

## Land Surveyors' Association of Washington

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## COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE LSAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING DATE AUGUST 15, 2009, GOVERNOR HOTEL, OLYMPIA, WA.

COMMITTEE/SUBJECT LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY &

**National Museum of Surveying** 

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Denny DeMeyer, Chairperson

RESTORATION OF 1896 LATITUDE PIER, SPOKANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE: Our LSAW HS continues to work with Jim McLefresh, GPS Surveyor for Spokane County & originator of the project and HS & Inland Empire member Walt Dale. They have completed the reconstruction of this Spokane landmark. A brass informational plaque will be installed at the base of the restored pier. Much thanks to Jim for his enormous efforts to save this surveying monument.

<u>JERRY OLSON MATERIALS ON GLO AND OTHER SURVEYORS</u>: Jerry continues to update his vast amount of info on GLO and other Washington surveyors with pictures and gravesites. Please visit his website @: http://www.olsonengr.com/hist\_survey\_first.php.

MAY 2, 2009: WORK DAY: WILLAMETTE STONE PARK 50/150 ANNIVERSARY PROJECT, PORTLAND, OREGON: Our LSAW Historical Society was represented by two members with friends at the "clean up" day at Willamette Stone State Heritage Site starting at 8:00 AM and went until noonish. Many Oregon folks showed up.

MAY 11, 2009: US DAVID THOMPSON BICENTENNIAL M EETING IN CLARK FORK, IDAHO: The LSAW HS, National Museum of Surveying and Surveyors Historical Society were represented at this meeting to discuss the upcoming DT200 Conference and 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade honoring North America's greatest land surveyor.

May 30, 2009 DEDICATION: WILLAMETTE STONE PARK 50/150 ANNIVERSARY PROJECT, PORTLAND,

<u>OREGON</u>: The LSAW HS, National Museum of Surveying and Surveyors Historical Society were represented at Oregon's Sesquicentennial celebration for the dedication of new benches and geocache event. Short speeches about Oregon Territory surveyor general John Preston by Royce Hill of the BLM; GLO and BLM surveyor & author C. Albert White by Tim Kent of the PSLO & NSPS and US deputy surveyor William Ives by Denny DeMeyer, LSAW HS, NMoS and SHS. It was really well attended by Oregon surveyors, local dignitaries and scout troops with not many Washington surveyors in attendance.

<u>JUNE 6 – DECEMBER 31, 2009: DAVID THOMPSON TRAVELING EXHIBIT:</u> "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.

<u>CLARK FORK, IDAHO</u>: 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).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denny DeMeyer