

MISSOURI RIVER  
OUTFITTERS (MRO)  
OF SANTA FE TRAIL  
ASSOCIATION (SFTA)  
WITH TRAILS HEAD

*FROM 1991-2015*



OREGON-CALIFORNIA TRAILS ASSOCIATION

**TRAILS HEAD**  
CHAPTER

JOINT TREKS WITH MISSOURI RIVER  
OUTFITTERS OF SFTA & TH

1996 Apr. 20—trek from Lexington, MO to Independence Square

2006 Apr. 29—trek of Santa Fe Trail from Kansas City to west of Council Grove; MRO planned trek and invited Trails Head; some considered this a joint trek, & some did not

2015 May 12—trek from Old Franklin to Wayne City Landing, then through Independence and south on Blue Ridge with stop at Rice-Tremonti House

## JOINT PROJECTS BETWEEN MISSOURI RIVER OUTFITTERS OF SFTA & TH

1991—This is the year Missouri River Outfitters was formed. Trails Head executive committee voted that any MRO SFTA members could pay only \$5 a year to receive Trails Head newsletters, if they did not wish to become OCTA members at that time. This was intended to familiarize those MRO and SFTA members with OCTA and Trails Head.

1996 June 6—public celebration of 175th Anniversary of Santa Fe Trail on 167th St., near Lone Elm DAR marker in Olathe, with Ross Marshall, Craig Crease, and Arnold Schofield as speakers, on significance of Santa Fe Trail and of Lone Elm campground. This was one of Kansas Historical Society-planned celebratory nights from June 3rd through July 14th, with local Trails Head and MRO co-hosting (Trails Head planned the evening, MRO provided many volunteers, including for management of parking.)

2015 Oct. 10—together staffed info table at Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival

# JOINT MEETINGS WITH MISSOURI RIVER OUTFITTERS OF SFTA & TH

1996 Feb. 18—MRO business meeting, at National Frontier Trails Center, then Pat Short spoke on research of her home east of Wm. Chrisman High School, in Independence; house apparently was home of overseer of Jabez Smith, the only incredibly large slave holder of Jackson County, MO; Jabez Smith was a financier of many endeavors, including trade on various historic trails

2005 Oct. 16—speaker Bob Dyer integrated history of steamboats on the Missouri River with the Santa Fe Trail and the Civil War, at National Frontier Trails Museum

2015 Mar. 28—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, D. Aamodt gave guided tour of NFTM

**AWARDS PRESENTED JOINTLY BY  
MISSOURI RIVER OUTFITTERS  
OF SFTA & TH**

1996 May—presented certificates of appreciation to Raytown teachers (Debbie Boyles, Janie Heggam, & Carolyn Wren) for actively promoting historic trails in classrooms

1996 June 28—presented certificates of appreciation at a Mahaffie Farmstead pre-Bullwhacker Days concert, in Olathe, to Olathe School District; to Olathe school librarians Susie Bridson and Marilyn Peterson; to Olathe teachers Bill Oakley and Don Everhart; and to Friends of the Mahaffie Farmstead, City of Olathe, Olathe Historical Society, & Marlene Natoli of Olathe Parks & Recreation, for actively promoting historic trails in public venues and in schools