



# 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**

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**The Meeting:** Thursday, June 2nd – Lolo Community Center

**The Event:** Potluck/Silent-Auction (6pm)... Program (7pm)

**Special Program!!! Special Program!!! Special Program!!!**

**The Speaker:** **Dr. Barry Gough...** *of Victoria BC Canada*

**The Program:** **Sir Alexander Mackenzie – First Across the Continent**  
And how Mackenzie's 1801 book alarmed Jefferson and shaped the Lewis & Clark Expedition

Scottish born Alexander Mackenzie was actually the first adventurer and businessman to cross the entire width of North America (North of Mexico), and did so through today's Canada in 1793, 12 years BEFORE the Lewis and Clark Expedition reached the Pacific Ocean in 1805.

Mackenzie was an important partner in a 'private' fur-trading company based in Montreal and led a party of only nine others on a 2,800-mile sprint that took less than a year. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was a 'Military Operation' and the Captains took 31 or more on a water & land journey that took over two years. Jefferson and Lewis had obviously read Mackenzie's travel book and Lewis may have even brought Mackenzie's book along during the Expedition.

Some would say that if it were not for Mackenzie's North American explorations, written summations and active efforts to encourage the British powers to take the development and exploitation of the Pacific Northwest resources more seriously... Jefferson may not have acted quick enough nor seriously enough to ask Congress to send the 'Corps of Northwest Discovery' that eventually opened the way for American settlement and territorial acquisition (the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Western Montana were not a part of the Louisiana Purchase, and were being claimed by numerous countries including England, Spain, France and Russia).

**- See Page Two for Details on the Potluck & Silent-Auction -**

## **A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET & HEAR DR. BARRY GOUGH**

### **BIO – Dr. Barry Gough**

Dr. Gough received his Bachelors Degree at the University of British Columbia... and his PhD at the impressive Kings College University of London. But even more impressive to us here in Western Montana is that Dr. Gough received his Masters Degree at... drum roll please ... the University of Montana in the 1960's !!! He'll have to tell us how and why this happened???

One of Dr. Gough's specialties is writing intriguing books about the British Navy, British Explorers and their connections to the Pacific Northwest such as: The Royal Navy and the Northwest Coast of North America, 1810 – 1914 (1971); The Northwest Coast: British Navigation, Trade and Discoveries to 1812 (1992); First Across the Continent: Sir Alexander Mackenzie (1997); Fortune's a River: The Collision of Empires in Northwest America (2007).

### **The Auction:**

Please Drop-Off your Donated Silent Auction Item(s) at the business **Hide and Sole** in Downtown Missoula - 236 N. Higgins before Thursday June 2nd... or bring your Item(s) to the June 2nd meeting between 5:30 - 6:00 P.M., before the Potluck Dinner begins (6pm).

### **The Potluck:**

Please Bring Food & Dessert Items between 5:30 – 6 P.M. Dinner and the Auction will proceed from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

#### **IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH THE INITIALS:**

D – L... Bring a Meat or Non-Meat Dish

M – R... Bring Potatoes or Bread, Etc.

S – W...Bring a Salad or Veggie Dish

A - C... Bring a Really Yummy Dessert

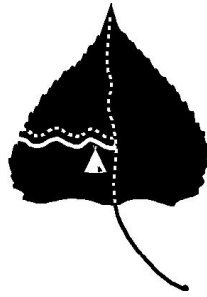
\* Please Bring your own Plate, Utensils and Drinks. The Chapter will have water, coffee, and extra plates, cups, napkins, utensils on hand.

**Summer Trip #1:** For those who missed the amazing field trip that a few privileged T.R. Chapter Members took to 'Camp Disappointment' and the 'Two Medicine Fight Sight' in the Cut Bank area, Larry Epstein will be leading a tour to BOTH Sites on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. You may need to stay in the area Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> so that you can join the tour Saturday morning. Please contact Larry at: 406-873-2277 Ext. 12. If rain interferes, he will reschedule for July.

**Summer Trip #2:** Reserve Saturday, August 13, 2011 for a trip on the Lolo Trail. We will have a one day trip along the Lolo Motorway to visit Lewis & Clark and Native American sites, the Nii Mii Puu (Lolo) Trail and other points of interest. We will meet at 8:00 am at Travelers' Rest State Park to carpool. Drivers need to have high clearance, rugged vehicles. Bring your own lunch and drink, and money for dinner and carpool expenses. We will explore sites like Wendover Ridge, Bear Oil and Roots Camp, Snowbank Camp, Indian Post Office, the Sinque Hole, the Smoking Place, and other related sites of interest such as the Devil's Chair, Indian Grave and Howard Camp. It will be a full day of fun and adventure. After we return to Highway 12, we will stop at the Lochsa Lodge for dinner and fellowship before returning to Travelers' Rest State Park. This is a very special 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual trip that you will not want to miss, so make it a priority and save the date. Reservations must be made no later than July 31. For more information, contact Jack Puckett at 549-9928 (2puck@onewest.net) or Tom Schenarts at 251-3945 (treeman119@gmail.com).

**Summer Trip #3:** There will be a Coordinated Overnight Car-Pool Tour to Salmon, Idaho on Fri & Sat, August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> to visit the Sacajawea Center and the Travelers' Rest Chapter Brigade at the Salmon Rendezvous. Historic Sites will be visited while traveling in both directions. Contact: Scott Sproull (scottsproull@gmail.com or 406-542-1128) if interested.

Travelers' Rest State Park Update – Loren Flynn (FWP), Park Manager



Travelers' Rest  
Preservation & Heritage Association

Travelers' Rest reaches Double Digits! 2011 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the State Park, so it is a great chance for all of you history lovers to invite family and friends and come help celebrate our decade of preservation and education at the only scientifically verified Lewis and Clark campsite.

This summer, there will be a series of programs to help us mark the decade since Travelers' Rest was designated a State Park. One highlight for many Chapter Members will be the Travelers' Rest Chapter Brigade who will be doing their part to bring the Lewis and Clark Expedition back to life with historical reenactments on the anniversary dates of July 2 & 3 and again on September 10 & 11.

Another special treat will be the Grand Opening of the NEW Interpretive Display, featuring the famed 1803 Harper's Ferry Rifle (serial #12) that was donated by our own George Knapp. There are only two known Harpers Ferry Rifles in the World (with the proper serial numbers) that have a high probability of having been carried by a Lewis & Clark Expedition Member. Chapter members will receive more information about the Grand Opening of the Display in the mail sometime in June.

The Summer Schedule:

June 11 –	Yummy in the Tummy – Historic Food Ways at Travelers' Rest
June 25 & 26 –	Great American Backyard Campout
July 2 & 3 –	Return to Travelers' Rest – The Travelers' Rest Brigade
July 3 –	Community BBQ and 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
August 6 –	Discover Travelers' Rest
Sept 1 –	Chapter BBQ at Travelers' Rest State Park
Sept 10 & 11	We Called This Creek Travellers' Rest – The Traveler's Rest Brigade
Sept 24 –	Historic Hunting Techniques

Also, each Wednesday afternoon from June 15 through August 24 we will have special presentation by park staff and volunteers related to the rich history of the Travelers' Rest site. The programs are still being finalized, but you can always find more information at [www.travelersrest.org](http://www.travelersrest.org).

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](http://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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## Travelers' Rest Chapter – Membership Information

Please provide the requested information listed below and make your check payable to the Travelers' Rest Chapter:

**Send Payments To: Travelers' Rest Chapter · PO Box 447 · Lolo, MT · 59847**

New Member       Renewal       Address Change      **2011/03**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Scout (Student) \$5       Private (Individual) \$10       Platoon (Family) \$15

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***

**Travelers' Rest Chapter Board:** Scott Sproull (President); Jack Puckett (Secretary); Jean Belangie-Nye (Treasurer); Vicki Correia; Ritchie Doyle; Jack Fisher; Norm Jacobson; George Knapp; Earl Reinsel; Tom Schenarts; Chuck Sundstrom. Newsletter Editor – Scott Sproull (scottsproull@gmail.com)