



On the Ohio.....

The Ohio River Chapter

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“on the river where the journey began”

President’s Message

Greetings to all Ohio River Chapter Members. I certainly hope your summer is off to a great start.

I want to congratulate the officers recently elected at our Greendale, IN meeting and look forward to working with them in the coming year. The officers for Year 2018 (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018) are; President-Chuck Crase, Vice-President-Jerry Wilson, Secretary-Sandy Hennings, Treasurer-Skip Jackson, and Communications Officer-Richard Hennings. I also want to thank outgoing secretary, Janice Wilson, for her hard work on the Chapter’s behalf. I also want to thank Sandy Hennings for eagerly volunteering to serve the Chapter as secretary.

The Ohio River Chapter is beginning to reach out to a wider audience through attendance at events. This is a way to reach out to persons who have an interest in history and relate and teach them the Lewis and Clark Story. To that end, the Chapter unanimously passed a motion stating; “that the Ohio River Chapter encourages, endorses, supports and sponsors attendance at Events and Festivals for the purpose of promoting and recruiting for the Ohio River Chapter and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation”. This is definitely the direction the Chapter needs to take for the benefit of the Chapter and the Foundation.

There are several Events upcoming that I want the entire membership to be aware of and to actively participate if your schedule permits:

1. **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE** is on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The ORC & LCTHF are hosting a walk on the new Lewis and Clark Bridge at 9:00 am followed by lunch at The Captain's Quarter in Prospect, KY. See the separate article in this Newsletter for details
2. **INLAND WATERWAYS FESTIVAL 2017**, Dennis Cavalier, Chairman: August 5&6,2017, held at the Ohio River Museum, 601 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio. Web Page at <http://www.campusmartiusmuseum.org/iwf.html>. Richard and Sandy Hennings will host the ORC display at this Event. Contact Richard for more information or to volunteer to help at; richardhennings@sbcglobal.net.
3. **SIMON KENTON FESTIVAL**, September 16 & 17, 2017, Old Washington & Maysville, KY. ORC Member Bob Anderson will have his Lewis and Clark Collection on display and will be promoting and recruiting for the ORC and LCTHF. For further details go to; <http://www.cityofmaysville.com/simon-kenton-festival/>.

4. **“The Fair at New Boston”** by George Rogers Clark Heritage Association: Labor Day Weekend, September 2 & 3, 2017; held at the George Rogers Clark Park, 998 S. Tecumseh Rd, Springfield, Ohio; Jon Stealey organizes this annual event. Web Page at <http://www.fairatnewboston.org/12.html>
5. **The 44th Annual Fort Massac Encampment**; Saturday & Sunday, October 21 & 22, 2017; Fort Massac State Park, Metropolis, Illinois. See their web page at <http://metropolistourism.com/events/fort-massac-encampment/>. Chuck Crase will host the ORC display. Contact him at afccecrase@roadrunner.com for more information or to volunteer to help.

There are Events and Festivals all across the ORC service area. I encourage each ORC Member to get out to one of these and host an ORC display and tell the L&C story. Contact me and I can provide you with pamphlets, brochures, maps and membership cards to help tell the Story.

This 2017 Chapter Year, we have signed up 27 new members. We have talked to hundreds of others. This system works. It is fun, you get to enjoy being outside, you meet people and you get to travel. Let's do it.

After the Greendale meeting, our Chapter membership is 91. That is a number that I am very proud of and the general membership should be proud of. Let's get together and continue to grow our membership and expand our programing.

I hope everyone has a great summer and is planning on attending the LCTHF Annual Meeting in July in Billings, Montana and the ORC Chapter meeting in Clarksville, IN in October.

Secretary's Report

**Ohio River Chapter
April 29, 2017
Greendale, Indiana**

Opening:

The Ohio River Chapter met at the Riverside Inn in Greendale, Indiana. The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Crase. The invocation, the fourth stanza of the Star Spangled Banner, was given by Skip Jackson. Skip then led the chapter in the Pledge to the Flag. Skip had chosen to read the letter written by Lewis to Jefferson concerning his leaving the keelboat and traveling to Big Bone Lick by land as an opening reading, but a portion of this letter had already been read by Jerry Wilson during the meeting.

President Chuck Crase called everyone's attention to the chapter banner which was hanging in the front of the room. This banner will be used at events where the Ohio River Chapter has a presence. Guest, Larry Lichty from Evanston, Illinois, was introduced.

A reading of the minutes of the Fall meeting was waived since the minutes were printed in the newsletter. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Minutes were approved as submitted.

President's report:

President Crase discussed various events.
--He reported on the Kalamazoo Living History Show which took place in March, announcing that 11 new members had been signed up for the Ohio River Chapter.

--A re-enactment of the siege of Logan's Fort will be held in Stanford, Kentucky May 19-21.
--National Trails Day, themed "Come Hike the Lewis & Clark Bridge with the ORC-LCHF" will be held June, 3, 2017. ORC members are encouraged to attend the hike and, possibly, lunch afterwards. Chuck will send out a flyer with more information. Lorna Hainesworth passed out pictures she had taken of the bridge. (pictures on file in secretary notebook)
--The Inland Waterways Festival 2017 will be held at the Ohio River Museum in Marietta, Ohio August 5-6, 2017. Richard Hennings will represent the chapter at this event.
--The Fair at New Boston will take place at the George Rogers Clark Park in Springfield, Ohio September 2-3, 2017. Bob Anderson will attend this event.
--Simon Kenton Days will be held at Old Washington, Maysville, Kentucky the third weekend in September 2017. Bob Anderson will set up a table at this event.
--Jerry Wilson and Skip Jackson, along with other members of the Friends of Big Bone Lick will participate in a Lewis and Clark related program at the Boone County Library in Burlington, Kentucky August 24, 2107
--The 44th Annual Fort Massac Encampment will be held at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis, Illinois October 21-22, 2017. Chuck and Alice Crase will set up a booth at this event.
All members were urged to participate in events, when possible.
A motion was made by Skip Jackson and seconded by Bill Forehand that the Ohio River Chapter encourage, endorse, support, and sponsor attendance at Events and Festivals for the purpose of promoting and recruiting for the Ohio River Chapter and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The motion was voted and passed.

Vice President's Report:

Jerry Wilson gave a report on the day's activities visiting various locations along the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio to Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He also thanked Lorna Hainesworth for her very interesting and well-presented program on The Corps in the War of 1812 which she gave Friday evening. He also reported on future meetings.
--Summer 2017 meeting in Billings, Montana at the LCTHF Annual Meeting, July 23-26.
--Fall 2017 meeting at the Falls of the Ohio in Clarksville, Indiana, October 27-29. Meeting will correspond with the Locust Grove Revolutionary War Living History event and the LCTHF Board of Directors meeting.
--Spring 2018 meeting theme Lewis and Big Bone Lick Part II
--Summer 2018 meeting theme Lewis and Big Bone Part III
--Fall 2018 meeting will be in Astoria, Oregon at the LCTHF Annual Meeting, October 7-10
(list of meeting submitted by Jerry filed in secretary notebook)

Treasurer's Report:

Skip Jackson gave the treasurer's report. The chapter currently has a balance of \$5,331.34. The Wellness Challenge program has a balance of \$801.30, the American Heritage Girls Patch program, a balance of \$90, the Boy Scout Patch program, a balance of \$2.50, and the LCTHF Signage Grant, a balance of \$8,576.09. (submitted report included in secretary notebook)

Skip gave a report on membership. Chuck reported that the Foundation goal is to make sure that chapter members are also signed up as Foundation members. Chuck will send out a questionnaire to determine how many ORC members are also Foundation members. Chuck also reported that he had received communication from the Foundation reporting 3,825 volunteers along the trail contributing 129,752 hours of service. He stressed the importance of reporting volunteers hours each year. (see copy of email filed in secretary notebook)

Communication Officer's Report:

Richard Hennings submitted a request for members sending any communication to him to send it in PDF format.

Committee Reports:

Mike Loesch and Paige Cruz reported on the L&C Eastern Legacy Uniform Sign System project. They are currently working with a group in Virginia to get life experience signs in place. They are also negotiating with the Corps of Engineers to get signs up on locks on the Ohio River. Mike and Paige reported that a new brochure or booklet will need to be printed to include all the new signage which has been placed. Mike added that their sign partners had received a one year's free membership to the ORC and had been invited to attend the annual meeting in Harper's Ferry.

Janice and Jerry Wilson gave a report on the Lewis and Clark Wellness Challenge program. They reported 12 teams participating. Correspondence from participants included many positive comments on the program and thanks for efforts in coordinating the program. Janice also added that she and Jerry always mention the ORC sponsorship when discussing the challenge program.

Chuck Crase reported for the Facebook Page Committee. He noted that members should post pictures of activities to advertise who we are.

The updated Chapter web page address is: lewisandclark.org/chapters/ohio-river.

The updated Facebook page address is: facebook.com/LCTHFOhioRiverChapter

Unfinished Business:

Jerry Wilson submitted checks for the American Heritage Girls Patch program.

New membership cards were available for members to take and give to interested persons.

A discussion took place on the progress of the Eastern Legacy legislation. Jerry Wilson read a report that he had written on his experience at the Hike the Hill event in Washington, D.C. Representing the Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation/Commission. A copy of the report is on file in the secretary notebook.

New Business:

Chuck reported that the 2019 Kalamazoo Living History Show will feature "Lewis and Clark" as the theme. Chuck had spoken to members of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles who were interested in cosponsoring the event with the Ohio River Chapter. A discussion took place concerning the ORC cosponsoring the event and what that would entail. Jerry Wilson made a motion that the Ohio River Chapter cosponsor the 2019 Kalamazoo Living History Show contingent upon Discovery Expedition of St. Charles co-sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Skip Jackson, was voted and passed.

Chuck Crase reported for the Nominating Committee. He submitted a slate of officers for the Ohio River Chapter to serve October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. The following is the slate of officers submitted:

President---Chuck Crase

Vice-President—Jerry Wilson

Secretary—Sandy Hennings

Treasurer—Skip Jackson

Communications Officer—Richard Hennings

There were no nominations from the floor. Each office was voted separately and passed, accepting the nominations committee recommendations. (nominations committee report filed in secretary notebook)

Announcements:

Chuck announced that Clark Days Falls of the Ohio State Park has been canceled for June of 2017.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Wilson
Secretary

From the Journals

September 10, 1803

The rain ceased about day, the clouds had not dispersed, and looked very much like giving us a repetition of the last evening's frallic, there is but little fogg and I should have been able to have set out at sunrise, but the Corporal had not yet returned with the bread I began to fear that he was piqued with the sharp reprimand I gave him the evening before for his negligence & inattention with respect to the bread and had deserted; in this however I was agreeably disappointed, about 8 in the morning he came up bring with him two men and the bread, they initially embarked and we set out we passed several very bad riffles this morning at 11Oclock six miles below our encampment of last evening I landed on the east side of R and went on shore to view a remarkable mound of earth called by the people in this neighbourhood the Indian grave.—

This remarkable mound of earth stands on the east bank of the Ohio 12 miles below Wheeling and about 700 paces from the river, as the land is not cleared the mound gives name to two small creeks called little and big grave creek which passing about a half a mile on each side of it & fall into ohio about a mile distant from each other the small creek is above, the mound stands on the most elivated ground of a large bottom containing about 4000 acres of land the bottom is bounded from N. E. to S. W. by a high range of hills which seem to discribe a semicircle around it of which the river is the dimeter, the hills being more distant from the mound than the river, near the mound to the N. stands a small town lately laid out called Elizabeth-town there are but about six or seven dwelling houses in it as yet, in this town there are several mounds of the same kind of the large one but not near as large, in various parts of this bottom the traces of old intrenchments are to be seen tho' they are so imperfect that they cannot be traced in such a manner as to make any complete figure; for this enquire I had not the leisure. I shall therefore content myself by giving a description of the large mound and offering some conjectures with regard to the probable purposes for which they were intended by their founders; who ever they may have been.

the mound is nearly a regular cone 310 yards in circumpherence at it's base & 65 feet high terminating in a blunt point whose diameter is 30 feet, this point is concave being depressed about five feet in the center, around the base runs a ditch 60 feet in width which is broken or intersected by a ledge of earth raised as high as the outer bank of the dithch on the N. W. side, this bank is about 30 feet wide and appears to have formed the enterence to fortified mound near the summit of this mound grows a white oak tree whose girth is 13 ½ feet, from the aged appeance of this tree I think it's age might reasonably calculated at 399 years, the whole mound is covered with large timber, sugar tree, hickory, poplar, and red and white oak &c I was informed that in removing the earth of a part of one of those lesser mounds that stands in the town the skeletons of two men were found and some brass beads were found among the earth near these bones, my informant told me the beads were sent to Mr. Peals museum in Philadelphia where we believed they now were.—

we got twenty four miles this day. we passed some bad riffles but got over them without the assistance of cattle came too on the E. side in a deep water and a bold shore staid all night a little above sunfish creek

From the Membership

Spring 2017 Ohio River Chapter Meeting

On Saturday, April 29, several members of the Ohio River Chapter investigated historic sites along the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio to Lawrenceburg, Indiana. This area was chosen as a chapter field trip because Lewis had left the river in late September, 1803, to travel 17 miles by horseback to Big Bone Lick. He left the keelboat in the capable hands of George Shannon, John Colter and a few other Non-Corps recruits. Shannon, Colter, etc. were to meet Lewis at the mouth of Big Bone Creek, 53 miles further downriver.

Two sites, in particular, were emphasized. Members traveled to the downtown Cincinnati riverfront to what is now named Cincinnati Public Landing. The Public Landing is directly across the Ohio River from Kentucky's Licking River. the original name for Cincinnati was Losantiville, which loosely translated means town opposite the mouth of the Licking. In 1803 Cincinnati, most, if not all boats tied up at this location. Cincinnati was the site of old Ft. Washington and various other early town buildings and homes. Lewis, and the recruits, would have visited some of these sites. One person who Lewis would have definitely hooked up with was Dr. William Gorforth (more on Gorforth at a later chapter meeting.)

The second emphasized visited site was the vicinity of the town of North Bend, Ohio. North Bend overlooks the Ohio River, and is near the area where the Great Miami River flows into the Ohio River. Much time was spent in this area as it was the home of two presidents, William Henry Harrison and grandson Benjamin Harrison. North Bend is also the home of the only man, John Scott Harrison, who was both the son of a president and the father of a president. While in the area, members visited the Harrison-Symmes Museum and viewed a collection of a local historian (note: he has become a new member of the chapter.) This same individual also presented an excellent program at the Harrison Tomb. And we were even allowed to go inside the tomb, how great is that! As an additional bonus, he took the group to an excellent site with a view of the Great Miami River.

Other Ohio River sites were visited, as well, including Drew's on the River Grill, which had excellent food and, of course, had an excellent view of the Ohio River. the chapter will continue investigating other important Lewis and Clark (yes Clark also) Cincinnati/Big Bone Lick sites in future meetings. Part II will be from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, downriver to Markland, Indiana, cross the Ohio, then back up river. Still later will be the approximate route of Lewis (and Goforth?) to Big Bone. Big Bone Lick itself and other nearby Kentucky sites (Rabbit Hash?, Mary Ingalls?) will be visited as well.

Of special note, Friday evening April 28th, ORC member Lorna Hainesworth presented her program, Corps in the War of 1812. Thanks, Lorna. All of those attending the presentation were thrilled to finally hear and see it.

The photos show those who attended the day long field trip (and Lorna's program.) One photo was taken in front of the Symmes-Harrison Museum with General William Henry Harrison in the background. The other photo was taken at the foot of the Cincinnati Public Landing, which according to this article's writer, at or near where Lewis tied up the keelboat (again, this is my belief.) Field trip attendees were : Bob Anderson, Paige Cruz, Bill Forehand, Jenny Forehand, Lorna Hainesworth, Skip Jackson, Jenny Koss, Jim Koss, Larry Lichty, Lorraine Losech, Mile Losech, Julia Teuschler, Janice Wilson and Jerry Wilson.



Submitted by Jerry Wilson, ORC Vice-President/Program Chair

Marietta, Ohio has placed one of our signs near the riverfront marking the Lewis and Clark expedition in that area in 1803. Lewis wrote in his journal about his stop there. Now a sign marks his visit.
Submitted by Paige Cruz

LITTLE FLOCK CEMETERY

The Little Flock Baptist Church Cemetery is the final resting place for Lewis and Clark Expedition member John Shields. Shields was born in 1769 in Virginia. He spent his post-expeditionary years in this general area with his wife and daughter. He died in 1809. The cemetery is located south of Elizabeth in Harrison County, Indiana. It is difficult to find, but well worth a patient effort. Little Flock cemetery is on a wooded knoll about a half mile off the highway at the end of a winding dirt road. It is on private property. The cemetery was restored in the 1990's by members of the Indiana Pioneer Cemeteries Restoration Project with the help of a lot of dedicated individuals. The cemetery was then rededicated in June 2000.

Alice and I recently toured the cemetery on a lovely spring afternoon. The cemetery was well maintained. There was a healthy growth of wild oats over the site. John Shields' marker was easy to find. The site of the original Little Flock Baptist Church is indicated by a large stone marker. The Church was established in 1825 and was active until its closing in 1852. Burials continued until about 1893. The Restoration Committee indicated that there were about 170 graves.



Submitted by Chuck Crase, ORC President

WEST POINT, KY

West Point, KY is on the Ohio River at its confluence with the Salt River. It is downstream from Louisville. It was known as the western-most outpost of the European settlements coming down the Ohio River. The town was established by James Young who built a cabin in 1789, then a house-tavern in 1797 that is still standing. This tavern was open for business when Lewis and Clark came down the Ohio. Young also built a road and then a railroad from Louisville to West Point and on to Nashville, TN, the old Dixie Highway and the L&N.

John Shields was born in Virginia in 1769. His family subsequently migrated to Tennessee. He was married to Nancy White about 1790. John Shields was living in West Point with his wife and daughter when he joined the Corps. Shields was the oldest member of the Corps of Discovery and the only married member. He was a master blacksmith and a gunsmith and a good hunter. He is also remembered for his infamous steam bath which was used to cure William Bratton of back pain and generalized weakness on the return journey.

West Point has a river walk and park with many historical markers and original structures which help tell the history of the town's role in early settlement, the Civil War, WWI, the railroad, and Lewis & Clark, of course. There is also a nice West Point Museum outlining local history. It is worth a visit and the forty-minute drive from Louisville.



Submitted by Chuck Crase, ORC President

National Trails Day Hike

Lace up your hiking boots and hit the trail for a walk on National Trails Day, Saturday, June 3, 2017. The Ohio River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will host a National Trails Day Hike on the pedestrian walkway of the new Lew and Clark Bridge. The hike will start at 9:00 am. The starting site will be on the Indiana side of the bridge. Take the River Ridge Exit off I-265 to a parking area at the maintenance shop (near the water tower.) please bring a water bottle, a hat, sunscreen and rain-gear. The hike is easy and on a paved path. You will see great views of the river, river traffic, Louisville skyline and informative signage. We will discuss Lewis and Clark along the way. It is 1.2 miles from the Indiana side parking area to the bridge, one mile across the bridge and 0.3 miles on the Kentucky side. We will walk a comfortable distance for everyone, then return to the starting point. After the walk, plan on lunch with the group at the Captain's Quarter in Prospect, KY. The Captain's Quarter is located on the river, with outdoor seating, and a great view of the bridge. There is no charge to park or walk the bridge. The pedestrian walkway is on the down-river or west side of the bridge. Contact Chuck Crase, afccecrase@roadrunner.com for more information and to register for the hike.

KALAMAZOO LIVING HISTORY SHOW 2019The Ohio River Chapter (ORC) attended the 2017 Kalamazoo Living History Show (KLHS) in association with the Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of St. Charles (LCDESC). In addition to enjoying the Show, the ORC and LCDESC discussed Lewis and Clark with visitors

and recruited new members for both groups. The ORC and LCDESC were also exploring the possibility of joining forces to present the Show's Theme, "LEWIS & CLARK", at the 2019 KLHS. At the ORC Greendale Meeting on April 29, 2017, I presented the general outline of the proposed program for the KLHS 2019 Show with a Theme of "Lewis & Clark," and presented options for the programming and answered many thoughtful questions from the members present. After the discussion, a motion was made and passed, unanimously, for the ORC to co-sponsor the 2019 KLHS, contingent on the LCDESC agreeing to also co-sponsor the event.

Let's join forces and all work together to make this very special "SHOW" a huge success for the Ohio River Chapter and the Lewis and Clark Story.

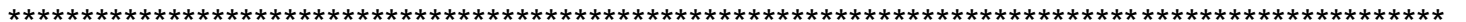
I will now move forward with the planning while coordinating with the LCDESC I will have a detailed update to present at the Chapter Meeting in Clarksville this October 2017. This "SHOW" will require the input and help of a lot of Chapter members and I hope everyone will pitch in. We want a lot of Lewis and Clarkers there, telling the story and winning over the hearts and minds of visitors.

From Chuck Crase, ORC President



Lewis & Clark in the news.

In the latest edition of "Muzzle Blasts," the monthly publication of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, there is a short article about Lewis and Clark encountering grizzly bears.



Glossary of Colonial Terms

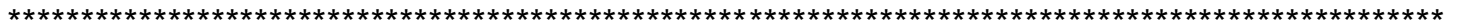
Coulter: the iron blade fixed in front of the share in a plough which cuts the soil vertically

Counterpane: coverlet for a bed

Crupper: a leather strap fastened to the saddle and passed under the horse's tail to keep the saddle from moving forward

Damask: a rich silk fabric woven with elaborate design patterns

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