crusty. I cooked the meat in three batches. I had 8 ounces of old mushrooms that I threw in with the last batch.

Put all the browned bison into a large kettle and cover with as much red wine as is needed. I used about two thirds of the bottle. Use a decent but not too expensive red wine. I like to use Sutter Home red zinfandel. It's widely available and doesn't cost much, but any wine you like will work. For this dish I used a \$3 bottle from Trader Joe's.

Add the onions, celery, bell pepper, and garlic. Boil uncovered until the bison is tender: about 1 hour or more. Add the stock as needed to keep the meat covered.

Add the tomatoes with their juice, and the chili powder, Tabasco sauce, and black pepper. Cook uncovered for 20 minutes, allowing the liquid to reduce.

Add the cooked corn and squash and the beans. Boil for 10 minutes.

Small quantities of salt should be added at each step of

the process. Taste and adjust at the end. Serves 20, but just barely.

And now the answer to the question posed in the last newsletter: What is the difference between supper and dinner? The terms are often used interchangeably, but there is a precise difference. Dinner is the largest meal of the day, and supper is the last meal of the day. Thus the evening meal can be either or both. This also explains how Sunday dinner can be served in the early afternoon.

Annual Meeting Hits By: Jim Rosenberger High Water Mark

The 43rd Annual meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation was held in Omaha, NE, July 30 through August 3, 2011. Thanks to the Mouth of the Platte Chapter for putting together a very entertaining annual meeting under challenging conditions.

As might be expected for the Foundation annual meeting, temperatures were high in the Nebraska prairie but thanks to air conditioning, we survived. What would the Corps of Discovery think? An added challenge this year was the flood waters of the mighty Missouri River, requiring a rescheduling of some of the field trips. Our nearly fourteen hour field trip on Tuesday, August 2nd took us to Sioux City and Floyd's Monument for an emotional reenactment of the burial of Charles Floyd then on to Ponca State Park and a performance by Pierre Cruzatte (Dan Slosburg) and the Omaha Nation Band. Our last stop before heading back to Omaha was Spirit Mound, SD which really is a spiritual experience as you gaze out over the prairie and imagine the land as Lewis & Clark saw it.

Other highlights were Clay Jenkinson speaking at the Joslyn Art Museum about the art of Karl Bodmer and the expedition and recently printed journals of the North American Journals of Prince Maximillian of Wied and, on Wednesday, the reenactment of the First Council with the Otoe-Missouria at Ft. Atkinson.

As usual, the Badger State Chapter was well represented thanks to Mark Nelezen, Patty Thomsen, Jim & Ray Gramentine, Dave and Collette Sorgel and Jim and Mary Rosenberger.

The 2012 annual meeting will be July 29 through August 1st in Clarksville, IN hosted by the Ohio River Chapter. It is shaping up to be an interesting and fun experience. Plan to include it in your travel plans.



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October 6, 2011

Friends,

By now most of you are aware that four officers of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Board of Directors (Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs, President; Bryant Boswell, President-elect; Dick Prestholdt, Vice President; and Jim Mallory, Immediate Past President) have resigned their positions. We do not feel it appropriate to discuss the matter of these resignations but will let each person's resignation letter speak for itself.

The remaining voting board members, whose names appear below, want to assure you that your Foundation will continue and that there is no need for undue concern. Our finances are safe, our quarterly magazine (We Proceeded On) will be published as usual, and the Foundation's bylaws provide adequate mechanisms to replace missing board members. We would like to tell you what we plan to do immediately to make sure there is a smooth transition.

The board has scheduled a conference call this week to review ongoing matters and to fill the vacant positions. To help insure continuity we may ask some present board members to step into the vacant officer positions; we will also ask other experienced members to come forward to help. We will notify you as soon as possible about the decisions to fill these positions. We also have a scheduled board meeting in mid-October at Clarksville, Indiana, where we will have more time to work through these matters.

From the Membership Survey that you have received or will shortly receive, you should be aware of the important matters the board is now dealing with: the search for a new Trail Stewardship Director/Office Manager and the search for a new editor of We Proceeded On. These items are moving along well, applications are beginning to come in, and hiring decisions will be made soon. We have committees in place to review the applicants and make hiring recommendations to the board. In fact, we just hired Caroline Patterson of Missoula, Montana, as the new editor of WPO. She comes with wonderful recommendations and great experience, and she edited the most recent issue of the quarterly. The Membership Survey remains a vital link between the members and the board, and we encourage you to fill it out and send it in. Unrelated to the resignations above, we are also experiencing change with our office administrator, Catherine Avery, who has accepted other employment. We wish her well in her new post. We have a number of excellent members in Great Falls and elsewhere who are willing and able to take up receptionist duties at the Foundation office until we fill that position. Our chapters and our members remain the backbone and real strength of our Foundation.

Again, we want to assure you that there will be little or no break in the normal operations of the Foundation. We have pledged to do whatever we can to keep our organization strong despite the recent changes. We appreciate your support and value your advice.

As this is going out by email, we ask that you pass it along to members and interested persons who may not be on our list. Chapter officers should insure that all chapter members receive this message. Thank you.

Jay Buckley

Ron Laycock

Jim Rosenberger

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In memory of Jane Randol Jackson

By: Mary Rosenberger

At the annual meeting in Omaha this summer many of us had the opportunity to spend time with our friend Jane Randol Jackson. We traveled together by bus one hot summer day for 14 hours taking in the Lewis and Clark sites around Omaha. I remember watching her dance and bang a tambourine with a school children's band that was entertaining us after lunch, and remarking to others how enthusiastic she was about everything she touched. Whether it was family, music, or anything historical, - *in particular Lewis and Clark*, - she always showed a passion.

On our last day in Omaha we bumped into her on our way out of the hotel departing for home. With a warm smile, a hug, and a kiss, she wished us a safe trip and a promise to meet again at the next annual meeting. She looked great as usual.

So it was a shock and a feeling of disbelief when we heard of her passing the very next week. We will all miss her and think of her often as we revisit many of the same sites we shared with her over the years. She was a good friend, and a great steward of the trail and the story. Her many contributions for teaching history to others are showcased along the Lewis and Clark trail but also includes local history at the Red House Interpretive Center in Cape Girardeau, MO as well as serving on the board of directors for the LCTHF. For anyone fortunate enough to have known her, her legacy lives on. Thank you Jane, for all you did.



Jane Randol Jackson welcoming Jim Rosenberger and Badger State Chapter members to the Red House Interpretive Center

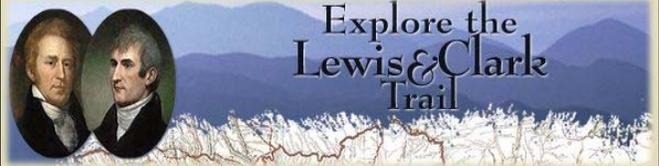
E-mail Notice

Remember that you can find your copy of Field Notes on line and in color, before the mailed copies come out.

Newsletter articles



Do you have an interesting thought about the Lewis and Clark Expedition, or know someone who shares our interest in "The Journey?" Would you like to share it with others through this newsletter? Then write to either Jim Rosenberger at punkinz@tds.net or Bill Holman at wghmch@chorus.net. If you don't have e-mail, call Bill at (608) 249-2233. If you include a picture with your article, we will be happy to return it upon request.



Treasurer's Report

The Badger State Chapter had \$3571.71 in the Chapter Treasury as of October 11, 2011. 54 of last year's 80 members have already renewed, and if you're not among them, we look forward to receiving your renewal soon.



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