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ANNUAL MEETING- 2016 DAY CHANGE

The Pike Association's annual meeting will be held back in the zany Longhorn Lodge at the Royal Gorge in Cañon City, CO on Friday April 29 at 6:30 pm. This is a change from our *Saturday morning meeting to a Friday evening meeting*. Because we're back in the Longhorn Lodge this will afford attendees the opportunity to remain for the evening in the lodge as guests of the Park. *Bring your spouse and stay the night!* We will share dinner at *Doritos* at *231 Main St. (NE of Royal Gorge Blvd. on 3rd)* in Cañon City at 5 pm. Zander will be sharing hi Monty Pike video. See next article. Bring your merit badge sash.

ZANDER INTERVIEWS MONTY

On Nov 21st Zander Scarbrough, his dad and Harv interviewed Monty Pike in two areas-

His thoughts about his hero uncle and his recollections as today's Pike hero.

Zander has chosen as his BSA Eagle project creating a video about these our explorer and Monte. The interview caught ZM Pike at his usual best.

Individual parts of the interview will be on our Smartphone app **Zander and Monty with Monty's merit badge sash**

SMARTPHONE APP- 'Pike Legacy' is still in development.

We decided to include many aspects of Zebulon's life including both expeditions, people he influenced like explorers who followed him and

well as folks in the family like Monty, Pike's legacy and death.

In charting Pike's 1st Expedition, we noticed repeatedly how accurate Pike was with his field maps.

When we compared his field maps with the US Army Corp. of Engineer maps, it is amazing the likenesses. See the 1st map to the right for St. Louis to Hamburg, IL. below on page 3.

THE FEDERAL PIKE BILL TO BE REINTRODUCED

We were contacted this week and told that Senator Michael Bennet is planning to re-introduce the Pike Feasibility Study bill in the US Senate with a new approach- it will be tied to an energy bill. Perhaps this will give it the leverage needed to get past committee hearings and to the floor. We certainly support this effort and the work Marion (Bennet DC office) is accomplishing. We have made it plain that most of the work will have to be done in Washington, i.e. We cannot fly into Washington again to make the circuit talking to Senators especially given the pass history of the other four introductions.

The Association has sent the appropriate letters requesting Sen. Bennett and Sen. Gardner to cosponsor this legislation. We will coming week be contacting the Senators from the other six states. Because we are expanding the Pike story in the Smartphone app to include the first expedition, we will also be sending letters to US Senators from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, as well as Missouri. [continues on Page 2]



As most of you know we have always considered the federal effort to be a certainty because we are not asking for Final Designation or any high cost studies. We are simply asking Congress to authorize the Park Service to conduct the study, which we have been told as part of their job anyway.

Fire up the troops NOT- We are not asking all of our support to write or call at this time or even doing the work of providing contact information. If you wish to write or call your Senator- proceed using the contact information on their web sight. Several Association Board members have done so already. We will simply provide our main talking points uttered from both Sen. Benett's and Udall's mouth in the past at one of the hearings—

- This is a Bipartisan effort as politics shouldn't be involved in this. Preserving early national history and spending large amounts of money as has been done for other earlier explorers should also be done for the Pike Legacy. We are not asking for the moon.

- It is good for the nation to bring to mind Zebulon Montgomery Pike as a national hero,

- It is good for Colorado in providing economic opportunity through tourism, healthy recreational opportunity, and educational opportunities. It is also good for MO,KS,NE,NM,TX,LA,IL,IA,WS and MN.

The House side- The bill when passing the US Senate will go to the House. Support here may be needed in the future, but some of us are simply writing personal letters to our US Reps to let them know this is coming up. CO State Senator Tim Neville, declared candidate for the US Senate (now seeking the Republican nomination) is on the team working for the Pike State Trail in Colorado with Rep. Wilson and others. Tim has personally indicated his support in person and by email to get our Pike endeavor done on the state and federal levels. (The federal election is on the November 8, 2016)

THIS IS WHAT WE ARE TELLING LAW MAKERS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONS-

Many examples can be given regarding Pike and his SW Expedition, including state legislation for the 'Pioneer Trail' with the Pike Trail being the first [see today's news] above, additional roadside panels, 'Pike Legacy' smartphone app,, Boy Scout Eagle projects regarding the Pikes, Pike commemorative coins, the Pike newsletter, zebulonpike.org website, the Pike National Historic Trail Association, working with schoolchildren across United States with Pike projects by email, cooperation with Gov. Hickenlooper's Office regarding the The Stage and Rail Trail in the Upper Arkansas.

COUNTY COMMISSIONS County Commissions who sent letters of support or created resolutions of support in 2010 for the Pike Feasibility Study bill, have been recontacted to renew their support. In Colorado they are also being asked to also lend support for the Pike National Historic Trail- Colorado.

HELPING KIDS-

Danny writes "I am a student at Northshore Junior High and I am competing in the National History Day competition." [National History Day 2016] He received our help.

CO HB 16-1106- A bill has been introduced in the Colorado House as HB 16-1106 on January 19th by CO State Representative Wilson. It is scheduled for the House Local Government Committee hearing on Feb. 10th.

HB 1106 allows counties to designate a historical trail along county and state roads. The intention is to make the Pike National Historic Trail- Colorado the first such trail.

Linda Balough, Chairperson for our Association's CO Pike State Trail effort and CEO of the South Park National Heritage Area [CO], is off and running- "I'll get on the Park County designation resolution as soon as possible and will help promote the designation of the Pike trail in the other counties."

PIKE'S 1ST EXPEDITION- THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER- ST. LOUIS TO ST. PAUL

The arduous trip to explore the Upper Mississippi just acquired from Napoleon and the French, began from Fort Belle Fontaine just 4 miles above the mouth of the Missouri River and north of St. Louis on Aug. 9, 1805 449 days after Lewis and Clark camped at Fort BelleFontaine [38.830531, -90.216825] on their third day.

9th August, Friday.- Sailed from my encampment near St. Louis at 4 o'clock p.m. on Friday, 9 August 1805, with one Sergt. two corporals and 17 privates in a Keel Boat 70 foot long; provisioned for four months, with orders to explore the source of the Mississippi making a general survey of the river and its boundaries, and it's productions, both an Animal, vegetable and mineral creation: also to include observations on the savage inhabitants of its Banks—water very rapid—encamped on the east side at the head of an island. [Chouteau]

The map on the right is a combination of today's US Corp of Engineer maps and enhanced Pike Field maps for the first segment of the Mississippi Expedition. Note how accurate the Pike Field map is [upper right].

On the 16th of August, Pike passed today's Pike County. IL and Pike County, MO south of Hannibal.

Pike was responsible for locating logical places for American forts. The first was at Prairie des Chien and the mouth of the Wisconsin River and on Sept. 4 his keel boat pulled into PdC.

4th September, Wednesday.-

Breakfastd just below the Ouisconsin [Wisconsin]—arrived to the Prairie Des Chiens about 11 o'clock— took orders at Capt. Fisher's and was received politely by him and Mr. Frazer.

Today Iowa's Pikes Peak State Park south of McGregor, IA welcomes visitors on the opposite side of the river. [continues next issue]

WE OMITTED THIS IMAGE IN OUR DEC. ISSUE- Pike and his 'Damn'd Rascals' spent 85 days here. On the way upriver they spent 53 days, built this stockade, interacted with the indians, waited for the Mississippi to freeze and made sleds. On return, they waited for the river to thaw for 32 days, built river craft, and again interacted with the indian tribes to gain peace and understandings.



Pike Monument Swan River Little Falls, MN
courtesy- Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site and the Minnesota Historical Society in Little Falls, MN

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

Please join our Association!

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.

Next month-
Pike's 1st Expedition- The Upper Mississippi River- St. Louis to St. Paul continued

Today's Dams on the Mississippi- Corp. of Engineers
Little Falls, MN and Pike's 85 day Stockade
Pike State Park- Iowa
More

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