



# 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:** Thurs, Sept. 2nd – Travelers' Rest State Park at 6 p.m.

**The Program:** 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL APPRECIATION BBQ & POTLUCK

Please join us in THANKING the Staff & Volunteers who help make Travelers' Rest State Park a UNIQUE, WELL-RUN and SUCCESSFUL operation!

- The Chapter Board will provide the Burgers, Hot Dogs, Buns, Baked Beans, Chips & Labor.
- Chapter Members provide the Potluck Dishes (Salads & Desserts) and Personal Drinks.
  - Bring a Green, Fruit or Potato Salad if your last name begins with the letter: A - K
  - Bring a Yummy, Yummy Dessert if your last name begins with the letter: L – Z
  - Bring your own 'Special' Drinks ... and a few extras for the staff & volunteers.
  - The Chapter will also provide water, plates, cups, napkins and utensils.

**Please: Bring your food dishes a bit early so that we are all ready to roll by 6 p.m.**

*\* This is a great time to socialize and network with friends and other History Nuts*

*\*\* George Knapp has been invited to give us a peek at an original and unique 1803 Harpers Ferry Rifle (#12) that he recently acquired with the hope of finding that it might have been issued to a Lewis and Clark Expedition member. Only two are known to exist (Serial Numbers 12 & 15). He will be donating this rare artifact to Travelers' Rest State Park for public display.*

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To: The Travelers' Rest Chapter Board & Members

Re: The Centennial Boy Scout National Jamboree Summary: July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>

From: Bryant Boswell, Coordinator and Member of the Meriwether Lewis Chapter

I want to thank you for the \$400.00 you contributed to help send the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) members and re-enactors to the Centennial Boy Scout National Jamboree in Virginia. I hope you will find from this report satisfaction that it was money well spent.

Our participation with the Order of the Arrow Village at the Jamboree could not have been better. In nine long and grueling days we saw over 10,000 people.



Every Scout was sent through four educational stations: 1) Check in, instruction, handout materials, LCTHF Chapter BSA patch program, 2) Sacagawea and Native American items, 3) The medicine of Lewis and Clark, and 4) arms, accoutrements, uniforms, surveying, cartography.

Each visitor was given a booklet on the Expedition printed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and a map provided by Margaret Gorski [A Travelers' Rest Chapter Member] with the U.S. Forest Service in Montana. The booklet on the Expedition was stamped with the website of the Foundation as the source for obtaining information on the nine BSA/LCTHF Chapter patches. Eight other Chapters contributed along with the Ft. Mandan Foundation and six individuals.

Education of the next generation needs to remain one of the top priorities of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and participating Chapters. We need all the Chapters to participate by developing a patch for your area. This program is having a tremendous response already with boys from across the nation wanting to learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

A similar Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed with other youth organizations. Only through vibrant activities and outreach by Chapters, such as The Travelers' Rest Chapter, can the Foundation and Chapters grow in membership and spread the Lewis & Clark story to our youth.

Thank you for all you have done to help with this year's Boy Scout National Jamboree!

YMOS - Bryant Boswell (Jackson, Mississippi – Far Right in Picture)

### **Travelers' Rest Brigade a Hit at the Lolo Pass Visitor Center's Two-Day Summer Event**

The Lewis & Clark Expedition traveled through the Lolo Pass area on their journey across the United States over 200 years ago in 1805 and 1806. Hundreds of travelers who stopped to visit the Lolo Pass Visitors Center on July 31<sup>st</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup> this summer were met by, educated by and entertained by dedicated members of the Travelers' Rest Brigade. Activities included live demonstrations of leather working, beading, musketry, horsemanship, bullet casting and the medicine of 200 years ago.

This year the participating Brigade Members at Lolo Pass included: Joel Shechter, Tom Lukomski, Scott Cameron, Lloyd Priest, Chuck Sundstrom, Mike Wallace, Gordon Wallace, Brittany Wallace... with special guests Jan Murray and LaRissa Moncton with the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles (DESC), Missouri.

## Travelers' Rest Chapter – Membership Information

\* Please check your mailing label. There may be a message asking you to renew your Membership.  
Please send in the requested information listed below and make your check payable to the Travelers' Rest Chapter:

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\_\_\_\_ Scout (Student) \$5

\_\_\_\_ Private (Individual) \$10

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\_\_\_\_ Interpreter \$25

\_\_\_\_ Corporal \$50

\_\_\_\_ Sergeant \$75

\_\_\_\_ Captain \$100

\_\_\_\_ General \$500

\_\_\_\_ Jefferson (Lifetime) \$1,000



### **Travelers' Rest State Park Update – Loren Flynn, Park Manager: Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)**

As the summer winds down at Travelers' Rest State Park, we can look back at another successful season. Visitation numbers continued the upward trend that began in 2009, and we are now back to the numbers we experienced during the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial years of 2005-06.

Thanks to funding from the federal economic stimulus package, we have been able to undertake several projects in the past few months. We upgraded the flooring in the museum, developed and installed an interpretive exhibit in the visitor center, added entrance road, parking lot and trail to the new building, completed a landscaping project (with the help from a wonderful Montana Conservation Corps crew), and hosted a monthly interpretive series, Discover Travelers' Rest (thanks to our non-profit interpretive partner, TRPHA).

As we look forward to fall and winter, there are several important dates to remember. The **Travelers' Rest Brigade** will be at the park on **September 11 & 12** to commemorate the 205<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lewis and Clark's first stop at Travelers' Rest. School field trips will keep us busy in September and October. **The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Storytelling Series** will begin on January 8, 2011, and the **Travelers' Rest Auction**, which supports the education programs at Travelers' Rest, will be held Friday, January 21, 2011. Mark your calendar and be sure to invite your family & friends!

### **Second Annual Lolo Trail Summer Tour – Great Weather, Great Views, Great Stories!**

On Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, the two ex-rangers Jack Puckett and Tom Schenarts led 16 Lewis & Clark devotees on our Second Annual Lolo Trail Summer excursion. Road #500 that follows the trail was in the worst condition we have found it in several years, but other than road dust we forged our way from site to site. The ride was uneventful except for meeting a pickup camper pulling a horse trailer. The spot was narrow with a big drop-off and of course, he could not backup! It took awhile for us to get our four vehicles out of the way but it gave us a chance to be impressed with the highly developed skills of our drivers.

Lunch was at Indian Post Office where we enjoyed the expansive views, wildflowers, congenial company and stories from our leaders and Gene Eastman. Due to our heavenly connections, the weather was perfect just as last year and there was no smoke. Our last stop was at the Smoking Place, which required a short uphill hike, but everyone made it! We finished the day at the Lochsa Lodge where we all filled our plates, enjoyed the fellowship and pledged to do this again next year.

Tom Schenarts, Travelers' Rest Chapter Board Member

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Lloyd Priest Demonstrating a Flintlock Rifle at Lolo Pass

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## Travelers' Rest Chapter Brigade & Events Schedule

**September 9, 10 & 11: 2010 FUR TRADE SYMPOSIUM - Three Forks, Montana**  
*Commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fort at the Three Forks of the Missouri River*  
The Three Forks Area Historical Society is sponsoring this comprehensive bicentennial symposium, lectures, panels, demonstrations, camps and local tours. Cost is \$165 per person. For More Information Go to: [WWW.TFHISTORY.ORG](http://WWW.TFHISTORY.ORG)... or call: 406-285-4778

**September 11 & 12 (Saturday & Sunday): TRAVELERS' REST BRIGADE, Encampment and Demonstrations at Travelers' Rest State Park**

The Travelers' Rest Brigade invites you and your friends to Travelers' Rest State Park on September 11 & 12 to help commemorate the 205<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's first stop at Travelers' Rest. Activities include demonstrations of leather working, beading, musketry, bullet casting and the medicine of 200 years ago.

**September 17, 18 & 19: Fort Connah Open House, Rendezvous, Black Powder Shoot, Auction & Fundraiser (Main Events are on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>).**

This Historic Hudson's Bay Company Fort (Actually a Trading Post) became a central hub of activity in the Mission Valley, providing shot and powder, blankets and beads, food and staples and other important commodities to the Indians and settlers from 1846 – 1871. The location is east of Hwy 93 between St. Ignatius and Nine Pipes Reservoir. Donations of Period Items, Auction Items and Operational Funds are encouraged and welcomed. Contact Scott Cameron at 381-0759 or George Knapp at 549-4431.