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Trails, Rails, Rivers and Folk Tales: Jefferson City November 12-14

For next year's annual meeting, we float down the Missouri a ways, to the City of Jefferson. Our hosts will be Debra Greene and Roger Jungmeyer of Lincoln University, and the venue will be the Truman Hotel and conference center. The theme is "Trails, Rails, Rivers and Folk Tales," providing for a broad range of presentations on the Missouri River — floods, riverboats — as well as the Lewis and Clark Trail, railroads and the political lore so rich in the capitol. It's not too early to begin planning a session or crafting a proposal, and the co-presidents eagerly await volunteers to chair sessions. As always, we welcome scholarly papers and reminiscences, performances, presentations and sharing sessions — stories, lore, — by tradition-bearers, students and enthusiasts of all types. The deadline has been set at September 15. Email JungmeyerR@lincolnu.edu



The Po' Boys performed at Truman State's final Folklore Symposium event of the Spring semester. Richard Shewmaker (left) along with Anthony Bodner , Jake Hurst and Alan Smith, played traditional tunes and talked about ongoing efforts to develop a Kirksville folk scene. Also performing was Aaron Albright (out of frame)

Also at Truman, alumna Akela Cooper returned as keynote speaker for the English Department's capstone festival. The Hollywood screenwriter with credits including *Jericho, Dexter, V, Grimm, The 100*, and the *Witches of East End* spoke on Folklore in her screenwriting, then led her audience in a mock "bluesky" session to create a pilot for a show based on the folktale, "The Pied Piper."



November 2014 meeting at the Isle of Capri resort and casino, organized by Dave Para & Cathy Barton, Brett Rogers



Highlights of the meeting included an award recognizing Drs. Jim Vandergriff and Donna Jurich for their lifetime achievements and contributions to the Society. A special condensed edition of the original musical "Gumbo Bottom" delighted all with its humor and drama. We enjoyed demonstrations of spinning, and learned to play dulcimers (using turkeyfeathers and chickenbones) as well as Tennessee Music Boxes. Others experienced the art of atl-atl throwing, and we had a lecture by Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, founder of Osteopathy. Scholarly presentations included snakelore, web-memes, and the family-run general store as an institution of rural and small-town life. As always, there were scheduled and impromptu jam sessions, and the annual benefit auction.



Missouri Folklore Society Boonville, MO November 6, 2014 Financial Statement Jan.1 to Oct. 31, 2014

INCOME

	2013	2014	
Membership Dues Annual Meeting Donations, Grants Sales Interest Miscellaneous Refund Total	\$1,490.00 \$2,45 \$425.00 \$228.00 \$49.90 \$3,102.53	\$690.00 \$2,48 \$50.00 \$97.00 \$41.74	6.00
EXPENSES Journal Printing Newsletter Printing Annual Meeting Refunds	\$3,12		4.78
Postage Awards Supplies	\$63	5.38	
Miscellaneous	\$20.00	\$40.87	
Total	\$3,205.56	\$245.65	
Checking Account Balance 12 CD 12-3 Schroeder Endowment Fund C Total Account Balance	31-2013	\$27,094.47 \$18,867.66 \$14,577.21 \$60,539.34	
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Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Para









Missouri Folklore Society Board Meeting Thursday November 6, 2014 Isle of Capri Ballroom Meeting came to order at 4:50 pm

Present: Adam Davis, Andrea Davis, Janelle Burch, Ken Burch, Carol Fisher, John Fisher, Rachel Gholson, Betsy Delmonico, Neal Delmonico, Hugh Spalding, Homer McCollum, Mary Mccollum, Jim Vandergriff, Donna Jurich, Sharon Brock, Debra F. Greene, Roger L. Jungmeyer, Cathy Barton Para, Dave Para, Lyn Wolz, Irvin Rice, Carol rice, Liz Fries, Clyde Faries, Barbe Keefe, Alan Keefe Reports

Secretary (Davis): We have heard, and we have resolved, new eed to keep sending the snailmail notices for the meeting. It seems to provide a useful reminder that doesn't get tossed off as spam. We also need a system for updating email addresses. How to share contact info among the membership?

Treasurer (Para) Discussion of maintaining membership lists and emails.

Treasurer's report. Davis requested a digital copy. One correction about the date in column B. Membership revenue is dropping, and this meeting will certainly cost more than it will take in. Seventy attendees, but a number are unpaid. We have about 250 members on the books, some long in arrears but prepaid on journals. It's probably not worth it to have a bulk mail permit. "Our number is up." Moved Jim Vandergriff, seconded Betsy Delmonico, report adopted.

Announcements for 2015 and 2016: Roger Jungmeyer and Debra Greene will be hosting us in Jefferson City, not on the Lincoln campus, but at the Truman Hotel, as previously; parking at Lincoln is an issue, and in general, they're not set up for conferences. 2nd week in November would get us better hotel rates. Noted: this date conflicts with deer season, and AFS is also a conflict. What about last weekend in October? That was the original time for our conference many years ago, but that was a problem for those who do fall festivals, which seems now to be less of an issue. Theme: something to do with the river – floods, railroads, river towns. A Sikeston meeting might be in the offing; John and Carol Fisher volunteer to organize that one, 2017 or after. The 2016 meeting will be at Truman State in Kirksville. Let's check November 12-14 for conflict with AFS, which is slotted for October 14-15 in Long Beach CA, and for 2016 October 18-21 (2017 is October 19-22). Publications reports:

MFS Journal (Wolz, Fishers) Lyn and Jim are working out some final matters, but there are some commission issues that will need to be settled by the communication group. Mizzou Printer insists we have to have written permissions, which is problematic for orphaned works. There was a suggestion to change the order of the issues. Carol handed over the completed triple issue to Jim, to general applause. Cathy voted thanks to Jim, Lyn, and the Fishers.

Newsletter: latest issue is out. We have four members and one library insisting on hard copies, and these requests are honored.

Website: Continuously updated.

Digitized journals: the open folklore website will do the digitizing, though we have to sort some things out. We can restrict access to members, or we can make it open source. Lyn polled the meeting. There's no money in this. But what do we offer as a benefit for membership? Would it be possible to make the more recent journals restricted, leaving the older ones open? Lyn can consult with the operators of the database and we can vote by email. Sense of the group – Lyn will consult, and we'll see if a vote is appropriate at the spring meeting.

Committees: Schroeder endowment: interest income is trifling Scholarships two papers, prize to be decided.

Communication group: to meet 7am tomorrow for breakfast, to discuss permissions issues for publications.

New business:

Dave presented the new slate of board members; the late and much-missed Susan Pentlin and Ellen Grey Massey, sadly, need to be removed, and we need to identify incoming officers (Kirksville organizers Betsy Delmonico and Barb Price will serve as co-presidents).

Ken and Janelle Burch nominated to board by the Fishers; Bruce Scoville nominated by Bruce Jungmeyer. Moved Jim Vandergriff, second Cathy Barton Para. Approved.

Liz brought the brochures. Two colors, total cost for 1000 approximately \$100, and the board expressed their appreciation. We need to talk about recruitment. Those of us who can give talks or do performances can distribute brochures and talk up the Society.

Correction to program – Ken Burch needs credit for the Tennessee music boxes. As the program has already been printed, we will have to let verbal acknowledgement suffice.

March meeting – Boone County historical society right across from Lenoir would be a possibility. Cathy will investigate. Figuring 18th of April.

Directions to dinner at the Presbyterian church explained.

Adjourn 5:50 pm Respectfully submitted,

Adam Davis

Missouri Folklore Society General Meeting Saturday November 8, 2014 Isle of Capri Ballroom

Call to order 11:26

Present: Meredith Rau, Annie Fuller, Janelle Burch, Ken Burch, Tony Holland, Debra F. Greene, Roger L. Jungmeyer, Andrea Davis, Adam Davis, Sharon E. Brock, Rachel Gholson, Jim Vandergriff, Donna Jurich, Betsy Delmonico, Neal Delmonico, Cathy Barton, Dave Para, Hugh Spalding, Evelyn G. Trickel, Lyn Wolz, Susan Bryson, Barbara Price, John Fisher, Bobbie Becker, Donna Jurich, Bill Lacy, Sam Griffin, Jim Vandergriff, Judy Domeny.

The gavel is lost... there was a suggestion that there may be an opportunity for a ballad here.

Reports:

Treasurer's report moved by Jim Vandergriff, seconded Betsy Delmonico, approved; financial breakout to come. The auction yielded \$810. We will probably lose money on the meeting, but we can certainly afford it. We saved \$500 by staying in this section. Meal count got complex.

We eventually got permission, after the fact, for the atlatl demonstration (provided we secured \$2M in insurance). It's no longer an issue.

Applause for Cathy and Dave and Brett for their tireless labors, in the midst of a great many other obligations, in organizing a superb meeting. Thanks to Bill Lacey and Sam Griffin.

For next year, we renewed the call to have physical mailing to announce the meeting, including registration and Call for Participation. We need also to build in meeting time, for instance for the communication subgroup (which remains unofficial and ad hoc). Cathy really wants a playbook, and it seems that some such exists, with Lyn Wolz and Liz Faries having pieces of it. Resolved: let's get it on the website. Notes include offering complimentary registration for students, certain guests. The hallway jam session has proved a recruitment device and should be repeated. Brought us in two members. Let's put up a sign "everybody welcome, come on in." But we don't want people freeloading for the whole show.

Resolution to exploit opportunities to pass out brochures and primp for MFS, everyone who does performances, Rotary talks, etc. The digital file is available on request.

Schroeder prize awarded to Emily Wildhaber of Truman State.

Donna has volunteered to restructure the website. We can port it to an independent host that will allow more people to have editing authority, retaining the Truman address as the front door.

Plans for 2015 and 2016: Roger and Debra as co-presidents for the 2015 meeting the 12th -14th November.

New Business Board of directors list amended to make Debra and Roger co-presidents. Moved Jim Vandergriff, seconded Judy Domeny, approved.

Adjourn 12:10









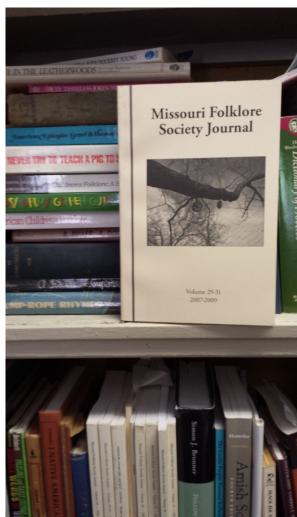








The MFS Board of Directors met April 25 at the Lenoir Community center in Columbia. The highlight was the unveiling of Carol and John Fisher's labor of love, the triple issue comprising volumes 29-31, on Foodways.



Minutes Missouri Folklore Society Board Meeting, Saturday April 25, 2015 Lenoir Community Center 9:00 am

Present: Sharon Brock, Barb Price, Carolyn Bening, Betsy Delmonico, Neal Delmonico, John Fisher, Carol Fisher, Becky Schroeder, Dave Para, Cathy Barton Para, Andrea Davis, Ken Burch, Jannelle Burch, Sam Griffin.

Call to order 9:30: co-presidents for 2016 Barb Price and Betsy Delmonico filling in for Roger Jungmeyer, Debra Greene

Introductions

Minutes from November meeting at the Isle of Capri (Thursday & Saturday sessions) Adam Davis. Misspellings to be corrected. Moved John Fisher, second Cathy Barton Para.

Treasurer's report: Dave Para. Decrease in membership income continues. Annual meeting revenue good, but expenses were high, attendance low, for a net loss. Improved efforts at publicity necessary. Snailmail, website, other efforts to promote. Dave has identified a Midwest mailing service, that would make it simpler and perhaps cheaper. Group affirms we should investigate. Very few libraries still taking the journal, since the long lapse. 35 still on the list.

Plans for 2015 – Roger Jungmeyer and Debra Greene for Lincoln University (report shared with members by email) Ken reported on two possible presentations. Mike Comer from the DNR, works at the Dawson home, on civil war uniforms, also possible penitentiary tour. Contact Sheila and Marie at the Jefferson City chamber of commerce. Sharon will do a presentation on floods. Participation by archives possible (Brock) Ken proposed a talk on John Hardeman Walker. 1pm may be too early for the meeting; important to set aside spaces for Thursday and Friday night jams. Also, a vegan choice necessary at each meal. Meetings have to be in handicapped accessible spaces.

Plans for 2016 – Barb Price, Betsy Delmonico, Truman State. Not much yet. LaPlata train station might make for a good presentation. Osteopathy. Railroads. Vincent family. Jason Haxton's medicinal herbs. A.T. Still IV is a Truman student. Our aging population makes accessibility an issue.

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Carolyn wants to work through libraries to increase the society's visibility. Could libraries be encouraged to put out displays? What about folklore in the schools, and the speaker's bureau? Doing local talks? A HS contest named for Ellen Massey. Carol and Carolyn volunteer to work on this.

Time to consider 2017 – the Fishers propose Sikeston for 2018. Ste Genevieve would welcome us back. Hannibal is always a possibility.

Publications report:

Brochures – need to print more. Adam will send out the digital file. We'll ask Liz to print more as well.

Lyn Wolz, Songs and Ballads issue (double issue, 2005-6). Report to come from Jim Vandergriff. There are ongoing issues of permissions. Solvable by going via Neal? Should we have deadlines for issues?

Jon & Carol Fisher, Food issue (triple issue 2007-9); last of print issues(?) DELIVERED! The Board expresses its gratitude.

Ongoing preference for print issues; discussion of Lightning Source for print on demand, going through Neal Delmonico. He should be able to deliver books for \$4-5. Neal will meet with the publications committee in November with an estimate.

Notes from Adam Davis: ongoing possibility of a guide to Missouri Folklore, best of MFSJ (2010-11, 2012-13); open to monographs.

Newsletter, Website, Missouri Folklore Studies - Adam Davis reported.

Items from the floor: Lyn Wolz' report on options for digitizing journals. The board supports letting the publications committee work this out – the Indiana path sounds like the way to go.

Announcements: Dave found the gavel in his briefcase. Dave and Cathy thanked everyone for their help with the Boonville meeting. Thanks too to Becky for hosting us at Lenoir.

Adjournment 11:23

Big Muddy: Boonville, April 2015



Dave & Cathy; the Sweet Song String Band





Atwater-Donnelly

Phyllis Dale



St Louis Rivermen





L'Esprit Creole







Claire Lynch Band



http://bigmuddy.org/archive.html

Tilly Tyrell

Ninth Annual Ozark Studies Symposium, West Plains: Sept 18-19, 2015

The Ozarks Studies Committee at Missouri State University-West Plains seeks proposals for its ninth annual symposium. The symposium will take place September 18 and 19, 2015, on the MSU campus in West Plains, Missouri.

The theme of this symposium is "The Lure of the Ozarks." This broad theme is intended to accommodate a wide variety of topics related to why people have been attracted to the Ozarks and the outcomes of this attraction. Possible topics might include natural resources, privacy, land prices, missionary work, farming, the timber industry, escape, urban sprawl, religion, education, backto-the-land movements, entertainment, tourism, recreation, race, the drug trade, utopian communities, cults, politics, the cost of living, eminent domain, or geography.

For purposes of this symposium, the Ozarks is defined broadly to encompass much of Missouri and Arkansas and adjacent portions of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Illinois.

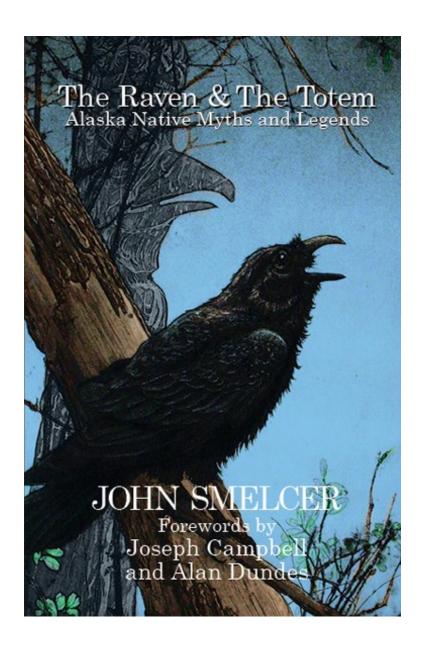
Community members, historians, oral historians, folklorists, artists, writers, and scholars or students representing any discipline or field are invited to propose presentations consistent with this theme. Each presenter will be allotted 30 minutes; presenters will be asked to limit their prepared presentations to approximately 20 to 25 minutes to allow time for questions and discussion. Presentations may take the form of conventional conference papers or any other form suitable for such a symposium.

Proposals should be approximately 200 words and should include a preliminary summary of the content of the proposed presentation and a list of any audio-visual or other technological requirements. They should also include the submitter's name, institutional affiliation (if applicable), complete contact information, and a biography of no more than 75 words.

Proposals should be forwarded to Dr. Phillip Howerton at PhillipHowerton@MissouriState.edu or submitted through the Symposium webpage at http://ozarksymposium.wp.missouristate.edu/. Proposals must be received by April 30, 2015 to be given full consideration.

A 25th anniversary edition of John Smelcer's *The Raven and the Totem: Alaska Native Myths and Legends*, has been published by Neil Delmonico's Naciketas Press, with cover art by Rusty Nelson, of Truman State. The book carries original forewords by Joseph Campbell and Alan Dundes and illustrations by Larry Vienneau.

Naciketas Press 715 E McPherson Kirksville, MO, 63501 660-665-0273





The Rev. Philibert Hoebing, OFM, 91, of Sunset Home and Holy Cross Friary, died Friday (Dec. 5, 2014) in Sunset Home. He was born on July 2, 1923, in Melrose Township in Adams County, Illinois, to Mary Wand and Frank Hoebing.

He entered the Franciscan order on Aug. 19, 1942, and was ordained a Franciscan priest on June 25, 1950. He was then assigned to teach philosophy at Quincy College in 1952. His passion for teaching logic, ethics, environmental ethics, bioethics and medieval philosophy lasted for 58 years. He had the unique distinction of being the only Franciscan who has spent this many years at Quincy University as an educator.

His passion for philosophy eventually led him to become a national promoter for "Philosophy for Children" under the guidance of Dr. Matthew Lipman at Montclair State University. He believed in empowering children and adults to think critically and creatively.

"Father Phil" was likewise an active member of the Missouri Folklore Society after being inspired by Harry Hyatt who wrote, "Folklore from Adams County, Illinois." With his love for folklore, he began to collect local stories on fishing, hunting and colorful characters from the Tri-State area. In 1997 he published "Wildcat Whistle: Folklore, Fishing and Hunting Stories from the Mississippi River Valley." He had hoped to complete another publication on local folklore but his diminishing health impeded the completion of this project. In 2002 he established a local chapter of the Socrates Cafe which gathered once a month to dialogue on current issues. He was an active member of the "Cat Fish Club" better known as the "Liars Club," to share stories and the latest gossip.

The Rev. Hoebing received an honorary Ph.D. from Quincy University in 2000 and was honored by the Holy See with the "Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia Award" (For Pope and Church) in 2002 for his distinguished service to the church.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Larry (Phyllis) Hoebing, Dale (Barb) Hoebing, Paul (Vicki) Hoebing, Marvin (Cheryl) Hoebing, Linda Raufer, Kent Hoebing, Ross (Becky) Hoebing, Ken (Joyce) Loos, Vivian (John) Dickerman, Charles L. (Mary) Loos, Mona Aman, John Hoebing, Janet (Tom) Kuivila, Joyce Hoebing and her husband, John Williams, Leigh Hoebing, Leslie Hoebing and Jeff Hoebing. Many beloved great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; all six of his brothers and sisters, Anthony (Mary) Hoebing, Mary (Charles) Loos, Catherine (Lloyd) Aman, Leo (Jean) Hoebing Sr., Vivian Hoebing and Clarence Hoebing; and nephews, James, Joe and Charlie Hoebing.





John Michael Schleppenbach, 71, passed away peacefully in his home on February 24, 2014.

He was born on January 22, 1943 in Muskegon, Michigan, a son of Cecilia (Gauthier) and George Schleppenbach. They preceded him in death. He married Barbara (Aschemann) Schleppenbach in 1977. She survives, as do his children Jay (Ian Millington) Schleppenbach, Meg (David) Bates, and David (Wendi) Schleppenbach.

John worked at Quincy University from 1972 until his death. He was a well-loved Professor of Communication. He worked tirelessly to improve the lives of students and others at the University. He started the student internship program, which allowed university students to participate in internships at local businesses. He developed the Ameritech Center for Communication and the Learning Skills Center. As a member of the Missouri Folklore Society and worked for many years with famed folklorist Harry Hyatt.

He received his bachelor's degree in Comparative Literature from University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, his master's degree in Medieval Literature from University of Washington, and his Ph.D. in Linguistics and Folklore from Florida State University (Tallahassee). In his free time, he was a member of the Catfish Club and Socrates Café and was interested in technology, languages, and religion. He was an avid Cubs and Packers fan and a devoted owner of two pet beagles, DJ and Boo.

He is survived by brothers Dave Schleppenbach of Bloomer, Wisconsin, and Jim Schleppenbach of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, by sisters Jeanne (Ralph) Preall of Springville, California, and Arline (Scott) Taylor of River Falls, Wisconsin, and by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers Bob and Tony Schleppenbach. Services were held Saturday, March 1, 2014 11:00 a.m. at Quincy University Chapel, with Fr. John Doctor officiating. Burial took place at Calvary Cemetery



Longtime member Norma Jean Edson, wife of Gene Edson, passed away at the age of 82 on March 29, 2015 at Ray County Memorial Hospital in Richmond, MO.

She was born September 16, 1932 in Bethany, MO to Clarence L. Lilly and Claudia Ilene Baker, and married C.E. "Gene" Edson, May 20, 1950 in Maryville, MO.

Norma worked as a substitute teacher and GED instructor.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Marita L. Schutz; and grandson, Paul Isaac Schutz.

Survivors in addition to her husband include 3 sons, David (Kay) Edson, St. Joseph, MO, Randy (Pam) Edson, Liberty, MO, John (Sharon) Edson, Jamesport, MO; 2 daughters, Shirley (Jim) Harrington, Jamesport, MO, Tina (Paul) Frey, Brookfield, MO. One sister, Wanda (Dale) Craig, New Hampton, MO. 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. THE MISSOURI FOLKLORE SOCIETY P. O. Box 1757 Columbia, MO 65205-1757 (phone 660.882.7821)

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