



The Badger State Chapter

Meriwether Lewis



of:

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.



William Clark

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During this time in history; excerpts from the journal of Patrick Gass: October 1804

Tues, Oct 2nd: About 2, we discovered some Indians on the hills on the north side, and one of them came down to the bank and fired a gun; the object or intention we did not understand, but we were ready to meet an attack.

Wed, Oct 10th: *(After describing in great detail, how the houses of the Rickarees were built)* This labour like every other kind is chiefly performed by the squaws.

Mon, Oct 15th: About 10, we saw another party of hunters... One of these requested to speak with our young squaw, who for some time hid herself, but at last came out and spoke with him... when the horn blew for all to come on board, she left them and came to the boat.

Wed, Oct 17th: At half past ten the wind blew so hard down the river that we were obliged to halt.

Mon, Oct 22nd: Snow fell last night, and the morning was cloudy and cold. ..At 9 we saw some Indians of the Sioux nation coming down from the Mandans, who, notwithstanding the coldness of the weather, had not an article of clothing except their breech-clouts.

The Missouri Meander

By: Bill Holman

Since we are some of the “newer kids on the block,” we weren’t quite sure what to expect when we signed up for the “Missouri Meander,” led by Jim Rosenberger. Hopefully, this will provide others with a good perspective of what you could be in for, if you participate in future excursions.



Jim Rosenberger
As our Tour Director

First of all, there are only two elements to a group. The leader, and the participants. The chemistry between these two, and between the participants themselves, is the deciding factor in whether the excursion is a great experience or a disaster. We’re here to tell you that this is the kind of group that most people only dream about forming. There was not a single person involved who did not know how to respect the others, and laugh off minor inconveniences. The result was, lots of learning and lots of

laughs. The enthusiasm of the Badger Chapter was also demonstrated by the fact that a chapter that numbers only 46 members was able to put together a group of 11 people for this tour.

Jim picked out three motels for us, and we met late Friday afternoon near the St. Louis airport. He had a special treat for us on the first night, as we were joined by Jerry Garrett, who provided numerous ideas, and suggestions for future tours and learning experiences regarding the Corps of Discovery.



The Badger Chapter visits the Colter Memorial (left) and Fort Osage (right)

On Saturday, Jim had us all gather in the lobby so that he could brief us on the plans, and provide walkie-talkies to some of the cars, and his cell phone number in case of an unplanned separation. Within about 30 minutes we were on the road, and his starting location had been planned so that our escape from the city was quick and easy. Within minutes we found ourselves on the beautiful two lane roads near the Missouri River, on our way to visit Daniel Boone's home. Some of us had not realized that Boone spent his later years in Missouri, and the home he had built there when he was near 70 years old, was a far cry from the cabins of his youth.

While we were there, we were joined by Patti Malvern-Frick from the Greater Metro St. Louis Chapter, who spent the next few hours with us, and led us to the John Colter Memorial in New Haven, MO. This is a site that has just recently been developed, and offers a tribute to the member of the expedition who settled there, and the other members as well.

From New Haven, "*we proceeded on*" to Hermann, MO, and then on up to the state capitol at Jefferson City. Their capitol building bears many similarities to ours in Madison, and offers numerous tributes to L&C and especially to Jefferson, for whom the city was named.

We found it amazing how Jim was able to keep the group on a planned schedule, with (apparently) very little effort. He got us out of Jefferson City on time, and headed NW, along the "south" side of the river, through some of the most beautiful country you could imagine. By now, there were only spotty rain showers, and the rolling, twisting two lanes made us wish we were on our Harley-Davidson.

Our next stop was down a side road to the old river town of Lupus, MO ...population, 29. Lupus lies just behind the RR tracks that border the Missouri, and presents a glimpse of what life in a small river town used to be. Many of the buildings in Lupus are built on stilts, for times when the Missouri rages out of its banks. Our wonderful hosts this evening were Jim & Sue Denny, also members of a Missouri chapter. We met in the small cement block building that serves as Lupus City Hall, where Jim presented a computer generated program about L&C as they explored this area. As if this wasn't treat enough, Jim & Sue followed this with a home made chili dinner and cookies. It was getting dark by the time we bid farewell to the Dennys, and drove about 25 miles to Boonville,

where we spent the second night.

At 8 AM on Sunday, Jim gathered us all in the lobby for another briefing on the day's plans. This was an excellent way to start each day, so that any questions could be brought up, and everyone had a picture of what we intended to accomplish.

This was the longest single leg of the tour, but in an hour or so, we were pulling into the recreated Fort Osage, on a bluff overlooking the Missouri, not far from Independence, MO. Fort Osage was built in 1808, under the direction of William Clark, and Captain Eli B. Clemson. It served numerous purposes, one of the foremost being a government trading post. Eventually, private traders convinced Congress to end the government "Factory System", and the traders and soldiers abandoned the Fort in 1827. This wonderful recreation looks like it could be used again today.

From Fort Osage, we caravanned into Independence where we had a picnic lunch and visited the National Frontier Trails Center, and the adjacent restored railroad depot. Jim briefed us again on the afternoon stops, and we headed into Kansas City to stop in Case Park. This is the high point where, in 1806, Lewis & Clark stood and surveyed the area where the Kansas River & the Missouri come together. For our final point on the tour, we drove across to the point between the rivers, where the River Bend Chapter is working to build Confluence Park. Here we were met by Dan Sturdevant, president of the chapter, who guided us to the point and explained what had taken place there, and what they are doing to commemorate the Corps' campsite at this historic spot. Everyone was thrilled to have Dan as our guide



Badger Chapter at Confluence Park

for this segment, and this was evident as we said our good-byes.

From here, it was only a short hop to North Kansas City, and our motel for the final night. We had only been together for a few days, but new friendships had been formed, old ones reinforced, memories created, and knowledge gained. It was unanimously declared that our "Missouri Meander" was a great success, and we'll all be looking forward to our next opportunity to learn together.



David Bubier

President's Message

David Bubier

As President of the Badger State Chapter it has been my goal to work towards providing interesting learning and fellowship opportunities for our chapter members. With our chapter programming in the capable hands of Jim Rosenberger and with the cooperation of fellow Lewis and Clark enthusiasts, we have done much and gone

far in our chapter meetings and field trips.

We had our first-ever summer picnic and educational gathering this June to learn, socialize and eat!!! Our field trips get better and better every year!! We have a terrific meeting planned for November 8. We are working to get a group together to attend the March 2004 Lewis and Clark Symposium in St. Louis. This will include a special evening at the Missouri Historical Society to see the national Lewis and Clark exhibition; a special performance by Clay Jenkinson as Thomas Jefferson and the Three Flags Day Signature Event.

It is with the idea of providing further learning and fellowship experiences for our members that I propose we form a Lewis and Clark related book club.

We could read a chosen selection - I suggest James Holmberg's Dear Brother - Letters of William Clark to Jonathan Clark. If you chose not to read that book, read another and give us a synopsis of the book and a critique of what you thought of it. We could meet for an hour or so after our chapter meetings, at the Annual Meeting and even on our field trip one night. We might even host a Saturday breakfast or lunch and make it a 1½ to 2 hour discussion with a social time. Mark Twain said, "The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them."

Let me know what you think. Call, write, e-mail or grab me at the November 8 meeting and give me your ideas or let me know if you think you'd like to participate. Don't be worried that you are not a serious scholar... Bertrand Russell once said "There is much pleasure to be gained from useless knowledge." That is our objective - the pleasure of books and sharing them with each other!!

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On the Trail with Lewis & Clark...by Calendar!!!

During this Bicentennial period, have you ever sipped your morning coffee and thought, "I wonder what Lewis & Clark were doing on this date 200 years ago?" Well don't



Jim Rosenberger

be too surprised to learn that one of our own chapter members has provided the answer. Jim Rosenberger has produced a day-to-day desk calendar for 2004 with each day containing the journal entry made by Lewis and Clark for the equivalent day in 1804. So every morning, you can contemplate what this day would have been like for you, if you had been a member of the Expedition.

Jim says the idea came from his wife, Mary. He was skeptical at first, doubting it could be accomplished. However, after getting permission from Gary Moulton and the University of Nebraska Press, Jim used the Moulton edition of the journals and in a couple of months, produced the calendar. The entries are paraphrased so you won't have all the detailed descriptions of flora and fauna or latitude and longitude, but other than that, the day to day activities of the Expedition are contained in the daily pages of the calendar.

Jim says he undertook the project because, "I thought it would be a challenge just to see if it was possible. When I found it could be done, I thought it would be a real accomplishment for something like this to come from a non-trail state and give our Chapter a bit of notoriety." Jim wants to get the calendar in the hands of non-Lewis and Clark enthusiasts and get them interested in the story, the trail, the Foundation and our Chapter. It also would be nice if he could turn a profit! Jim says, "I don't expect to make a whole lot of money. By the time I was able to offer the

2004 calendar, most stores had already ordered their supply for the year, so we will have to see how 2005 goes to determine if we are having any success." But fortunately for those of us who know Jim, there is still time to get the 2004 version for yourself or as a gift.

To date, they have sold calendars locally and nationwide. He intends to produce a calendar for each of the Bicentennial years. Jim adds, "If nothing else, it requires me to do a thorough reading of the journals."

He and Mary have also developed some unique Lewis and Clark bookmarks and a computer mouse pad. Jim also anticipates developing a few additional items but right now, the calendar is the main item.

Anyone interested in the calendar can contact Jim and he assures me that he will have some with him at our fall Chapter meeting. They are only \$12, and Jim can be reached at 608-845-6365 or by e-mail at punkinz@att.net

David Bubier

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Meetings, Meetings.

Fall Meeting: Our fall meeting of the Badger Chapter, LCTHF, will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2003 at the Madison Public Library, 201 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI. Board and business meetings will be held between 9:30 and 11 A.M. At 11 A.M our Speaker will be one of our own members, Professor Don Halloran (emeritus). Sound familiar? You may recall that Prof. Halloran spoke to us last fall about canoeing the lower Missouri River in his birchbark canoe. Now we continue the journey and Don will speak to us about his canoe exploits on the Western waters of the Lewis and Clark Trail. Don is a biologist, naturalist, history buff, fine photographer and an engaging speaker who shows us the geography the Corps of Discovery faced and at the same time gives us insights into the area through his knowledge and experiences on and off the water. Join us as we take an exciting and interesting canoe trip on the western waters of the Trail.

Spring 2004 Meeting: It is early but believe it or not, we have a portion of the spring meeting planned. It will be in April 2004 and will be at the John P. Raynor Library, University of Marquette, 1355 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. The general topic of the meeting will be the "Wisconsin connection to Lewis and Clark". Exact details of date, location and etc., will be mailed out at a future date, closer to the meeting. We are fortunate to have Chapter member, Matt Blessing, available to speak to us.

Matt manages the Department of Special Collections and University Archives at the University of Marquette and he has agreed to present a paper he recently wrote examining the role that historian/editor Reuben Gold Thwaites had in bringing the expedition back to the attention of historians and the general public. Matt focuses on Thwaites' discovery of the Charles Floyd diary in 1893 while processing the papers of Lyman Draper at the Wisconsin Historical Society and also, a decade later, Thwaites unearthing original journals and maps prepared by William Clark. Matt's paper has been accepted for presentation at the October 2004 Midwest Archives Conference and for future publication in "Wisconsin Magazine of History".

The ingredients are present for a great meeting so plan on joining us in April 2004.

What'd Ya Know...?



Who was it that said, "The report of my death was an exaggeration"? ** It could just as well have been Thomas Jefferson. In early July 1800 the newspapers, from Baltimore to Philadelphia to New York to Boston, carried the report that Thomas Jefferson had died at Monticello after a brief illness. Before long all of America was notified of his passing.

Not everyone believed it. The Republicans believed that the report of Jefferson's death was a Federalist trick! They disputed the credibility of the man who first reported his death to a Baltimore newspaper. The Federalists, quite honestly, hoped it was true. With Jefferson gone, they might still be able to maintain control of the government.

For better than a week the question of Jefferson's existence on this good earth remained in dispute. Finally, it was learned that it was not Thomas Jefferson, Founding Father, Vice-President and future President, who was dead, but one of his old slaves with the same name. Thomas Jefferson didn't die until 26 years later in 1826. Ironically, when he did die, it was in the first week of July... in fact, July 4th. What'd Ya Know!!!

David Bubier

Reference: Charles Warren, *Odd Byways in American History* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1942, pp 127-35. ** Mark Twain, after reading his own obituary, June 2, 1897

Do you know that our Badger State Chapter, while a non-trail state and a relative newcomer on the scene, has a lot to be proud of when it comes to our membership?

_____ One of our chapter members has the honor of having named *The Orderly Report*, the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Membership Newsletter.

_____ One of our chapter members is a faithful member of The Alexander Mackenzie Voyageur Route Association.

_____ One of our chapter members is also a member of the Illinois Chapter of the LCTHF.

_____ One of our chapter members is on the Board of the National Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

_____ One of our chapter members is on the National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial.

_____ One of our chapter members is a relative of Patrick Gass.

_____ One of our chapter members is also a member of the Minnesota Chapter of the LCTHF.

_____ One of our chapter members is serving in the armed forces in Saudi Arabia.

_____ One of our chapter members has a long-standing interest in the Custer/Little Big Horn Battle field Association.

_____ One of our chapter members works for Old World Wisconsin.

_____ One of our chapter members is a relative of Meriwether Lewis.

BONUS POINTS:

_____ One of our chapter members lives in Indiana.

_____ One of our chapter members lives in the State of Washington.

_____ One of our chapter members lives in Virginia.

Can you guess who is who? Some names can be used more than once.

A. Charles Blair B. Dave Bubier C. Judy Coccia D. Jim Gramentine
E. Bill Holman F. Dan Kacmarcik G. Laura Labadie H. Harriet Peppard
I. Jim Rosenberger J. Charlotte Shirven K. Laura Streich L. Patti Thomsen
M. Dr. Herman Viola

11-14 right = Capt. Lewis; 10 right = Capt. Clark; 9 right = Sacagawea; 8 right = York;
7 right = Charbonneau; 6 or less right = Moses Reed (The Expedition's deserter and black sheep of the story.)

Field Trip Survey

We have had 5 successful field trips and established a fairly regular group of travelers but we would like to see more of our members join in. What would you like in the way of a field trip? Please take a minute and complete the survey on the following page. This will help in planning future trips, and be an important aid for me as well as future program chairpersons. Bring the survey to the November meeting or mail to:

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Proposed Amendment To Bylaws

This is an amendment to the Bylaws of the Badger State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., specifically to add an additional Section under Article III – Officers and Duties.

This amendment was mailed to all members of the Badger State Chapter Board of Directors for review and final approval at the **November 8, 2003** Board meeting. Upon approval it will be presented for a vote of approval to the membership. If two-thirds of the votes received from the polling are favorable, the amendment is approved.

It is proposed to add the following new Section under Article III;

SECTION 4: Should a vacancy open during the term of any Officer or Director, for any reason, at the direction of the President, it will be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to submit a candidate to the full Board of Directors for approval and vote. Upon a majority vote of approval by the full Board of Directors to appoint the candidate to the vacant position, the candidate will take immediate office and complete the term of the vacancy.

In the event the office of President becomes vacant mid-term, the Vice President will become President in accordance with Article III, Section 1 (B). The new President will then fill the office of Vice President using the process set forth in this Section 4.

Newsletter articles

Got an interesting article about the Lewis and Clark Expedition or someone who shares our interest in “The Journey” that you would like to share with others through this newsletter? Then write to either Dave Bubier at dbubier@merr.com or Bill Holman at wghmch@chorus.net. If you don't have e-mail, call Dave at (608) 846-8716. If you include a picture with your article, we will be happy to return it upon request.



Treasurer's Report

As of August 31, 2003 we have \$1,404.36 in the Treasury.



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SURVEY-BADGER STATE CHAPTER-LCTHF

We would like to know what type of field trip you enjoy. Please help us by responding to this survey and giving your comments and suggestions.

1.) Our field trips have been "long weekends" of four days, starting on a Friday and ending on a Monday. Do you feel this is the right amount of time? _____

Should the field trip be longer? _____ Shorter? _____

2.) Do you prefer a "driving" field trip where we are driving to a new location each day and staying at a new hotel each night? (like this years trip) _____

Do you prefer staying at one hotel at a central location and driving out to sites during the day, returning to the same hotel in the evening? (Like last years trip to Yankton, SD) _____

3.) The field trip has been in August or September. Do you prefer a different time of year or different month? If so, indicate the time of year or the month(s) you prefer _____

4.) Would you like to see the Chapter arrange a guided tour through a travel agency? _____

How far would you be willing to travel on such a tour? (Example; St. Louis to Ft. Clatsop or Madison to Ft. Mandan) _____

What amount would you be willing to spend per person for such a tour? _____

5.) The 2004 annual meeting is in Bismarck, ND. Would you be interested in taking a field trip after the annual meeting which would follow the Yellowstone River or perhaps go to Great Falls, MT? _____

6.) Should tours include historical sites other than just Lewis and Clark sites? _____

7.) Would you be interested in taking an "activity" field trip such as canoeing the Missouri, hiking the trail, horseback riding on the trail, etc.? _____

If yes, what activity would you be most interested in? _____

Please give us your comments or suggestions on the reverse side or use a separate page.

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