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ANNUAL MEETING- FRIDAY 6:30PM

APR 29 2016

The Pike Association's annual meeting

WHEN: FRIDAY, APR. 29, 2016 6:30PM

DINNER AT DORITOS AT 231 MAIN ST. (NE OF ROYAL GORGE BLVD. ON 3RD) IN CAÑON CITY AT 5 PM

WHERE: LONGHORN LODGE AT THE ROYAL GORGE IN CAÑON CITY, CO

ACCOMMODATIONS: YOU CAN STAY THAT EVENING IN THE LODGE

BRING YOUR SPOUSE AND STAY THE NIGHT! BUT LET US KNOW.

PRESENTATION: ZANDER, EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE WILL BE SHARING HIS MONTY PIKE VIDEO.

PIKE'S DAMN'D RASCALS- 2



1st Cpl. William E Meek **BOTH expeditions. 2nd Sgt. Killed his friend Theodore Miller at Carousal, May 4, 1807** Don Jackson says- From the testimony we get a picture of two friends who, caught up in a minor altercations and somewhat befuddled by drink, turned the matter into a tragedy during a moment of unintentional violence. Others have noted that Miller, being inebriated, was about to disclose the Pike papers hidden in their gun barrels to the Spanish. Detained in New Spain until 1820 14 years. Likely ended up in Santa Fe with many others from the expeditions.

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MORE NEXT MONTH

PIKE INVENTORY INVENTORY PROJECT OF PIKE MONUMENTS- ROADSIDE PANELS, MARKERS, SIGNS, PLAQUES, ETC.

Publication of this work has drawn attention for our Colorado state legislation because it shows support.

We have now documented over 60 such objects across United States with pictures, location and GPS readings, and information. PDFs of this incomplete work are available for your additions. Thank you for 5 more since the Feb. Newsletter. We still need an inventory from New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana; the three provinces of Mexico- Chihuahua, Durango, and Coahuila; as well as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri (on the Mississippi River). Dr. Clive Siegle is going after items in Texas.

STEW BROWN DIES AT 82 ON 2/22/2016

Mountain Mail, Salida, CO

Stewart Alan "Stew" Brown, 82, *Jan. 9, 1934, Oak Park, IL.,+Feb. 22, 2016, died at his home in Nathrop, CO. Stew spent his life dedicated to helping others with the YMCA and serviced the Heart of the Rockies Chamber of Commerce in Salida. He was one of the Pike National Historic Trail Association Board Members. He was an active member of the Pike Association Board and it is said that he died in his Pike interpretative apparel.

He was an avid collector of model railroad and sought to reconstruct the train line in the Upper Arkansas River Valley. He was responsible for 10 miles of the Colorado Trail and drove a shuttle service to and from the airport several hours away for veterans.

Stew's life serves as an inspiration, and though he will surely be missed, he will not be forgotten.



LEGISLATION

Federal Stalled a bit.

State to the Senate

Colorado HB 16-1106 (Pioneer Trail legislation) was passed out of the CO House

The bill was introduced on Jan. 19 2016, unanimously passed the House Local Government committee (Vote 11-0) on Wed., Feb. 17th, and passed by the House 62-0 on Feb. 23. It now moves to the Senate and the Governor's signature.

Since the Pike Trail in Colorado is likely to be the first Pioneer Trail granted by the Counties, the Pike Trail Model, work is required by us to supply counties with our Auto/Bike/Hike routes.

THIS BILL ENJOYS PARTISAN SUPPORT IS OBVIOUSLY.

State Senator Kevin Grantham has signed on as lead sponsor in the Colorado Senate, with State Sen. Neville and State Sen. Leroy Garcia as cosponsors. Again Bipartisan support.

CALM DOWN, LEN WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU FOLKS?

I have been reading your newsletter articles on your website and appreciate your effort for a simple thing like a feasibility study. I know it's hard to pass legislation in DC. At least you have two Senators in Colorado willing to push Trail legislation. That's more than my senators from Nebraska who wouldn't even consider cosponsorship.

I know you've visited them in DC.

When in the world are you going to get the Pike feasibility study legislation passed?

The way I see it Pike did much more for this country than Lewis and Clark ever dreamed of accomplishing.

Yes L&C found the headwaters of Missouri River, did some mapping, never found the Northwest passage and picked up a chick on the prairie.

Most people think Lewis and Clark went a long distance. They did. I have done the math — —Pike went much further. You see the sides of an extended rectangle are longer than the diagonal.

We give them all kinds of National parks, buildings and monuments to them and Sacajawea. Print US currency even.

Wonderful. The story needs being retold. But what have we done for Pike? He didn't even pick up chicks. So sad.

You mean we won't even allow the Park Service to do its job and conduct a feasibility study?

He told the British to pay their duties and take down their flag on American soil. He had the Pawnee take down the Spanish flag on American soil and accused the Spanish general in Chihuahua that he invaded American soil with over 400 soldiers in Kansas that to counter the general's accusations about Pike having 16 on Spanish soil in the San Luis Valley.

He made peace on both expeditions between the native American tribes- they smoked the peace pipe!

He bought the land for Minneapolis St. Paul, and he found the headwaters for five major US rivers.

Say- L&C ONE.

I say he did the reconnaissance for the Mexican American War as well as the Alamo. He enabled victory including Kearny walking into Santa Fe without blood on his hands and Donophan into Chihuahua.

On top of that I say he's the father of the Santa Fe Trail.

Besides that Pike died a hero, a Brigadier General and not a miserable drunk.

Brigadier General Zebulon Pike would have been US President, a war hero like Eisenhower, had he not died in New York.

Sure L&C faced the Mandans, the poor guys were cold.

Pike faced the Pawnees numbers of times and were colder.

What's wrong with you folks? Why don't you folks get your act together?

Len

PIKE'S 1ST EXPEDITION- THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER- ST. LOUIS TO ST. PAUL 9 Aug 1805- 30 Apr 1806

PART 4 by Allan Vainley

In part 1 in this series on Pike's first expedition [Mississippi 1805-1806] which appeared in Oct.- Nov 2015 issue, I wrote about:

[The Upper Mississippi River - St. Paul to Leech Lake, MN](#)

In part 2 in this series appearing in Dec. 2015 issue, I wrote three articles: Pike's Treaty, Sept 23, 1805; Fort Snelling; and Pike's sternness with the British. You will find a brand- new map of Pike's journey north of St. Paul in that issue.

In part 3 in this series appearing in Jan. 2016 issue, I wrote about: Pike's start near St. Louis.

This month Part 4- I am continuing up and down the River from Pike Counties in MO and IL to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Think about it- Pike would have to spend more time going up river than he would returning down river. This means:

They returned far faster moving with the current and encountering the many rapids with the current.

They made lighter boats in Little Falls, MN and had less supplies/weight coming back.

Here are the generalities-

They returned to many of the encampment sites heading down river but using fewer encampment sites. Even the main journal editors- Coues in 1897 and Jackson in 1966- at times identified some of these returning sites and failed for the final days of the expedition. They did stop at French villages on the way up and down and the sowed up Indian peace treaties along the way.

Notable stops were in Nauvoo, Davenport/Rock Island, Dubuque, Prairie du Chien, WS, La Crosse, WS, Red Wing, MN and of course what is now Pike Island in St. Paul.

Agents and others Here are men he conferred with on the way:

Crider's Island, IL (adjacent to MO)	8/14	Mr. Pobedoux
Gilbert Island, MO (adjacent to IL)	8/15	Mr. Kittletas of N.Y.
Nauvoo, IL	8/20	Mr. William Ewing [Sacs]
LeClaire, IA	8/28	Mr. James Aird
Dubuque, IA	9/1	Julian Dubuque
above Dubuque, IA	8/31	Mr. Blondeau
Prairie Des Cheine, WS	9/4	Mr. Frazer (Josiah Bleakely trader SWCo)
Prairie Des Chein, WS	9/4	Judge James Fisher British
Prairie Des Chien, WS	9/6	Mr. Woods
Lake Pepin [Mississippi R] MN	9/17	Mr. Murdoch Cameron (Sioux)
Pike Island- St. Paul, MN	9/21	Mr. Jean Baptiste Ferrebault
Saint Cloud, MN	10/10	Mr. Rienville
Saint Cloud, MN	10/10 and 4/7	Monsr. Jockes Porlier
Thousand Islands cluster, MN	12/5	Mr. Robert Dickson American not a NWCo. Fort
Red Cedar Lake [Cedar Lake], MN	1/2	James Grant clerk NWCo. to become partner
Leech and Cass Lake, MN	1/1	Hugh McGillis NWCo. partner Fond du Lac Department

SOURCES: Pike's journal [both]- [The Journals of Zebulon Montgomery Pike](#) Elliot Coues and Donald Jackson

Pike Counties in MO and IL- Both counties were named for Pike. Pike County Missouri is just north of Hamburg, IL. to 10 miles south of Hannibal, MO. Pike County Illinois extends from 8 miles south of Louisiana, IL. near Hannibal, MO south of Quincy, IL.

Fort sites- Pike was assigned to find sites for future forts for the United States along the Mississippi. A site was selected and explored at Dubuque with Dubuque himself and at where the Rock Island Arsenal now sits in the Quad cities.

The commanding site that lies on the west side of the river below the mouth of the Wisconsin River and Prairie du Chien, WS- is now called Pikes Peak State Park in Iowa. Pike's French friends in Prairie du Chien helped him explore this site as well as one nearer the mouth of the Wisconsin River.

Of course Pike did purchase two nine square mile pieces of property for future forts from the Lakota on 23 Sep. 1805. It is now called Minneapolis/ St. Paul, and Pike Island in the shadows of Fort Snelling at the mouth of the Minnesota River (then St. Peters).

The second 9 mile parcel was down river at the mouth of the St. Croix.

Indian Peace talks- Pike began to engage in peace talks with the tribes on the way up as well as sowing the talks up on the way back down.

Continues

Here are indian nations he conferred with on the way:

Tribe names and encounters

Sacs- Sauks (English), Sawkee (Indian), Saque (French)

1st encounter: 8/14

Foxes (English), Ottagami (Indian), Reynards (French)

1st encounter: 8/29

Iowas (English), Aiouais (Indian), Ne(z) Perce (French)

1st encounter: likely 8/27

Winnebagos (English), Ochangras (Indian), Puants (French)

1st encounter: 9/7 held council

Menominee- Menomines (English), Menomene (Indian), Fols Avoin(e) (French)

1st encounter: 11/27

Sioux- Sues (English)

1st encounter: 9/7 held council

Bands

People of the Lakes (English), Minowa Kantong (Indian), Gens du Lac (French)

People of the Leaves (English), Washpetong (Indian), Gens des Feuilles (French)

Sissitons (English), Sussitongs (Indian), Sussitongs (French)

Yanktons (English), Yantong (Indian), Yantong (French)

Tetons (English), titong (Indian), tigong (French)

People of the Leaves [detached] (English), Washpecoute (Indian), Gens des Feuilles tirees(French)

Chippewa- Chippeways (English), Ouchipawa (Indian), Sautera, (French)

1st encounter: 9/15

Bands Of Sandy Lake

Of Leech Lake

Of Red Lake

Of St. Croix and the Chipeway river

Chipeways of the other bands generally

SOURCE: Jackson, Donald, Pike's journal- [The Journals of Zebulon Montgomery Pike](#), pp. 218-223

To give you a bit of flavor allow me to quote Pike:

28th August, Wednesday.- About an hour after we had embark'd we arrived at the camp of a Mr. James Aird a scotch Gentleman of Michilimackanac — — he was encampd with some Goods on the Beach and one boat turned bottom upwards in order to repair the damage received in coping the rapids of Rivere de Roche (at the foot of which we now were). Breakfast'd with him, and obtain considerable information. Commences ascending the rapids, carried our rudder away in the 1st but after getting it repaired the wind freshened up and we hoisted the sail, and although intire strangers we saild through them with a perfect Gale blowing all the time — — when we struck a rock in all probability we should have bilged and sank. But we were so fortunate as to pass without touching; when we met Mr. Ayrd's boates (which had pilots) fast on the rocks. Those shoals are a continual chain of rocks, in some places extending from shore to shore about 18 M.i in length. They afford more water then those of De Moyen but are much more rapid.

Camp Location: at the head of Rock Rapids above the mouth of the Rock River at about LeClaire Iowa (41.597608, -90.345325)

1st September, Sunday.- Embarkd early, the wind being fair we arrived at the lead mines at 12 OC. A dysentery with which I had been afflicted several days is suddenly checkd this morning which I believe to have been the occasion of a very severe attack of a fever how about 10 OC. Notwithstanding it was quite violent, I dress'd myself with the intention of executing the orders of the General relative to that place. We were saluted; and received with every mark of attention by Monsr. Dubuque [Julian Dubuque, probably the first permanent white settler in Dubuque Iowa] the proprietor.

... Dined with him and were informed of the Sioux and Sauteaux [Chippewas] are now as warmly engaged as ever, that a short time since a former killed 15 Sauteaux who returned the compliment on the 10th of Augt. by killing 10 Sioux at the entrance to St. Peters [Minnesota River]. Also that a war party composed of Sacs, Reynards [Fox] and Puants [Winnebagos] of 200 warriors and embark on expedition against the Sauteaux — — but that they had heard that the Chief having had an unfavorable dream persuaded the party to return, and that I would meet them on my voyage.

Here I was introduced to the chief calld the Raven of the Reynards [Fox]. He made a very flowery speech on the occasion; which I returned in a few words, accompanied by a small present.

Camp Location: a few miles above Dubuque's house perhaps at Eagle Point (42.539450, -90.646520) or even as high as a mouth of the little Maquoketa River (42.576531, -90.681199), both sites on the west bank

8th December, Sunday.- An invalid Sioux arrived, with the information that the bands of the Yanktong's and Sussitong's had refused to go to the war, and would be there on a visit to me the next day. This obliged me to delay crossing the river the next day on my voyage to Lake Sang Sue, as it was possible by having a conference with them, I might still prevent the stroke intended to be made against the Chippeway's.

Camp Location: 45.918177, -94.383347 The Fort - Zebulon Pike Lake- Little Falls, MN

End Part 4

MORE ON LITTLE FALLS, MN-

Charles Augustus Lindbergh (1902–74) connection.

Lucky Lindy was raised in Little Falls, MN, most likely knew of Pike and was buried on Maui near the famous Road to Hana.

2 miles south on MN 224 - the Great River Rd. or Lindbergh Dr. S is the Lindbergh House.

At 2.2 miles is the entrance to Charles A. Lindbergh State Park.

0.4 miles further is the Charles A Weyerhaeuser Mem. Museum.

At 2.6 miles additional **was (private property today)** the 85 day Pike Stockade.

Prior to the damming are the Mississippi River to form Zebulon Pike Lake, remnants of the stockade were brought to the top of the hill and a monument placed marking the location. See the January issue for the Pike Monument on the Swan River.

Weyerhaeuser also had large lumbering operations in the area.

WILKINSON SPANISH AGENT

"The Duel – People & Events: James Wilkinson". PBS. Retrieved February 18, 2015. Over 100 years later, France released official records showing General Wilkinson received personal trade concessions and thus could be labeled a spy for Spain at the time. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zebulon_Pike#cite_ref-7

Please join our Association!

Our Membership chairman is in negotiations with three Colorado corporations to establish partnerships and receive financial assistance. Last year an asphalt company joined us with the pledge and a medical company funded for two years or smart phone app.

We need you to renew your membership or join for the first time. Click here for a membership form:
<http://zebulonpike.org/docs/MembershipBrochure.pdf>

Our Purpose: To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail

We are a Charitable nonprofit organization

Our website is www.zebulonpike.org

"Zebulon Pike was an American hero, a patriot who lived and died for his country." -Thomas Jefferson

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE- (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pike-National-Historic-Trail-Association/167853563238403?fref=ts>)

COIN SET AVAILABLE INDIVIDUAL COINS- \$3 LOOSE SETS OF SIX- \$20 FRAME SETS WITH PAMPHLET (PIKE'S WORDS AND AN EXPLANATION FOR EACH COIN) \$30. SHIPPING AND HANDLING- \$ 1.00

The Pike Association's vinyl decals- The cost is \$2.50 each with price breaks at 5, 10, or 25 decals, plus shipping.

Our next Annual Meeting will be on April 29th 2016 at the Royal Gorge, CO.

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