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NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The months of June and July are two of the best for Custer Country visitors, especially for history buffs. Want to experience history in much the same setting as events of one or two centuries ago? Here are a couple of great events.

June 25, 1876, is the day that Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer rode into the Little Bighorn valley and met his destiny along with 210 cavalry troops at the hands of 2,000 warriors from the Sioux, Cheyenne, Oglala and Miniconjou tribes. Each year there are two reenactments near Hardin, MT. The original reenactment is produced by the Hardin Chamber of Commerce and takes place a few miles outside of Hardin. This year's reenactments are scheduled for June 26-28. Details and ticket information are available at www.hardinmtchamber.com or by calling 406-665-1672.

The same dates will bring the second reenactment in the area; the Real Bird reenactment near Garryowen, MT. The Real Bird brothers' spectacle takes place on the Little Bighorn River, at a spot where much of the battle was actually fought 133 years ago. Advance tickets are not available, but may be purchased the days of the events.

THE TYPERIDER

Review & Trip Planner

The TypeRider website is up and running! We hope you make TypeRider your go-to site for planning the perfect trip to Montana and Wyoming. This website is about real people – couples, families, and friends – who've had unique experiences on the roads and in the cities, on the water and in the saddle as they spent 2-5 days in this amazing area of the country. Bookmark this website, watch for what's new, and let us hear from you. Please visit our website at www.thetyperider.com



CUSTER COUNTRY IN FOCUS

This month's In-Focus is all about Custer Country's new and improved website, www.CusterCountry.com. Along with our marketing firm, Cynroc Business Development, we are constantly striving to make our web site more dynamic, interactive and user-friendly.

One of the latest changes involves our flash graphics at the top of the home page. Not only did we add a couple of new pictures, we also gave you the option to choose which photo you'd like to view instead of waiting for it scroll through in sequence.

But the most dynamic change is the addition of a video archive where you'll be able to view movies and videos from various sources, including "Back Roads Montana," the Montana Office of Tourism and some that I'll be producing as I travel around the region. You'll be able to get first-hand looks at some of Custer Country's great destinations and events. The first ones we'll post are videos of Bighorn Canyon and Little Bighorn National Monument. These were done as part of the MT Office of Tourism's new marketing campaign that reintroduces travelers to the three eastern tourism regions of Custer, Missouri and Russell Countries. The campaign is known as Montana's High Plains and it's designed to highlight the beauty and variety of experiences that can be enjoyed in the eastern half of Montana. Visit www.MontanaHighPlains.com to get a fresh new view of eastern Montana.

I know you'll enjoy these new features. Check out www.CusterCountry.com to enjoy aerial views of two of Custer Country's most

I would suggest taking in both of the reenactments in order to get a complete perspective of what happened on that day. For Custer fans, this is a "can't-miss" opportunity.

July 25 marks the 203rd anniversary of Captain William Clark's stopover, in 1806, at what he named Pompeys Pillar in his diary. Clark carved his name in the 200-foot-high sandstone landmark during the Voyage of Discovery commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson in 1803. Clark's signature is the only existing evidence of the Voyage in its original place and condition along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Pompeys Pillar Historical Association and Pompeys Pillar National Monument sponsor activities and exhibits that demonstrate the methods and tools the expedition members used and the hardships they endured. Known as Clark Days, the celebration takes place on July 25 and 26. From 5 p.m. July 25 until 5 p.m. July 26, admission to the monument is free and dry camping will be allowed only on those two days.

For a full schedule and more information, go to www.PompeysPillar.org.

These events are in addition to the many other festivals, entertainment and fairs that also take place during the months of June and July. Check them out on our calendar at www.CusterCountry.com.

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