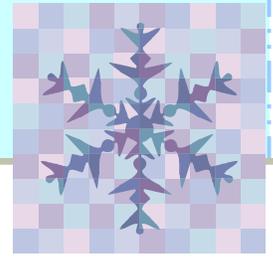


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## ***Boise meeting***

In October, a few northern Idaho chapter members joined a handful of southern Idaho enthusiasts at the Idaho State Historical Society. That facility has an extraordinary system of cultural and historic resources comprised of the Idaho State Historical Museum, Public Archives and Research Library, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historic Sites Program. Their mission is to inspire, enrich and engage all Idahoans by leading the state in preserving and sharing our dynamic cultural heritage. Ken Reid, the states archeologist, presented a fascinating talk based on the "dig" on the Cougar Bar site on the Snake River of the Nez Perce camp visited by Ordway and 2 other Corp members. His team had been asked by the Forest Service and the Nez Perce tribe to "carefully" evaluate the site briefly mentioned in the Journals. The long house and setting, which were outlined by several high tech, very sophisticated investigational tools, were tied to other investigations of this and other possible sites. There is a possibility of further development of this site for historical archeological and cultural interests.

Chapter members who were in attendance agreed that possible participation in future studies of this area would be important and may be considered for donations by the Chapter.

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Shoshone woman with baby in the 1800's (much like Pomp may have looked)

## POMP'S BIRTHDAY PARTY AND SPRING RENDEVOUS

Please join us this spring for the 204th birthday observance for Pomp's (Jean Baptiste Charbonneau). The proud papa will be on hand and will explain the facts of life regarding commerce on the plains and the ignorance of Lewis and Clark in 1805. The year's L&C events will be displayed and we'll have a short business meeting. Join with us at the Center for Arts and History, 415 Main Street, Lewiston, Idaho. When approaching from the west on US 12 cross the bridge from Clarkston, WA and you are on Main Street. As you reach the 2nd stop light, (5th St) the Center is on your left. Take two left turns, get west bound on D St., and park in the public parking lot on the north side of D at 4th St. If you are coming from the east on US 12, it becomes Main Street in Lewiston and in mid-city shifts you north to become one-way on D St. Go through the signal at 5th Street and look to your right for the parking lot on corner of 4th and D. The Center is just across D Street.

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### **Dues**

Money, that nasty thing needed to keep us traveling through this modern life. The Idaho Chapter has survived several years without collecting dues. Some have felt that if we just sent out newsletters by email we would not need much in the way of dues and could get by with minor fund raising.

Unfortunately, our banking account has dwindled and we need to face reality. After some email discussion among the officers and with some positive feedback at the October meeting, I will propose a \$10 for 2 yr membership dues at the next meeting.

## **FUTURE EVENTS:**

### **SPRING MEETING AND POMP'S BIRTHDAY**

Due to our unfortunate inclement weather, we will postpone our Pomp birthday bash until April or May in Lewiston, Idaho more news in next newsletter

**June rendezvous:** Weekend meeting in Salmon Idaho probably June 13-14. We'll visit the new Sacajawea Center (web site <http://www.sacajaweacenter.org/>) and do a field trip, probably to Lemhi Pass. More information in the spring newsletter

**National Meeting 2010:** Talks are in the works for using the Nez Perce Tribal Convention Center or LCSC in Lewiston in August.

We need help! Ideas and volunteers! Please contact any chapter office!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Reflection Time

It's that time of year again. It's winter, I've written Christmas Cards to friends and family and now it's time to start doing our taxes, to wonder where all the money and time went, and set some goals for the New Year; all part of life's annual cycle. Part of my life is Lewis and Clark and that gets the same review as the other parts of my life. For me the L&C year was a mixed bag in that it brought us some really neat events and activities but with few other people enjoying it with me. Our spring meeting in Lewiston brought us a presentation by Kathleen Dahl who gave us a very different look at L&C. One of things I love about being an L&C nut is the wide variety of interests in L&C. After her presentation I'll never look at a museum or interpretive site the same. We had a great field trip following her presentation when we proceeded up the Clearwater stopping at several L&C sites before ending the day on Angel Ridge with a view of the snow covered Rocky Mountains to the east, just as the Corps viewed them in 1806. In late summer about 15 of us met at Powell and spent two days on the eastern end of the Lolo Trail visiting L&C sites.

I attended the LCTHF's annual meeting in Great Falls this year and really enjoyed it despite having attended at least 5 events in Great Falls in the past 10 years. Just three other Idaho Chapter members attended.

The chapter meeting in Boise in October featured a presentation by Ken Reid about a Nez Perce village site on the Salmon River that likely was visited by the Sgt Ordway in 1806. The common factor in all these events was the lack of attendance. No southern Idaho members came north for the spring meeting and my wife and I and Janie and her husband were the only non-Boise members at the fall meeting. Most of the summer field trip attendees were new to the chapter/ area.

I was impatient to get past the bicentennial so that we could have some meeting and field trips that allowed some in depth presentations and discussion instead of the great ceremony and commercial controls so evident in the Bicentennial events. Apparently not everyone felt that way. One of the agenda items at the spring will be a discussion of where do we go from here. What would you like to do, see, or visit? If you can't attend I'd appreciate a phone call or note with your thoughts.

### Annual 2010 Meeting Planning

Idaho is hosting the 2010 Foundation Annual meeting which will be based at the Nez Perce Tribe's Event Center on the Casino campus just east of Lewiston. Three field trips are planned during the meeting, a half day visit to Dayton, WA to visit the Petit Creek camp interpretive site, an all day trip up the Clearwater River to Kamiah, to the west end of the Lolo Trail, to Weippe for dinner, and a day in the Spaulding Lapwai area. Chuck Raddon and Steve Lee are co-chairs for planning & budget, Jim Fazio is responsible for speakers relating to Lewis and Clark, and we are working with the Nez Perce Tribe for speakers relating to Nez Perce culture and life with the Corps. Norm Steadman is the bus master or "Wagon Boss." We plan to have outside catering feed us at all locations away from the Event Center. We are looking for someone to head up the catering at these locations. As we get closer will have more needs, especially bus guides and for hosts at the event. The Foundation takes care of collecting registration and the time consuming busy-work of the event which makes hosting the annual meeting much easier than when we last hosted it in Lewiston in 1990.

GET INTO TO THE SPIRIT AND JOIN US FOR ALL OUR UPCOMING EVENTS! KEEP IN THE LOOP BY KEEPING YOUR EMAIL AND/OR SNAIL MAIL ADDRESS CURRENT

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