



On The Ohio . . .

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Message from the President

Greetings to all:

What a great time we had at the Straits of Mackinaw. Looking back through records, I see Stan and Nancy have wanted to have a meeting there for several years. I am so glad it was our spring meeting this year. They did such a good job in planning the meeting and also a big “thank you” to the Wozniaks for their part. Anyone who missed the meeting should feel a deep regret.

When I was a kid, the vacation spot was Leg Lake in the Upper Peninsula between Manistique and Munising. I remember the times before freeways and waiting for the ferry. There would be kids carrying boxes of smoked fish. Dad always bought some for us to eat until we got there. When they built the bridge, we were one of the first to drive across and each person in the car got a gift to commemorate the event.

Tom Williams thought he would like to see my old stomping grounds so Grant Kearns took us up. I was so glad to get to be there. I felt like if I died, I would be happy to let my bones lay there forever. Afterward we went to the Jack Pine Lodge and Tom got the rare opportunity to meet and shake the hand of Ole Kaw-Liga. Hank Williams sang about him. Kaw-Liga has lived there for the last 45 years that I know of. He must have been lonesome. He usually is looking for his Indian maiden. The meeting may have been the highlight of Tom’s life.

Back to Ohio River Chapter business. I am not going to be able to go to Omaha and am looking forward to the fall meeting. Anyone who is able might want to attend the Simon Kenton in Old Washington, KY the 3rd weekend in September or 9/16-18; Fri, Sat, and Sun. I will have a Lewis & Clark display, Ed Falvo will demonstrate with the medicine and Eric Huber will act as a helpmate.

In closing, for me the greatest experience of the spring meeting and probably the entire spring was the opportunity to go to the Ojibwa Museum and their long house. There I met Tony Grondin. When I first saw him, I felt I knew. Now I think it was something spiritual. At the end of his talk, I gave him some tobacco that I had carried east to west and back east. It was a mixture of PA, WV, KY, OH, IN and IL tobacco, also Missouri along with a pack of regular Camels, which I smoked, Hinnies blend from my Dad, a little Mail Pouch (my Dad, Granddad and Great-granddad chewed it), some native kinnikinnick and other native plants. Jim Mallory gave the KY tobacco to me.

This tobacco was smoked ceremoniously plus given as offerings to our creator from the East Coast to the Pacific and back east. One memorable place was with the re-enactment of meeting Sacajawea’s tribe. It was smoked with my pipe tomahawk by a direct descendent of Cameahwait and the captains (one of which was Bud Clark) with the period correct Indian presentation flag made by Esther Duncan draped over his shoulders.

Every member of the Ohio River Chapter should feel great pride in what has been presented or what came from our chapter members.

As ever,
Your Most Humble Servant
Bob Anderson

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Upcoming Meetings:

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- UL;** Tobacco into lodge fire (Bob and Tony)
- UR:** Visit to Fort Michilimackinac
- R:** Mackinac Bridge
- ML:** Mackinac City Lighthouse
- MR:** Mouth of the Platte (in Michigan)
- LL:** On the Spencer's dock
- LR:** At the Sleeping Bear National Seashore Sand Dunes



Ohio River Chapter Spring Meeting

May 14, 2011

Mackinaw Beach and Bay Resort

Mackinaw City, Michigan

President Bob Anderson presiding:

No minutes were read from the Cumberland Gap meeting.

Treasurer Skip Jackson reported a balance of \$5,582.00 with \$1,055.00 being in the Wellness Challenge fund. Members unanimously approved the report.

Committee Reports

A. American Heritage Girls Patch

Tom Williams gave an update on the American Heritage Girls (AHG) patch. He passed around the patch previously designed for the Boy Scouts, but now adapted to reflect the AHG requirements. He spoke about the Cincinnati based organization being directly administered to each local group, rather than through a chain of command and councils as are the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). He encouraged all ORC members to contact their local Boy Scout troops to offer support to scouts wishing to earn the Lewis and Clark BSA patch. He felt this would be the best way to influence scouts to actually begin working toward the patch rather than wait for the regional councils to act.

Skip Jackson reported his upcoming attendance to a Cincinnati area Scout Leadership Council where he would, again, tell about the Lewis and Clark Patch.

B. Wellness Challenge

Janice and Jerry Wilson gave an update on the number of teams still working on the Challenge. Their record keeping and fundraising efforts will allow teams to receive awards for their efforts as in the previous Challenge years. Janice mentioned that the ORC has taken over the Foundation's Wellness Challenge score keeping, since an Executive Director is no longer available. She mentioned the importance of keeping the litter points and told of other modifications to the original Challenge point system. She and Jerry will continue maintenance of the points earned by the members, as well as presenting the awards at Annual Meeting in Omaha in July 2011.

C. Michigan Fort Clatsop

Stan Spencer announced the Michigan Fort Clatsop Award to the Boys Scout Council who built and use the replica located in near Grand Rapids, Michigan at Camp Gerber of the Gerald R. Ford Council, Boy Scouts of America. A formal recommendation was read to the membership. An Ohio River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Certificate of Appreciation to the Council was devised and read by

Stan Spencer.

A donation of \$250.00 and a year's subscription to 'We Proceeded On' was requested from the ORC. Jerry Robertson made the motion to donate \$300 dollars to the Council for the direct purpose of maintenance or improvements to the Fort Clatsop facility. Lorna Hainesworth seconded the motion; the motion carried.

D. Big Bone Lick signage

Jerry Wilson explained Big Bone Lick signage discussions by the committee of the Friends of Big Bone Lick. Fourteen were needed in addition to a commemorative plaque from the Ohio River Chapter he said. Linda Robertson moved that up to \$900.00 would be paid by ORC for the signage updates and plaque. Doug Wozniak seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Old Business

The President brought up the importance of getting the newsletter in hard copy for members on the non-e-mail list.

New Business

A. A nomination slate was submitted by the Nominating Committee (Esther Duncan, Paige Cruz, and Tom Williams) for 2011 and was read to the membership by President Anderson. A motion was made to accept the slate as given and the motion carried by unanimous voice.

B. Della Bauer gave an update on the 2011 Annual Meeting in Omaha.

C. The 2012 Annual Meeting will increase its promotional activities after this year's Annual Meeting Jim Keith of the 'Sunny Side of Louisville' Convention Bureau stated. (Note: before the actual business meeting there was extensive discussion by those present of ideas and issues for the 2012 Annual Meeting in Louisville. Jim Keith led the discussion.)

Announcements:

Books were made available to the meeting attendees from the estate of author Mary Jo Whalen. The books sent by her sister Elizabeth were displayed on a side table and donations for said books would be added to our treasury.

Friday evening speaker Ron Laycock of the former Minnesota Chapter also brought a varied, but heavy, assortment of objects to the attention of the membership. These were free to whoever wanted them, but a donation to the ORC coffers was suggested.

Lorna Hainesworth reported on the improvements at the Natchez Trace Parkway, Tennessee, Meriwether Lewis Monument by the National Park Service. She included in her remarks the Nomination of the ORC for the LCTHF 2011 Chapter Award of Excellence. She read parts of the nomination

(Minutes Continued)

and the introductory paragraph is included with these minutes

Anne Bear of the LCTHF Governance Committee mentioned a search for Treasurer since Jerry Robertson's term is complete. She urged members to consider nominations for this important job in the Foundation.

Jerry Wilson wanted members to begin considering a regional meeting in 2013 at New Orleans, which would focus on William Clark's visits there, and other Lewis and Clark connections.

Adjournment: Brad Brakke moved the meeting be adjourned and Georgia Brakke seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Note: Also at this meeting Richard and Sandy Hennings of Michigan displayed their extensive collection of Expedition equipment. They filled eight tables with their exemplary collections. In addition, their friend George Bolton gave a memorable "pretend" slide show regarding the French and Fort Michilimakinac during the French and Indian War period. Like the Emperor's New Clothes, members could see in their imaginations exactly what wasn't there.

Jon Stealey of the ORC Board of Directors displayed his replica of Jefferson's camera obscura and the drawings he had made of Monticello's West Lawn view, Albert Gallatin's Friendship Hill estate, and several Williamsburg buildings. This very exacting method of image production was the best replicating device, until chemically generated photography was developed.

Respectfully submitted, Julia A Teuschler,
Secretary jteuschler@yahoo.com

Donations totaled \$410.00 and are being held in reserve for use in a youth-oriented activity at the 2012 Annual Meeting

Intro Paragraph for Ohio River Chapter Award

The Ohio River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) has been a chapter in good standing since its inception in 1997. During the entire time of its existence, this chapter has contributed greatly to promoting the history of Lewis and Clark locally and nationally, to providing educational activities for chapter members and the general public, to preserving the historic integrity of the trail route and to strengthening the Foundation through various means of support. Such contributions were fully demonstrated in a recent regional meeting sponsored and conducted by the Ohio River Chapter with some support from five other LCTHF chapters that are located in the eastern portion of the United States.

***Michigan's Fort Clatsop Committee
Ohio River Chapter
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
Formal Recommendation
May 14, 2011
Mackinaw City, Michigan***

In 2003, just in time for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, the Gerald R. Ford Council of the Boy Scouts of America in West Michigan, completed construction on a full-scale replica of Fort Clatsop. Under the inspiration and leadership of Michael D. Sulgrove, Scout Executive for the Gerald R. Ford Council, with a lead gift donation from past council president Keith Burns and his wife Peg, and through the generosity and efforts of countless volunteers, the fort was completed at a cost of \$50,000. Since 2003, literally thousands of scouts, leaders, school groups, youth, council training groups, scout Venture crews, and outside re-enactment groups have utilized the fort and in some way experienced the excitement, adventure, and heritage of the Corps of Discovery. It is fitting and proper that the Ohio River Chapter recognize these efforts and accomplishments.

The Ohio River Chapter exists in part to stimulate and advance public knowledge and awareness of the historical, social, and cultural significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. According to its bylaws, the Chapter may appropriately recognize and honor individuals or groups for acts of distinction or achievement in the broad field of Lewis and Clark Expedition historical research, writing, or deed. Given this mandate, a committee composed of Stan Spencer, Jim Sprague, Tom Williams, and Margaret Wozniak was formed at the Cumberland Gap regional meeting in November 2010 to investigate the possibility of honoring the Gerald R. Ford Boy Scout Council. Two members of the committee visited the fort on April 8, 2011. After several days of e-mails and phone calls between committee members, the following formal recommendation was prepared for consideration by the general membership of the Ohio River Chapter.

Michigan's Fort Clatsop Committee recommends the following:

1. A one time \$250 donation to be used for the maintenance program and/or materials that might bring the Lewis and Clark story to those using Michigan's Fort Clatsop
2. A one-year subscription to *We Proceeded On*
3. A certificate of achievement as prepared by the Ohio River Chapter
4. Possible future recognition and award by the national foundation.

Boy Scouts Recognized for Building Michigan's Fort Clatsop

On June 8, 2011, the Ohio River Chapter officially recognized the Gerald R. Ford Council of the Boy Scouts of America for building a full scale replica of Fort Clatsop in West Michigan. On hand for the informal ceremony were ORC members Stan Spencer, Jim Sprague, and Dick Ramm. Also attending was local scoutmaster Bill Fries. Together, the four



gentlemen presented a certificate of achievement, a one year subscription to *We proceeded On*, and a check for \$250 to Michael D. Sulgrove, Scout Executive, who represented the Gerald R. Ford Council.



The ceremony took place at scout headquarters near Grand Rapids, Michigan. The formal recommendation as approved by the membership on May 14, 2011, during the Mackinaw City meeting was read and also

presented to Mr. Sulgrove. The certificate will hang on the wall at scout headquarters. Copies of *WPO* will be placed in the lobby of scout headquarters for all staff and visitors to read. The donation of money will be used for materials and supplies necessary for the regular annual maintenance of the fort. The fort is located at Camp Gerber about one hour north of Grand Rapids.



Future recognition for the fort will be proposed to the national office of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Such recognition ties in perfectly with the current partnership between the Boy Scouts and the LCTHF and particularly our patch program. After a full fifteen months of investigating the building of the fort (perhaps one of the unintended best kept Lewis and Clark secrets in the entire country!), tracking down those responsible for the funding and construction of the fort, and securing the appropriate support for recognition, individual members of the Ohio River Chapter should feel proud of this accomplishment.



OHIO RIVER CHAPTER FALL MEETING

*“The bark was flying from the trees...the Indians had the best powder and bullets as well as the bow and arrow...They fought on until the daylight came, and at the southern end of the battlefield the Indian took his last stand.”
(General William Henry Harrison)*

“Our lives are in the hands of the Great Spirit. We are determined to defend our lands, and if it is his will, we wish to leave our bones upon them.” (Tecumseh)

“Many Widows & Orphans are made so, by this dreadful fight, when will Brother cease to life his hand against his Brother, and learn War no more?” (Lydia Bacon, wife of Josiah who fought in the Battle of Tippecanoe)

The weekend of November 5th-7th will be the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe. The Battle of Tippecanoe was an important event not only in Indiana and United States history, but is considered by many to have been the opening action of the War of 1812. The groups organizing this living history event promise to make it a respectful commemoration that engages and educates the participants and public while honoring the memory of the brave men on both sides of the conflict who fought in the battle

Please set aside these dates for a meeting /program of the LCTHF Ohio River Chapter.



Specific information as to host motel, meal location, possible programs will be in the early October newsletter. Please reserve the dates of November 5th-7th for a once-in-a-lifetime event. For more information visit the website at

www.tippecanoehistory.org.

See flyer on next page.

2013 Regional Meeting in NOLA

What is the significance of 535-537 Conti, St. Louis Cemetery #1, Battle of New Orleans, Louisiana Purchase, Alexander Wilson, and dare we say, James Wilkinson have in common to those interested in the “Big Picture” in the history of Lewis and Clark? Yes, they all have a Lewis and Clark connection. Continue your education of Lewis and Clark by planning to attend a regional (and possibly chapter) meeting in February of 2013 in New Orleans.

The meeting is now in the planning stages, but we do not want you to miss out on a chance to visit the historic city of New Orleans. We will not take you to Bourbon Street, but you will visit many other sites in which only “Clarkies” would have an interest.

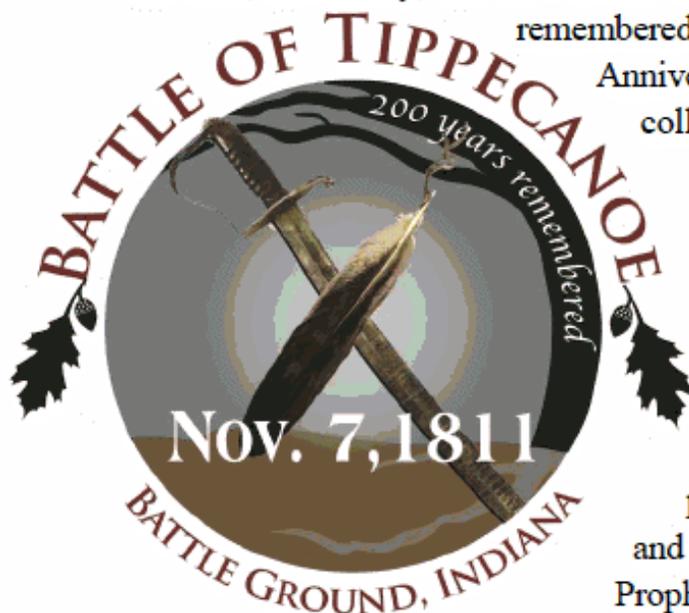
Escape the wintertime blues of the north, not by traveling to Florida, but to warm (and dry?) New Orleans, Louisiana. No exact date has yet to be determined, but the meeting will take place in late February in between the festival seasons. Look for future updates in our chapter newsletter and the foundation web site.



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The 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe Commemoration November 5-7th, 2011

The men, the history, and the cultures on both sides of the conflict will be remembered at the Battle of Tippecanoe 200th



Anniversary Commemoration. In a historic collaboration of museums, historic sites, parks, and not-for-profit organizations, four different entities that operate two different sites will partner together to share resources and provide the best educational experience possible, to honor those who died at the battle so many years ago. Activities will take place at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Park, and Historic Prophetstown, located in Prophetstown State Park in Battle Ground, Indiana.

Admission- \$5.00 adult, \$3 child (4 to 16), under 4 free

Free shuttle bus service between both sites running continuously.

"Our lives are in the hands of the Great Spirit. We are determined to defend our lands, and if it is his will, we wish to leave our bones upon them." (Tecumseh)

November 30th, 1811

"Many Widows, & Orphans, are made so, by this dreadful fight, when will Brother cease to lift his hand against his Brother, and learn War no more?" (Quote from Lydia Bacon's journal, describing her feelings when her husband returned from the Battle of Tippecanoe)

For further information, please contact Leslie Martin Conwell, Battle Commemoration Coordinator, 200th@tippecanoehistory.org, 765.426.2128, www.tippecanoehistory.org

Email Note:

If you have not already done so, please send an email to Lorna Hainesworth lornament@comcast.net, Ohio River Chapter Communications Officer indicating that you are willing to receive your next *On The Ohio* (OTO) newsletter via email. The newsletter would come in the form of a PDF (which will probably be about 1MB in size) attached to an email addressed to you. The benefits of receiving your OTO newsletter via email are that the chapter saves money on paper and postage. Your Communications Officer uses less time in distributing the newsletter. Any pictures included in the newsletter will be in color. You have less paper to deal with and maybe we save a tree or two. Please be sure to write to Lorna as soon as possible, but no later than September 1, 2011.

[Clark] *August 1, Wednesday 1804*

a fair morning, Sent out two men after the horses & one back to examine if the Indians have been there, Beaver Cought last night, the air is Cool and pleasing

Clark]

August 2nd Thursday 1804

A verry pleasant Breeze from the S. E. The Two men Drewyer & Colter returned with the horses loaded with Elk, those horses they found about 12 miles in a Southerly Derection from Camp.

[Clark]

August 3rd Friday 1804 prepare a Small preas[en]t for those Indians and hold a Council

UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. 2011 LCTHF Annual Meeting—First Encounters—Omaha, NE & Council Bluffs, IA Metro Area, July 30—August 3, 2011. Email mouthoftheplatte@cox.net for more information
2. Ohio River Chapter Meeting, November 5-7, 2011. See announcement and flyer in this issue
3. 2012 LCTHF Annual Meeting—“Nine young Men—Celebrating the Life of Sergeant Floyd, Clarksville, IN, July 29—August 1, 2010, Contact tourism@sunnysideoflouisville.org
4. 2013 Spring Regional Meeting in New Orleans Louisiana (NOLA)

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