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COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE LSAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING DATE **MAY 16, SEQUIM, WASHINGTON**

COMMITTEE/SUBJECT **LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY &**
National Museum of Surveying

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: **Denny DeMeyer, Chairperson**

JANUARY 29 – JUNE 6: DAVID THOMPSON TRAVELING EXHIBIT: “THE MAPMAKER’S EYE, David Thompson on the Columbia Plateau” opened at the Clark County Historical Museum on January 29th and will run until June 6th when it will travel to the Bonner County Museum in Sand Point, ID. www.cchmuseum.org/curexhibits.html. Our LSAW HS donated instruments and text to supplement this display.

MARCH 7, 2009: LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING: had our annual breakfast meeting at the Hotel Murano, Tacoma.

MARCH, 2009: GLENBOW MUSEUM, CALGARY, AB: discussions are continuing with the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta about donation of a period sextant, artificial horizon and drafting tools for their large permanent exhibit on David Thompson. The items will be shipped in May for their review. Both the LSAW HS and the Surveyors Historical Society (SHS) have funded this donation.

APRIL, 24, 2009: WHYTE MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES: met with Michale Lang, executive director of the Whyte Museum of the Rockies in Banff, Alberta to go over her plans for a large permanent display to open in January, 2010 with one display featuring David Thompson and other early explorers/surveyors. Antique surveying equipment donated by our LSAW HS together with the Surveyors Historical Society (SHS) will be featured and credited to us.

APRIL 23-24-25, 2009: 100TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ALBERTA LAND SURVEYORS: represented the LSAW HS at the Centennial Annual Conference of the Alberta Land Surveyors at the Banff Springs Hotel in Banff, Alberta. Incredible time and great people. Was invited to the Grand Opening of their historical display of 15 informational panels, a surveyor’s tent, surveying instruments and display cases. Very (very) impressive. We should do something like this.

APRIL 25, 2009: 2011 DAVID THOMPSON COLUMBIA BRIGADE: represented our LSAW HS at a meeting of the executive committee of the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade in Innisfail, Alberta. Seed funding has been established and the website formalized. Delores and I are in charge of ground truthing the Columbia River from Northport, WA to Astoria, OR.

APRIL 25, 2009: 2011 DAVID THOMPSON COLUMBIA BRIGADE: purchased and picked up the fiber glass replica of a 25’ Voyageur Canoe used by the Alberta Land Surveyors canoe from the Rocky Canoe Club in Rocky Mtn. House, Alberta. This canoe was reportedly the “back up” canoe for the province of Alberta in

Canada's 1967 Centennial Canoe Race from Rocky Mtn House to Thunder Bay, Ontario. Drove it home Sunday. Yes, Delores says there is one born every minute.

MAY 2, 2009: WILLAMETTE STONE PARK 50/150 ANNIVERSARY PROJECT, PORTLAND, OREGON: Delores and I, together with Tim Kent (& Teri Bennett) will be representing our LSAW HS and possibly members of our LC Chapter at the "clean up" day at Willamette Stone State Heritage Site starting at 8:00 AM and going until we are done. Gloves and cutting tools will be provided.

MAY 11, 2009: US DAVID THOMPSON BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIP, SAND POINT, ID: Delores and I will be representing our LSAW HS and the Surveyors Historical Society (SHS) and the 2011 DT Columbia Brigade at this meeting.

May 30, 2009 WILLAMETTE STONE PARK 50/150 ANNIVERSARY PROJECT, PORTLAND, OREGON: Our LSAW HS and SHS will be represented at Oregon's Sesquicentennial celebration on the 150th day of 2009! Dedication of new benches and geocache event; Watch PLSO's website www.plso.org for additional details. For additional info contact: Sue Newstetter: suenews@ortelco.net.

JUNE 24-25-26, 2009: 2009 ANNUAL DAVID THOMPSON BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE: HOPE & CLARK FORK, IDAHO: Representing the LSAW HS and Surveyors Historical Society, I will be giving a class on Celestial Navigation that will be part of the Thursday teachers workshop with demonstrations of Thompson's surveying techniques on Friday and Saturday. *The state surveying organizations of Washington, (and the LSAW HS) Idaho, Montana and Oregon together with the Surveyors Historical Society and the Western Federation of Land Surveyors have graciously help sponsor this event and are prominently displayed with logos on all printed and promotional material.*

JUNE 24-25-26, 2009: MEETING OF THE 2011 DAVID THOMPSON COLUMBIA BRIGADE, HOPE & CLARK FORK, IDAHO: We will be meeting with representatives from British Columbia and Alberta to go over possible route information and reconnaissance of the Kootenai and Pend Oreille Rivers. Should be fun!

"SHADOWS OF DAVID THOMPSON": Film by Gale Force Films, Florida: filming was completed late last year for this 1 hour feature on surveyor David Thompson using LSAW Historical Society antique instruments in the main film and is now being shown across Western Canada.

"UNCHARTED TERRITORY: DAVID THOMPSON IN THE INTERMOUNTAIN WEST": DOCUMENTARY PRODUCED BY PBS/KCPS TELEVISION, Spokane, WA and Calgary, Alberta : The primary focus of the production is the years 1800-1812, when David Thompson crossed the Rocky Mountains and explored the Columbia River drainage and surrounding areas of Alberta, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Segments already complete include interviews with **surveyors**, canoe builders, native Americans and numerous authors, educators and historians. This documentary introduces surveyor Thompson to a widespread audience and increases students' and the general public's awareness of this pivotal figure and his contributions as to the early exploration of the Pacific Northwest. A portion of this film will contain footage of a LSAW HS member demonstrating DT surveying and celestial navigation techniques using period surveying and navigational instruments.

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Respectfully submitted, *Denny DeMeyer*
