

Carolina Chapter Newsletter

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President's Note

The recent annual meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in Harpers Ferry, WV. (July 24 – 27) was a huge success. Of approximately 150 attendees I was pleased that twelve members of the Carolina Chapter were present. The staff of the Harpers Ferry National Historic Park assisted with the planning for the meeting and was the perfect host. The programs and presentations were all informative and well presented.

In addition to the Lewis and Clark history ties to Harpers Ferry, we learned about many other nearby significant historic sites – Fort Necessity, the National Road and others. An extra treat was provided by David Apple, Carolina Chapter member from Lexington, N.C., who brought and displayed for several days his wooden model keelboat. (More on David's excellent keelboat later in the newsletter.)

I urge you to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 29th, the date of our next Chapter meeting, to be held in Greensboro. (More on this meeting later in the newsletter.)

Also, I ask all members to think about what role you might wish to play in our chapter in the coming year. For several reasons I want to pass on the leadership of our chapter and encourage each member to give thought to what he/she can contribute to help our chapter grow.

Trent Strickland, President



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OCTOBER 29 MEETING

The next meeting of the Carolina Chapter is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th, in Greensboro, NC, at the Libby Hill Seafood Restaurant located at 3011 Randleman Road. The Libby Hill Restaurant is located a short distance south of I-40 and has been the site of several Carolina Chapter meetings. Our chapter is fortunate to have Lorna Hainesworth as presenter for this meeting. Lorna lives in Randallstown, Maryland, and has done extensive research on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. She has presented her research findings all over the United States.

At the meeting Lorna will share two programs - "The Lewis and Clark Expedition and Its Link to the War of 1812" and "Preparing for a Transcontinental Journey: The Lewis to Linnard Letter." Lorna's War of 1812 research and presentation are her most recent work, and she has agreed to share it with our chapter prior to her planned extended lecture tour out West along the Lewis and Clark Trail and then on to California. Some chapter members may recall that Lorna presented a program to our chapter in 2009 on the Linnard Letter. However, Lorna presented her Linnard Letter program at the recent Harpers Ferry annual meeting, and her presentation was so outstanding that she was asked to repeat it for the Carolina chapter at the meeting on October 29th.

EASTERN LEGACY SIGN PROJECT

The Eastern Legacy Sign Project began in 2014 and has as its purpose the identification of and the placement of signs at sites important to the Eastern history or legacy of Lewis and Clark. The project was initiated by the Ohio River Chapter and has been funded by grants from the Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment. Most of the sites are along the Ohio River, but Fort Southwest Point in Kingston, Tennessee, and Richard Warfington's birthplace, Louisburg, N.C., were added and included in a revised brochure that has been recently issued. Eastern Legacy signs have been erected at both sites. The Louisburg sign was erected in 2015 and dedicated at the Carolina Chapter meeting at Louisburg in May of last year.

Additional signs were made available this year for each site - Fort Southwest Point Park and the town of Louisburg, NC. At the Harpers Ferry meeting, the Carolina Chapter received both signs at a brief dedication ceremony. Chapter members Jesse and Shirley Alford have presented the Louisburg sign to the Louisburg town officials, and Trent Strickland will send the Southwest Point sign to town officials in Kingston, Tennessee.

Editor's Note: For more on the Warfington signs, including pictures, see Volume 5, Issue 2 (May 2015) of this newsletter.

2016 Annual Meeting in Harpers Ferry (July 24-27)

The Carolina Chapter was well represented at the annual meeting at Harpers Ferry. Chapter members in attendance included the following: Pal Midgett, Jacksonville, Florida; Jesse and Shirley Alford, Zebulon, NC; David Apple, Lexington, NC; Tom and Grace Dillon, Winston-Salem, NC; Carol Arnold, Arden, NC; Keith Vanstone, Hermitage, Tennessee; John and Mary Jackson, Pocahontas, Arkansas; and Clara and Trent Strickland, Hamlet, NC.

David Apple's Keelboat Model to be featured in We Proceeded On

Chapter member David Apple carried his wooden model keelboat with him to the Harpers Ferry Annual Meeting where it was displayed in the exhibit area for several days. Those in attendance were so impressed with the keelboat model that Robert A. Clark, Editor of *We Proceeded On*, agreed to feature David's keelboat in a future edition of *WPO*. Photographs of David's keelboat were taken while in Harper's Ferry, and David will work with Robert to share the story of this very special model of the best-known water vessel of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

From the Journals: The Death of Sgt. Floyd

On August 20, 1804, 212 years ago, William Clark wrote this entry as the Corps of Discovery suffered its only death, Sergeant Charles Floyd:

20th *August* Monday after giving faufon Some goods the Indians a Canister of whiskey, we Set out under a jentle Breeze from the S. E Shields went with the horses— I am Dull & heavy been up the greater Part of last night with Serjnt. Floyd, who is a[s] bad as he can be to live the [motion?] of his bowels having changed &c. &c. is the Cause of his violent attack &c. &c.

we Came to [to] make a warm bath for Sergt. Floyd hoping it would brace him a little, before we could get him in to this bath he expired, with a great deel of composure, haveing Said to me before his death that he was going away and wished me to write a letter— [1] we (took) Buried him to the top of a high round hill over looking the river & Countrey for a great distance Situated just below a Small river without a name to which we name & call Floyds river, the Bluffs Sergts. Floyds Bluff— [2] we buried him with all the honors of War, and fixed a Ceeder post at his head with his name title & Day of the month and year Capt Lewis read the funeral Service over him after paying every respect to the Body of this desceased man (who had at All times given us proofs of his impatality Sincurity to ourselves and good will to Serve his Countrey) we returned to the Boat & proceeded to the Mouth of the litle river 30 yd. wide & Camped [3] a butifull evening

The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. 2005. U of Nebraska Press / U of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries-Electronic Text Center. 5 Oct. 2005 .

On the Lewis and Clark Trail from St. Louis to the Weippe Prairie

By Russ Eagle

In July, while many Carolina Chapter members were at the Annual Meeting in Harpers Ferry, Liz and I were canoeing the White Cliffs region of the Missouri River and hiking on the Lolo Trail. This was our fourth straight year on Odyssey Tours' Lewis and Clark/Prince Maximilian Summer Tour, which included spending four nights camping at actual Lewis and Clark campsites and visits to several others.

This year we took a different approach and drove to Missoula, Montana to begin our trip, roughly following Lewis and Clark's trail from St. Louis across Missouri to Kansas City and up along the Iowa/Nebraska border and into the Dakotas. We stopped along the way to pay our respects to Sergeant Floyd in Sioux City and to climb the Spirit Mound in Vermillion, South Dakota, visited the Three Forks area, Traveler's Rest State Park, and also checked out some of Clark's return route along the Yellowstone. Like Lewis and Clark we took a slightly different route home, and visited a number of other sites including Devil's Tower, Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills, and the Battle of Little Big Horn site.

On the return trip, Liz caught a flight home in Kansas City to relieve the dog sitter and I headed back onto the trail, going up into North Dakota as far as Fort Mandan and then turning west and going into the Badlands for a few more days of camping and horseback riding. By the time I made it home I had been away for three weeks and had put over 6,500 miles on my vehicle. And in the spirit of Lewis and Clark I canoed for 47 miles, hiked for over 40, and rode 15 miles on horseback.

The one thing I've learned on these trips over the past three years is that, despite the similarities, no two are ever the same. What made this year's trip unique to me was the weather. On our first day on the Missouri River we battled strong headwinds every day and had to earn our 15 miles for the day with some heavy paddling. That night in camp we were treated to tremendous displays of lightning and some wind and rain, but for the most part we stayed dry.

On day two we canoed for over twenty miles with almost no wind. This made for easier paddling but the sun was bright and without a cooling breeze it was easily the hottest day I've ever spent in the White Cliffs. Then at dinner we were not so lucky as the previous night, as our meal was interrupted by not only thunder and lightning and rain and wind, but also a pretty tremendous hailstorm. At times it seemed that our tents would not be able to withstand the winds and hail, but in the end there were no serious problems.

On the Lolo Trail the day time temperatures were perfect for hiking, but the evenings were cold, particularly the first night when temperatures dropped to around 40 degrees. We had a large group this year, close to 40, and so people were crowded around the fires in the evening. I do not remember in previous years ever having to even get into my sleeping bag, but I certainly got in and zipped it up this year for the two nights we spent on the Lolo Trail. On our last day up on the trail we hiked down about eight miles and 4,000 feet and found the summer temperatures waiting for us along the Lochsa River.

With time spent paddling a canoe against headwinds and heat, hiking over downed trees and up mountain ridges, climbing buttes on horseback, and battling heat and cold and wind and rain and hail, not to mention a few rattlesnake encounters, this trip felt like an authentic Lewis and Clark experience. I encourage anyone who has not spent time in the White Cliffs or along the Lolo Trail to do so. It is a rewarding and fun experience.

Calendar of Events

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH LEWIS & CLARK?

NEXT MEETING

The next Carolina Chapter meeting will take place in Greensboro on October 29. Details of the meeting can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

OTHER MEETING NOTES

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Regional Meeting will be held on September 17 to September 19. The meeting is being hosted by the Illini Chapter. For details check the Foundation website at www.lewisandclark.org.

Swap and Share

If you have a Lewis and Clark book or item you would like to share with other chapter members, please bring it to the Fall meeting in October.

Membership Dues

Members are reminded to please pay their yearly dues, which are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families. You can bring your payment to the next meeting, you can mail your dues to our Treasurer, Jim Hendrix, at P.O. Box 2094, Cashiers, NC. 28717, or you can mail them to Trent Strickland, 306 McLean Street. Hamlet. NC. 28345.

From the Journals

August 13, 1805: Lewis meets the Shoshone

a young woman immediately took to flight, an Elderly woman and a girl of about 12 years old remained. I instantly laid by my gun and advanced towards them. they appeared much allarmed but saw that we were to near for them to escape by flight they therefore seated themselves on the ground, holding down their heads as if reconciled to die which the expected no doubt would be their fate; I took the elderly woman by the hand and raised her up repeated the word *tab-ba-bone* and strip up my shirt sleeve to sew her my skin; to prove to her the truth of the ascertainment that I was a white man for my face and hads which have been constantly exposed to the sun were quite as dark as their own. they appeared instantly reconciled, and the men coming up I gave these women some beads a few mockerson awls some pewter looking-glasses and a little paint. I directed Drewyer to request the old woman to recall the young woman who had run off to some distance by this time fearing she might allarm the camp before we approached and might so exasperate the natives that they would perhaps attack us without enquiring who we were. [6] the old woman did as she was requested and the fugitive soon returned almost out of breath. I bestoed an equvolent portion of trinket on her with the others. I now painted their tawny cheeks with some vermilion which with this nation is emblematic of peace. after they had become composed I informed them by signs that I wished them to conduct us to their camp that we wer anxious to become acquainted with the chiefs and warriors of their nation. they readily obeyed and we set out, still pursuing the road down the river. we had marched about 2 miles when we met a party of about 60 warriors mounted on excellent horses who came in nearly full speed, [7] when they arrived I advanced towards them with the flag leaving my gun with the party about 50 paces behind me. the chief and two others who were a little in advance of the main body spoke to the women, and they informed them who we were and exultingly shewed the presents which had been given them these men then advanced and embraced me very affectionately . . .

This newsletter was produced by the Carolina Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. To submit or suggest articles for upcoming issues, please contact Russ Eagle at RussEagle@mac.com. Digital photos for publication are welcome as well.

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