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In Spite of the SOCAL Fires Oceanside Gathering is a Hugh Success

by Mary Ann Kvenvolden
and Ken Jutzi

It was a touch and go affair as fires, aided by low humidity, triple digit temperatures and gail force winds, burned all over SOCAL in the days prior to our planned gathering in Oceanside.

Although a few fires burned nearby at Camp Pendleton and in Fallbrook, Oceanside itself, thankfully, remained relatively untouched - except for the influx of evacuees coming from other areas and the poor air quality caused by



Bart Telep

Meeting participants gather in Oceanside, California, at Mission San Luis Rey de Francia, King of the California Missions

smoke blowing into the area. By the time of our meeting on Saturday though, Oceanside was returning to normal. Most of the evacuees had left, the wind had died down and was coming from the ocean, and temperatures were back to normal. It even sprinkled a little.

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Bold little Biddle: There once was a bear of brave pursuits who traveled famed trails of Lewis and Clark

by Kim Briggeman
The Missoulian

(reprinted with permission)

This bear is going places. He's Biddle, a lovable *Ursus syntheticus* with a travelogue that stretches the breadth of Rand McNally and a photo portfolio to rival Tyra Banks.



Vickie Correia

Biddle the Bear takes time out from his travels to try out a cottonwood dugout canoe at Canoe Camp near Orofino, Idaho.

Missoula is this teddy bear's home, but Biddle has been a hit on the Lewis and Clark Trail from Monticello to Fort Clatsop. "He's been just about everywhere," said Vicki Correia, Biddle the Bear's escort. Correia and Biddle have been travel partners since she and a

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friend picked him out of a crowd in the Lochsa Lodge gift shop in June 2004.

He had to have a Lewis and Clark-related name, she said, and “Meriwether the Bear” didn’t quite cut it. Nicholas Biddle of Philadelphia was the first to edit the explorers’ journals for publication in 1814.

In the past three years, the 16-inch stuffed bear has floated some of America’s more storied rivers. Biddle has buddied with Thomas Jefferson and captains Lewis and Clark themselves, or at least their modern-day versions. He even floated with Capt. Lewis in the white pirogue into St. Louis last year, on the final leg of the bicentennial tour. “He was stuffed in a bag in storage, but he went on the boat,” said Correia, who trailed behind, envious, in another boat.

“At this point, he has so much history that he’s real,” insisted Kira Gale, an author from Omaha who met and fell in love with Biddle in Virginia. (“He looks so masculine,” Gale sighed.) She’s so infatuated she’ll soon be marketing Biddle clones, with embroidered red bandannas around their necks, on her Web site for Christmas gift-giving.

Gale, who wrote *Lewis and Clark Road Trips: Exploring the Trail Across America*, plans in the next year or two to start publishing a series of children’s picture books describing Biddle’s adventures. “I’m really getting into this,” she said.

Correia and Biddle met Gale in August at the annual Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation meeting, where Gale received the 2007 Meritorious Achievement Award. They were on a tour of the University of Virginia (UVA) campus and Biddle was doing his thing - sitting there being Biddle as cameras fired away. Among his props that day was another Lewis and Clark dignitary from Missoula, historian Hal Stearns. “Vicki was taking his picture at the Rotunda, which Thomas Jefferson designed,” Gale recalled. “I got down on the ground, kind of went down to his level, and took my own Biddle picture. He was too cute to pass up.”

Correia told Gale of Biddle’s Lewis and Clark travels, and the idea of a book on the bear began percolating in Gale’s head. “I think he’s going to provide a real mechanism for reaching kids in the United States,” said Gale.

Correia is branch office administrator for an investment firm in Missoula. She belongs to the Travelers’ Rest chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and volunteers Saturdays at Travelers’ Rest State Park in Lolo, Montana.

She has traveled to the foundation’s annual meeting each of the past three summers - to Oregon, St. Louis and Virginia. She takes Biddle just about everywhere she goes, snapping photos of him in all the right places. “People have just gotten to recognizing him, and they recognize when I don’t have him with me,” said Correia. “I don’t usually take him to, like, dinners or banquets, though. I don’t think he’s dressed appropriately.”

Biddle has been to Wood River Camp, Lemhi Pass, St. Charles and Missouri Headwaters State Park. He’s made appearances at Pompey’s Pillar, Travelers’ Rest, Fort Mandan and Oregon City. The pins on his red scarf and buckskin vest serve as a checklist to a Where’s Where on the Lewis and Clark Trail.

When she first got on a tour bus with Biddle, she admitted, “I felt kind of silly having this teddy bear. The bus driver said, ‘Oh, there was a lady from Japan last week that had a panda bear that was bigger than she was.’ “I said, ‘OK, I can do this.’”

The bear has canoed on the Jefferson River and rafted the Missouri. Correia joined a flotilla on the latter during the signature event in Great Falls in 2005. She took Biddle down to the water to get a quick picture of him with the raft. “One of the guys who went with us found this little tiny life jacket and put it on him,” she said. “They strapped him on the bumper of the raft and he went all the way down with us.”

Correia has photos of Biddle in prickly pear at the Portage Site near Great Falls. He’s in a wooden dugout at Canoe Camp on the Clearwater River in Idaho. He’s in a penguin-adorned entryway at the zoo in St. Louis, and at



Vickie Correia (photo added)

Biddle joins Hal Stearns for a tour of the UVA during the 39th LCTHF Annual Meeting

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the granite feet of a towering Thomas Jefferson in Washington, D.C. Biddle is at a bridge over Monture Creek. He's propped up on a sign on Rogers Pass - "Continental Divide, 5,610 elevation."

One of Correia's favorite shots is of Biddle "standing" astride the headwaters of the Missouri on Lemhi Pass, just as Pvt. Hugh McNeal did in August 1805.

The stuffed bear returned home recently from what Correia called "his first solo flight." Gale arranged for Biddle to accompany the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles on a journey down the Ohio River in October. The Lewis and Clark re-enactors traced a section of the route Capt. Lewis followed in the autumn of 1803 en route from Pittsburgh to St. Louis. Gale said she "had to really swear a childhood oath" to Correia that Biddle would be looked after on the journey. She entrusted the bear to Betty Kluesner, whom she described as the Discovery Expedition's den mother.

Kluesner kept Correia updated, sending a stream of photos of Biddle along the route. The re-enactors, many of whom met the bear in Montana in 2005 and 2006, try to involve children in all they do, Gale said. "That's why I think they're so nice to Biddle, because they're used to kids."

The photos show the men teaching Biddle how to put up a tent, how to clean copper pots, how to shoot a gun. "Betty had a picture of three or four of the guys standing around with steins for grog, pouring it like they were giving him some," Correia said. "I think the guys were having a lot of fun with him." The river trip was cut short by bad weather, but Biddle returned home, via FedEx, no worse for wear. Not only does he not bite, bark or growl, he's also easy to keep, Correia said. "He dries out really fast. If nothing else I just toss him in the dryer on delicate."

Gale thinks the Biddle photos are natural entry points to the lessons of the trail. "It just makes you want to go there," she said. She's traveled the trail from end-to-end herself, and spent six years writing *Lewis and Clark Road Trips*. The book, which provides more than 800 destinations with 160 custom maps, wasn't finished until the spring of 2006, as the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial neared its end. "Is this a problem? Yes, it is," she said with a laugh. "I could have made a lot more money." Her Web site, lewisandclarkroadtrips.com, comes with a blog where she keeps track of developments with Biddle.

There is a world of possibilities for books about the bear. "I love the mix of fantasy and reality, with the use of photos," Gale said. "I realized I don't always have to have him in the picture. And if I separate it into different books, I could do different areas. I have contacts all over the country."



Tickette Correia (photo added)

She's thinking the story plot will start at Travelers' Rest, where "he's just sitting there bored.

Biddle is not at all particular as to who he socializes with. Here he joins the GN editor during a visit to Clark's gravesite in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

He sees all these people traveling the trail and he wants to travel." And so he will. And so he has.

"He's a well-traveled bear," said Correia, fondly smoothing Biddle's bandanna. "But I think he's getting ready for hibernation now."

Lexophile Humor

(Part 1)

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger.
Then it hit me.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

*(Lexophile: A lover of words)
(Courtesy Bill Conway)*

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Bay Area Book Discussion Group Meets Again

by Mary Ann Kvenvolden

Our Lewis & Clark Bay Area Book Discussion Group met for the 5th time on September 23, 2007, at the home of Pat and Walt Hartinger in Los Gatos.

This time no specific book title was chosen. Members were encouraged to discuss a book of their own choice - either an old favorite or a new discovery relating to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

As always, members enjoyed sharing their particular insights and experiences along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Those attending were: the Hartingers (Los Gatos), Keith and Mary Ann Kvenvolden (Palo Alto), Connie Scoyen (Palo Alto) and Virginia Hammerness (San Jose). In addition, Virginia's friends attended - Mary Mueller and Barbara Dorr (both from San Jose) - and they both decided to join our chapter!

Our next book discussion meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 10, 2008, at the home of Joan Saczynski in San Jose. The book chosen is *Voyages of Discovery, Essays on the Lewis & Clark Expedition*, edited by James Ronda. If you are interested in joining us, please call Mary Ann Kvenvolden at (650) 328-0414 or Pat Hartinger at (408) 356-5363.



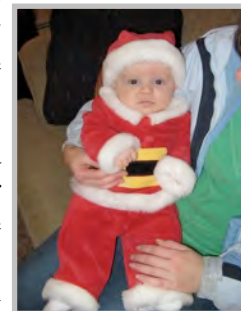
Mary Ann Kvenvolden

Top: Walt Hartinger displays the type of pistol Lewis carried at the time of his death; Middle: Left to right - Barbara Dorr, Virginia Hammerness and Connie Scoyen; Bottom: Keith Kvenvolden and Mary Mueller.

President's Notes

With our Foundation preparing for its 40th annual meeting in Great Falls this August, 2008 promises to be a special year for our Lewis and Clark Community, especially under the leadership of our new Foundation Board and Karen Seaberg, our new President. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to read Karen's remarks in the last issue of *We Proceeded On* (Nov'07). Her motto "The Deep End is Where The Fun Happens!" tells us a lot about her energy and passion. I also encourage you to review the backgrounds of our new board members (pp. 22-25 of the same issue). We should all be very grateful that such exceptional people have agreed to serve our Foundation!

In case you have not yet heard, a beautiful little person entered our world on October 9, 2007. His name is Cash Raney McCann and his proud parents are Wendy Raney and Brent McCann. Wendy of course is our WPO editor and a key member of our Foundation's national office in Great Falls.



Cash Raney McCann

Have a great 2008 everyone!

Ken

Spring Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting, "*The Life and Times of Alexander Hamilton Willard*"[†] is being planned for April 2008, in Elk Grove, California (located about 15 miles southeast of Sacramento). A tour of Alexander's gravesite and Sutter's Fort in Sacramento (the next day) will also be included. A drawing to determine the two winners of a Peace and Friendship blanket will also be held. The details of this meeting, including the exact time and place, are still being worked. To obtain the most current information, visit the 2008 Calendar page of our website (<http://web.mac.com/calcthf/Calendars/2008.html>), or contact either Mary Ann Kvenvolden at (650) 328-0414 or Ken Jutzi at (805) 444-3236.

[†]The life of Alexander Hamilton Willard (1778-1865) encompassed an adventurous and significant record of participation in several epic phases of American history. Between the time of his birth in the middle years of the War for American Independence and his death in the Sacramento Valley during the last weeks of the American Civil War he lived a full and active life in the varied roles of soldier, explorer, Indian-fighter, pioneer farmer, and overland immigrant to California in the Gold Rush years. (Source: Sacramento County Historical Society, Vol. 5, No. 2, January 1959.)

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Oceanside Meeting (continued from page 1)

The first part of our gathering involved a behind the scenes tour of the San Luis Rey Mission where Jean Baptiste “Pomp” Charbonneau, after serving as a guide and interpreter for the Mormon Battalion (1846-1847), worked as an alcalde (magistrate) from 1847 to 1848.

Our tour, conducted by a docent from the San Luis Rey Mission Museum, included the ruins of the military barracks, the Lavanderia where native americans washed clothes, the mission sanctuary, the mission cemetery, and the interior courtyard. In the courtyard, we gathered for a group photo under a pepper tree planted in 1830.



Bart Telep

After the tour, we assembled for another group photo

After the mission tour and lunch we regrouped at the Mission Branch of the Oceanside Library for the second part of our program involving two guest speakers. Unfortunately, both of our speakers could not attend.

After discussing the situation earlier in the week with Carol Bronson, Executive Director of the LCTHF in Great Falls, Montana, it was decided that the fires and road closures throughout the area made meeting attendance levels and travel in the area just too uncertain.

Our other main speaker, Mike Harding from the Flight of Discovery, reluctantly had to cancel at the last minute as he had been asked the previous day by the County and City of San Diego to help with aerial surveys of the fire damaged areas. Obviously this was a higher priority effort under the circumstances.

Fortunately, Jack Simmons (San Diego), a new CALCTHF member, had come to our meeting and, after being briefed on the circumstances, offered to give an extemporaneous talk about his experiences as a member

of the Discovery Expedition of Saint Charles (DESC) during the Bicentennial. In addition, long time chapter member George Rion (San Diego) was also present and volunteered to discuss the Lewis and Clark items he had brought with him. Sometimes things just work out and this was one of those times!

During his talk, George announced that he had a “traveling trunk” of Lewis & Clark items and three scale models that he has used in the classroom and other venues to educate others about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. He also indicated that he would like to donate these items to our Chapter. We accepted his offer and are now in the process of finding a new home for them (see article on page 12).

Everyone very much enjoyed George’s talk and hearing about Jack’s first-hand DESC re-enactor experiences as well as examining the expedition related items they used to complement their talks. One story that Jack told involved hunting buffalo on foot in North Dakota using a replica rifle of the kind the Expedition used (which we all had the opportunity to examine).



Bart Telep

Attendees discuss expedition related items with impromptu speaker Jack Simmons (San Diego).

Left to right: Jack Simmons (a.k.a. Toussaint Charbonneau), Lydia & Seraphim Telep (Agoura), and Ginny (hidden) & Art Simpson (San Diego)

Although Jack started his talk in street clothes, during a break he put on his re-enactor clothes to the delight of all.

Also during the break, refreshments were served by Nan Kaeser and everyone used the opportunity to look at the various items that George and Jack had brought with them.

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October Gathering - Oceanside, California

27 October 2007

Mission San Luis Rey de Francia



Photos by Barbara Gaitley, Nan Kaeser, and Bart Telep

Top to bottom: Participants gather at the mission fountain for an orientation brief; discussing the ruins of the military barracks; Barbara Kelley at the entrance to the Lavanderia and Indian Tile Pools where clothes were washed; steps down to the Lavanderia; discussing the Lavanderia and aqueducts which transported water from the nearby San Luis Rey River (water flowing through the Lavanderia went on to water fields and gardens); the mission sanctuary; Maralee, Seraphim and Nektarn ringing the mission bell; the mission cemetery (dating from 1798, it's the oldest community burial ground in North San Diego County); interior courtyard.

Mission Tour Participants Gather Under a Pepper Tree Planted in 1830

Left to right: Barbara Gaitley (Van Nuys), Lydia Telep (Agoura), Ginny and Art Simpson (San Diego), Seraphim Telep (Agoura), Mary Ann Kvenvolden (Palo Alto), our docent Harry, Nektarn Telep (Agoura), Carol Benner (Los Angeles), Keith Kvenvolden (Palo Alto), Barbara Willard (Redlands), Ken Jutzi (Camarillo), Ludd Trozpek (Claremont), Nan Kaeser (Sierra Madre), Marsha Smith (Camarillo), Rodney Willard (Redlands), Maralee Grantham (Santa Monica), and Ken Smith (Camarillo).

Not shown: Bart Telep (Agoura), Barbara Kelly (Fullerton), and Bob Benner (Los Angeles).



Photo by Bart Telep

October Gathering - Oceanside, California
27 October 2007
Mission Branch of the Oceanside Public Library



Jack Simmons (a.k.a Toussant Charbonneau) captivates attendees while discussing his experiences as a member of the Discovery Expedition of Saint Charles (DESC).

Photos by Barbara Gaitley and Bart Telep

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Hit the Road, Jack, er Clark

*New experiences, like traveling
the Lewis & Clark Trail, keep you young*
by Margaret J. Miller

You want to stay young? Take a long road trip - alone. Get the itch. For me, it was: I wanna experience the Lewis and Clark Trail as the Corps of Discovery did, traversing the American continent 200 years ago.

Get set. I can do this. Having been 59 forever, I need one more adventure. No fear. At least no more than driving SR4 or negotiating Triangle Mall. No budget. Just VISA and some cash.

So, grab the phone. Contact relatives and friends to visit. Sign up with Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri (DESC) as a ground-crew volunteer for re-enactors paddling the Missouri River. Make arrangements with re-enactors, who had visited my home for an occasional home-stay. Then - commit. Trust the leap of faith to fill in details. Live in the moment.



Margaret Miller

*DESC re-enactors arriving
at Skamokawa Creek in Skamokawa, Washington
(Sid Stoffels is the #2 paddler in the rear dugout)*

Get packed. Mapquest maps. Mark stops. Highlight route. Gather motel and campground directories. Take aging but reliable Subaru in for whatever it needs.

The old brain's in high gear now. Update 3x5 address cards; buy snacks and drinks; stuff camping gear into car. Don't forget postage stamps, emergency cell phone, clothes for all occasions and weather conditions. Carefully pack 1796 Empire dress for the Lewis and Clark Ball in St. Louis, and sewing kit to finish hemming it. Now place food and hygiene bags for accessibility. Unless there's an instant cure for osteoarthritis, take the blankety blank painkillers and go!

Calculate where I'll be when the gasoline tank's down to one quarter. Memorize 1-5 to Route 12 to Yakima to 82 to 90 to 26 to Idaho. Whee! I'm off! What's the speed limit here? Which turnoff? Which lane? The farther east I go, the more speeding weavers. Will the weaving speeders let me change lanes? Missed the turnoff. How to get back? Don't let that happen again, or I'll report you to the Aged Patrol. Dare I merge onto the freeway with that triple-trailer truck barreling my way at about 85 mph.



Margaret Miller

*DESC with their white pirogue and dugouts
... and Stan Weber of Longview, Washington
(a.k.a. John Shields - with raised paddle in the dugout)
Ponca State Park, Nebraska*

Some things are no-brainers: Stop at Wall Drug for free ice water in South Dakota, find a campsite before dark or a motel when high winds prohibit tenting, squeeze in exercise but be careful not to short-circuit the trip with a fall. Stay alert with jazz and classical music on radio, interviews (it's not every day Noam Chomsky comments on the Middle East situation.), poetry readings and ubiquitous country crooning.

At last, the reward of supporting a worthy cause, doing my finite best to help DESC re-enactors as they paddle dugout canoes on the Lower Missouri from Ponca State Park in Nebraska to the Arch in St. Louis, taking the Lewis and Clark story to the nation.

Report to the sergeant on duty. Pitch my nylon tent away from the encampment's 1806-style canvas tents - before rain comes. Enjoy camp food in my tin bowl and cup replicas. Pack a baloney-and-banana sandwich for a paddler. Clerk at the portable fund-raiser store, selling books and T-shirts.

Sew leather pouches with sinew for tobacco twist gifts to Omaha Indians. Transport a re-enactor's gear to the next

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encampment. View DESC displays of period military uniforms with symbolic buttons and drop-front trousers. Listen to explanations of muskets and rifles, a captain's spear-like spontoon, and early 19th-century medical practices, fire making and canoe building.



Margaret Miller

DESC's evening colors at an encampment near Leavenworth, Kansas

Mingle with the thousands of school kids and townspeople who come to the riverbank to learn about the original explorers. Marvel at the height of an Osage re-enactor, the beauty of a feathered Nez Perce headdress.

Snap too many photos of re-enactors sewing leather clothing, native tribes dancing and camp flag-raising rituals. Wear the period outfit I made to welcome leather-clad dugout canoeists arriving at boat ramps with the 15-star U.S. flag flying.

Greet each day's challenges. Find successive DESC campsites, make new friends till the names stack up like a telephone directory, dry out wet camping gear.

Find my way against a blinding sunrise to the Adams Mark Hotel on the St. Louis waterfront for a breakfast at the annual meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Take in lectures by Indian and non-Indian scholars. Stay on my toes dancing quadrilles.

The thrill of re-tracing history was, for me, equal to the



Margaret Miller

Margaret Miller in her 1796 Empire dress at the Lewis & Clark Ball, Adams Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.



Ken Jutzi

DESC re-enactors going through the final set of locks on the Mississippi en-route to St. Louis



Ken Jutzi

A cannon salute announces the re-enactors' arrival at the St. Louis waterfront

pleasure of visiting precious friends and relatives enroute. Having a theme gives direction, for example, visiting lighthouses or national parks, tracing genealogy or finding hiking trails, maybe just going down memory lane.

How many decisions - some instantaneous - do you make on a 6,000 mile road trip? Enough to sharpen yearnings for next year's road trip.

Margaret J. Miller is a retired Longview, Washington, teacher who lives in Cathlamet, Washington, on the bluffs overlooking the Columbia River. She is a member of both the LCTHF and CALCTHF ... and a California "transplant". Her article originally appeared in Longview's "The Daily News" in May 2007. Reprinted here with permission (editor's photos added).

Volunteering by Nan Kaeser

Lolo Motorway Trail Stewardship

FLASH! A golden jagged slash tore through the darkening sky. BOOM! followed close behind. Twelve of us crowded into Liz Butte cabin to escape the ensuing deluge.

I was one of nine volunteers, escorted by three Clearwater National Forest rangers, participating in the Foundation's annual trail stewardship project in the Bitterroots of Northern Idaho. Today was my birthday and this was certainly a great pyrotechnic celebration for it. We were on the Lolo Motorway which closely follows a portion of the Lolo Trail - used by generations of early travelers - now a National Historic Landmark. We were there to help the rangers in their annual assessment of the camping sites.

Minutes earlier two smoke jumpers had bailed out just below the cabin to put out a lightening started fire on the near vertical slope three quarters of a mile below us. The first arrivals at Liz Butte had seen a tree struck by lightening which flared up like the Fourth of July. Fortunately, it shortly burned out. When the rain stopped, we then put up our tents and were served a dinner of pork loin and twice baked potatoes prepared by Gayle Tucker, one of our rangers. This was followed by birthday cake! Our other two rangers were Kris Perry and Betty McMahan.

We had all met down below at Powell Ranger Station located on scenic US Highway 12 in Idaho along the beautiful Lochsa River. Wendy Raney, the Foundations publications editor, met with us but her doctor had nixed

her going along as she has always done in the past due to her pregnancy and the very rough roads.

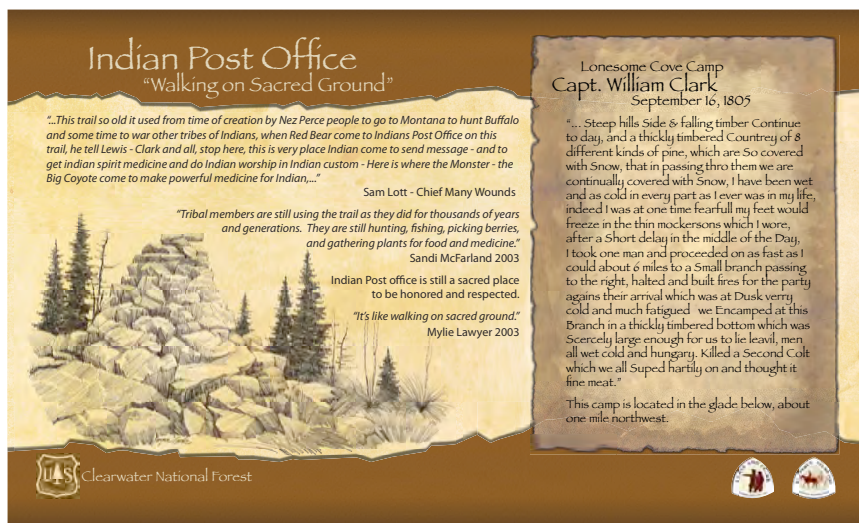


*The view from
Indian Post Office*



Beargrass and Indian Paintbrush in full bloom

After a short orientation meeting, we piled our camping gear into the Forest Service's truck and climbed into the their four wheel drive vans and headed to the Lolo Motorway. On a high grassy spot we ate our brown bag lunches and visited the Indian Post Office, a sacred site to the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce). Sadly, the rocks here had been recently vandalized with spray paint. To temporarily remedy this, the rangers turned the rocks over to hide the paint.



Courtesy the U.S. Forest Service. Clearwater National Forest

On our workdays, we divided into three teams, each with

a ranger. I worked on the team with Ranger Kris Perry. We would stop at each campsite in our section of the road and assess the condition of the ground cover, the trees, their roots and any human made changes such as nails, digging or even construction. Occasionally there would be a homemade privy such as the Maytag privy. Yes, it was made of an old washing machine with clothes hole



Norm Jacobson, Kris Perry, and Norma Walker evaluating a campsite

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turned up and the opposite side removed and placed over a hole in the ground. Such ingenious features are scheduled for removal. As my group was bumping down the road to our next site, just ahead of us a badger popped out of a hole at the side of the road and waddled along ahead of us for a quarter mile, then disappeared into another hole. What a treat to see this elusive creature!

Our three days on the trail were not only productive but also fun with lots of stories and laughter. One of the benefits to the volunteers is the chance to become well acquainted with the area that gave so much trouble to the Lewis and Clark expedition. Riding on the very rocky, bumpy Motorway was an experience in itself. As one volunteer put it as he simulated bouncing up and down, "Now I know how a can of paint feels!"



Norman Jacobson

The Volunteers

Back row from left: Gib Floyd (Kuna, ID), Betty McMahan and Kris Perry (Forest Service), Tom Schenarts and Earl Reinsel (Missoula, MT), and Jim Toomey (Oakland, CA).

Front row from left: Nan Kaeser (Sierra Madre, CA), Gayle Tucker, (Forest Service), Norma Walker (Spokane Valley, WA), Hazel Pflueger (Florence, MT), and DeAnn Waterman (Spokane Valley, WA). Not shown: Norm Jacobson (Missoula, MT)

Lolo Pass Visitor's Center

"What a beautiful visitor center!" "I've never seen such a beautiful visitors center!" "Wow! Lolo Pass, I've always wanted to come here!"

These were some of the comments people made as they walked into my next volunteering location at the Lolo Pass Visitors Center on the border of Idaho and Montana. This is a beautiful log building constructed especially for the Bicentennial.

Here I met people from all over the US and from around the world. One day I spoke with a Bulgarian, a couple from France, and a whole group from New Zealand. I

talked to a couple riding a tandem bicycle from Iowa who were headed to the Pacific coast. Another couple from California gave me their phone number and asked me to visit them.

One morning a local moose was feeding placidly in front of the building. Workers and visitors alike rushed out with cameras in hand.

Besides having interesting conversations with so many people, a volunteer here gets to make coffee, give directions, sell items from the gift shop, recommend books and answer questions such as where to camp, how far to the next gas and where the nearest fires are burning. I was the person visitors were referred to with their Lewis and Clark questions. Within less

than a mile from the visitor center is Packer Meadow, which becomes a lake of blue camas in the spring, and Glade Creek State Park, where Lewis and Clark camped the night of September 13, 1805.

I can't say enough about how very nice all the people were with whom I worked. The rangers were terrific, friendly, helpful and very hard working. The other employees and volunteers were equally so. And they were so appreciative of the volunteers. All were very helpful and patient with a newcomer ... and did we ever have a good time together!

Volunteering in the Clearwater National Forest was a very enjoyable and rewarding experience! Should you be interested in volunteering at either of these venues, the contact for Lolo Motorway Trail Stewardship is Wendy Raney, LCTHF headquarters, at 406-888-343 or via email at wraney@lewisandclark.org. For the Lolo Pass Visitors Center contact Katie Knotec, Powell Ranger Station, at 208-942-3113. (Photos by Nan Kaeser, except where noted.)



Lolo Pass Visitor Center

Ken Jutzi



A local moose finds some breakfast



Glade Creek State Park

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Lewis & Clark Teaching Aids

Need a New Home

by Ken Jutzi

George Rion (San Diego), a long time chapter member, recently donated his Lewis and Clark traveling trunk and scale models of the keelboat, Fort Mandan, and Fort Clatsop to our chapter and we are now in the process of finding a new home for them.

The trunk is intended for use in presentations and hands-on discussions.

It has been used in presentations to fourth graders in San Diego, at the Lewis and Clark Festival in Great Falls, Montana, and at the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) summer institute on Lewis and Clark held at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

The trunk and its contents represent an excellent collection of teaching aids for educating young people about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. It measures 27" wide, 18.5" deep, and 20.5" high; is hand-made out of pine by a master woodworker; and is stocked with nearly \$1,000 worth of Lewis and Clark era replicas.

Items include two quill pens, a brass tinder box, a sewing kit, a traveling ink well, a wood boxed compass, a

Traveling Ink Well and Quill Pens

Made of tin, this item contains two quill pens and a small ink bottle. Powder was mixed with water to produce ink. Lewis and Clark used similar ink wells made of brass.



L&C Traveling Trunk

Jefferson Peace Medal, a ceremonial calumet, a tomahawk, a powder horn, fall-front trousers, a candle mold, and many other items.

Wood Boxed Compass

Similar to, but smaller than, Clark's compass which is on display in the Smithsonian. Note the sun dial.



Brass Tinder Box and Striker

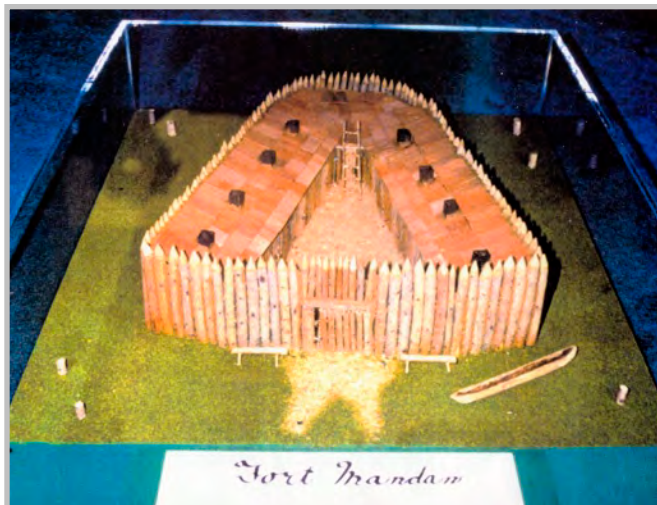
Contains flint, steel, char cloth, and tow. The lid of the tinder box contains a magnifying glass for starting fires when the sun permits.



The scale models of the keelboat, Fort Mandan, and Fort Clatsop are encased in plexiglass display cases.



Scale Model of the Keelboat
(display case measures 14.5" x 10.5" x 10.0")



Scale Model of Fort Mandan
(display case measures 20.5" x 30.5" x 5.25")



Scale Model of Fort Clatsop
(display case measures 20.5" x 30.5" x 5.25")

A complete listing of the trunk contents is available on our chapter's website (http://web.mac.com/calcthf/SS2/Traveling_Trunk.html). A listing may also be obtained by contacting me directly (P.O. Box 1767, Camarillo, CA 93010. Email: calcthf@verizon.net. Phone: (805) 444-3236).

If you know of anyone who can use this trunk or the scale models of the keelboat, Fort Mandan, and Fort Clatsop to assist them in discussing Lewis & Clark in the classroom, or in other venues, please let me know.

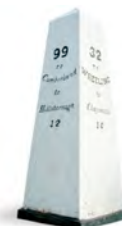
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DID YOU KNOW?

Historic National Road The Road that Built the Nation



In the same year that Lewis and Clark returned from their extraordinary expedition to explore the West, President Thomas Jefferson signed legislation creating the first federally funded road, America's first interstate. Albert Gallatin's strong advocacy of the National Road won him the reputation as the "Father of the National Road."



National Road
Marker

Built during the first half of the 19th Century, the National Road formed the underpinnings for "Westward Expansion" by linking eastern seaboard states to the "Old" Northwest Territory and by providing a transportation route for commerce, travel and settlement.



Running from Baltimore Harbor westward through Maryland, the Historic National Road crosses the southwest corner of Pennsylvania, goes through the panhandle of West Virginia and continues westward through the centers of Ohio and Indiana. In Illinois the National Road cuts across the southern part of the state and ends at St. Louis by crossing the Mississippi River on the Eads Bridge.

In 2002, for its historical and cultural significance, the Federal Highway Administration designated the entire Historic National Road an All-American Road (the highest award any road can receive). It became the longest byway traversing the greatest number of states to receive this honor.

(Source: LCTHF 39th Annual Meeting Attendees Kit,
www.nationalroadpa.org, and
www.nps.gov/archive/fone/natlroad.htm)

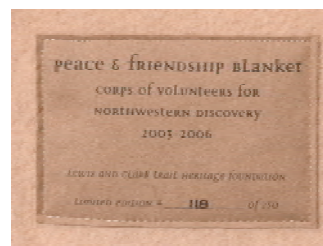
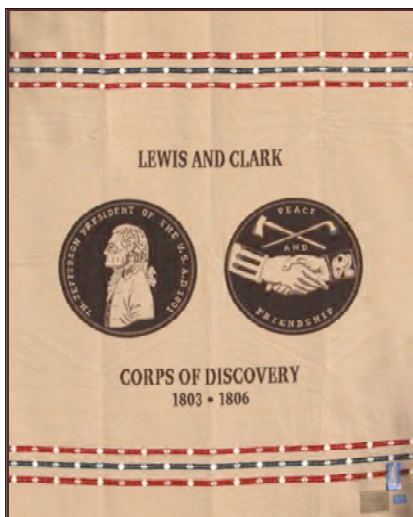
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Two blankets are available. Tickets are \$10.00 each and must be purchased no later than April 1, 2008.

A drawing to determine the two winners will be held at our next Chapter meeting currently scheduled for April 2008 in Elk Grove, California.[†] If you are one of the lucky winners you will be notified and the blanket sent to you. **You do not have to be present to win.**

To purchase a ticket, fill out the form provided with this newsletter so we know how to contact you. Make your check or money order out for the number of tickets you wish to purchase (payable to CALCTHF) and mail it in the envelope provided to CALCTHF, P.O. Box 1767, Camarillo, CA 93010.

[†] To obtain the most current information about our next meeting, visit the 2008 Calendar page of our website (<http://web.mac.com/calcthf/Calendars/2008.html>), or contact either Mary Ann Kvenvolden at (650) 328-0414 or Ken Jutzi at (805) 444-3236.

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"Y'ALL EAT MORE CHICKEN!"



SACOWGEWEA

*This here Native American Holstein from the **NOSTEAKFORYEWA** Herd didn't cotton to fightin'. Like her famous grandpappy, Standing Bull, Sacowgewea learnt her herd the delicate art o' smoke signalin'. Real nice and **PEACEFUL** like, this'd win over many beef-jerky-chewin' bunslinger and **PER-SUEDE**'em toward a diet rich in white meet. (Also referred to as Sacowjaweaw, Sakowkajea, and Stands-With-A-Chicken.)*

Courtesy George Rion (San Diego). From a "Chick-fil-A" calendar.



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Oceanside Meeting (continued from page 5)

After the break, Jack continued his discussion and a question and answer period followed. Afterwards, there was a drawing for door prizes. Also, additional tickets were sold for a chance to win one of the Peace and Freedom blankets as it was decided to extend the time for purchasing tickets for this Fundraiser until April 1, 2008. The drawing is now scheduled to take place at our next meeting, currently planned for April in Elk Grove, California. (See page 4 for additional details.)

Many participants commented that this was possibly the best Chapter meeting ever held. They enjoyed the morning guided tour of Mission San Luis Rey and the afternoon meeting in spite of the last minute changes and adjustments to the original agenda. In particular, participants were pleased that there were so many opportunities to socialize and share their interests in Lewis & Clark.

Photo collages of our gathering are provided on page 6 and 7.