
JUNE 6 – DECEMBER 31, 2009: DAVID THOMPSON TRAVELING EXHIBIT: “THE MAPMAKER’S EYE, David Thompson on the Columbia Plateau” moved to the Bonner County Museum in Sandpoint, Idaho for a 6 month run. Our LSAW Historical Society continues to donate instruments and educational text to supplement this display.

JUNE 24-25-26, 2009: 2009 ANNUAL DAVID THOMPSON BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE: HOPE & CLARK FORK, IDAHO: Our LSAW HS, NMofS and Surveyors Historical Society were represented at this conference and gave a class on Celestial Navigation with a demonstration of Thompson’s surveying techniques. The state surveying organizations of Washington, (and the LSAW HS) Idaho, Montana and Oregon together with the Surveyors Historical Society have graciously help sponsor this event and are prominently displayed with logos on all printed and promotional material.

Also had an informal meeting with Ross MacDonald and Eloise Meredith, both members of the new Voyageur Brigade Society and fellow members of the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade.

GEO-CACHING (sort of): They LSAW Historical Society got the official go-ahead to inherit this worthwhile educational and public relations project from the LSAW. We are thinking more or locating historically significant (aren’t they all?) surveying monuments, i.e. old bench marks, triangulation stations, reference points, mineral monuments, lighthouse reserve monuments etc with pictures and information besides the latitude and longitude of the site. Am not thinking of leaving a cache for now but it will be up to the membership for a vote next March.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SURVEYING (NMoS) ACTIVITIES:

The NMofS has not yet opened and continues to struggle from lack of funds and funding. While benefiting from a \$75,000 donation from NCEE we still are falling short of the funds necessary to pay off the amount owed in order to open. The biggest problem as I see it is the unanticipated lack of meaningful support from most surveying societies and the large surveying equipment manufacturers and distributors. Our NMoS secretary/treasurer Bob Church indicated that he “sent an e-mail update to all of the State Executive Directors asking them to put the NMoS on the agenda and donate \$2,000. We told them that if each State assoc/society would donate \$2,000 we could open the doors”. I did not see this as an agenda item for the upcoming BOT meeting but hope you/we at least consider it. I can live with my own state surveying organization saying NO to the request for additional funding but not if our BOT does not even put it on the agenda for that vote. It is my understanding that some LSAW chapters have tens of thousands of dollars in the bank (yes, tens of thousands). Please consider our National Museum of Surveying worthy of your/our additional support (*thank you for the \$1000.00 in March*).

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Respectfully submitted,

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