



On The Ohio.....

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Message from the President

Dear friends,

Paige Cruz sent me a draft of the brochure that will accompany the new Eastern Legacy signage that she and Mike and Lorraine Loesch have had placed as part of the Stewardship Endowment Grant. It is a gorgeous document of photos, text that explains the sites relevance to the expedition, and GPS coordinates for forty locations in the Eastern Legacy section of the trail. This will be a useful tool for visitors to the sites and a powerful tool for the official promotion of the Eastern Legacy. Words are insufficient to convey the work invested in this project. Thank you, Paige, Mike and Lorraine.

Hearing Jack Nesbit's presentation on the naturalist David Douglas at the 2014 national meeting piqued my interest in David Douglas. I have just finished reading Nesbit's *The Collector, David Douglas and the Natural History of the Northwest*. Employed by the London Horticultural Society, Douglas spent ten years traveling between the New World and Old, ever on the lookout for New World plant species that might thrive in English gardens. He spent much time along the Columbia River and in Canada along the routes of the Hudson Bay Company, in whose canoes and ships he often traveled. These routes included the destination of Hawaii, where he met a most untimely death. Walking in an area where hunters trapped animals by digging deep pits near water holes, then covering them with light brush. Douglas fell into a pit which was already occupied by a live bullock. It evidently trampled Douglas to death. An area hunter who has hosted Douglas at breakfast that day had warned him about the pits. There followed a series of questions about the "real" cause of death, which could take us back to Grinder's Stand, should we wish to go there.

Doug and I will be in St. George, Utah, during the month of March, so we will not be at the Kalamazoo Spring meeting. If you have items for that meeting' agenda, send them to me and I'll prepare the agenda and get to Chuck Crase.

Resolution for 2015 suggestion: Every day that you do something related to the LCTHF, write the volunteer hours on your calendar.

May the coming year be one of good health, positive relationships, insightful creativity and ample resources for you and those you love.

Until Kansa City this summer,

Margaret Wozniak

President Wozniak wanted to remind everyone about Bob Anderson and Ed Falvo's "**Traveling with Lewis and Clark**" collection that will be on display at the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center in Maysville, KY beginning with a reception on Friday, January 9th from 5 pm to 7 pm. Their fine exhibit will be on display through April 18th.

The museum is located a 215 Sutton Street, Maysville, KY. No admission charge or RSVP required. There are several motels within walking distance of the museum.

In speaking with the curator at the museum, President Wozniak found "the museum to be broad in scope with both historical and genealogical libraries."

She also adds that "this would be a wonderful way for us to support the commitment and love that Bob has for the Lewis and Clark story."

For more information about this event, contact Bob Anderson at 937-644-2057 (H) or 937-243-3357 (C)

Secretary' Report

Ohio River Chapter

October 19, 2014

Kingston, TN

The Spring meeting of the Ohio River Chapter was called to order by President Wozniak.

The opening reading was given by Margaret Wozniak. She read one of Lewis' letters to Clark written from Cahokia concerning Drouillard's arrival with troops from Fort Southwest Point.

President Wozniak also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Vice-President Chuck Crase gave a report on upcoming meetings. He reported that the Spring meeting will be held in Kalamazoo, MI.. The meeting will be held March 21-22, in conjunction with the Kalamazoo Living History Show. Berea, KY was considered as a site for the meeting, but he has not had the time to make all the necessary arrangements for that site. Chuck stated that he hoped members would be able to do some type of presentation for the meeting in Kalamazoo. Members can contact Chuck if they are interested. Chuck reported that the summer meeting will be held in Kansa City during the Trail Heritage Foundation's annual meeting and that a possible location for the fall meeting of October, 2015 would be Berea, KY.

The minutes for the summer meeting were not read since they had been printed in the latest edition of the newsletter. One correction was made to the August minutes. Minutes should read that President

Wozniak stated that the annual meeting handbook **will be sent**, instead of **had been sent**. Minutes were approved as corrected. A partial membership list was passed around for members to check and update if necessary.

The Treasurer report was given by Treasurer Skip Jackson. He reported a balance of \$5,439.12 in unrestricted funds. He also reported a balance of \$215.00 in the Challenge Fund, \$75.00 in the American Heritage Girls Patch, \$177 in the Boy Scout Patch fund, and a remainder of \$1,231.60 from the signage project grant. Skip also passed around two papers from the budget for all to review. He stated that the chapter has saved money by e-mailing newsletters rather than mailing them to members and that the annual dues should be enough to keep the chapter going. President Wozniak reminded the Treasurer that it is the responsibility of the Treasurer to keep updated and accurate membership information to the Secretary and Communications Officer. Doug Wozniak made a motion which was seconded by Jerry Robertson to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion was voted and carried.

Richard Hennings was introduced as the new Communications Officer. Richard expressed his pleasure at being voted to this office. He asked if the Treasurer's Report should be printed in the newsletter and was told, yes to print a summary report. Richard also asked members to please send Lewis and Clark personal interest stories for publication in the newsletter.

Jerry Wilson gave a report on the Boy Scout and American Heritage Girls Patch Programs. He reported that Rich and Sandy Hennings had requested thirty-six Boy Scout Patches. The chapter does not have enough patches to cover this, so more would need to be ordered. Jerry said that he had investigated two sources for ordering the patches. A motion was made by Jerry Robertson and seconded by Sandy Hennings that Jerry be given permission to order one hundred Boy Scout patches, even though the total cost might exceed the amount listed in the Boy Scout Patch Fund. The motion was voted and passed.

Milke Loesch gave a report on the Stewardship Grant for the Ohio River Corridor Signage Project. He stated that the project has been very successful. He distributed a list of sites where signage has been, or will be placed. The project has been so successful that there is a possibility of putting in a future grant to continue and expand the project.

Janice Wilson gave an update on the Wellness Program. She said that two new teams have registered for the program, making a total of twelve teams and forty-eight participants. She had a sample of a cinch sack with the challenge logo which will be given all participants in the 2014-2015 program. She also announced that the impromptu wellness walk to fort Southwest Point held on Saturday had twenty-six participants. Janice and Jerry thanked the Ohio River Chapter for their support of this program.

New Business

President Wozniak had appointed a nominating committee to compile a slate of officers to be voted on at the Spring meeting. Officers would begin their duties in October, 2015. Members of the committee

are Jerry Wilson, Ginny Koss and Jim Keith. Jerry Wilson reported for the committee. He announced that four of the five offices have candidates, but the position of vice-president does not have a candidate. If anyone is interested, or knows of a member who is interested in this position, they should contact someone in the nominating committee.

A proposal was made to collect chapter dues in October to coincide with the fiscal year rather than the calendar year, as it is presently. A motion was made by Jerry Robertson and Sandy Hennings to begin dues collection in October. The motion was seconded by Linda Robertson. Motion was voted and passed. Membership in the chapter will now be from October 1 to September 30. It was suggested that a notice be published in the newsletter that dues are now due in October and that reminders be sent January 1st to those who have not yet renewed.

A proposal was made to participate in the project to help in the reconstruction of Fort Southwest Point by contributing \$275.00 to purchase five logs. Members can send money to the chapter to be applied toward the \$275.00 if they wish. A plaque at the fort will show the contribution from the chapter. A motion was made by Skip Jackson and seconded by Jerry Robertson to contribute \$275.00 toward the reconstruction of Fort Southwest Point. Motion was voted and passed.

Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation was present at the meeting. She passed out and explained new brochures and maps being printed by the Foundation. She also asked for more information on the Ohio River Chapter's American Girls Patch Program. Jerry Wilson will provide her with this information.

Skip Jackson brought the last of the Eastern Legacy brochures that he had for anyone who was interested.

Door prize question-What do the figures 3450 mean to the ORC? Put them in the right order.

Answer: 5,394 volunteer hours were turned in to the Foundation. The winner was Brian Thompson! He won a bag of Michigan cherry products. Congratulations Brian!

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Wilson

2015 ORC Spring Meeting

The ORC Spring Meeting will be in Kalamazoo, MI, on the weekend of March 21-22, 2015. The Meeting coincides with the Kalamazoo Living History Show www.LalamazooShow.com on Saturday (9am-5pm)

and Sunday (9am-4pm). The Show will be held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center on the Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds at 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI. the theme of this year's Living History Show is "*Rangers Leads the Way-the American Ranger Tradition.*" Visit the KLHS website for more details.

The ORC host hotel is the Four Points Kalamazoo at 3600 East Cork Street Court, Kalamazoo, MI. (at exit 80 off I-94) www.fourpointskalamazoo.com. Call the hotel at 269-385-3922 or toll free at 866-716-8133 to reserve your room. Please mention that you are with the Lewis and Clark Foundation to get the special rate of \$85.00 per night, plus taxes, good for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Breakfast is not included, but there is an onsite restaurant. Reservation cutoff date is Friday, February 20, 2015.

The Kalamazoo 2015 Registration Form is attached. To register, complete the attached form and mail it to me along with your check for \$25.00, made payable to the Ohio River Chapter

The Living History Show is Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-4 at the Expo Center. We will have two tables to display Lewis and Clark items. These tables must be attended at all hours by members of our group in pre-1890 style clothing, no jeans, and wearing Exhibitor Badges (provided in registration fee) above the waist and visible at all times. Each attendee should bring a Lewis and Clark related item to display for educational purposes and to encourage questions and invite conversation from visitors.

SCHEDULE: Friday 6 pm-dinner, hotel restaurant, meet and greet & eat/ Saturday 9am-5pm KLHS/ Saturday 6 pm: dinner hotel restaurant/Saturday 7pm: ORC business meeting, Milham Room.hotel/ Sunday 9 am- 4 pm KLHS

Submitted by

Chuck Crase/VP-ORC-LCTHF

KALAMAZOO 2015 REGISTRATION FORM

Ohio River Chapter Spring Meeting 2015

Kalamazoo Living History Show

March 21-22, 2015

Attendee information: Complete this form and mail it along with your check, payable to the Ohio River Chapter, to Chuck crase, 106 Oakwood Drive, Stanford, KY 40484. Call the hotel to reserve your room.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Mobile _____

e-mail _____

LCTHF Member Yes _____ No _____ Chapter _____

Registration	Fee	Enclosed
Registration Fee/Meeting Room/KLHS Admission	\$25.00 per attendee	_____

All meals and other expenses will be paid for individually by the attendee.

Hotel Registration:

Four Points by Sheraton Kalamazoo (exit 80 off I-94), 3600 East Cork Street Court, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 United States-Phone 269-385-3922-Hotel Reservations: 866-715-8133. Website <http://www.fourpointskalamazoo.com>. Mention Lewis and Clark Foundation for special Room Rate of \$85.00/night, plus taxes, good for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. **Breakfast not included!** The hotel has an onsite restaurant and bar. Reservation cutoff date for this rate is February 20, 2015. We will take our meals in the Hotel's restaurant and hold our meeting in the Milham Room in the Hotel.

Kalamazoo Living History Show (KLHS)

The Kalamazoo Living History Show <http://www.kalamazooshow.com> will be held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center <http://www.kalcounty.com/parks/expo/index.htm>, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Mi 49048, 269-383-8776. Expo admission is \$7.00 for one day,\$10.00 for two days. Your registration fee includes admission for two days. Hours are Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00am to 4:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to be an active participant by wearing pre-1890's period dress **and** you must be in period dress to work behind the display tables.

Schedule: Friday 6 pm-dinner, hotel restaurant, meet & greet & eat/Saturday 9 am-5pm KLHS/Saturday 6 pm: dinner, hotel restaurant/Saturday 7 pm: ORC business meeting, Milham Room Hotel/Sunday 9 am-4 pm KLHS/ Then "adieu"

CONTACT INFORMATION: Mail this completed form and your check in the amount of \$25.00, payable to the Ohio River Chapter, per attendee to: Chuck Crase, 106 Oakwood Drive, Stanford, KY 40484 e-mail: afccecrase@roadrunner.com

Home phone: 606-365-9707 Mobile phone: 859-516-3523

FROM THE JOURNALS

August 30TH 1805

Left Pittsburg this day at 11 o'clock with a party of 11 hands 7 of which are soldiers a pilot and three young men on trial they having prepared to go with me throughout this voyage Arrived at Bruno's Island 3 miles below halted a few minutes went on shore and being invited on by some of the gentlemen present to try my airgun which I had purchased brought it on shore charged it and fired myself seven times fifty five yards with pretty

good success; after which a Mr. Blaze Cenas being unacquainted with the management of the gun suffered her to discharge accidentally the ball passed through the hat of a woman about 40 yards distance cutting her temple about the fourth of the diameter of the ball, she fell instantly and the blood gushing from her temple we were all in the greatest consternation supposed shee was dead but in a minute she revived to our enespressable satisfaction, and by examination we found the wound by no means mortal or even dangerous; called the hands aboard and proceeded to a ripple of McKee's rock where we were obliged to get out all hands and lift the boat about thirty yards; the river is extremely low; said to be more so than it has been known in four years; about we passed another ripple near Past another bear or ripple with more difficulty than either of the others halted for the night much fatigued after laboring with my men all day—the water being sufficiently temperate was much in our favor; gave my men some whiskey and retired too rest at 8oclock—

Taken from The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition by Gary E. Moulton, University of Nebraska Press

From the Membership

2015-2016 Slate of Officer Candidates

The chapter will need to elect officers for 2015-2016 at the 2015 Spring meeting which will take place at the Kalamazoo Living History show (third weekend in March). The newly elected officers will begin their duties at the 2015 Fall meeting (October?).. We have four of the five positions accounted for, but we still need to fill one more position. The position of Vice President is that position. The two main duties are to preside at chapter meetings when the president is unable to do so. The second, and most important, is to plan the date, location and program/programs for the chapter meetings. If you know of such locations, speakers, etc. you would be the ideal person for this position. Traditionally the vice president ascends to the presidency. Thus, if you would like this important position, please contact me at wilsonjkw@yahoo.com. The final slate of candidates will be published in the Spring OTO.

Nominating committee: Jerry Wilson, Chairperson; Jim Keith, Ginny Koss

Where was Lewis when Pomp was born?

by

Ron Laycock

The journals of Lewis and Clark are full of many stories, and perhaps one of the better known is the birth of little Pomp on February 11th, 1805. Of all the journalists only Lewis records the event. Clark and some of the men were away on a hunting trip. Only Patrick Gass, who was on the overnight hunting trip when the birth occurred, wrote *“On the 12th we arrived at the fort, and found that one of our interpreter’s wives had in our absence made an addition to our number.”*

Most of us have thought that that Lewis administered crushed rattles from a rattle snake to hasten the birth. Such was not the case. Lewis wrote; *“Mr. Jessome informed me that he had frequently administered a small portion of the rattle of the rattle-snake, which he assured me never had failed to produce the desired effect, that of hastening the birth of the child.”* Lewis goes on to write; *“having the rattle of a snake by me I gave it to him and he administered two rings of it to the woman broken in small pieces with the fingers and added a small quantity of water.”*

Lewis never administered the potion, and indeed was never even there for the birth of the child, since he wrote, *“I was informed that she had not taken it more than ten minutes before she brought forth.”* He was told about the birth of little Pomp.

Where was Lewis? Why was he not there? Perhaps he felt helpless being with the young mother who was in excruciating pain. Perhaps he was uncomfortable being in the presence of a woman giving birth. Perhaps he had other important things to do. We don’t know. All we know is that he wasn’t there when little Pomp was born.

Ron has an interesting question relating to this story. He wonders what ever happened *“to the woman broken in small pieces with the fingers”?*

Thank you Ron

Lewis and Clark Challenge Report December 2014

We are happy to report that the LCTHF Wellness Challenge program sponsored by the Ohio River Chapter has had a successful start for 2014. We have thirteen teams registered. Twelve of which have reported “miles” (points) earned for the September-October time period. We have twelve returning teams (although some may have only one or two new team members replacing last year’s members) and one new team registered. All teams seem to be off to a good start. Currently, the Ohio River Mile Trackers are in third place overall. Thanks to the Ohio River Chapter for their continued support of this foundation program.

Janice and Jerry Wilson

A request from Lorna Hainesworth

At the request of the National Capital Chapter LCTHF, Lorna Hainesworth is preparing a presentation called the **“Corps in the War of 1812.”**—Anyone having information about any member of the Corps or any persons associated with the expedition who served in any capacity during the War of 1812 or

had experience resulting from the War of 1812, is asked to send such information, along with its source, to lornament@comcast.net. Lorna can also be reached at 410-655-8492 or 9704 Tulsemere Road, Randallstown, MD 21133-2212. Once completed, this presentation will be available to all chapters. The debut presentation is slated for early fall 2015, so scheduling may occur any time after that,

Boy Scouts Earn Prestigious Award

On the evening of November 4th, six area Boy Scouts, Casey Jones, Josh Foster, Jack O’Conner, Jameson Pung, John Fellows, Dustin Kloepler and Christopher DeBoer, received the Ohio River Chapter’s Lewis and Clark Patch during a ceremony held at the Crosswalk Teen Center in Charlotte, MI.

These six Scouts were just part of the thirty-six Scouts that had traveled to the Woldumar Nature Center in Lansing, MI on the second weekend in October to be part of a Scout workshop. The event was hosted by Dr. Larry Martin, Merit Badge Counselor, and Richard and Sandra Hennings. The Hennings are members of the Ohio River Chapter (ORC) and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF). Over the weekend, the Scouts not only earned the ORC Patch, but also earned several merit badges as well. The qualification for several of the merit badges fit right in with the requirements for the ORC Patch.

The Scouts, and many of their parents, represented a large section of Lower Michigan. The Scouts came from as far as Novi on the east side of the State, and from Paw Paw, MI on the west side.

If you have a short story, or anything of interesting news relating to Lewis and Clark, and would like to see it published in On The Ohio, please submit your article to ontheohio03@gmail.com

Thanks

Time to renew your Ohio River Chapter membership

As mentioned in the Secretary’s Report, and in an earlier e-mail, the date for renewal was changed at the fall meeting so that the renewal date will coincide with the fiscal year. To keep the OTO coming to your mailbox, fill out the form below and return it with your check to:

Skip Jackson, 3240 Koenig Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

Ohio River Chapter Membership

October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____ e-mail _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Individual \$10.00

Family \$15.00

OTO mailed to \$5.00 extra

Snapshots from Fort Southwest Point

