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REPORT TO THE LSAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING DATE: **NOVEMBER 8TH 2008, SEA-TAC.**

CHAPTER/COMMITTEE/SUBJECT **LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: **DENNY DEMEYER, CHAIRMAN**

RESTORATION OF 1896 LATITUDE PIER, SPOKANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE: Jim McLefresh, GPS Surveyor for Spokane County has planned for a brass informational plaque to be installed at the base of the restored pier. Our Historical Society member and Inland Empire Chapter member Walt Dale has offered to be the main contact on this project. Work has been set back until next spring.

GLENBOW MUSEUM & WHYTE MUSEUM OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES; SEPTEMBER 1: Contact was made (initiated by the Whyte Museum) about donation of antique sextants and artificial horizon and other navigational/surveying instruments to the David Thompson exhibits currently at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta and the scheduled for the Whyte Museum of the Rockies, Banff, Alberta. Our HS has contacted the Surveyors Historical Society and both the British Columbia Land Surveyors and the Alberta Land Surveyors about contributing to this effort to promote the surveying profession. All have responded positively and we will proceed with the donations.

SURVEYORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2008 RENDEZVOUS IN AKRON, OHIO; SEPTEMBER 11, 12 & 13: our HS was represented at this rendezvous featuring surveying in the birthplace of the Rectangular Survey System. A canoe trip down the Tuscarawas River was featured on Saturday (after almost being cancelled because of a "TORNADO watch") to a fallen oak tree marking the beginning of the Greenville Treaty Line. Great job by the survey program instructors and students.

PAMPHLET/BROCHURE TO ACCOMPANY DAVID THOMPSON EXHIBIT: will meet with the official cartographer of the DT Bicentennials (Andy Korsos) in Red Deer, Alberta this weekend to go over using one of his maps as the centerfold of this brochure. Larry Glahe and the David Thompson Chapter of the Idaho Land Surveyors (ISPLS) have tentatively volunteered to help with the graphics.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SURVEYING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS; OCTOBER 4: attended this board meeting. The National Museum of Surveying is pleased to announce the first event at the new Museum in Springfield, Illinois. "Museum Preview Night" will be held on surveyor Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, Thursday evening, February 12, 2009 at the Museum which is literally across the street from the Old State Capitol where Lincoln served as Illinois State Representative and where he gave his famous "House Divided" speech. The party will be held in conjunction with the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Annual Conference. **NOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT THE LSAW APPOINT A MEMBER WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE TO REPORT BACK TO OUR BOARD ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NMofS. I WILL VOLUNTEER FOR THAT POSITION IF YOU THINK APPROPRIATE.**

"SHADOWS OF DAVID THOMPSON" FILM; AUGUST 26: filming was completed for this 1 hour feature on David Thompson by a production firm from Florida using HS antique instruments.

PBS TELEVISION FILM ON DAVID THOMPSON; OCTOBER 10: filming was completed in Spokane on this documentary on David Thompson using HS instruments.

2008 DAVID THOMPSON BRIGADE IN RED DEER, ALBERTA; OCTOBER 25: our HS will be represented at the AGM meeting that will feature the premier showing of the video produced during this retracement of David Thompson's journey from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta to Thunder Bay, Ontario. Our Historical Society supported/donated to this project.

LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE: the website is continuing to be updated. We received an amazing amount of information about GLO and other surveyors from our HS founder, Jerry Olson. Please visit our expanded website to see what Jerry has provided the surveying community and the public. **Incredible effort!** Thanks Jerry!

WILLAMETTE STONE PARK, PORTLAND, OREGON: Member Tim Kent has volunteered to spearhead the Historical Society's involvement in this Oregon's "Adopt-a-Park" program. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED REPORT (below) FOR UPDATE ON TIM'S EFFORTS.**

PLEASE VISIT THE LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR ACTIVITIES.

Respectfully submitted,

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TIM KENT'S REPORT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2008 LSAW BOT MEETING AT SEA-TAC. WILLAMETTE STONE PARK, PORTLAND, OREGON: "Adopt-a-Park" program.

THE 50-150 project is moving forward very well and here is some info for your report.

Things that are in the works:

1. Looking at a date of the week of May 20, 2009 for the re-dedication.
2. Will be requesting volunteers to clean the park sometime early spring. Involves brush cutting and chipping.
3. Have received an OK from the mason's union to build and donate three concrete bench's, each 12" x 36", to be installed around the initial point. These will be on a single pipe pedestal concreted in the ground.
4. The bench's will have brass-lettered names of those surveyors important to the profession. C. Albert White is one for sure. Still looking for names for the other two. Bert Mason (PLSO founding father) is on the list.
5. At the entrance to the park and attached to and just below the existing explanatory sign, the logos of PLSO and LSAW will be installed. This will then acknowledge the adopting of this state park by these two professional societies.
6. The State Parks will be looking at a re-design of the trail at the lower end, where the stairs are now located. It is desired to eliminate the stairs so an even grade is attainable from top to bottom. It will not meet ADA standards but that is not the goal. This design/construction will not take place prior to the re-dedication but is needed so that the new bench's are not installed in the way where the trail would be located.
7. The brass letters will be cast by Dick Hofland. We looked at individual letters but he found out they are not readily available and that casting will probably be cheaper.
8. At the actual initial point site, a new retaining wall will be built and new asphalt installed to alleviate the sloughing that is now occurring on the downhill sides of the concrete base. This will also really spruce up the overall area.
9. There is an existing geocache site located just below the initial point and the owner has agreed to let PLSO take ownership. A new cache and promotional material will be established.

Respectfully submitted,

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