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**.From the President:** First of all, let me thank so many of you who have encouraged my family and me with support and donations after our house fire on May 5. We are now waiting for permits and financing so we can actually begin to rebuild on the site. We'll still need to do some fundraising to make this happen. However, after what's already been done on our behalf, we're both blessed and convinced that by early next year we'll be in a new house and able to get back to more local history involvement. I am still involved in a couple of local history projects, though. One is the *History of Tumwater Schools*, which should be ready to unveil to the public before Christmas! The other is the Stagecoach Run in September, which this newsletter highlights. One aspect of that I want to point out just briefly is the big "kickoff event" on Thursday, September 18 from 6—8 pm at the American Heritage Campground. Not only will the program be great, including the mayors of the towns of Thurston County, but we will also celebrate the incoming class of Tumwater Middle School homesteaders with a "Welcome Homesteaders" segment of the program. The stagecoach crews, drivers, horses, mules, and coach will all be there. Other "living history" people there will include Steve Gesell with his Cowboy Camp, and the U. S. Cavalry re-enactors who were with us last year. It will be a wonderful start for this very special three-day event involving many local nonprofit groups from three counties. Please go to [TerritorialExpress.com](http://TerritorialExpress.com) for more details.

**Historically Yours....Don Trosper**

## 2008 Territorial Express Stagecoach Run—September 19, 20, 21

### Highlights

#### Kickoff Event—Thursday, September 18—6-8 pm American Heritage Campground, 9610 Kimmie St SW, Tumwater (Exit 99)

- Food, music, living history performers Steve Gesell and John Salico.
- Speechifying by Thurston Co. Commissioners, mayors, representatives.
- Watch the stage arrive and see mule teams and harness demonstrations.
- Welcome Homesteaders celebration with cake and cider for the 2008-09 class and their parents.
- THA traveling mercantile, with commemorative T-shirts, pins and envelopes, quilt items, books and more.
- Raffle with great prizes, including a night's stay at Great Wolf, a \$100 Cabela's gift certificate and more.

**Departure—Friday, September 19—9:00 a.m.,** Madison School, 1225 Legion Way, down Legion to Capitol and out to Tumwater. Brief stops at Peter G. Schmidt School and City Hall; then out Old 99 to Plumb Station (Nelson farm near Waldrick Road and Old 99), arriving about 1:15 pm.

**There will be regular stops** to change horses and passengers and take on mail at Tenino City Park (6 pm Friday and overnight); Grand Mound (10:15 am Saturday); Chehalis Woodland Estates Retirement Center (2:45 pm Saturday); Lewis and Clark State Park (7:00 pm Saturday and overnight); Vader (11:00 am Sunday); Castle Rock Fairgrounds (3:00 pm Sunday); and finally Longview (Cowlitz County Fairgrounds—7:00 pm Sunday.

**Also brief stops** along the way at Wolf Haven (Tenino), Borst Park (Centralia), Great Wolf Lodge (Grand Mound), an old town jail in Toledo, where we may need to take on special passengers, and other places of interest.

**All regular stage stops** will feature food, music, living history performers and demonstrations, the THA traveling mercantile, opportunities to purchase raffle tickets and send commemorative envelopes by stage. Each stage stop will have its own special postmark. **Tumwater Middle School Homesteaders** will be at many of the stops in period attire, helping with the event, playing old fashioned games, and more.

**TICKET INFO: Karen Johnson (360) 748-7657, or  
[www.territorialexpress.com](http://www.territorialexpress.com) or  
THA 360 943-6951**

### Can't sign on as a passenger? Take a stagecoach ride this weekend at Cabela's

You're invited to RIDE A STAGECOACH at Cabela's outdoor store in Lacey. On Saturday, August 30, and Sunday, August 31, the Territorial Express Stagecoach, with a team of mules, will give short rides around Cabela's property for just \$5.00 per person.

Also at Cabela's on August 30, from 1 to 5 PM, the U.S. Postal Service will be offering commemorative pictorial postmarks, featuring "Cabela's Station". Unique envelopes will be available for purchase by the public; envelopes will receive a special cancellation and then will be carried on board the stagecoach in September.



**OCTA Picnic—**THA members are invited to join Oregon-California Trails Association members at their fall potluck picnic at Borst Park (kitchen area) in Centralia. There will be a raffle, silent auction, and Narcissus Whitman portrayal. The stagecoach will stop there briefly and may take on passengers.

**THA Raffle—**We have some great prizes for a raffle to support the stagecoach run—A night at **Great Wolf Lodge** for a family; a **\$100 gift certificate from Cabela's**, and many more Cabela's prizes. If you would like tickets (\$5 each), call Sandi at 280-6039 and we'll see that you get them.

We also have pins depicting a stagecoach with horses at \$5 each, and *A Soldier's Diary*, a delightful account of last year's stagecoach run written in 1865 vernacular by Lt. Kenneth Morris, 1st Washington Territory Volunteers and printed and illustrated by THA—also just \$5 each.

THA CALENDAR OF EVENTS      Call 754-6204 for more information on any of these events.

August 30, 31	THA Stagecoach at Cabela's - Rides available
September 18	2008 Stagecoach Run Kickoff Event: 6—8 pm; Amer. Heritage Campground; 9610 Kimmie
September 19-21	2008 Territorial Express Stagecoach Run—Departs Olympia 9:00 am 9/19; arrive at Cowlitz County Fairgrounds in Longview about 7:00 pm September 21
October 7	Cider Sunday at Tumwater Falls Harvest Festival: 10 am—4 pm; Tumwater Falls Park
October 25	Quilter's Getaway: 9 am—4 pm; Olympics West Retirement Inn; 922 Trosper Road SW
Board Meetings:	THA Board Meetings, 5:00-6:30 pm—2nd Thursday of each month—Schmidt House
Quilters:	Homestead Quilters, 12:30 —2:30 pm. , 2nd and 4th Mondays; Tumwater United Methodist Church, 1401 Lake Park Drive SW (no meetings in July and August)

**Want to Get Away and Quilt All Day.....**  
**You can do that at the 6th Annual THA Home-**  
**stead Quilters**  
**Quilter's Getaway**

It's **Saturday, October 25—9 am-4 pm** at the Olympics West Retirement Inn—922 Trosper Road SW, Tumwater. Bring your project, sewing equipment, lunch, items to swap, (and items to show if you like). There will be a “bed turning” quilt show at noon. If you have an older or interesting quilt, please bring it to add to the show. We'll provide door prizes, beverages, cookies, individual work areas, a fabric/book/pattern swap and a noontime program. Space for outlets is limited, so let us know if you plan to bring your sewing machine. Questions?? Call 943-7527 or 943-1383

Yes, I want to *GET AWAY and QUILT ALL DAY*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SEWING MACHINE SPACE NEEDED?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

Send this form and your \$5.00 check or money order by Saturday, October 18 to:

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**CIDER SUNDAY**

At the

**TUMWATER FALLS HARVEST FESTIVAL & HERITAGE MUSIC SHOWCASE**  
**Tumwater Falls Park - Sunday, October 5 - 10 am—4 pm**

Its time for the annual THA Cider Squeeze and Tumwater Falls Harvest Festival . All the Cider Sunday activities will be there, along with the Harvest Festival activities—Bring your apples—bring your kids—bring your grandkids! It's a day of family fun for everyone!

- \*Tumwater Middle School Homesteaders in period costume
- \* Cider Pressing (\$2 gallon—bring your fruit and jugs
- \* Old fashioned games
- \* History of Tumwater books
- \* Hands-on kids Pioneer Activities
- \* THA General store
- \* Heritage music and dancing
- \* Apple treats and refreshments for sale
- \* Watch the live salmon return
- \* Old time crafts for sale



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