

# LEADERS/GUIDES OF TRAILS HEAD TREKS AND SITE TOURS 1988-2020



## **David Aamodt**

2015 Mar. 28—joint meeting of MRO & TH; after MRO business meeting, David Aamodt presented update on future plans to expand National Frontier Trails Museum, and Raymond Starzmann performed as Harry Truman, at National Frontier Trails Museum; after program, Aamodt gave guided tour of museum

## **Lou Austin**

2016 Mar. 26—joint meeting of KCAHTA, MRO, & TH; after MRO business meeting, Lou Austin spoke on the use of history in the development of South Kansas City, at Austin's office; then walking tour west for about a quarter mile, from office of Lou Austin on East Bannister Road, to the newly opened Powder Mill Pedestrian Bridge over I-435; this bridge parallels the Bannister Road Bridge, also over I-435

## **Judy Bork, Barbara Burgess, & Bob Keckeisen**

1988 Sept. 10—trek from KS Museum in Topeka to Red Vermillion Crossing and Big Elm (Oregon-California trails)

1992 June 13—trek from KS Museum in Topeka to Red Vermillion Crossing and Big Elm (Oregon-California trails)

## **Roberta Bonnewitz**

1995 Nov. 9—Bonnewitz & Walter Cook talked on history of trails in Raytown at Trails Head annual meeting, before Bonnewitz gave tour of Raytown Historical Society Museum

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## **Dave Boutros**

1989 Feb. 9—Boutros spoke on early marking of trails in Kansas City, before attendees walked a block on UMKC campus for tour of Western Historical Manuscripts Collection of Kansas City in Newcomb Hall

## **Joe Brentano**

2010 April 10—talk on Moses & Annie Grinter, and guided tour of Grinter House, on 78th just north of Kansas River, in KCKS, both by Site Director Brentano

## **Jim Budde, Jim Lee, & Orvis Fitts**

2001 June 23—trek of Lawrence to Topeka with stop at Blanton's Bridge, on south side of Lawrence, & at UPRR Depot, in north Topeka, with comments on territorial Border War events (Oregon-California trails)

## **Bertha Cameron**

2011 Feb. 5—Monticello Community Historical Museum in Shawnee, to hear about community of Monticello, and for guided tour of museum, both by Cameron, one of museum founders

## **Janet Campbell**

1990 Feb. 24—after Director Campbell gave talk on Johnson County Museum trail exhibits, traveling trail trunk, & Lanesfield School, Campbell gave tour of all trail-related exhibits in museum, at 6305 Lackman [early location] in Shawnee

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**Mary Conrad, Mike Fisher, and Kansas Historical Society Staff**

1991 June 8—Pony Express trek from St. Joseph to Hollenberg Pony Express Station; Conrad organized trek and spoke at each stop, with others giving longer explanations (Fisher on Pony Express stables dig behind St. Joseph Pony Express Museum; Conrad on architecture of Marysville Pony Express Barn; KSHS Curator of Hollenberg Station Duane Durst and KSHS archaeologist Bill Lees on Hollenberg Station & active archaeological dig; Conrad at flotation station; and KSHS archaeologist Virginia Wulfkuhle at archaeological field lab in Hanover school)

**Kevin Corbett**

2006 June 10—Trails Head hosted many trail representatives, for speakers and picnic at Olathe Lone Elm Park, with walking tour of exhibits, led by Olathe Parks Director Corbett; called a Trail Rendezvous. (Part of new Lone Elm Park originally was site of Round Grove campground, and name later became Lone Elm campground after all but one of trees had been cut by trail travelers.)

2010 June 5—Trails Head hosted many trail representatives, for speakers and picnic at Olathe Lone Elm Park, with walking tour led by Olathe Parks Director Corbett; called a Trail Rendezvous

2017 June 3—Trails Head, MRO, and KCAHTA co-hosted many trail representatives, for speakers and picnic at Olathe Lone Elm Park, with walking tour of hiking trails (area of known trail camping) by former Olathe Parks Director Corbett

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## **Mark Corrison**

1998 Feb. 21—tour of National Archives of Central Plains Region, at 2312 E. Bannister [early location] before a lunch

## **Craig Crease**

1994 May 14—trek from Shawnee Indian Mission Historic Site, in Fairway, to Lawrence (Westport to Lawrence Road, also called California Road)

1995 June 17—trek from Westport to Lanesfield School (Westport Route of Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails)

1999 June 19—trek from Westport Landing to Gardner (Westport Route of Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails)

## **Craig Crease & Ross Marshall**

2004 May 8—trek to Lawrence on Hwy. 10, then to Lecompton, to see territorial Border War sites

2004 Sept. 11—trek from Kmart, at Shawnee Mission Parkway & Antioch, to State Line Rd., with stops at Grinter House, Delaware Baptist Mission site, & KCKS Shawnee Mission site (first Shawnee Mission site), to see emigrant Wyandot, Delaware, & Shawnee sites of trail era

2005 Apr. 2—trek to Black Jack ruts east of Baldwin City; then to Ottawa & Osawatomie, to see territorial Border War sites

2006 Apr. 1—trek to Black Jack ruts east of Baldwin City, then to Ottawa & Jotham Meeker Baptist Mission site, to see territorial Border War sites

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## **Craig Crease & Ross Marshall**

2007 Apr. 14—trek from Kmart, at Shawnee Mission Parkway & Antioch, to Monticello, Olathe, Spring Hill, & then north to KCMO, including River Market, to see sites associated with Wild Bill Hickok

2008 Apr. 19—trek from Kmart, at Shawnee Mission Parkway & Antioch, to Spring Hill, Aubry, Gardner, Hesper, Franklin, Lawrence, & Baldwin City, to see sites associated with Wm. Quantrill and his raid on Lawrence.

## **Eric Fowler & Polly Fowler**

1991 May 18—trek from Independence to Bartleson family graves at 151st St., to commemorate 150th Anniversary of Bidwell-Bartleson Party, the first wagon train to California; Barbara Tatum led guided tour of Rice-Tremonti House, and Joanne Chiles Eakin spoke of Bidwell and of the Bartlesons at the family graves

1996 Apr. 20—trek from Lexington to Independence Square (Santa Fe Trail)  
Polly Fowler & Ft. Osage staff

2002 June 15—trek included Ft. Osage staff giving guided walking tour of Ft. Osage facilities, and Fowler giving commentary at the following stops: Blue Mills site, Wayne City area, Rice Farm, Minor Park swales, and New Santa Fe Cemetery (Independence Route of Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails)

## **Ona Gieschen & Jim O'Shea**

1990 Mar. 19—Gieschen spoke on history of Watts Mill & O'Shea talked on possible restoration of mill, at Watts Mill Historic Site, 103rd & State Line, KCMO

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## **David Jackson, Bill Bullard, & Ross Marshall**

2001 May 19—tours of Independence facilities, including OCTA Headquarters, National Frontier Trails Center library & archives, and Bingham-Waggoner swales, with a Gateway-Trails Head joint meeting in OCTA Headquarters—NFTC Archivist Jackson gave tour of library & archives, then Bullard & Marshall gave thoughts at Bingham-Waggoner swales

## **John Leamon**

1989 June 10—trek from Buckner, MO to 123rd & State Line Rd. (Santa Fe Trail east of Independence, then Independence Route of Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails)

1989 Sept. 16—trek from Arrow Rock, MO to Independence (Santa Fe Trail)

1990 Oct. 13—trek from Lawrence to Topeka (Oregon-California trails)

## **John Leamon & Katharine Kelly**

1992 Sept. 26—trek from Black Jack Park in Douglas County to Osage County line (Santa Fe Trail)

## **John Leamon & Lee Kroh**

1993 Oct. 9—trek from Ft. Leavenworth to Grinter House, on 78th just north of Kansas River, in KCKS (Ft. Leavenworth to Ft. Scott Military Rd.)

## **John Leamon, Leo Pellant, and Douglas Wallace**

1990 Oct. 13—trek from Lawrence to Topeka, with Leamon commentary at many sites, plus landowner Pellant spoke at the swales in his front yard near Tecumseh and Wallace gave history of Tecumseh in that town

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## **Jackie Lewin & Marilyn Taylor**

1995 May 20—trek of Missouri River crossings in St. Joseph, MO area  
(Oregon-California trails, at times)

## **Mahaffie Farmstead Docent**

1994 Nov. 10—Mary Conrad spoke on 1988 Mahaffie archaeology  
during TH annual meeting, before docent gave tour of Mahaffie House

## **Ross Marshall**

1993 Nov. 9—one-hour tour of Alexander Majors House, before TH annual  
business meeting in Majors barn

1994 Mar. 19—trek from Metcalf South Shopping Center, in Overland Park, to  
Fort Scott (Ft. Leavenworth to Ft. Scott Military Rd.)

1994 Sept. 24—trek from Indian Springs Shopping Center, in KCKS, to St.  
Joseph, MO; then Hwy. 36 to Alcove Spring, Hollenberg Pony Express  
Station, & Tri-County marker on Nebraska border (Oregon-California trails,  
at times)

1995 Sept. 16—trek 1st stopped at KS Museum of History, in Topeka; then to  
Pottawatomie County, KS, from Willard to swales near Blaine, which is about  
8 miles from Black Vermillion Crossing (Oregon-California trails)

1996 Oct. 5—trek from Kansas River to New Santa Fe (Ft. Leavenworth to Ft.  
Scott Military Rd., in Johnson Co.)

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## Ross Marshall

1997 June 21—trek from Westport Landing to Westport (Westport Road of Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails)

1998 Apr. 25—trek from Kmart, at Shawnee Mission Parkway & Antioch, to Ft. Leavenworth and 8-mile house; (10 miles of Ft. Leavenworth branch of Oregon-California trails, which is section of Ft. Leavenworth to Ft. Scott Military Rd.; & to fork of Oregon-California trails with Ft. Leavenworth to Ft. Riley Rd.)

1999 May 1—trek from Westport Landing to St. Joseph, MO to see numerous Missouri River trail landings

1999 Oct. 16—trek from Upper Independence Landing (Wayne City Landing) to Gardner (Independence Route of Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails)

2003 May 10—trek from Liberty to Weston (Liberty to Ft. Leavenworth Rd.)

2005 Sept. 10—trek from Kmart, at Shawnee Mission Parkway & Antioch, to Ft. Leavenworth (Ft. Leavenworth to Ft. Scott Military Rd.)

2008 June 7----Trails Head hosted many trail representatives for speakers and picnic at Olathe Lone Elm Park, with walking tour led by Marshall

2014 May 10—walking tour/trek to see Town of Kansas signage along walkway, and to see Westport Landing site on Missouri River, plus markers in front of Arabia Steamboat Museum; after lunch at Minsky's Pizza, walking tour of City Market to see sites related to Wild Bill Hickok and to Civil War, plus to see murals



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## **Ross Marshall**

2019 June 1—trek from Old Franklin, MO to Ft. Osage & Independence (Santa Fe Trail); joint trek with MRO & KCAHTA

## **Ross Marshall & Mary Conrad**

2019 Aug. 4—picnic at Red Bridge shelter, with walking tour of trail signs and exhibits, plus viewing of swales (site of Blue River Crossing of Independence Route of Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails about 1838/1840 on)

## **Ross Marshall, Mary Conrad, & Pat Traffas**

2013 Apr. 28—picnic at Red Bridge shelter, with walking tour of signs and exhibits, plus viewing of swales (site of Blue River Crossing of Independence Route of Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails around 1838/1840 on)

## **Ross Marshall & Polly Fowler**

1997 Apr. 26—car-caravan trek from Wayne City Landing to Independence Square & National Frontier Trails Museum; (Santa Fe-Oregon-California trails)

## **Ross Marshall & Barbara Magerl**

1988 June 18—trek from State Line to Lawrence (Oregon-California trails)  
Midwest Genealogy Center Staff

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## **Sylvia Mooney & Walter Cook**

2000 June 21—business meeting & picnic, at Cave Spring Interpretive Center, at Gregory Blvd. & Blue Ridge, followed by walking tour to see DAR marker at 72nd & Blue Ridge and then to the area where the Barnes house once may have stood, on farther east of DAR marker

## **Steve Nowak**

2011 Sept. 17—at Watkins Community Museum, in Lawrence, for program by Fred Six about Blanton's Bridge Crossing site on south side of Lawrence on Oregon-California trails, with guided tour of museum by Director Nowak

2013 Aug. 24—at Watkins Community Museum, in Lawrence, about Quantrill's raid on Lawrence, and guided tour of Lawrence raid exhibits, both by Director Nowak

## **John Reichly**

1989 Apr. 8—bus tour of Ft. Leavenworth, before business meeting

## **Harold Smith**

1997 Mar. 2—Ann Reinert gave book review of Kenneth Holmes's Covered Wagon Women, before Park Archivist Smith gave tour of Park College Archives, in Park College Library

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## **Sherrie Kline Smith**

2010 Nov. 13—Librarian Smith gave one-hour tour of Missouri Valley Collections room at KCMO Central Library, located at 14 W. 10th, before Trails Head annual business meeting

## **Tim Talbott**

2012 Nov. 10—Trails Head business meeting before joint trail symposium, planned by Trails Head, KCAHTA, & MRO, plus DAR invited to attend, at Mahaffie Farmstead and Stagecoach Stop, in Olathe; after many talks before and after lunch, Tim Talbott of Mahaffie historic site gave a presentation by the corral about oxen, before giving tour of house.