

ON THE OHIO.....

Newsletter for the Ohio River Region of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Fall/winter 2021

"on the river where the journey began"

Meriwether Lewis *William Clark*

President's Report

I want to thank each of you who helped make the Handshake a grand success. For those members who could not attend this year's Event, plan on attending next year by reserving the first weekend in October 2022 for "The Handshake". I have included an article on this year's Event elsewhere in this issue.

We are now well into this new L&C Year and I hope all of you have successfully renewed your membership through the LCTHF on their website at www.lewisandclark.org or by returning a membership form by mail to the LCTHF home office. I have received no inquiries from any of you about the renewal process, so I assume that all of you have successfully navigated through the new system and renewed. I have communicated with Sarah Cawley at the LCTHF Headquarters and she assures me that a printout of Ohio River Regional members who have renewed their memberships through the new system will be available soon and she will share that with me. As soon as I hear from Sarah I will forward the information to the ORR membership.

Plans for the Spring Meeting are still up in the air. If any of you have a location or event in mind for a meeting, let me know at afccecrase@roadrunner.com.

The Summer Meeting will be held in conjunction with the LCTHF Annual Meeting in Pittsburg in August 2022.

The Fall Meeting will be the Handshake Event at the Falls of the Ohio State Park the first weekend in October 2022.

Alice and I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Submitted by Chuck Crase

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MINUTES ORC

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1, 2021

BEST WESTERN PLUS CONFERENCE CENTER

CLARKSVILLE, IN

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chuck Crase, President, Sandy Hennings, Vice President, Richard Hennings, Communications Officer
Skip Jackson, Treasurer, Alice Crase, Secretary, Jerry Wilson, Janice Wilson, Jan Huff, Phyllis Yeager Ginny
Koss, Jim Koss, Mike Loesch, Lorraine Loesch, Lorna Hainesworth

Others Present:

Claudia Crump, Dale Brown, Philip Hendershot

OPENING CEREMONY:

Pledge of Allegiance led by Skip Jackson.

Prayer, Fourth Stanza, "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key read by Skip Jackson.

Land Acknowledgement Statement from the LCTHF read by Chuck Crase.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting of Sunday, February 16, 2020, at the Falls of the Ohio State Park, the minutes were filed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

CALL TO ORDER: Chuck Crase, President, called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

President:

Zoom Meetings: will discuss with Sarah Cawley at LCTHF HQ Office and try to set up program for future meetings.

Future Meetings: requested members to suggest sites, events, and activities for future meetings. Vice-President: Nothing new. Has been working on "The Handshake". Will work on future meetings later. Treasurer: Skip Jackson presented the following;

Chapter Members: 44 members; 29 Memberships with 15 of those as couples.

The Financial Report: was received, reviewed, accepted, and filed.

Communications Officer: Richard Hennings first took a moment to explain to the ORC Members the sincere dedication and long hours of hard work and planning that Sandy, Claudia and Dale put in to insure the Handshake Event would be a great success. As a further token of their appreciation, Richard and Sandy presented Claudia with a gift card to the Red Lobster Restaurant, a blue bead necklace, and a map of Indiana showing the Native Indian Tribes.

Richard also moved that Claudia be made an honorary lifetime member of the Ohio River Chapter and Dale made a lifetime ORC Member as long as he is associated with the Handshake Event. Sandy seconded the motion. There were no additional comments offered and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

LCTHF Wellness Challenge;

Janice Wilson submitted a written report which was circulated to the membership. The 2021 Program finished with 13 teams and 51 participants. The report was filed as submitted.

L&C EL Uniform Sign System; Mike Loesch submitted a written report which was circulated to membership, discussed at the meeting and filed.

BSA Patch Program:

"Program Feature: Lewis and Clark"; Steve Driver indicated to me that he had submitted an application to the BSA National Headquarters for a "Program Feature: Lewis and Clark" last year. He has not heard back from that office. He indicated that with COVID the office had to essentially shut down. All we can do is wait.

Junior Ranger Program; Chuck reported on observing the Junior Ranger Program at the FOTOSP this past June and was very impressed with the program. Dale Brown then discussed the program in greater detail and indicated that a similar program could be developed in association with the Handshake for older scouts.

Bison Committee;

Jerry Wilson submitted the Bison Committee report which was circulated to the membership, discussed at the meeting, and filed. Jerry reiterated that the first Saturday in November is National Bison Day and celebrated at BBLSHS.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee Chairman, Chuck Crase, presented the report indicating that the current officers had agreed to serve for one more year. Nominations from the floor were requested but none were received. Jerry Wilson moved, "I make a motion that we continue with the same officers". Skip Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS :

Regionalization: Regionalization was first presented in detail at the ORC Meeting of February 16, 2020 by Lou Ritten, LCTHF president and representatives of the LCTHF board. Additionally, Lou has sent updates on this program to LCTHF members since that meeting. The ORC held a long and somewhat detailed discussion of regionalization. The discussion was somewhat hampered by the fact that the home office has not finalized all of the regionalization details, including insurance coverage, and has not completed the new membership renewal forms. We did discuss the renewal process, emphasizing that the renewal forms and payment go directly to the LCTHF home office for processing and distribution of funds. It is hoped that this process will bring in new members, younger members, and improve statistical information available on regions, chapters and the national organization. LCTHF board member, Jerry Wilson, pointed out that WPO will be available online which young folks like. He also indicated three chapters, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, are already organized and functioning as a region while maintaining their separate chapters and activities. Much discussion followed. Chapter President, Chuck Crase, asked the ORC members to vote on the issue of regionalization to make sure we were all knowingly on the same page.

Jerry Wilson made a motion to accept regionalization. Jim Koss seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mural Restoration, Honoring Andrew Ellicott, Lorna Hainesworth: Lorna requested the ORC to contribute to the restoration project of a mural depicting Andrew Ellicott and Benjamin Banneker, surveying Washington, DC. Boundaries, to be displayed in the Banneker-Douglas Museum in Annapolis, Maryland. Please refer to the flyer Lorna submitted about the project.

Skip Jackson made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Andrew Ellicott and Benjamin Banneker Mural Restoration Project. Jerry Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jerry Wilson wants ORC members to save the dates August 7-10, 2022 for the LCTHF Annual Meeting in Pittsburg, PA. Go to lewisandclark.org for details.

It was also suggested that we have our summer ORC meeting at Pittsburg.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Alice Crase, Secretary

10/13/2021

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Clark Cabin Site Closure

I recently toured the Clark Cabin site to view the residual damage to the area from the flooding of the Ohio River a couple of years back. The damage to the area is pretty extensive. There is a barricade that partially blocks West Harrison Avenue at Bailey Avenue diverting traffic away from the George Rogers Clark Homesite. It is possible to drive around the barricade and access the parking lot for the homesite and the boat ramp. However, W. Harrison is totally blocked just past the parking. The river bank supporting the road was completely washed away, along with part of the roadbed. The remaining road is so badly damaged that repair appears impossible.



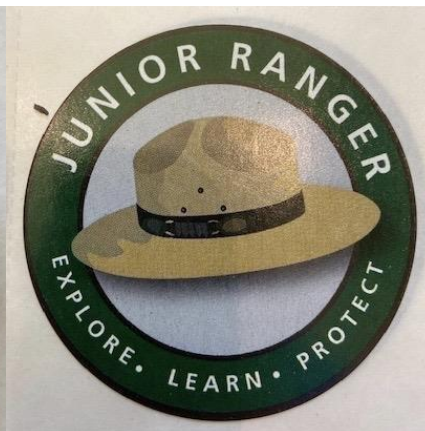
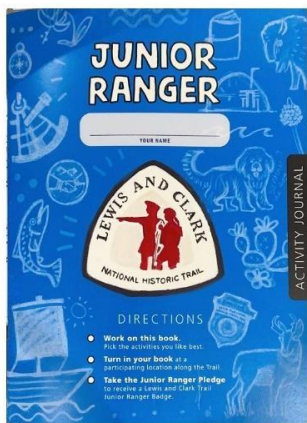
I took these pictures standing in W. Harrison Ave. In the picture on the left the Greenway Trail and the Bicentennial Park can be seen to the right of the photo. In this photo you also see "Road Closed" sign and just above it the Ohio River. The parking area at the Bicentennial Park is also closed. I noticed that walkers and bikers still make use the Greenway Trail.

I shot the photo on the right standing at the Road Closed sign in order to show the extensive damage to the roadbed and river bank.



This last photo was taken looking up towards the Clark Cabin which is barely visible in the center of the photo. The grounds are well groomed and look great. Some trees that bare aging are being removed.

Submitted by Chuck Crase



Lewis and Clark Junior Ranger Program-Falls of the Ohio State Park

I recently attended the Saturday afternoon program for the Lewis and Clark Junior Ranger Program at the FOSP, one of 10 sites along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail selected for testing this new Program. The LCNHT provides the supplies for the event. Park Interpretive Naturalist, Alan Goldstein, is the event manager. Jane Archer, Volunteer, put the program together. Presenters are FOSP volunteers. The displays were from the FOSP collections.



It was most interesting program. The event was held in the Rotunda but will move outside when weather permits. The program is geared for children aged 7 to 13 and this day there were 12 participants, all girls, including 10 Brownie Scouts from a local troop. The presentation starts with a brief outline of the L&C Expedition. Highlights included Thomas Jefferson, Capt. Lewis, Pittsburg, the keelboat, Falls of the Ohio and Clark, the cross-country journey and a



brief return summary. The participants then viewed the artifacts as they discussed supplies, the flintlock and food. They were very curious about the display items but could not handle the items due to COVID restrictions.



The next stop was the movie on the L&C Expedition. I watched part of this with them and noted they were attentive and quiet. The final part of the program was completing the Activity Workbook. It is interesting and interactive and there are no wrong answers.



The group then took the oath of the Junior Ranger, ***“As a Junior Ranger I promise, to show respect for native homelands and historical places, to study history from multiple perspectives, and to play safely in nature.”***

This is a simple but informative event that is an excellent beginner course on the L&C story for children. The ORC needs to embrace this program and include this or similar programming at all of our meetings and events. Alan Goldstein did suggest that two or three sessions of this program could be used for scouts during the “Handshake Event”.

Submitted by Chuck Crase, ORC President

Photo Summary Handshake 2021

The Handshake 2021 Event was a glowing success with over 300 registered visitors, several unregistered visitors and over 40 volunteers. These numbers show an increase from 100 attending the 2020 Event. The Ohio

River Region owes a big thanks to Sandy Hennings, Claudia Crump, and Dale Brown for their dedication and hard work in making this Event a success.



This year's Handshake had a different format from the previous year. The 2021 Event was staged mostly inside the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center and with a wider variety of programming. Added this year was a stage play by a theater group, lecture presentations, chat sessions, a roving mistrial, a weaving demonstration, slide presentations, a museum quality display and participation and support by a large number of volunteers.



This year's event started with the posting of the colors as Skip Jackson raised the 1803 15-Star Official US Flag that Lewis and Clark carried on the expedition.



Visitors to the Event first passed the Handshake Statue where Jan Huff and Phyllis Yeager were stationed to explain the story and history of two statues, the original miniature borrowed from IU Southeast permanent display and the giant bronzed statues of Lewis and Clark shaking hands at the Falls. This starts with Stephen Ambrose's statement in his book *Undaunted Courage*, "*When they shook hands, the Lewis and Clark Expedition began*"; continues with Phyllis Yeager's determination to see this statement brought to life; becomes a reality with Sculptor Carol Grende's creative genius; and culminates with the dedication ceremony October 26, 2003 during the Bicentennial Celebration at the Falls of the Ohio River where the Captains met and shook hands. This Bicentennial Event has now become the Signature Event of the Ohio River Region of the LCTHF.



Displays on the back lawn included Ewe & Me and Company with Joe the Weaver demonstrating his craft and displaying his products. A blacksmith-gunsmith display of "Iron Tools on the Trail" featured period firearms that the Lewis and Clark Expedition members



would have used. There was an axe throwing demonstration. There was a large lawn layout of Historical Trail Markers with interpretation provided by Bill Lapcheska and Tom Crimens. Three giant walk-on maps, each 10'x10' of Clark and Floyd Counties and the state of Indiana, provided a search for L&C place names led by Jeannie Burke, Director of the Clark County Museum. Mandy Dick was in period dress discussing the Clark Family History.



The Indiana Department of Natural Resources had welcome tables at the front and back entrances staffed with volunteers. They presented visitors with a blue grab-bag embossed with the Handshake Statue, a bottle of water, a schedule of events and a day planner. They also talked Lewis and Clark with the guests. These folks were particularly helpful in getting visitors oriented to the activities available in the Interpretive Center.

The Rotunda of the Interpretive Center was packed with Lewis and Clark activities. The Ohio River Region had a table manned by Alice and Chuck Crase passing out pamphlets on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Ohio River Chapter, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation along with membership information. Chuck also had a continuously running slide show presentation of sites along the LCNHT.



Also, in the Rotunda was a display by the ORC-Sign Program Committee manned by Mike and Lorraine Loesch which featured charts of representative sites where L&C signs were



installed. They also had on display the actual signs for visitors to view. Brochures of the sites where signage has been installed were passed out to visitors.



Claudia Crump and her IU Southeast Intern, Keziah Jones, had a display table for the IUS Center for Cultural Resources. Keziah spent time working with a youth group indoctrinating them on the L&C story. The students were encouraged to go to each display table to identify words for an article they were writing about the L&C Story and were awarded a blue bead for correct responses. They were then awarded a L&C Certificate based on the size of their blue bead cache. This was a very popular program activity. There was also a L&C Essay Contest for the youth program ongoing throughout the day.



The lynchpin of the Rotunda displays was the Hennings Museum. Richard and Sandy Hennings brought a large display of equipment used on the Lewis and Clark Expedition including books, journals, prints

of wildlife, guns, powder horns, cooking kettles and clothing just to mention a few items. The Hennings displays are always well thought out, hands on, educational, and always attract a large crowd and stimulates lots of conversation about Lewis and Clark.



A new feature to this year's Handshake was the introduction of live interactive chat sessions hosted by Susan Lapcheska and Kathy Crimans. Topics included "American Explorers" with Dr. Carl Kramer, slide presentations on "The Clark Family Significance to the Falls Area" and "Sacagawea and Women of the Trail" by Chuck Crase, "Encounters with Native Americans" with Skip Jackson, "Indentured Servants" with Hasan Davis, and finally "How Do We Teach L&C to Today's Youth" led by IUS Professors and Jerry Wilson. These Chat Sessions were small group presentations running 30-45 minutes with interactive questions and answers. They turned out to be very interesting, a lot of fun and a great way to teach L&C.



The most original new feature to this year's Handshake was a play entitled "*The Greatest American Campout the World Has Ever Seen*", written and directed by playwright Vanessa Lorentzen, and performed by the Rock Creek Musical Theatre. There were two performances by students of the Rock Creek Community School staged in the auditorium. The two performances were energetically and enthusiastically presented and were appreciatively received by the audience. The play was a youth oriented light-hearted original telling of the L&C

Story that was very engaging and entertaining. The director said that she and the students really enjoyed working on and performing the play. I want to share this email from Vanessa with the membership;

Hello ALL!

Just reading this after a week-long sabbatical! I plan to respond in detail, but I want to thank everyone who came along beside me and the RCCA theatre students during the Handshake! WE felt so empowered to do our show and extremely blessed by the support from every angle. What a wonderful group of history lovers! It was a great place to be.

Blessing back to each of you for your kindness! (More on the questions below as I can.)

Cheers!

Vanessa



Vanessa's daughter, Starlit, traveled from Washburn, ND to assist her mother with the play. She also performed as the wandering minstrel playing colonial era music on an antique violin on loan from Richard Hennings. Bear states that he inherited his great uncle's pre-1850 violin which he brought specifically for use by the minstrel at this Handshake Event.



Throughout the day there were roving docents, some in period dress, throughout the Interpretive Center intermingling with visitors and talking Lewis and Clark. There was Skip Jackson as Captain Lewis, Hasan Davis as York, Mike and Lorraine Loesch, Bear and Sandy Hennings, Jerry and Janice Wilson, Lorna Hainsworth and Jim and Ginny Koss. The volunteers from RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) helped in making the Handshake Event run smoothly and efficiently considering the large visitor turnout.



On behalf of the Ohio River Region, I want to thank all of the sponsors, volunteers, workers, and displayers that made this Event possible and truly successful. A special thanks goes to The Indiana Lewis and Clark Expedition Commission, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Dale Brown, the staff at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center, and the Center for Cultural Resources at Indiana University Southeast.

Planning for next year's Handshake is already under way and a wave of ideas for additional features are pouring in. If we all chip in, we can continue to grow the Handshake into a true Signature Event for the Ohio River Region. Let's keep up the good work.

Submitted by Chuck Crase

12-02-2021

SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 7-10, 2022

LCTHF 54TH ANNUAL MEETING

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh

August 31. 1803

"Left Pittsburgh this day at 11 o'clock with a party of hands 7 of which are soldiers, a pilot and three young men on trial they having proposed to go with me throughout the voyage."

Meriwether Lewis

The above is found in the Meriwether Lewis Ohio River Journal.

The 54th Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting will be held in person (the first in person meeting since St. Louis in September, 2019) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting will concentrate on the time Lewis spent in the area before the expedition. Recall that since March of 2019 the official beginning of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is Pittsburgh. The Trail now extends 4,900 miles from Pittsburgh to Astoria.

Partners with your LCTHF planning team are the John Heinz History Center and the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation. Other supporters include the Drury Plaza Downtown Pittsburgh, Molley's Trolley, the Gateway Clipper Cruise Line and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

Stay informed with updates in THE ORDERLY REPORT, The February issue of WE PROCEEDED ON and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation web page including the social media sites. You can even do your own internet research in order to prepare for the meeting.

So plan on August 7-10, 2022. Come early and stay late.

Photo of Pittsburgh's "The Point" by Janice Wilson. Imagine the crew passing by as The Journey Begins Down the Ohio in 1803.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson

On behalf of the LCTHF Eastern Legacy Committee and the 54th LCTHF Annual Meeting Team.



LCTHF EASTERN LRGACY SIGN COMMITTEE
ATTENDS LEWIS DOWN THE OHIO 1803
DEDICATION CEREMONY

On September 1st, 1803 Meriwether Lewis described this area in his journal as he began his journey West. Reaching Woollery's Trap about 5 o'clock in the evening he wrote, *"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."*

This treacherous area was a swift chute on the Ohio River identified in early navigation guides as "Woollery's Trap" located in present day Sewickley, Pennsylvania. A local by the name of Henry Ulery owned a long stripe of land along the Ohio River and was known to assist boats traveling down river for a price that suited him. This was especially true at low water. The area was first known as "Ulery's Trap", but later corrupted to "Woollery's Trap"

The LCTHF Eastern Legacy Sign Committee was invited to the sign dedication ceremony held on June, 9th, 2021 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. The ceremony was

hosted by the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation under the leadership of their executive director Brenda Applegate. The BCHRLF is responsible for several area Lewis and Clark signage including the Down the Ohio in 1803 atop Pittsburgh's Mt. Washington. The 2022 LCTHF Annual Meeting attendees will be transported to that location for a great view of The Point and Brunot Island.

In attendance for the sign dedication were many honored guests including the mayor of Sewickley, George Shannon (yes, George Shannon, but not our George Shannon), youth ambassadors Raymond McDowell and Lillian Reynolds, Thom Jones sister Anne Gerace and LCTHF Executive Director Sarah Cawley, Anthony Wayne's 4th Sub Legion and Amanda Schaffer and Harton Semple of the Sewickley Valley Historical Society. Special thanks to the Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment as well as sign designer Deborah Brimmer.

Make your plans for the 54th LCTHF annual Meeting to be held August 7-10, 2022 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Watch for registration information in the February, 2022 WPO and the LCTHF web page including social media sites. You can also review several previous TORs for additional meeting information.

Pictured in the photo are are sign committee and meeting planners Jerry and Janice Wilson, meeting planner Bob Statkley of the Heinz History Center, meeting planner Brenda Applegate the executive director of the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation, sign committee and meeting planners Lorraine and Mike Losech and LCTHF executive director Sarah Cawley. Not pictured are sign committee chair and meeting planner Paige Cruz and meeting planners Philippa Newfield and Philip Gordon. Photo by Debi Brimmer

Submitted by Jerry Wilson on behalf of the LCTHF Eastern Legacy Sign Committee and the 54th LCTHF Annual meeting Planning Committee



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*Merry Christmas*

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*Happy New Year*

