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ANNUAL DUES

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MEETINGS

The second Wednesday
at 7 pm, in the Library,
at Truman High School,
3301 South Noland Rd,
Independence, Missouri,
except July, August
and December.

Visitors Always
Welcome

FROM THE PRES.....

Where else would a bunch of Civil War buffs sit around and watch a video on the Ghosts of Gettysburg? At a Board Meeting, of course. You should have seen the goose bummies on one Board Member when the video was showing. Holy Goose Bumps!

The March 20 Board Meeting had to be moved to the 26th. The meeting was at **Toby Giese's** home and ghost stories were *floating* all around the room (pardon the pun).

The meeting moved along very smoothly because newly appointed Correspondence Secretary **Mary Ann Hazzard** pre-read all the mail and reported the results.

Among other things, the Board voted to assist with the restoration of the Luttrell Cemetery near 39th & Lee's Summit Road, something you will hear more about shortly.

The date for the visit to the 1820's cabin at the Bell-Pharis Farm and the ruins of the Liberty Arsenal was set for Saturday May 18th. See inside for more details.

The date for Civil War Picnic '97 has had to be moved up to July 10th so as not to conflict with a Royals home game with Cleveland. We felt all the traffic associated with that game would cause problems for us. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Treasurer **Beverly Shaw** has forwarded to me the updated list of those who have paid their 1996 dues. We end up with 80 members and 5 others who have indicated they will be renewing. The 1995 roster started out with 72 names.

The 1996 Roster should be ready for distribution at the April meeting.

Outlaws & Lawman, the Discovery Channel mini-series in which **Roger Bomar, Bob Werline and I** appear, is set to air for one hour each night starting on Sunday, April 7th thru Wed. April 10th at 9 pm & 1 am. All 4 hours will air on Sat. April 23, 10 am-2 pm.

Kevin, who did the program on Gettysburg at last month's meeting, plays several parts in the series including Jesse James in the early scenes and a clean shaven, slicked back Pretty Boy Floyd in the final episode. (Not even his mother recognized him in that scene)

Our youngest son, Kurt, is also in some of the scenes.

In the scene where Frank James and Cole Younger are walking off into the sunset, look closely, see if you recognize **Bob and I** by our backsides.

Our backsides also show in the massacre scene along the railroad tracks.

Footage was shot at several locations in and around Liberty and Shoal Creek Village as well as Cowntown in Wichita, Dodge City, Guthrie, Okla., and Jackson, Wyoming.

The turnout for the presentation on Gettysburg was great. Sixty-three members and twenty-one guests. Kevin said he really enjoyed doing the program for our group. He was really surprised by the friendliness of those he talked with.

Afterwards, he remembered two more *Ghost Stories* he forgot to tell.

There were two signed color photos left over.

Beverly Shaw made a tape of the program and I have a video of the pre-break portion. Anyone who was not present can contact either of us about a loaner copy.

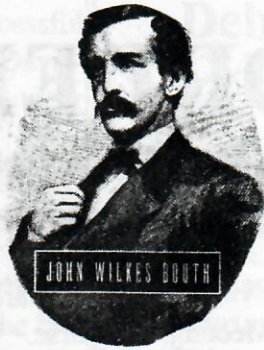
I am still trying to work things out with the Designer Showcase Home. The date we wanted is filled and other dates she suggested do not fit our schedules.

I have 20 tickets to the Smithsonian Exhibit for Saturday, May 4th, 1 pm-4pm. Cost is \$3.50., which I think is a sham for a supposedly **FREE**, tax payer paid for, Historical exhibit. In any case it is *First come-first get 'em*. I hope we can go as a group.

Looking forward to an interesting program on the Lincoln Conspiracy. See U there.

About Mr. Lincoln

by Toby Giese



Description

1. The Country Doctor
2. Mosby Deserter, now a conspirator
3. Shot Boyd thinking it was Booth
4. Harold tried to kill William _____
5. Secretary of War _____ possibly involved
6. Lincoln's oldest son
7. Stage Hand
8. A Booth look-a-like
9. Boarding House Keeper in D.C.
10. A guard on the old Navy Bridge (Sgt _____)
11. Went looking for Booth (Lt. Col. _____)
12. Lincoln's Body sent to _____ for burial
13. A Secret Service Agent
14. Childhood friend of Booth
15. Lincoln's Wife
16. Date Lincoln was shot
17. Code Booth used to get across the Navy Bridge
18. Lincoln shot by a _____ gun
19. A former Drug Store clerk
20. Number hanged for involvement in conspiracy
21. Guest in the Lincoln theater box
22. Booth hid in _____ (Name) _____ (Type) _____ Barn
23. Booth broke which leg
24. Her son was a spy and knew Booth
25. City & State of Booth's Birth

Answer

- ___ Silas Cobb
- ___ Mary Surratt
- ___ James Boyd
- ___ Spangler
- ___ Maj. Rathbone
- ___ David Harold
- ___ Derringer
- ___ Garrett
- ___ Not Right
- ___ Harrison Surratt
- ___ Maryland
- ___ Tobacco
- ___ Four
- ___ TB TB Road
- ___ Belair,
- ___ Allen Pinkerton
- ___ Illinois
- ___ Everton Conger
- ___ Mary
- ___ April Fourteenth
- ___ Lewis Paine
- ___ Robert
- ___ Mich'l O'Laughlin
- ___ Seward
- ___ Stanton
- ___ Samuel Mudd
- ___ Boston Corbett

Edited by Sonny for the Border Star

In case you haven't heard, the April meeting will be on the Lincoln Conspiracy. There are many stories surrounding the plan to shoot the President and many of the cabinet, almost as many as there are about Jesse. Well,.....maybe not quite that many....but a bunch of 'em.

Toby and Tim will bring out some of these stories giving the listener the opportunity to see which makes the most sense.

Plus you will get a chance to meet a person who is related, albeit distantly, to both President Lincoln and Dr. Mudd.

By the way, this person is a member of the Board of Directors of this Round Table. Board Members know who it is but are sworn not to tell.

About Mr. Lincoln-The Puzzle

by Toby Giese

S A M U E L M U D D E N I A P S I W E L
T T E B R O C N O T S O B O D M F N J E
X Z E A D F J T Z S E W A R D D S O K H
B E N S S T A N T O N N O A F Q H P U A
E R O B E R T X O C O F S P A N G L E R
L O B A D E G H I C N E P Z W J D O O R
A D H W F I L Y J A M E S B O Y D L N I
I T T A B U G H W B A V O S E C Q E R S
R B A W V Z A Q M O P O M N B A Z F M O
M A R Y S U R R A T T A F L O C O T C N
A C J K A L R V U H F B B O C S A L I S
R E A G O N E M F N G O Q C O P Z E Q U
Y G M A N Y T E V E R T O N C O N G E R
L H J R E D T S I O N L L I T P H S T R
A N O T R E K N I P N E L L A W X Y Z A
N T D E R R I N G E R Z A L R Q F A S T
D L O R A H D I V A D Q D A O R B T B T
B C E A P R I L F O U R T E E N T H H P
M I C H E A L O L A U G H L I N Y R A M

The above puzzle was devised by **Toby Giese** as a part of the upcoming program on The Lincoln Conspiracy.

The puzzle utilizes the answers from the preceding page and is a bit sneaky.

As a part of the program **Bob Werline** will be bringing his authentic replica derringer and there will be a funeral badge from the Lincoln Funeral Train G.A.R. Post #1 of Springfield, Illinois, on display. This was the only G.A.R. Post with such a name.

As the name suggests, this post was made up solely and entirely of men who were guards on the Lincoln Funeral Train.

This group met only once a year and had a maximum membership of 128. The last meeting was in 1934 when only 3 were in attendance.

The funeral badge and other G.A.R. ribbons and pins will be under glass and I ask that they not be handled.

The newest one in my collection, a 1916 National Encampment Representative badge from the 50th Anniversary, Heart of America Encampment, held in KC, will be on display for the first time.

To Save an old Cemetery

Congratulation are in order to Lois Spencer and the Melton Estates Home Owners Association for the successful effort to save the old Luttrell-Davis-Harris Burying Ground/Cemetery near 39th & Lee's Summit Road.

By agreement with the developer, the 1/4 acre plot is to be restored and fenced off.

Plus many of the original tombstones, removed by vandals in the late 1960's and early 1970's, are to be returned from the Missouri Town 1855 simulated cemetery.

Assistance, both financial and physical, will be needed to complete the tombstone transfer.

This was presented to the Board at the March 26th meeting as a project our people might want to assist with.

The Board agreed and a motion to assist with the project was passed.

It is not often that we hear of a project such as this where we can assist in the restoration of an old cemetery instead of watching as an old piece of History gets bulldozed.

The study to determine which stones go where is already underway and the physical task of removing and replacing the markers should begin sometime this summer.

It is estimated \$15,000 will be needed to complete the project.

Those interested in making a donation to the fund should contact Lois at 373-0451

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April

Sun. 7th Easter Sunday
Wed. 10th CWRTWMO 7 pm
The Lincoln Conspiracy
Wed. 17st Board Meeting 7 pm

May

Sat. 4th Smithsonian Tour
Wed. 8th CWRTWMO 7 pm
The Sultana Incident
Wed. 15th Board Meeting 7 pm
Sat. 18th Pharis Farm & Cabin and
Liberty Arsenal Tour
Mon. 27th Union Cemetery Tours
Noon & 2 pm

New Member A warm Welcome to Debbie Richey

of Corder, Mo.

and to

Visitors and Guests at the April Meeting

Robert Bates	Blue Springs
Sheila Burton	Independence
Hal Gobin	Lee's Summit
Brad & Amy Holmes	Lee's Summit
Nancy Lewis	Blue Springs
Rick Norman	Lee's Summit
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Potts	Blue Springs
and 10 others	

Quiz Winners

I received only three totally correct questions and letter cube, for the January quiz.

Dave Kesinger, Warrensburg,
Toby Giese, KC., and
Becky Carver, Sedalia,
in that order.

Congratulations to the winners.
Your medals and certificates will be presented at the July picnic.

Answers to Birthday Quiz

Lew Armistead	H	James Blun t	D
Clara Barton	M	John W. Booth	L
Braxton Bragg	I	Josh. Chamberlain	E
Samuel Curtis	A	F. M Cockrell	J
Jeff Davis	D	George A. Custer	M
Jubal Early	G	Varina Davis	C
James Lane	F	Thomas Ewing, Jr.	F
Robert E. Lee	C	J. S. Marmaduke	I
Mary Lincoln	J	George E. Pickett	A
Jas. Longstreet	L	Wm. C. Quantrill	K
Sterling Price	E	Joseph O. Shelby	G
W. T. Sherman	K	J. E. B. Stuart	H
Stand Watie	B	M. Jeff Thompson	B

I have received 5 correct forms the first being from new member Richard Cawby and the second from new member Pat Hall in Hutchinson, Ks.
All were passed on to the judges.

Pharis Farm & Cabin Tour on Sat., May 18th

For those of you who were on the first Pharis Farm Tour and had the chance to met and talk to the then 94 year old former farmer and Ag Vo-Tech teacher, it was an experience you will not soon forget.

Don is gone now and his dream of a living history farm may never come true. The county has turned down the offer, as set up in Don's will, and the house and pre-1820's cabin set idle.

The cabin was found in the 1960's. A larger building had been built over it and it was wonderfully preserved.

Pharis, with the help of some friends, tore the cabin down and moved it to his farm.

The timbers set for a few years before the cabin was restored starting about 1974.

Don hung many tools from the past on the sides of the cabin and the inside of the 14 X 20 building is so homey you could move in in a flash of an eye.

Among the things of notice inside the 1859 two story brick home is the original land grant signed by President James Madison.

Weather and road conditions permitting this tour will also visit the ruins of the Liberty Arsenal.

If you have been there before you will be surprised at how much destruction has taken place.

If you have not been there you will be surprised so much of it is still there.

Two very unique pieces of history neither of which is being preserved.

Time permitting the tour will also visit the Oregon Trail Crossing site.

If 24 or more chose to go we will use a bus. Cost will be \$12 per person. Invited guests are accepted.

Cost of the bus for 7 hours will be \$335. Tour Departs at 9 am from the K-Mart lot at Hwy 24 & Hwy 291.

Less than 24 going, we car pool. Lunch at Hardee's in Liberty.

Private vehicle tag-a-longs allowed.

CWRTWMO assumes no liability for tour participants.