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Meetings of the Honor Guard are at 7:00 pm
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At the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center
Unless specified otherwise

Next Meeting: April 9, 2007



Summer '08 Activities

The committee charged with overseeing Living History events during the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation annual meeting in Great Falls has started kicking around ideas for July '08. We are hoping these activities will replace the Lewis and Clark Festival for that year. A "tent of many voices" concept seems to be preferred to a large scale encampment.

So far the idea discussed is to have an outdoor facility set up near the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center for a two day period with six presentations each day. The Honor Guard will only supply some of the presenters; others would include presentations/demonstrations on subjects such as fur trade, early settlers, Indian cultures and activities and military—Lewis viewing events that took place during the Signature Event here may be interesting.

The concept is to put Lewis and Clark into context of the time then give some discussion of what came before and after the Expedition. This not only broadens the appeal, but may make the era more understandable.

These ideas are very preliminary; other ideas and comments are welcome. Contact any committee member with your thoughts. The committee is Mike Lamphier, Walt Walker, Ron Ukrainetz, Norman Anderson and Phil Sriver.

Honor Guard Fun Stuff

Some folks continue to work on two float trips for this summer. One trip would be in late July through the White Cliffs area and another would be floating the Marias. No dates have been set for either trip yet.

Both of these would be canoe floats with time for fishing, photography, etc; a few days of leisure to enjoy the great outdoors in the land traveled by the Corps of Discovery. Anyone interested in these floats or others can contact Phil Sriver.

The Expedition Continues

I was over in Sam's the other day wandering through the seasonal aisle where I spotted several items of interest. Looks as though there are still people trying to make a buck off Lewis and Clark.

A company called Lewis and Clark Outdoor has made some things for camping use—adventure bags, which are soft sided packs, waterproof bags, camp table, and camp kitchens were things I saw. The company's advertising uses the slogan "the Expedition continues". Of course the materials for the bags were period correct luminous yellow plastic.

Tobacco

I received a note from John Fisher letting me know he had finally received a shipment of tobacco from Lancaster County Pennsylvania, both long leaf (24") and short (10-12"). He made some carrots using the information in a 2004 issue of the Journal. He reported they turned out well.

If anyone is interested in some tobacco contact him at jwfisher@starband.net.

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The updating continues. More articles are being written and John's buried deeply into the "geek work" that will make it all work; all that stuff that goes on behind the screen that most of us don't know anything about and aren't very interested in unless it doesn't work (or maybe he's out fishing).

The most difficult part of developing a new website is designing it to catch a person's attention and then to allow them to easily move around in the site. The designer has to think like the person viewing the site and make the logic sensible to that person. We found that since a large number of people visiting our site were school kids and people with only a passing knowledge of Lewis and Clark we had to drastically alter the approach we were using on the old site. That work is finally done so the technical details are now in John's capable hands.

But we can never have too many articles, so I invite and encourage any and everyone to write an article or articles for us. They can be essays, opinions, factually researched articles, fiction, etc.—just no personal attacks on the living.

Send them to me as a "word" document attached to your email at philscriver@yahoo.com.

This Summer

When making your summer plans consider if you may be interested in being part of a group photographed at various Lewis and Clark sites in the area. No set schedule yet, just whenever we can get a group together.

One of the new features for our new website is "Photo Tours" which will consist of photos of what a tourist would see. Fort Mountain, for example, a photo would be more interesting if we included a party of the Corps of Discovery climbing the trail or viewing the countryside from the top. There are many locations we could photograph using Honor Guard members to make it look more interesting.

Just let me know and we will work the details later.

Lewis & Clark Festival

This year's festival will see a return to some of the protocol of previous years for the Honor Guard. The encampment will be established on July 8 with a formal flag raising at 10 am to announce our opening. It will close at 4 pm with a ceremony to retire the colors. In between will be a variety of presentations and demonstrations. Most presentations will be done according to a pre-published schedule. A few demonstrations, because of their nature, will be ongoing throughout the day. Everything will be in third person to give maximum opportunity for interacting with the visitors and answering their questions, etc. Our goal is to get more one-on-one hands on exchange rather than giving groups a lecture.

Upcoming Events

LCIC Anniversary, River Camp May 5

Bus Tour, presentations, June 22

Festival Encampment, July 8

Festival Beans 'n Blarney, July 9