

CORAZON de los CAMINOS  
HEART OF THE TRAIL CHAPTER  
SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER  
JUNE 2011

FORT UNION'S CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS

Corazon will join Fort Union in their Cultural Encounters event, Saturday, June 25. Faye Gaines and Dixie Odom will give short presentations at 1 p.m. about the Chapter and Santa Fe Trail Association, their history and activities. Come join in our support of the Fort.

The Saturday schedule of events: 9:45 AM-Raising of the Colors; 10:00 AM-Fort Larned Presentation by George Elmore; 11:00 AM-3<sup>rd</sup> NM Volunteers; 11:30 AM-Jicarilla Presentation by Lorene Willis; 1:00 PM-Santa Fe Trail Presentation by Corazon Chapter; 2:30 PM-Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo by Dr. Hendricks; 3:45 PM-Black Powder Demonstration by Ken Dusenberry; 4:30 PM-Lowering of the Colors; 4:30 to 7:00 PM-Civil War Encampment; 6:30 to 8:15 PM- Ranger led Sunset Stroll; 8:30 to 10:30 PM-Fort Union Star Party.

There will be a food concessionaire for the event.

Similar activities are scheduled for Sunday, July 26.

**Red Letter Day**

Make your plans to attend "Round-Up at Point of Rocks" Sunday, July 17. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. when Henry Ostrander demonstrates musket shooting, followed by a history of the Jicarilla Apache. The Chapter is furnishing hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a side dish--your choice—for a spread-together picnic. The afternoon program of talks by Mike Olsen and Jerry Phillips should conclude about 3 p.m. If you plan to attend, we need reservations by July 13.

CHAPTER MEMBERS, your help will be needed. Please contact Paula Steves, [elkrun@yahoo.com](mailto:elkrun@yahoo.com) or 575-377-6726; Dixie Odom, Rt.1, Box 40, Maxwell 87728, <delo@bacavalley.com>

To reach Point of Rocks Ranch go east from Springer on Hwy56 to the roadside park located between mile markers 23 and 24. Turn north for 7 miles on Dorsey Road C-52, turn 2 miles east on Windmill Road. Turn north on Point of Rocks Road to the Headquarters. There are signs.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A big Thank You goes out to Eric Valencia and Roger Clark, Rangers at the Pecos National Historical Park. We had a wonderful planned day at Pecos, shared with Bent's Fort Chapter. Both Eric and Roger gave the group extraordinary tours of the Park's history; we all enjoyed the day. We hope in the future to plan programs with Bent's Fort Chapter and other SFT chapters.

This month Cultural Events Days at Fort Union the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have a table under the tent both days handing out information about our Chapter and the Santa

Fe Trail. On Saturday, don't miss Faye Gaines and Dixie Odom at 1:00 pm, a special program on the history of Corazon de los Caminos, come out and support the Chapter.

I also want to mention: Raton, Las Vegas and Cimarron Chambers of Commerce. We appreciate your support in working with us this year.

It's time to hit the Trail. See you at Fort Union!

Paula

### PECOS HISTORICAL PARK

Some fifty Santa Fe Trail enthusiasts trekked to Pecos May 21<sup>st</sup> for the combined meeting of the Corazon and Bent's Fort Chapters. In the theater of the Visitors' Center, Ranger Roger Clark gave us a brief history of the area. He pointed out that the ancestral People, the Pueblo Indians, the Spanish, the Santa Fe Trail, the Civil War and the later-day Forked Lightning Ranch are all parts of that rich history.

Beginning in 1915, archeologist Alfred Vincent Kidder began to excavate that history in the evidence of buildings at Pecos. He identified the periods of occupation by digging the site, realizing that the oldest layer would be the deepest. He worked until 1929 excavating about 25% of the site. His work led to a better understanding of the people who lived her. Kidder is known as the Father of Southwest archeology.

### PECOS MISSION

After a pleasant but windy picnic lunch, we all gathered at the Pecos Mission ruins for a short presentation by Ranger Eric Valencia. He began by recounting how much the Pecos area meant to him and how lucky he was to working a place where he grew up. His love of the area showed when he told how he and his grandfather roamed the mountains around Pecos and he still remembers the spirit of his grandfather when hiking or horseback riding.

Geography determined the importance of the area for the Pecos Indians. The pueblo was built close to Glorieta Pass, which allowed the Indians to control access to the area. Although the importance of the pueblo declined, traders traveling along the Santa Fe Trail looked forward to arriving at the pueblo and resting before continuing to Santa Fe. Trading fairs were held near the pueblo. By 1838, the last survivors left and joined their Towa-speaking relatives at Jemez pueblo, where their descendants still live today.

Only one member of the tribe remained behind, an adopted Comanche who was not allowed to join the tribe at Jemez. The legend is that he maintained a fire, which he told visitors was the eternal flame of Montezuma and solg embers from that fire to anyone who wanted them. Because of this, the myth that the Pueblo was of Aztec origin persists today.

Martha McCaffrey

### KOZLOWSKI'S TRADING POST

After lunch we also visited the Trading Post where Ranger Roger Clark told the story of immigrant Martin Kozlowski. After 5 years of fighting the Apaches with the US Army, he remained in the area. He built a stage stop here. With plenty of water from the creek and Mrs. Kozlowski's fresh trout dinners it proved an ideal spot on the Santa Fe Trail. During the Civil War, it was headquarters for the Union Army and served as an army hospital

Today the Park Service is restoring the adobe and pine building to its 1930-1950 condition when E. E. Buddy Fogelson and wife Greer Garson used the place as headquarters for the Forked Lightning Ranch. The Trading Post will house park administrative offices and be a place to greet visitors. Often it is the first part of the Park they see.

#### BATTLE OF GLORIETA

After driving near the site, we hiked a quarter mile to a ridge overlooking the area of the battle. Eric gave a rousing summary of the westernmost battle of the Civil War.

In comparison to other battles of the War, these three days were a skirmish in numbers of soldiers involved and casualties incurred. They did, however, end the Confederate plans for capturing Fort Union, the Colorado gold mines and California ports.

The first skirmish occurred March 26, 1892. The Confederates had advanced through Albuquerque and Santa Fe unopposed. With Major Pyron and 600 troops they moved into Apache Canyon and confronted Major Chivington and 400 infantry. There was fierce fighting near the west end of the pass. As night approached, the Confederates withdrew to Johnson's Ranch to the south and the Union troops returned to Kozlouski's Ranch.

During the next day, Colorado Volunteers reinforced Union troops and Texans reinforced the Confederate forces. On March 28, the Confederates left their supply train at Johnson's Ranch and advanced toward Union positions. The battle raged in the rocks and trees of Glorieta pass. Odds were with the Confederates as they had the superior position and numbers. The Confederates advanced but had not been able to reach the Union supply train. The Texans rejoiced that they had held the field.

While the battle raged, Major Chivington and 700 men led by Lt. Colonel Manuel Chavez of the New Mexico Volunteers took a circuitous route across Glorieta Mesa. The troops crawled, slid, and rappelled to the base of the cliff. There they surprised and destroyed the Confederate supply train leaving the Confederates with no supplies and an empty victory in the Canyon. The Confederates staggered back to Texas and New Mexico remained under Union control.

Martha Sauble

*The Battle of Glorieta: Union Victory in the West* by Don Alberts and Donald Frazier is the definitive authority on the battle. Don Alberts, who died in November, was a member of End of the Trail Chapter and was instrumental in the government acquiring Pigeon's Ranch and other parts of the battlefield.

#### NOTE OF THANKS

This month's Newsletter is a team effort with Martha McCaffery and Martha Sauble helping me. Thanks so much, ladies! Thanks also go to the National Park Service and Rangers Eric Valencia and Roger Clark for their tours of Pecos National Historical Park.. We are glad Bent's Fort members could join us.

#### STUDENTS VISIT

Two busloads, 83 students and sponsors, visited Point of Rocks on June 1. The group from Kansas was on a 12-day camping trip along the Santa Fe Trail. During their visit, Faye told of the history of the ever-flowing spring, and the massacre of the White

party that occurred nearby. Their next stop was Wagon Mound and the Harold Daniel Ranch.

Corazon Chapter provided Granola bars for their mid-morning snack

#### PROPOSED CHANGES IN ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Faye has alerted to proposed changes by the Association Executive Board in the way directors are chosen. At present the Board is comprised of 14 members, 2 elected by members in each of the states that lie along the Trail and 2 elected at-large. The proposal that will be voted on by the Executive Board in September would change the representation to 14 members elected at large. One disadvantage might be that those states such as Kansas and Colorado that have large memberships would receive the most representation while New Mexico and Oklahoma might be left out. However, Faye points out that finding someone to fill the positions in our state has always been difficult.

Faye is currently a member of the Board. Candidates Mike Najdowski, New Mexico director and Allan Wheeler, at-large director, both members of End of the Trail Chapter, will probably be elected at the September meeting. As a voter, Faye would like to know the Chapter's wishes on this proposal.

A better explanation can be found in the May issue of *Wagon Tracks* on the yellow inserted sheet.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS

**June 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**---“An Unsolved Mystery: The Mail Train Massacre near Wagon Mound”, Glimpses of the Past Program, 7 p.m. CCHP/Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center, 116 Bridge Street, Las Vegas

**June 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**---Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Visitors Interpretive Center, Cimarron

**June 23-27**---Mountain Men Rendezvous, Eagle Nest

**June 25-26**---Cultural Encounters, Fort Union National Monument **Corazon** will participate on **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** 1:00 p.m.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**---First Fort and Arsenal Tours, Fort Union

**July 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday**---“Round-Up on the Trail”, Point of Rocks, 10 a.m. All day event Make reservations by **July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**August 4-14**---Heritage Week, Las Vegas

**August 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**---Corazon Auto Tour, Raton to Cimarron, 10 a.m.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**---Candlelight Tours, Fort Union

Remember to make your reservation for the “Round-Up at the Point” by July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dixie

