



On The Ohio.....

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Message from the President

Dear friends,

I am writing to you from St. George, Utah, where Doug and I are spending the month of March to escape the Michigan winter. St. George is in the extreme southwest corner of the state, 40 miles west of Zion National Park.

We have visited many of the local Mormon sites-the LDS Temple and the Tabernacle, plus the winter home of Brigham Young. Flowering crabapple, pear and other ornamental trees are in bloom. It is nice to see color!

The city has a wonderful bike/hike trail system, which we have been using daily. Too bad we're not on a Wellness Challenge team! The earth here is red, so the landscape is definitely that of southern Utah. Snow covered mountains rise in the distance.

I spoke with Bob Anderson recently to see how the display that he and Ed Falvo installed at the Kentucky Gateway Museum in Maysville, KY, is fairing. Bob was disappointed that the number of display cases he was told would be available for their use did not materialize, which reduced the number of artifacts on display. He is pleased that he had room for his display of china and glassware from the 1904 Centennial. The museum was able to hang Bob's 8 foot by 18 foot photo of the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers. The photo was taken by Jon Stealy. The display will be up through April 17. Lewis hired John Colter from the Maysville area on his way down the Ohio.

Proceeding to Kansas City, where I hope to enjoy your company again.

Margaret Wozniak

ORC President

Secretary's Report
Saturday March 21, 2015
Kalamazoo, MI
Four Points by Sheraton

The spring meeting of the Ohio River Chapter was called to order by Vice-President Chuck Crase who thanked everyone for attending the meeting..

Chuck opened the meeting by reading an entry from the journals dated September 11, 1803. This was the first mention of the Expedition being a national science project.

Vice-President Chase reported that the 2015 fall meeting will be held in Berea, KY. The date for the meeting has yet to be set. The Chapter will be staying at Boone's Tavern in Berea. Points of interest during the weekend will be visiting Boonesborough and the Wilderness Trail. The 2016 spring meeting is scheduled to be held in Louisville, KY with a trip to the Filson Museum and the Falls of the Ohio.

Suggested sites for future meetings included Wellsburg and Wheeling WV.

Motion to accept the Secretary's report as printed in the last newsletter was made by Sandy Hennings and seconded by Ellen Boruff. The motion passed.

Skip Jackson gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the checkbook is balanced, and that the Chapter has a total of \$4427.99 in the account. Skip reported that the Chapter is self-sustaining from the dues collected. Skip added that the dues are \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per couple, and are due the 1st of October each year. At present the Chapter has a total paid membership of fifty-one, including two new members who joined at the meeting; Jeanne Lawrence and Mandy Dick..

The \$7500 foundation grant for the Eastern Trail Markers and brochures has been spent.

Jim Keith made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Lawrence. The motion passed.

Richard Hennings, the Chapter's Communication Officer, gave a brief report the newsletter and ask for any additional news stories to be submitted. Motion to accept the report was made by Skip Jackson, and seconded by Alice Crase. Motion passed.

Jeanne Lawrence inquired if the Chapter could start a Facebook page. She believed that this would be of interest to many and that it might encourage others to join our

chapter. Vice-President Crase wanted more information about Facebook and additional input from the membership.

Sandy Hennings read the ORC Patch Program Report prepared by Jerry Wilson. Motion to accept the report as read was made by Skip Jackson and seconded by Jim Keith. Motion passed.

The 2015-2016 Slate of Officer Candidates was read. Jim Keith motioned to accept the list as read and was seconded by Skip Jackson. The motion passed.

Jim Keith and Mandy Dick gave an updated report concerning the remodeling project at the Interpretive Center at the Falls of the Ohio. It is hoped that the Center will be open by this fall.

With the sound of the dinner bell ringing in the distance, and the Boy Scout and new member drive still on the agenda, Vice-President Crase tabled any further discussion until the next meeting.

Jim Keith motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Skip Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried and all traveled to the restaurant for a tasty meal and great conversation among friends.

Secretary's Report prepared by Sandy Hennings, substituting for Secretary Janice Wilson.

Patch Program Report

Boy Scouts

Thanks to Richard and Sandra Hennings 36 patches were awarded to Boy Scouts from Michigan. This is the largest number of patches ever awarded by the Ohio River Chapter. More patches had to be ordered, from a different company, and we now have a supply of ninety plus in stock.

I was recently contacted by a contributing writer for the BSA magazine wishing to publish an article about the LCTHF Patch Program. I referred him to Lindy Hatcher, the foundation executive director in Great Falls. There is a chance our chapter could be included. I will keep the chapter updated.

American Heritage Girls

Skip Jackson, aka: Meriwether Lewis, has been invited to present a program at an American Heritage Girls Convention this summer in Anderson, Indiana. Hopefully, this will spark interest in our patches.

I have been contacted by the West Virginia American Heritage Girls chair about awarding patches to forty plus girls for a summer program which is taking place in Harpers Ferry. We may be able to work something out with the 2016 annual meeting as part of their requirements. If this takes place, we will need to order more AHG patches.

I will keep the chapter updated on the above mentioned patch possibilities, and hopefully all will turn out well.

I wish to remind the chapter of past members involvement in the patch program. Thanks to Linda Robertson and Kay Williams for their hard work in determining, organizing and writing requirements and to Tom Williams for being the first Chapter Patch Program Chair.

Submitted by: Jerry Wilson, ORC Patch Program

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## **From the Journals**

September 1st—The Pilott informed me that we were not far from a ripple which was much worse than any we had yet passed, and there was so thick a fog on the face of the water that no object was visible 40 paces he advised remaining until the sun should acquire a greater altitude when the fogg would ascend and disappear; I consented; we remained until eight Oclock this morning when we again set out— these Fogs are very common on the Ohio at this season of the year as also in the spring but do not think them as frequent or thick in the spring. perhaps this may in some measure assist us to account for the heavy dues which are mor remarkable for their frequency and quantity than in any country I was ever in— they are so heavy the drops falling from the trees from about midnight until sunrise gives you the eydea of a constant gentle rain, this continues until the sun has acquired sufficient altitude to dessipate the fogg by it's influence, and it the ceases. the dues are likewise more heavy during summer than elsewhere but not so much so as at this season.— the Fog appears to owe it's origin to the difference of temperature between the air and water the later at this season being much warmer than the former; the water being heated by the summer's sun dose not

undergo so rapid a change from the absence of the sun as the air dose consiquently when the air becomes most cool which is about sunrise the fogg is thickest and appears to rise from the face of the water like the steam from boiling water— we passed the little horsetale ripple or riffle with much deficulty, all hands laboured in the water about two hours before we wer obliged to unload all our goods and lift the emty Boat over, about 5OClock we reach the riffle called Woollery's trap. Here after unloading again and exerting all our force we found it impracticable to get over, I therefore employed a man with a team of oxen with the assistance of which we at length got off we put in and remained all night having made only ten miles this day.—

Captain Meriwether Lewis

From "the Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" by Gary E. Moulton, University of Nebraska Press

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## 2015-2016 Ohio River Chapter

### Officer Nomination Slate

- \_\_\_\_\_ President – Chuck Crase
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vice-President – Jerry Wilson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer – Skip Jackson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary – Janice Wilson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communications – Richard Hennings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Co-program Planners – Chuck Crase & Jerry Wilson

Submitted by the Nomination Committee: Jerry Wilson, Jim Keith and Ginny Koss

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## From the Membership

New LCTHF Brochures

Dear ORC Members

As chapter president, I recently received a couple hundred of the LCTHF's new brochures. Since we won't be meeting again until August, I will send some on now to anyone who would like a supply before that time.

Reply to [woziniak@yahoo.com](mailto:woziniak@yahoo.com) and tell me how many you want and your mailing address.

Margaret Wozniak

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Skip Jackson wanted to let everyone know that the May WPO is scheduled to feature a soon to be released memoir by Andra Watkins, titled, "*Not Without My Father: One Woman's 444-Mile Walk of the Natchez Trace.*" This, her second book is a "humorous and heartbreaking memoir" and might look good on the shelves of your library. Check it out.

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From John Fisher

Dispatch from Colter's Creek!

To my fellow re--enactors. Over the years, I have frequently looked for period correct hemp products when trying to recreate period correct reproductions and in the past they were not available. A recent return to my old supplier has shown that the selection of products has considerably expanded over the years.

- There is now a good variety of hemp cloth including a heavy 100% hemp canvas (tent & sail material?)
- Hemp webbing and especially a very wide selection of hemp twine and rope.
- Also hemp fiber for "tow" and "Patent lint" for those performing amputations.

Of course more expensive than manila, sisal, cotton rope and fabrics, but anyone who has handled pure hemp knows the superior quality, it probably lasts longer and looks much better.

Google "Hemp Traders"

John