

Balloon festivals float through state

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A balloon flew above the coronation of George V in 1921 and became a worldwide sport by the mid-19th century, but electric power lines and the catastrophe of the Hindenburg dampened our national enthusiasm for sports balloons.

The military has used balloons since 1794. They were used to bomb Venice in 1849. They've also been used to carry mail and investigate the atmosphere. Picard gave them pressurized cabins; they were called "beer barrels with windows."

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THERE IS also about to these Celebrate! the Great Lakes Festivals: the International Freedom Fest.

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tival June 22-July 4 in Windsor and Detroit; the Straits Area Antique Auto Show June 28-30 in St. Ignace; the International Food Festival July 2-4 in Marquette; and the National Cherry Festival July 7-14 in Traverse City.

The fish get into the act with the Michigan Brown Trout Festival July 14-22 in Alpena.

Then there's the U.S. Coast Guard Bicentennial July 21-Aug 5 in Grand Haven. The Michigan Festival August



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Hot air balloons will be seen floating through Michigan this summer. These festivals celebrate the origins of hot air balloons and stories like "Around The World In 80 Days."

10-19 in Lansing; the Upper Peninsula State Fair Aug. 14-19 in Escanaba; and the Miller Lite Montreux Jazz Festival Aug. 30-Sept. 3 in Detroit. C'mon. Let's celebrate!

The rustic days of an early West

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MEMBERS OF the staff, clothed in buckskin, are ready to take visitors back to the winter of 1805-1806. Visitors participate in candle making, sewing hides and lighting fires with flint and steel. They also try their hand at five ways to make buckskin resist water and other crafts.

And the staff will break the silence of the woods by demonstrating muzzle loading rifles. Dugout canoes like those used by explorers can be viewed by fort visitors at the edge of a small river now named for Lewis and Clark. The interpretive staff sometimes takes the heavy 35-foot boats into the water. To maneuver them they need at least five strong paddlers.

It's a short walk under calming, stately trees to the main entrance of the 50-square-foot Fort Clatsop. It sits snugly under a canopy of Sitka Spruce. In recreating the fort, carpenters followed a rough sketch of the stockade made by Clark on the cover of his field book.

AN AMERICAN flag with 17 stars hangs on a

pole in the small parade ground between the two sections of the fort. Fortunately, the advantage of the new fort today is the absence of troublesome fleas that used to drive the explorers crazy. On the left are three attached log cabins, each with a crude fireplace and double decker bunkers for the men of the U.S. Army Corps of Discovery. Almost all members of the outfit were soldiers. On the right are four attached cabins.

In the rear cabin is a cookhouse and store room. Next is the room used by men on guard duty. Clark's black slave, York, is believed to have bunked there.

York was Clark's boyhood companion on Clark family farms in Virginia and Kentucky. Clark took him on the difficult journey because he was strong, tall and a hard worker. Little did he guess that York's contribution to the expedition would be more than work. Many Indian nations became so fascinated with him that the outfit was generally welcomed. Time and time again he patiently endured their washing his skin to remove the blackness. When they failed, some decided he was Big Medicine, a person to respect.

FOR THE EXPLORERS, activities of the winter included exploring the area, and constantly bargaining with the Indians. They also buckled down to the difficult task of scraping, stretching and rubbing elk skins. They saw to it that their clothing was fringed.

Dan Dattilo, park service supervisor of the fort living history program, recently wrote a book on the fort, entitled, "Fort Clatsop - The Story Behind the Scenery."

Dattilo reported buckskin was edged with fringe because rain would run down the garment to the end of the cloth, then body movements of the wearer would "cast off the droplets."

By March 1806, the travelers were eager to start home. Their store of food was little, but they were able to make 335 pairs of moccasins during their stay. Before they left they gave their fort to the chief of the Clatsop Indians. Then they loaded their supplies into the canoes and paddled up the Columbia River toward home.

In 1859, fifty-three years later, Oregon became a state and Thomas Jefferson's hopes were realized.

travel bits

All aboard!

Passengers will be able to enjoy railroading this summer, as the Southern Michigan Railroad Society's popular rail service between Clinton and Tecumseh resumes.

Each weekend and holiday from June 16 through Sept. 9, railcars will be loading up for round-trip excursions from both towns.

Trains will depart from downtown Tecumseh, in the restored historical district, at noon and 2 p.m. Tecumseh is located on State Route 50, west of Monroe and Dundee.

Passengers may also leave from the Southern Michigan Railroad's museum building in Clinton, located on US-12 about 20 miles west of Ypsilanti, near Irish Hills.

Fares are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children and \$4.50 for senior citizens. In Clinton, tickets are available at the museum. In Tecumseh, tickets can be purchased at "The Lucky Duck" crafts shop on the

corner. Reservations are not necessary except for large groups.

For more information, call the SMRS at (517)423-7230.

Moonlite cruise

Bobo Island's 1990 Miller Lite Moonlite Cruises sail up the river every Friday and Saturday night from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. through Sept. 3.

Along with the romantic view of the river, the cruise keeps passengers tapping to the hottest sounds in Detroit. The music scheduled includes rock, rhythm and blues, oldies, soul and more.

This weekend brings the contemporary rock 'n' roll sound of D.C. Drive to the boat on Friday night. And Jeanie and the Dreams, playing soul, rhythm and blues and Motown, will follow on Saturday.

The party ship leaves the Clark Street dock at 11 p.m., with \$10.95 tickets available at the dock or any Ticketmaster center.

Photo experts plan tour of Scotland

Photography experts are sponsoring a group tour through Scotland Aug. 5-18.

Photo enthusiasts from beginners to professionals are welcome to join the group in capturing shots throughout the Western Highlands.

The tour will begin in Girvan, a fishing village filled with enchanting castles and abbey ruins. A visit to the Robert Burns Center will also be made while in the Girvan area where photographers can shoot the bridge over the River Doon (the "Brigadoon" of Lerner and Lowe fame).

The next stop is in Ft. William, the gateway to the Western Highlands and in the morning the group will then head for the Isle of Skye.

Two days will be spent photographing Skye, the rugged island, home of the Clan MacLeod. A ferry will then take the group to the Isle of

Lewis where they will spend two days taking shots among 3,000 year-old Standing Stones of Callanish, which is considered to be the finest stone circle in Scotland.

Back to the mainland, the group will take a scenic route to Inverness and spend a free day to sightsee, shop and relax. After two days in Inverness, they head south down the coastline of Loch Ness, keeping an eye out for Nessie.

The photo tour is \$2,025 and includes round-trip airfare; all transportation within Scotland, 12 nights accommodations at bed and breakfast establishments, all breakfast and dinners and admission into historical sites.

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