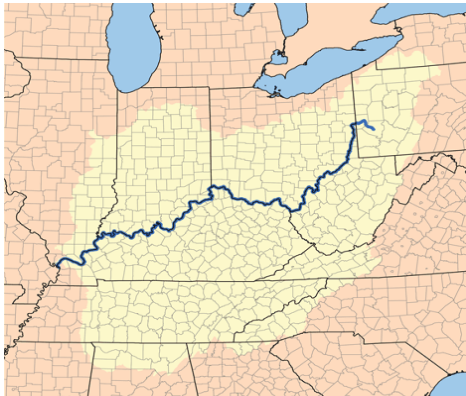


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On the Ohio.....

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Meriwether Lewis

William Clark

President's Message

Greetings to all ORC Members. I hope everyone is looking forward to a happy and fun filled holiday season.

The ORC has had a very busy and productive year. The activities and events of the ORC essentially covered the length of the proposed Eastern Legacy Extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail along the Ohio River corridor. That is quite an accomplishment for the Chapter and I want to review these events for those that could not participate directly.

-Kalamazoo Living History Show, in association with the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, MO., Kalamazoo, MI, March 18-19, 2017, featuring Sacagawea and displaying Indian gift items Lewis and Clark presented to the Indians and artifacts they collected.

- ORC Spring Meeting, Greendale, IN, April 28-30, 2017, with a tour of Lewis and Clark and other historic sites in the Cincinnati, OH area along the Ohio River. Also, Lorna Hainesworth presented "Corps Members in the War of 1812".

-LCTHF Annual Meeting, "Clark on the Rochejhone", and ORC Business Meeting, July 23-26, 2017, Billings, MT., featuring a tour of Clark's Canoe Camp on the Yellowstone River.

-Inland Waterways Festival, Ohio River Museum, Marietta, OH, August 5-6, 2017.

-10th Anniversary Celebration of the Mt. Vernon River Days, Mt. Vernon, IN., September 8-10, 2017, in association with the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, MO., presenting calligraphy and journaling with the Lewis and Clark expedition.

-44th Annual Fort Massac Encampment, Fort Massac State Park, Metropolis, IL, October 21-22, 2017, in association with the Discovery Expedition of St Charles, MO., presenting calligraphy and journaling with the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

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-ORC Fall Meeting, Clarksville, IN., October 28-29, 2017 associated with LCTHF Board Meeting, tour and programing at Indiana University Southeast, reception and tour at Falls of the Ohio State Park, and a day at 18th Century Market Fair at Historic Locust Grove, Louisville, KY.

-Dedication of the "Lewis and Clark Bridge", December 18, 2016, connecting HWY 265 from Utica, IN to Prospect, KY, still being celebrated all year long. The Ohio River Chapter owes a special thanks is due Phyllis Yeager for her efforts in getting this bridge properly named. Please go to [Http://lewisandclark.org/chapters/ohio-river](http://lewisandclark.org/chapters/ohio-river) and click on the ORC 2017 Spring Newsletter to read Phyllis's article and see the Executive Order by then Governor Mike Pence. There is also a great article and picture of the Lewis and Clark Bridge and the Keelboat in "We Proceed On"....???

-Additionally, there have been lectures and presentations at schools and other venues by various Chapter Members.

-There are also ongoing programs of the Chapter, including the Lewis and Clark Wellness Challenge, the Boy Scout Patch Program, The Heritage Girls Patch Program, and the Eastern Legacy Signage Program.

I want to thank all the Chapter Members for their dedication and tireless effort on these events and activities.

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**Secretary's Report**

Ohio River Chapter Fall Meeting

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Clarksville, Indiana

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Crase at 6:35 P.M.

Board members present were President Chuck Crase, Vice-President Jerry Wilson, Treasurer Skip Jackson and Secretary Sandy Hennings. Chapter members present were Paige Cruz, Mike and Lorraine Losech, Janice Wilson, Jim Keith, Phyllis Yeager, Jerry and Linda Robertson. Jan Huff and Jim and Ginny Koss. No guests were present.

Skip Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been e-mailed to the membership and were accepted as printed.

**President's Report:**

President Crase reported on the attendance at the event held at Mt. Vernon, IN. The 10<sup>TH</sup> Annual Festival was held in conjunction with the Southern Indiana BBQ Competition. Over 15,000 visitors attended the event. Chuck joined DESC in presenting the Lewis and Clark story at this event. A great event!!

Chuck also attended the event held at Fort Massac. This event had over one hundred vendors depicting various time periods in American history. The story of Lewis and Clark was well represented by the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles. The visitors to this event numbered 147,000.

Concerning the 2019 Kalamazoo Living History Show, in conjunction with DESC is a work in progress as we attempt to create a Lewis and Clark theme for the largest living history show in the Midwest.

**Vice-President's Report:**

Vice-President Jerry Wilson presented an update on future meetings and will firm up the dates later, but will they be a continuation of last spring's tour of the Big Bone Lick area.

After Jerry's report, Skip Jackson wished to commend Jerry for his work in putting together the meeting programs.

**Membership**

Skip Jackson reported that as of September 2017, the ORC has 92 members.

**New Business:**

Sandy Hennings put forth a proposal that the ORC host an annual event at the Falls of the Ohio State Park. This would be a strictly Lewis and Clark event held at the Clark's cabin site. With the help of the state park and other area historical entities, this could become a major event.

The site is ideally located for a large number of our members, and per the ORC by-laws and mission statement, we are tasked to be telling the story of one of America's greatest adventures. If we do not step up to tell this story, who then will?

Skip Jackson made a motion to have Sandy pursue this event in conjunction with the folks at the Falls and to schedule a date. Alice Crase seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jim Keith, Phyllis Yeager and Jerry Wilson offered to help once confirmation has been achieved.

Paige Cruz presented an update to the legislature concerning the Trail. It is basically being stalled as the NPS has not at this date released the study for consideration. Please contact your members of Congress and ask for their support of the L & C Eastern Legacy Trail..

Janice Wilson reported that the Wellness Program began a new season on September 1, 2017, with twelve teams participating. One new team has joined this year. November 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first reporting period.

2018 will be the third anniversary of the Wellness Challenge Program, so something special may be planned.

No other business was discussed, and President Crase gaveled the meeting closed at 7:35

Remember to check out our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Hennings, Secretary



**From the Journals**

*12<sup>th</sup> Septm. Set out at sunrise it began to rain and continued with some*

*intervals untill three in the evening passed several bad riffles and one particularly at the lower end of a long reach called Millson's riffle here we were obliged to cut a channel through the gravel with our spade and canoe paddles and then drag the boat through we were detained about 4 hours before we accomplished this task and again continued our rout and took up on the N. W. shore near a yankey farmer from whom I purchased some corn and pittatoes for my men and gave him in exchange a few lbs. of lead. We came 20 miles this day—*

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

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### LCTHF FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Indiana Lewis and Clark Expedition Foundation and Commission hosted the most recent LCTHF Board of Directors from October 26 – 27, 2017. Programs took place on the Indiana side of the Falls of the Ohio in Clarksville, Jeffersonville, and New Albany, Indiana. October 26 is very significant as that is the date in 1803 the Lewis and Clark and their Corps of Discovery departed for the Expedition. However, there were a few pre-meeting events that took place, one being on the Kentucky side of the Falls of the Ohio (how can one study Lewis and Clark at the Falls without Kentucky). Several board members and interested "Clarkies" arrived in the area on Wednesday and where treated to a tour of the Filson Historical Society guided by Jim Holmberg. Not only where the attendees given the tour, but Jim was kind enough to pull many of their Lewis and Clark holdings. It was quite a thrill to view up close and personal many of these special items. Later that evening the early attendees ate at a local restaurant with an excellent view of the Ohio River including a beautiful sunset over and under the George Rogers Clark Bridge.

The board met Thursday, October 26 as a group at our host hotel, the Raddison Hotel and Conference Center in Clarksville. Foundation business was conducted led by President Philippa Newfield. At the conclusion of the board business meeting all traveled the short distance to the Falls of the Ohio State Park Interpretative Center, also in Clarksville, Indiana. A reception was held in the park's museum rotunda and was sponsored by the Indiana Lewis and Clark Expedition Commission, Southern Indiana Convention and Tourism Bureau and the Falls of the Ohio Foundation. Not only were LCTHF board members in attendance, but other local interested individuals and groups attended as well. After several presentations, attendees were allowed to tour the museum.

The board next met Friday, October 27 at the Indiana University Southeast Cultural Center in New Albany, Indiana for a day of development and education. IUS has been good to the Lewis and Clark story and does its part to be "Keepers of the Story and Stewards of the Trail" by sponsoring educational programs for area schools and educators. Again, there were several different groups and individuals represented. A highlight of this part of the board meeting was Bud Clark's Sacajawea presentation. At the conclusion of the board education and development meeting many traveled to Clark's Cabin (replica home of George Rogers Clark overlooking the Falls of the Ohio) where a member of the Clarksville Historical Society gave an excellent tour of the cabin and of Clark's life at the cabin.

A few LCTHF board members stayed an additional day and met on Saturday, October 28 with several Ohio River Chapter members. The Ohio River Chapter fall meeting field trip took place at Historic Locust Grove's Annual Market Fair. Locust Grove is located in Louisville, Kentucky and was the home of William and Lucy Clark Croghan.

Many thanks go out to all individuals who helped make these series of meetings a success. There were many groups and organizations that helped as well. The planning and organizing was done to further the Lewis and Clark story.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson  
Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation member  
Ohio River Chapter member  
LCTHF member

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### **Ohio River Chapter Fall Meeting**

The Ohio River Chapter met in in the Falls of the Ohio area (Clarksville, Indiana/Louisville, Kentucky) on Friday, October 27-Saturday, October 28 with a highlighted field trip to Historic Locust Grove in Louisville. Locust Grove was the location of William Clark's brother-law and sister, William and Lucy Crogan. Both Meriwether Lewis and William Clark visited Locust Grove after the return of the Expedition.

Locust Grove was also the location of George Rogers Clark's final home. Of course, George was a Revolutionary War hero and is highly celebrated in the Falls area. Thus, that is the reason for the annual Locust Grove celebration, Historic Locust Grove Revolutionary War Market Fair. Ohio River Chapter members attended various programs, viewed a mock Revolutionary War battle, visited the museum, toured the mansion, ate and drank time period food and beverages, and even purchased time period items from vendors (I personally bought a copy of a map of the Big Bone Lick area, another important Lewis and Clark site, which I have been searching for some time.) The weather was cold and damp, but all those attending were not ready to depart at closing time.

While at the event, members of the Ohio River Chapter, as well as two LCTHF members, presented Historic Locust Grove with Eastern Legacy signage. The presenting group was treated very kindly by Locust Grove staff, and Locust Grove staff was highly thrilled to receive the signs. Pictured in the accompanying photo are Ohio River Chapter members: Mike Losech (sign project manager), Paige Cruz (sign project manager, Brian Cushing (Locust Grove Program/Events chair), Jerry Wilson, Janice Wilson, Jenny Koss, Jim Koss, Phillippe Newfield (California Chapter and LCTHF President), Phillip Gordon (California Chapter), Lorrain Losech (sign project manager) and Skip Jackson

Submitted by Jerry Wilson ORC Vice-President/program Chair.



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### **OHIO RIVER CHAPTER MEMBERS RECEIVES LCTHF AWARD**

Mike Losech recently was presented the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's Meritorious Achievement Award. A series of LCTHF meetings and events were held at the Falls of the Ohio area from Wednesday, October 25 – Saturday, October 28. At a reception held at the Falls of the Ohio State Park Interpretive Center in Clarksville, Indiana on Thursday evening Mike was given his award. Other foundation awards were presented at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Billings which Mike was unable to attend. Mike was nominated for his work as chair of the 48<sup>th</sup> LCTHF Annual Meeting at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Mike led a committee that planned and organized the meeting. He then developed a program for use at future annual meetings.

Mike recognized his fellow committee members including Paige Cruz, Phillip Gordon, Philippa Newfield, Lorraine Losech, Janice Wilson and Jerry Wilson. Mike also recognized the meeting partners including the Harpers Ferry Historical Association, the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the West Virginia Division of Tourism, and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Mike is a member of the LCTHF being a part of it's Eastern Legacy Committee along with other ORC members including Paige Cruz, Jerry Wilson and Phyllis Yeager. And, of course, Mike is a valuable member of the Ohio River Chapter being the co-project manager of the Eastern Legacy Sign Committee along with Paige and Lorraine. Great job, Mike, and all members of the ORC look forward to your guidance and leadership for our very active chapter.



Jane Knox, the LCTHF awards Committee chair, is shown presenting Mike with his award.  
Submitted by Jerry Wilson



Photo by Hannah Zimmerman/Locust Grove Marketing Coordinator

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### OFFUTT COLE TAVERN

While taking a Fall tour of horse farm country along Old Frankfort Pike recently, Alice and I came upon the Offutt Cole Tavern. The Old Frankfort Pike is designated as the most scenic drive in horse farm country. The Tavern is a Lewis and Clark site. A log cabin was built here by Hancock Taylor in the 1780s-1790s. Horatio Offutt leased the property in 1802 and built a brick section to be used as a tavern. He rented this building to John Kennedy and William Dailey who ran this property as a stagecoach inn from about 1804. William Clark, his wife, son and two slaves passed this way by carriage on their way to Fincastle and Washington, DC in 1809. The party spent a night here. William Clark's Memorandum Book, 1809, has an October 29 entry for "Daleys", that reads; "24 \$5.82 stayed all night beggar .25" (Daleys is now Offutt Cole Tavern, 24 is miles, \$5.82 is lodging). There were other owners of this property but it is now owned and maintained by the Woodford County Historical Society and is known as the Offutt Cole Tavern.



Submitted by Chuck Crase

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### **ORC DATA SURVEY RESULTS**

This past summer I had our Communications Officer send out a survey by email to all Ohio River Chapter Members. The survey asked each member to respond to me the following information;

- 1-year joining ORC,
- 2-State of primary residence,
- 3-are you a member of LCTHF?
- 4-what other Chapters do you belong to,



5-have you gifted a membership to the ORC to anyone?

6-Have you gifted a membership to the LCTHF to anyone?

The results of the survey are in. Here are the results as promised. From the Chapter membership List I have, there are 70 paid memberships totaling 91 chapter members.

I received 15 responses which represented 23 ORC members, about 25%.

Year joining; 1998 to 2017

Home State; IN-9, KY-4, MD-1, MI-4, OH-3, CA-1, IL-1.

LCTHF Members-22

Member of other Chapters-7 belonged to multiple chapters.

Gifted membership to ORC-1.

Gifted Membership to LCTHF-6.

It is difficult to draw any conclusions from this survey with such a low response percentage. I did compare our membership list with the LCTHF membership list and estimate that the ORC has about 55 LCTHF memberships, or a 60% rate, which is pretty good. I will give an oral presentation on this survey at the next Chapter Meeting.

Submitted by Chuck Crase

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### Ohio River Chapter Officers

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Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous  
New Year

