

March 11, 1991

Dear Santa Fe Trail Enthusiast,

I am happy to announce that the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter has received interim recognition as an official affiliate of the Santa Fe Trail Association. Permanent recognition should be granted by the Board of Directors at their meeting in Arrow Rock, Missouri, on September 26, 1991.

One of the goals of this chapter is to mark the Wet and Dry Routes of the Santa Fe Trail. Progress has already been made on this goal. Two markers have been set and plans are underway to set three more. On Sunday March 17, Dr. David Clapsaddle and a groups of volunteers will set the markers at Boyd's Rancho Site, Rock Hollow and Big Coon Creek Crossing. If anyone would like to participate, call Dr. Clapsaddle at 316-285-3295 for more information. Note: The PEO Chapter from Kinsley and the local newspapers will be present at the setting of the marker at Big Coon Creek. The money for these markers have come from private donations and we would like to thank those contributors for their help in marking a trail of such historic value. A special thanks goes to the following:

Ash Valley Grange	Kiwanis Club—Lyons
Russell Rotary Club	David and Alice Clapsaddle
Clara Goodrich	Council Grove Chamber of Commerce
Great Bend Rotary Club	Larned Rotary Club
Lewis Lions Club	Mull Farms—Pawnee Rock
PEO Chapter—Kinsley	Rice County Historical Society
Sunflower EHU	Dale Wagner
John Warner	Western Ks. Ex-Prisoners of War
Association of Continuing Education, Great Bend	

If anyone else would like to make a donations for markers, you may send it to: Pam Wetzel, Sec./Treas., Wet/Dry Routes Chapter, Rt. 1 Box 21, Offerle, KS 67563.

Our Spring Meeting will be a tour of the Dry Route. It will be held on Saturday, April 13. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Harvest Inn in Larned. A lunch break is scheduled for noon at Offerle. The Offerle Café is normally closed on Saturday, however arrangements have been made for a special lunch to be prepared for our group. The lunch will consist of a hamburger, French fries and a salad. The meal will cost \$3.60 (beverage, tax and tip is extra). A brief business meeting will be held after lunch, after which we will continue our tour of the Dry Route, ending at Ft. Dodge. Please fill out the registration form at the end of this newsletter if you plan to attend this tour. It is important that we know how many will attend so that the Offerle Café can prepare enough lunches. You can either mail the registration form to Pam Wetzel at the above address, or call her at 316-659-2305. Deadline for registration is April 1st.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the summer meeting has been re-scheduled for Saturday, June 1. (It was previously scheduled for July 13.) This meeting will be a tour

of the Wet Route of the Trail and we will have a special treat for lunch along the Santa Fe Trail. More details will be sent on this later.

Tentative plans are underway for a fall meeting to be held at Ft. Larned National Historic Site sometime in October. Some ideas for the meeting include a tour of the fort, a show and share time with artifacts found along the trail, and a demonstration of firearms. More information will be passed along as plans are confirmed.

Enclosed you will find a membership brochure for the Santa Fe Trail Association. The Wet/Dry Routes Chapter is a local organization. The by-laws for the national organization state that all members of the local chapters must also be members in good standing of the national organization. Please note that those of you joining the national association need to send your dues to Ruth Olson at the address given in the brochure. For those of you joining the local Wet/Dry Routes Chapter, please send your dues of \$10.00 (this is for a single or family membership) to Pam Wetzel at the address given below. Once again, Ruth Olson is the Sec./Treas. for the national association and Pam Wetzel is the Sec./Treas. for the local Wet/Dry Routes Chapter.

Due to the high cost of each mailing, we will be sending future announcements to only those who are paid members of the Wet/Dry Routes Chapter. If you still need to pay your dues of \$10.00, please mail them to Pam Wetzel at the address below, or you may give them to her at the Spring Tour of the Dry Route.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions—please contact one of the officers. They are:

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