



THE FIFTY-NINER

Quarterly newsletter of the
Colorado-Cherokee Trail Chapter
Oregon-California Trails Association
March 2011

Upcoming events:



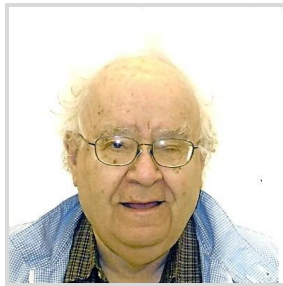
- **April 18**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
National Historic Trails Feasibility Study**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Four Mile Historic Park

715 South Forest Street, Denver, Colorado



- **April 30**

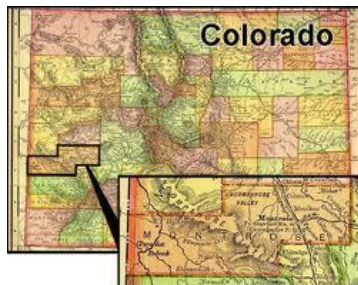
SPRING CHAPTER MEETING

**Speaker: Stan Oliner, Retired Curator of Books
and Manuscripts, Colorado Historical Society**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ranch Country Club

11887 Tejon Street, Westminster, Colorado



- **June 4**

MAPPING HISTORIC TRAILS IN COLORADO

Joint event with Rocky Mountain Map Society

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Morning conference at the Douglas County History Research Center, 100 South Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, Colorado
- Afternoon field trip on the Cherokee Trail



- **June 7**

LITTLETON MUSEUM

**Private reception and exhibit tour for members
of OCTA and Rocky Mountain Map Society**

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

6028 South Gallup Street, Littleton, Colorado

Please see page 3 for further information regarding these events



WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

- Tamsen and Ken Hert – Laramie, Wyoming
- Charles B. Kuster – Leadville, Colorado
- Bill Meirath – Loveland, Colorado

CHAPTER CAPS NOW AVAILABLE



Many thanks to our Webmaster, Berl Meyer, for designing the new chapter logo and caps. An order form is included in this newsletter on page 6. The caps can either be mailed to you or picked up at the chapter events on April 30 and June 4.

CHAPTER MEMBERS SPEAKING AT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

- April 16 – 1:00-3:00 pm: Linda Graybeal will be speaking at the Westminster Historical Society in one of its lectures commemorating the [100th anniversary of Westminster](#).
- May 6 – 11:00 am-1:00 pm: Sharon Danhauer is one of the hostesses for the Berthoud Historical Society's luncheon, [Lunch from Fannie Palmer's Pantry](#) at the McCarty-Fickel Home in Berthoud.
- May 5 – 7:00 pm: Lee Whiteley will be giving a presentation at the Littleton Museum: [Trails to Interstate: Transportation Systems Across the Palmer Divide](#).

NOTES ON UPCOMING EVENTS

By Camille Bradford

April 18: National Park Service Public Scoping Meeting

The National Park Service is presently studying the feasibility of adding additional routes to the National Trails System. The Cherokee Trail is one of these routes. The public scoping meetings enable representatives of the National Park Service to meet with members of the public who are interested in the trails and to hear their views on the issues involved in the feasibility study. [Click here](#) for further information on the NPS website about the feasibility study and the public comment process.

Please plan to attend this important meeting and express your support for the addition of the Cherokee Trail to the National Trails System. No RSVP is necessary. Refreshments will be served.

If you cannot attend, you can submit written comments to Gretchen Ward at the National Park Service, either by e-mail: gretchen_ward@nps.gov, or by regular mail: P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, NM 87504. The deadline for comments is July 30, 2011.

April 30: Spring Chapter Meeting

Our speaker, Stan Oliner, has had a lifelong interest in Colorado history. A fourth generation Coloradoan, Stan is now a retired professional librarian and serves as an archivist for private collections. He served for thirteen years as Curator of Books and Manuscripts for the Colorado Historical Society. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder and holds a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Denver.

Stan's talk will cover several facets of The Pony Express in Colorado including details of the two known copies of the Pony Express Bible now in Colorado repositories, and the "missing" 1860 Pony Express envelope sent to the Rocky Mountain News in November 1860 announcing "Lincoln Elected."

There is no charge for this event and guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by April 26: bradford@usa.net or 303-460-0371.

June 4: Mapping Historic Trails in Colorado

The agenda for this event is on page 7 and the registration form is on page 8. If you would like to attend, please mail the registration form and your check no later than May 25.

June 7: Littleton Museum

This event is a private reception for members of OCTA and the Rocky Mountain Map Society, followed by a narrated gallery tour of the exhibit, [Pivotal Points: The Exploration and Mapping of the Trans-Mississippi West](#). There is no charge for this event. RSVP by May 24: bradford@usa.net or 303-460-0371.

WYOMING'S ATLANTIC RIM HISTORIC TRAILS DVD

By Camille Bradford

Our chapter member, Pat Fletcher, played a key role in the project associated with the production of *Wyoming's Atlantic Rim Historic Trails*. The one-hour DVD covers the Overland Trail, the Cherokee Trail and the Rawlins to Baggs Road.

It was produced by Cloud Peak Productions in conjunction with Anadarko Petroleum, Warren Resources, the Alliance for Historic Wyoming, OCTA, the Bureau of Land Management Rawlins Field Office and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office. For information on how to order a copy, contact [Natalya Lenz](#) at the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office. Phone: 307-777-6401. The DVD is free and there is a \$4.00 charge for shipping.

[Click here](#) to watch a segment of the DVD on YouTube. Pat appears in this segment pertaining to the Cherokee Trail.

In a recent e-mail Pat's husband, Jack Fletcher, provided further information about the project and the DVD, and plans for a pre-convention tour over the Cherokee Trail in Wyoming. He will be conducting this tour August 7-8 with our chapter members Chuck and Suzanne Hornbuckle:

Recent e-mail from Jack Fletcher:

It was a hard won prize and I take my hat off to Pat who participated for years in nearly all meetings, working on each revised map to make sure the trails were safeguarded, and us driving to Wyoming to participate in the field trips.

The Atlantic Rim project was a coalbed methane project overseen by the Rawlins BLM District that involved several energy companies, State BLM office, Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, Washington DC, local ranchers, and others including OCTA. Dave Welch was the OCTA representative. Soon realizing that it would be impacting mainly the Cherokee Trail, the Overland Trail, and the Baggs to Rawlins Wagon Road, Dave Welch asked Pat to replace him as the OCTA representative.

Over the next two years a series of BLM Office meetings, field trips and teleconferences took place. One of the lead BLM staffers received an award and plaque at our Loveland convention in 2009.

Another year of mitigation meetings under the Rawlins BLM led to the following projects to offset the disturbances and destruction of the trails: several interpretive signs and kiosks on the Cherokee and Overland Trails and the Baggs Wagon Road. A DVD documentary filming the history and much of the remaining ruts and swales of each of these routes (limited to only the Rawlins BLM District) was to be made and given to every school district in Wyoming. Cloud Peak Productions was awarded the contract. A close working relationship developed between Debra of Cloud Peak and Jack and Pat Fletcher. Time restrictions in Wyoming, however, limited the Fletchers to just one interview for the DVD.

The DVD is entitled, *Wyoming's Atlantic Rim Historic Trails*. This outstanding film is a must-see for all trail enthusiasts, especially those that live in Colorado and Wyoming who have knowledge of or interest in the historic trails. It is well-documented by diaries, notable trail experts, and actual trail ground scenes. Aerial scenes flown along the trails are remarkable and second to none. Every historical organization along the Front Range and throughout Wyoming should have a copy of this DVD.

The first showing on Wyoming Public Television was for their fund or pledge drive. A set of Fletchers' Cherokee Trail Diaries Volumes I & II and Volume III were given for the second highest dollar pledge; second to Ken Burns' four-volume DVD set on The West.

The viewer response throughout the State was thought to be their best ever. So much so that their second pledge (2009) drive they again showed the DVD and used Fletchers' book set for premiums.

The DVD was again shown in 2010. We have been contacted about providing their books for premiums for a possible 2011 showing.

Jack Fletcher, ably assisted by Chuck and Suzanne Hornbuckle, will be leading a preconvention 4X4 vehicle trip over the Cherokee Trail starting from Saratoga, Wyoming.

Sunday, August 7 at 1 pm the group will meet at the Encampment Museum. At 8 am on Monday, August 8 the tour will leave Saratoga and travel over the trail through the Rawlins BLM district and parts of the Atlantic Rim region seen in the DVD. Present plans call for several Rawlins BLM cultural staff to be on the trip and guide us through their district. It will be a chance and honor for the members of the Colorado Chapter to meet and get to know these guardians of our trails.

FACEBOOK – CHAPTER PAGE



Our Webmaster has also created a page for the chapter on Facebook. To join, go to the chapter website, www.octa-colorado.org and click on this icon. Please use the Facebook page to upload photos and messages of interest to other chapter members.

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ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Number ordered:

_____ Khaki @ \$12.00 each \$ _____

_____ Blue @ \$12.00 each \$ _____

Postage: \$ 5.00

TOTAL: \$ _____

Or send in a check now and save the postage and pick them up at the April 30 or June 4 meeting.

Please make check payable to OCTA-Colorado and mail with this form to:

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Mapping Historic Trails in Colorado

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Rocky Mountain Map Society

Joint Conference - June 4, 2011
Douglas County History Research Center

Castle Rock, Colorado

Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and introductions
- 9:15 – 9:45 Lee Whiteley
Mapping the Cherokee Trail: From Zebulon Pike to Louis L'Amour
- 9:45 – 10:30 Wes Brown
The Cartographic Roots of the Place that Became Colorado
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 11:30 Steve Hoffenberg
The Cartography of Indian Country
- 11:30 – 12:00 Johanna Harden and Annette Gray
Time Travel With Google Earth
- 12:00 – 12:30 Bruce Watson and Roger Hanson
Mapping Historic Trails Using Original Surveys
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:45 Leave for field trip on the Cherokee Trail. The car caravan will stop at some of the best preserved ruts on the trail and the use of GPS equipment in trail mapping will be demonstrated. The trek also includes a visit to historic Blackfoot Cave, used as a shelter by travelers on the trail in the 1800s.
- 4:30 Adjourn.

Registration fee - Members of OCTA and RMMS: \$10. Non-members: \$25.

Lunch options: Box lunch \$12 or Brown Bag.

For further information contact:

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RMMS – Dave Cole: mapguycole@aol.com

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

___ Member(s) of OCTA x \$10.00 each	\$ _____
___ Member(s) of RMMS x \$10.00 each	_____
___ Non-member(s) x \$25.00 each	_____
___ Box lunch(es) x \$12.00 each	_____
TOTAL:	\$ _____

Please mail this form with your check for the above total to: Camille Bradford, 11515 Quivas Way, Denver, CO 80234. Please make your check payable to: OCTA-Colorado.

If you are ordering a box lunch, please indicate your sandwich preference:

___ Beef ___ Turkey ___ Tuna ___ Vegetarian