



Westward Barriers

Monthly Newsletter of the Travelers' Rest Chapter
of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

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Keepers of the Travelers' Rest Story – Stewards of the Lolo Trail

Special Program!!! Special Program!!! Special Program!!!

The Meeting: Thursday, July 7th – Lolo Community Center

The Speaker: John C. Jackson - from Olympia, Washington

The Program: **By Honor and Right** - Captain John McClallen's story of secret 1807 travels to Montana and the Northwest, his efforts to stop the British takeover of the Oregon Territory and how it cost him his life.

By Honor and Right is the neglected story of a virtually unknown national hero who was the first United States officer to enter the west immediately after the 1806 return of Lewis and Clark. Relations with Spain were tense when the Governor of Louisiana Territory, General James Wilkinson, convinced Captain McClallen to use the cover of a private mercantile adventure to scout an invasion route to New Mexico should war develop. At about the same time McClallen learned that British interests were expanding operations to the Pacific Slope. Putting private interest aside, the resigned officer led a party of forty-two boatmen and trappers up the Missouri River in 1806 and into the Rocky Mountains to block the North West Company party under the command of the geographer David Thompson in 1807.

ABOUT JOHN JACKSON: My interests in North American history led me to publish five books about the fur hunt of the Rocky Mountains, the neglected Metis of the Pacific Northwest and the misunderstood Piikani Blackfeet. I set John McClallen aside for two years to work with a co-author Thomas Danisi on a biography of Meriwether Lewis. The parallel careers of Lewis and McClallen are curiously intertwined because they were misunderstood and neglected leaders of western exploration. They were real people, not heroic stereotypes, whose characters were tested by unexpected situations. They responded with a selfless patriotic dedication to the new nation. (The book: *By Honor and Right* by John Jackson will be available for purchase at the July 7th Chapter Meeting).

June 2nd Chapter Potluck, Talk & Silent Auction – A Success!!!

A **Special Thanks** from the Chapter Board and Members goes out to all those who donated some of their personal items to our very-low-key **Annual Silent Auction...** and to those who purchased one or more of the unique gifts at the Auction. We would like to extend a **Special/Special Thanks** to two Members who donated hundreds of dollars worth of Auction Items: Mary Ann Albee and Hoot Gibson. Much Appreciated!

We raised over \$1,200, which was twice of what we expected, and we will use the funds to help pay for More Outstanding Speakers, the Newsletter and for chipping in on the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Travelers' Rest State Park (see details on Page 3).

About 40 people showed up for the Potluck Dinner (thanks to everyone for their food and dessert contributions)... but the **BIG SURPRISE** was yet another 100+ people showed up for the presentation by Canadian Historian and Author **Barry Gough** on **SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE – FIRST ACROSS THE CONTINENT**. Barry's intro and talk was given high marks by the Board Members and those who were present.

Thanks so much to EVERYONE who attended or was involved in this Annual Event!!!

43rd Annual Meeting of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

Omaha, Nebraska & Council Bluffs, Iowa: July 28 - August 3, 2011

For More Information go to www.lewisandclark.org... or to the Internet Site Below

<http://lewisandclark.org/sites/default/files/2011AnnualMtgRegForm.pdf>

Dr. Harry Fritz's List of Recommended Lewis & Clark Related Books

Semi-Retired University of Montana History Professor Harry Fritz, gave a wonderful talk at the well attended March Chapter Meeting on... *The Literature of Lewis & Clark*. Below is a list of books that he listed in his talk:

- Letters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1783-1854... by Donald Dean Jackson (two volumes)
- Lewis and Clark and the Image of the American Northwest... by John Logan Allen
- Lewis and Clark: Pioneering Naturalists... by Paul Russell Cutright
- Lewis and Clark Among the Indians... by James P. Ronda
- Or Perish in the Attempt: The Hardship & Medicine of the L&C Expedition... by David Peck
- The Fate of the Corps: What Became of the L&C Explorers After the Expedition... by Larry Morris
- The Character of Meriwether Lewis: Explorer in the Wilderness... by Clay S. Jenkinson
- In Full View: A True & Accurate Account of L&C's Arrival at the Pacific Ocean... by Rex Ziak
- Lewis & Clark: Tailor Made, Trail Worn—Army Life, Clothing, & Weapons... by Moore & Haynes
- Prologue to Lewis & Clark: The Mackay & Evans Expedition... by W. Raymond Wood
- Wilderness Journey: The Life of William Clark... by William E. Foley
- William Clark and the Shaping of the West... by Landon Y. Jones
- River of Promise: Lewis & Clark on the Columbia... by David L. Nicandri
- Voyages from Montreal Through the Continent of North America... by Alexander Mackenzie
- First Across the Continent: Sir Alexander Mackenzie... by Barry M Gough



Travelers' Rest
Preservation & Heritage Association

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PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE **10TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAVELERS' REST STATE PARK** BY ATTENDING ONE OR MORE OF THE WEEKEND EVENTS LISTED BELOW – THANK YOU!!!

!!! FREE DAIRY QUEEN Dilly Bars... Fudgesicles and Ice Cream Sandwiches !!!

This is the perfect opportunity for Lewis & Clark and Native American History lovers to invite family and friends to come help celebrate a decade of Preservation and Education at the only scientifically verified Lewis and Clark campsite in the entire nation... AND enjoy **FREE Ice Cream Treats too!!!**

Friday, July 1st ... 5pm – 7pm: Grand Opening and Special Travelers' Rest State Park Reception for the newly installed 1803 Harpers' Ferry Rifle Exhibit donated by George Knapp of Missoula.

Saturday, July 2nd ... 12pm – 4pm: Travelers' Rest Brigade Encampment and Demonstration Day.

- Leather & Hide Demonstrations by Scott Cameron.
- Presentations on the 803 Harpers' Ferry Rifle, Plants of the L&C Expedition and Flags of the Past
- Hourly Guided Tours of the State Park, Museum and Historic 1805 and 1806 Lewis & Clark Campsite
- Presentations, Demonstrations, Lectures, Discussions, Native American Video's & More!!!
- **Kids...** Learn to make your very own Expedition Journal with the help of the TRPHA Staff.
- **FREE DAIRY QUEEN Ice Cream Treats, Dilly Bars, Fudgesicles and Ice Cream Sandwiches**

Sunday, July 3rd ... 12pm – 4pm: Travelers' Rest Brigade Encampment and Demonstration Day.

- Learn about the various Medicines and Concoctions that the Lewis and Clark Expedition used
- Presentations on the newly acquired historic 1803 Harpers' Ferry Rifle (#12)... and Flags of the Past
- Hourly Guided Tours of the State Park, Museum and Historic 1805 and 1806 Lewis & Clark Campsite
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- **Kids...** We need Kids for Native American Games and a Family Orienteering Course
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The Travelers' Rest Chapter [organized in 1987] and Member Volunteers were instrumental in the discovery of the Lewis & Clark Expedition's 1805 & 1806 Travelers' Rest campsite in Lolo, Montana, and the eventual establishment of Travelers' Rest State Park [TRSP]. The Chapter Board and Officers enthusiastically encourage our members and the public to support and visit TRSP as often as possible, invite family and friends to attend some of the many unique and high-quality programs offered there, and support and/or join TRPHA [the Travelers' Rest Preservation and Heritage Association - a mostly Volunteer Interpretive Organization located at TRSP that funds and coordinates many of the fine programs and activities]. Go to www.travelersrest.org for all Travelers' Rest State Park and TRPHA related information, announcements, events and activities. You can also follow TRSP on Facebook!

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Presentation by
John C. Jackson
By Honor and Right
Captain John McClallen
 Thurs, July 7th at 7pm
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Interpreter \$25 Corporal \$50 Sergeant \$75

Captain \$100 General \$500 Jefferson (Lifetime) \$1,000

☺ ☺ ☺ **Please check your mailing label to determine if it is time for you to RENEW your Membership**

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