

On The Trail

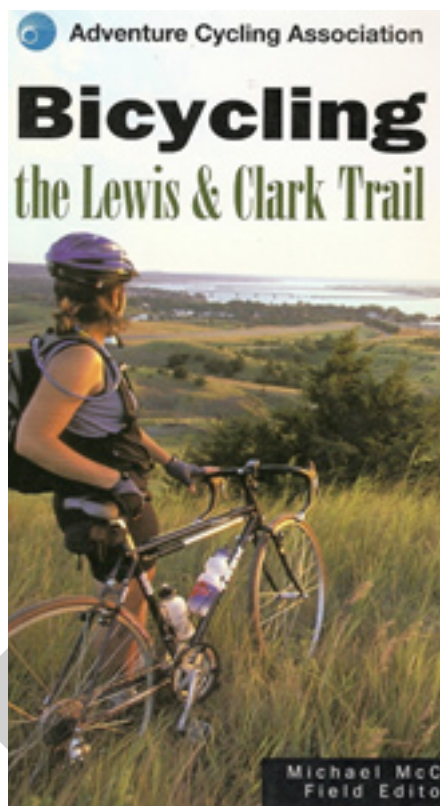
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Bicycling The Lewis And Clark Trail by Michael McCovey

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Reviewed by Kyle Carroll

Most Lewis and Clark books give us at least the vicarious pleasure of traveling along with Lewis and Clark along the trail as we work our way through its



pages. *Bicycling the Lewis and Clark Trail* tends to draw you out to the trail itself.

Produced as a guide for cyclist by the Adventure Cycling Association, the book has been researched and mapped by members of the Missoula, Montana based organization. *Bicycling the Lewis and Clark Trail* is a collaborative effort by outdoor travel writer Michael McCovey and cycling photographer Dennis Coello and members of the Adventure Cycling Association.

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April 12 Meeting

Tavern Cave and “The Melancholy Fate Of Capt. Lewis: New Historical Fiction”

The chapter members met on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the Missouri Department of Conservation Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost.

New officers were elected for the period starting April, 2008, for one year and the persons are shown with photos (mostly) in this issue. Kay Schaefer became a director, resigning as Secretary and Marty Kraemer became the secretary for the organization. Gordon Kempf resigned after years of fine service.

Steve Kaub presented “*Tavern Cave & Bluff*”, visited by LEWIS AND CLARK on May 23, 1804. Steve Kaub, a big guy, explained how he regularly crawls in small places as a “caver”, this cave however being very large. Steve related the incident of Meriwether Lewis nearly falling from the top of the bluff above the cave. Steve

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Following the trail to Atchison

River Bend Chapter Bus Tour, Saturday, May 31, on the “204th Anniversary of Lewis and Clark”

The tour departs from 7th and Pennsylvania at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 5:00 p.m. Parking is free.

We will travel the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail from Kansas City to Atchison and tour the historic town of Atchison.

Atchison is a key site for Lewis and Clark, who spent July 4, 1804, there. A magnificent pavilion has been constructed on the Missouri River commemorating their stop. In addition, a Kanza Indian Earth Lodge has been built, similar to the lodges seen by Lewis and Clark, all with National Park Service interpretive exhibits.

In addition to Lewis and Clark, Atchison is a historic town featuring the Pony Express, the Mormon Grove campsite, the Smoky Hill Trail, the Butterfield Overland Dispatch, the AT&SF Railroad Depot Visitor Center, the Amelia Earhart Home, and the Benedictine Bottoms wetlands, all of which we will see.

The current Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation National President is Karen Seaberg, who is a resident of Atchison and will serve as our guide. As we drive along, we will have readings from the journals, discussion of early Kansas and Missouri history and many views of the Missouri River.

Lunch will be at the Hoof and Horn (formerly the River House), overlooking the river. Cost is \$45, which includes lunch, maps and handouts.

For reservations contact: Ross Marshall, guide, 913.262.6445, or email to ross-marshall@mindspring.com. Please make your check to River Bend Chapter, and send to Ross Marshall, 6624 Craig Road, Merriam, KS 66202.

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Upcoming Events

Lewis And Clark At Kaw Point

204th Year, June 26, 2008, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Lewis And Clark Park at Kaw Point at the dock on the Kansas River, 1st And Fairfax, Kansas City, Kansas

Public Program Producer: Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

6:00 p.m. Introduction

Speaking will be members of the Chapter, reading and interpreting the June 26, 1804, through June 29, 1804, journal entries.

Plus, meet a Special Mystery Guest at the presentation!

Bicycling The Lewis And Clark Trail

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Anyone willing to pack their panniers, climb in the saddle and aim their bicycle westward will have, in this book, the shared route finding and cartographic skills of the Adventure Cycling Associations Routes and Mapping Department. That is a good thing to have when you head into unfamiliar territory on a bicycle. Having a route already scouted and mapped can make all the difference in a vacation where you are trying to maximize your travel time, balanced with a little sight seeing.

I found the book very accurate when I traveled part of the trail last year in Missouri from Rocheport heading east. The text is designed as guide for cyclists, but the historic

sites, and interesting landmarks listed along the way are of equal interest to the traveler in an automobile.

Who knows, you might be inspired to see part of the trail with the wind in your face and a map in your saddle bag.

You'll find this book well worth investigating.



Tom Young and Kyle Carroll in Montana, biking the trail in 2006. Photo by Russ Wright



The Pointy Guys

Ken Wilk of the US Army Corps of Engineers has asked for our chapter's help to find a permanent home for the 7-foot pointy guys statue which travelled around during the Bicentennial.

The chapter board has met, with Steve Kaub taking the lead. Steve has advised Mr. Wilk to place the 7-foot pointy guys statue at Lewis and Clark Park at Kaw Point. We are looking forward to having the statue in place for our June 26 program.

Steve Kaub has worked with "Friends of Kaw Point Park" representatives and the transfer of the 300 pound statue will be made soon to Kaw Point. The statue will then be placed in concrete on or around the site.

New Book Club

If you are interested in a book club that will meet quarterly to discuss books about Lewis and Clark and the "period" of expansion, please email Jil brown (jbrown032001@comcast.net) or call 816-331-8528. The group will decide where and when are first book and meeting will taken place.

River Bend Chapter Membership Application

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National Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Member? ☐ Yes

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\$25 Family

\$50 Non-profit organization

\$100 Corporation

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April 12th Meeting Notes

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talked about the 2008 appearance and limited access to the area in his fine presentation.

Professor Michael Pritchett, author of the excellent new book "The Melancholy Fate Of Capt Lewis". Professor Pritchett, who teaches writing at UMKC, spoke about the process of creating "historical fiction", in which the author takes the quotes from the journals and elaborates. You will find his book at local bookstores.

Photos courtesy of Linda Hanley.



Professor Michael Pritchett

Re-enactors Publish Record of their Journey

The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles is publishing a book of their journey. Contact Betty Kluesner (LAKluesner@aol.com) for orders and information. The book has photos and text of the re-enactors experience for the whole journey.



Pat Marshall, an active member of the River Bend Chapter and wife of Ross Marshall, passed away on February 12, 2008, after a brief illness.

She had undergone surgery and treatment for lung cancer in 2006, but the cancer was in remission. She died from a sudden attack of 'organizing pneumonia', which is basically lung failure.

Pat was born in Independence, Missouri, and lived in Jackson County most of her life. She married Robert Stickler, a Baptist pastor who passed away in 1991 from a brain tumor. She had four children, seven grandchildren

and seven great-grandchildren.

Her career was as a licensed Nursing Home Administrator in the state of Missouri, winning several awards including Missouri's 'Administrator of the Year'.

She married Ross in 2004 and immediately fell in love with our national trails. They traveled extensively covering most of the National Historic Trails.

Pat served as Vice-President and President of the Trails Head Chapter of the Oregon-California Chapter, was on the Board of Directors of the Missouri River Outfitters Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association and attended the board meetings of the River Bend Chapter. She also was the national Membership Chair for the Partnership for the National Trails System.

She loved the Lewis and Clark Trail and the chapter and quickly made countless friends. Pat loved to laugh and found joy in most everything in life and always tried to see the best in everyone. She was a special lady and will be greatly missed.

Noted Elsewhere

June 4, 2008, in Jefferson City, the "Lewis and Clark Trailhead Plaza" on the Capitol grounds will be dedicated.

The project is managed by the City of Jefferson City, with donations, commissions, and funds raised by Missouri school children. The centerpiece of the project is a bronze sculpture group including Lewis, Clark, George Drouillard, York, and Seaman.

The Riverbend web site has links to photos of the grounds, the sculpture itself, the artist, and photos of the entire creation and casting of the five figures.

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The Missouri-Kansas River Bend Chapter supports the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation at the local level through events, activities, programs, promotion and protection of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail. In addition, the local chapter encourages local interest in the expedition and related historic sites.

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